

Beate Grimsrud

A Free Fool

En dåre fri

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Eli lives alone. But she shares her life with Espen, Erik and Emil – or, rather, their voices, which have been with her since childhood. Periodically, she is cared for in a mental hospital and treated either with sympathy, or with gross insensitivity. Eli's will to live and be creative is strong, but the voices keep rowing and ruining things for her. Still, she carries on writing books and making films.

In this novel, Beate Grimsrud opens the door to a world that is alien to most people. In that world, you can at times feel vulnerable and powerless, but it has its own fascination and pathos.

A Free Fooled is awarded the Norwegian Literary Critics' Award 2010, and Winner of Swedish Radio's Listeners' Award 2010. The book was nominated by both Norway and Sweden to the Nordic Council's Literature Prize

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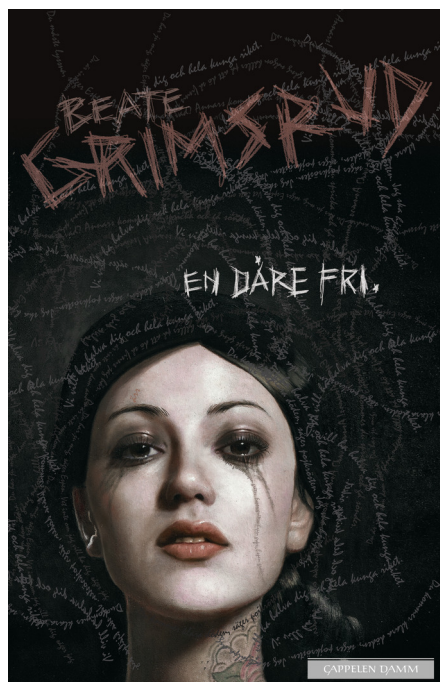
509 Pages

So far sold to: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Serbia, Russia, UK

Praise:

.. a novel that is like no other. (...) I haven't read anything as moving as Beate Grimsrud's new novel for a long time."

NRK



Beate Grimsrud made her literary debut in 1990, and in 1998 she was nominated for the Nordic Council Literary Award for her novel *Å smyge forbi en øks*. In 2007, she published her first children's book: *Klar ferdig gå!*, which was co-authored by Inger Alfvén.

PREVIOUS TITLES

Dinosaurene og de dansende trærne, Children's book, 2009

Alba og Adam, Children's book, 2008

Klar ferdig gå!, Children's book, 2007

Søvnens lekkasje, novel, 2007

Hva er det som fins i skogen barn?, 2002

Ballen i øyet, 2000

Å smyge forbi en øks, 1998

Har noen sett meg et annet sted, 1996

Continental heaven, 1993

Det fins grenser for hva jeg ikke forstår, 1990

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