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D is for Tiger

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It's not easy to do your homework, not at any rate if the letters all lump together and refuse to say what they mean. It's not allowed to shut someone out. But the letters refuse to listen and then I get so worn out, but mum toils away. She has a tiger inside her that mustn't get out.

Lene Ask has won both prizes and praise from reviewers for her cartoon series, but this is the first time that she only writes. On the team with her she has illustrator Mari Kanstad Johnsen. Together they tell a warm, wise and exciting story about reading and writing disabilities, and about being as angry as a tiger – deep, deep inside.



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Lene Ask is a writer and illustrator. She received the Sproing Award in 2007 and made her literary debut in 2008 with the picture books about the Rotle Family. She has written and illustrated acclaimed publications such as *Hitler, Jesus and Grandpa*, *Dear Richard* and the children's book series about Jo and Jenny.

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