

## Brit Bildøen

Adam Hiort's journey  
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Meet Jon Utskott, a knight of nature, a living legend. Every spring Jon Utskott rides his bicycle across the vast mountains and deep valleys of Norway to give speeches and hold meetings with local communities. His vision is rich and his voice mighty, Jon Utskott is a man who would easily give his life for the better cause in the ongoing battle for nature.

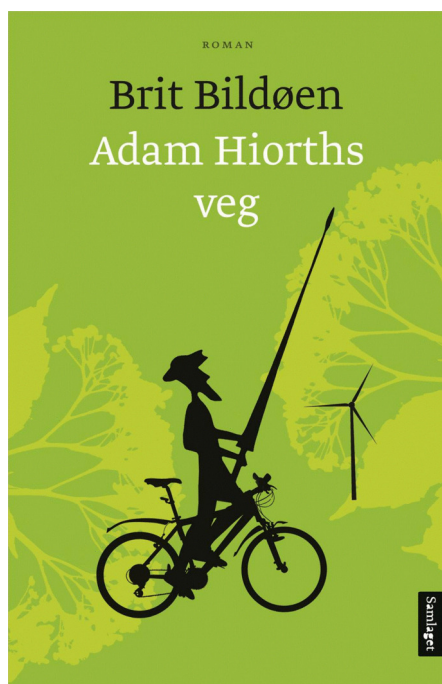
While he prepares for his twenty ninth odyssey on his trusted bicycle, a young film maker, Adam Hiort, asks for permission to follow Don Jon and make a documentary about him. Jon reluctantly agrees to this, on one condition: The young man must bring his own bike and tent, and share the frugal meals with the older man.

Their journey turns out to be full of steep hills, odd occurrences and captivating women. And many times our two heroes take a hell of a beating - they find they are not always welcome with their good cause. Adam Hiort's Journey is a hilarious picaresque novel through a mythic Norwegian nature -- and a beautiful homage to the idealist in each of us.

Praise:

"Playful, beautiful, hilarious and utterly compelling - a novel bursting with literary energy."

Linn Ullmann



Brit Bildøen is one of Norway's most beloved and well acclaimed authors.

Bildøen made her literary debut in 1991 with a collection of poetry *Bilde av menn* (Pictures of men). In 1998 she had her literary breakthrough with the novel *Tvillingfeber* (Twin fever). For this she was nominated to the Brage prize for best novel and awarded the Oslo prize and Nynorsk literary prize. For her third novel, *Landfastlykke* (Landlocked), 2001, she was awarded the Melsom Prize and Sigmund Skard-scholarship. Both her last novels *Alt som er* (All there is), 2004, and *Mitt milde vesen* (My gentle self), 2006, have been praised by the critics.

Bildøen has translated several novels and children's books, and is also a children's books author herself. In 2009 she published a collection of essays called *Litterær Salong* with readings of Gertrude Stein, Doris Lessing, Elfriede Jelinek and other female writers.

Brit Bildøen was born in Ålesund and grew up on the island Aukra in Møre og Romsdal. She now lives in Oslo.

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