

Stian Hole

The Garmann Series

Garmann-serien

Genre: Children And Young Adults
Category: Picture Book Series
Publisher: Cappelen Damm
Year: 2006-2010
Pages: Approx. 50

Garmann's Summer (Garmanns sommer, 2006)

Summer is nearly over and Garmann is going to start school. Garmann is dreading it, and he tries to find out if adults dread doing things, too, while he's seeing if he's got a loose tooth. Garmann thinks about life and death, the present and the future. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Aunt Augusta whispers to him. "A sword-swallower," Garmann answers.

Winner of the 2007 BolognaRagazzi Award, the 2009 Mildred L. Batchelder Award, announced by the American Library Association, and the French Prix Sorciere for best album of the year 2008

Garmann's Street (Garmanns gate, 2008)

Garmann has now started at school and the world seems even more unsafe. 'Are you a wimp? Light it!' says the horrible Rolf to Garmann. The grass fire at the stamp man's house is put out and Garmann realises that friendships are made when you least expect it.

Winner of the Nordic Association of School Librarians Children's Literature prize in 2009

Garmann's Secret (Garmanns hemmelighet, 2010)

Garmann thinks about the twins, Hanne and Johanne, how similar they are and yet so different. Hanne is nasty and teases the others. Johanne is nice and exciting to be with. She tells Garmann about a secret place that only the two of them share, a secret forest hideaway that they play in together. They draw with their fingers on each other's backs, and Johanne confides that she sleeps with the light on. For a moment, time stands still. With sensitivity, Stian Hole portrays first love.

Winner of the 2010 Brage Award



About Garmann's Summer:

'Fantastic illustrations and a warm story about approaching a change in life.'

Dagsavisen

'Let it be said straight away: this is a lovely book! It feels good to hold it, it is beautiful to look at, and the story touches your heart.'

Drammens Tidende

About Garmann's Street:

'Still world class (...) So consistent it is time to start talking about a Hole universe of its own.'

Bergens Tidende



Photo: Jo Michael

Stian Hole (b. 1969) is a reputed illustrator and an author. He has created several award-winning picture books and a number of book covers.

Foreign sales

Titles in the series sold to: Belarus, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Faroe Islands, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Palestinian Territory, Poland, Qatar, Republic Of Korea, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, USA

Awards

2005 Ministry of Culture' Debutant Prize, *The Old Man and the Whale*

2006 Most Beautiful Picture Book of the Year, *The Old Man and the Whale*

2006 The Brage Prize, *Garmann's Summer*
2007 BolognaRagazzi Award, *Garmann's Summer*

2007 The Ministry of Culture's Picture Book Award, *Garmann's Summer*

2007 Most Beautiful Picture Book of the Year, *Garmann's Summer*

2008 Prix Sorcière, Frankrike – Best Book of the Year, *Garmann's Summer*

2009 Notable Children's Books, USA – Best Children's Book of the Year, *Garmann's Summer*

2009 Ezra Jack Keats New Author Award, New York, *Garmann's Summer*

2009 The Batchelder Award Honor Book for *Garmann's Summer*

2009 The Book Art Prize

2009 The Nordic Children's Book Award for *Garmann's Street*

2010 Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis for *Garmann's Summer*

2010 The Brage Prize for *Garmann's Secret*

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