

Iben Akerlie

The Summer Everything Happened

Sommeren alt skjedde

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Novel
Publisher: Aschehoug
Year: 2022
Pages: 180
ISBN: 9788203378546
English sample translation available

Nora is dreading the summer holidays, which she'll be spending in a small town with her grandmother, whom she doesn't really know. But what happens is better than Nora could have imagined. She meets Abbas, with the greenest eyes she has ever seen. But why is Abbas scared of the shopkeeper, and why is there one set of rules for Nora, and a different set for Abbas?

The Summer Everything Happened is a story about a fate meeting, a friendship, the difficulty of standing up to injustice, and finally the courage it takes to do so.

By the author of the award-winning and bestselling middle grade novel *Lo! Lars*, published in 15 territories.



'It is a very good children's book (...) She (Akerlie) is an ambitious author that hits the young readers straight in their heart.'

NRK

'Iben Akerlie has an undebatable talent for storytelling.'

Klassekampen

'Akerlie's authorship is warmly humanistic (...) Her books are a demonstration of the distinction between sympathy and empathy.'

Aftenposten



Photo: Oda Hveem

Iben Akerlie (b. 1988) is a bestselling children's book author and one of Norway's leading young authors. Her debut *Lo! Lars* was an instant bestseller, awarded the prestigious ARK Children's Book Prize, nominated for the Book Sellers' Prize, the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association First Book Prize, and the Book Blogger Prize. Akerlie has a degree in special education. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

Foreign sales

Bulgarian (Tonipress), Danish (Gyldendal), Faroese (Bókadeild), Georgian (Sulakauri), German (Oetinger), Slovene (MIS Založba), Ukrainian (The Old Lion)

Awards

2016 ARK Children's Book Prize

Previous titles

The Giant Party, 2019
Lo! Lars, 2016

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Interview

[Read our interview with the author here](#)

Nora Dåsnes

Save Our Forest!

La skogen leve!

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Graphic Novel
Publisher: Aschehoug
Year: 2022
Pages: 229
ISBN: 9788203394843
English sample translation available

When Bao finds out that the adults have decided to turn the forest close to the school into a parking lot, she realizes that she's the one who must act! With her best friends Tuva and Linnea along her side, Bao organizes a protest for saving the forest. Do Abdi and the other boys in class really understand why it's so important to save the forest? And how do you make the adults understand the seriousness of the situation when you're 12 years old?

Save Our Forest! is a stand-alone follow-up to the acclaimed and awarded *Cross My Heart and Hope to Die*.

A story about being big enough to be aware of how to act, but too young to be taken seriously.

Winner of the Prix UNICEF de littérature jeunesse 2025 (France) and Blueberry Honor Award 2025 (US)

Nominated for the Jane Addams Peace Award (US). On Kirkus Reviews Best Middle-grade Books of the Year



'Nora Dåsnes has established herself as one of our most important children's book voices.'

VG, 5 out of 6 stars

' (...) a skilful graphic novel artist par excellence.'

Periskop.no

' (...) a powerful graphic novel.'

NRK

'Dåsnes transmit optimism and faith for the future and takes the children seriously.'

Empirix.no



Photo: Agnete Brun

Nora Dåsnes (b. 1995) is a graphic designer, illustrator, and author. Her praised graphic novels for children and young adults have earned several prestigious awards and international nominations, and are published in 10 territories. Nora Dåsnes has a degree in illustration and animation from Kingston, University, London. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

Foreign sales

American English (Hippo Park/Astra Publ.), British English (Farshore/Harper Collins), Croatian (Ibis Grafika), Danish (Turbine), French (Casterman), German (Klett Kinderbuch Verlag), Greece (Kastaniotis), Portuguese (Nuvem de Letras / Penguin Random House Portugal), Spanish (Liana Editorial), Swedish (Alfabeta)

Awards

2022 Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize
"Gold Best Illustrations Children's Book 2021" – GRAFILL's Visual Prize for the year's most beautiful books (the Norwegian Designer's Guild)
2020 Ministry of Culture's Graphic Novel Prize
2020 Pondus Prize

Previous titles

Winnie Wants to Count to 10, 2022 (Picture Book)
Missed Calls, 2021 (YA)
Winnie Wants To Go To The Loo, 2021 (Children)
Winnie Wants To Bake, 2021 (Picture Book)
Cross My Heart and Hope to Die, 2020 (Children)

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Cha Sandmæl

The Eye of the Dragon. Book 1: Betrayed / Book 2: Attacked

Dragens øye. Bok 1: Forrådt / Bok 2: Angrepet

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Graphic Novel (series)
Publisher: Egmont Kids Media
Year: 2021-2022
Pages: 142 / 166
ISBN: 9788242969668 / 9788242970824
English sample translation available

Betrayed and abandoned, with a dragon as their only rescue! An intriguing new fantasy book series by Cha Sandmæl!

Book 1: *Betrayed*

How do you start over when you've lost everything? The ash elf Kha excels in magic in an underground world, - a world where the moon is worshipped and families are tight-knit. Kha believes they are in good hands in this safe and protected existence, but dark forces in the world are conspiring to make Kha's magic their own. One night, Kha is stripped of everything they know, and forced to make their way to the surface for a chance at a new beginning. Defenceless in another reality they are chased from pillar to post before help emerges from an unexpected source... but why would a dragon bother helping an abandoned and betrayed elf?

Attacked is the second volume in the epic book series for children and young people about the ash elf Kha!

Kha has got a friend and ally in Ranja. A dragon by day, and a woman by night. Together, they decide to look for a magic wreath that can free them both from the curses that ride them. But Kha's persecutors have not given up the fight.



Photo: Cathrine Sandmæl

Cha Sandmæl (1992) is a comic creator and illustrator living in Oslo. *The Eye of the Dragon* is their first two graphic novels in the series. Before making these books they was a freelance illustrator while they also made a webcomic and worked part time at a bookstore.

Foreign sales

Book 1: Denmark, Swæden

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Interview

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Marit O. Kaldhol
Susanna Kajermo (ill.)

On a Staircase in the Universe

På ei trapp i universet

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Poetry
Publisher: Samlaget
Year: Due: Medio October 2022
Pages: 62
ISBN: 9788234008245

*How far out does the universe go?
Where does life come from?
How can the Earth be as small as a fly egg?
Who will keep us warm when the Sun is no more?*

A cat and two children sit on the steps of a house on the edge of the forest. They philosophise about the universe, about the big things and the small, and about what they can't see. Not to mention, they discover that there is a truly tremendous number of types of egg. On expeditions into the forest and to the fjord, both past and future, imagination and knowledge come thrillingly to life.

This poetry collection is beautifully illustrated by Susanna Kajermo.

"The aim of these poems is to awaken wonder about questions I have asked myself," says the author.

For readers 6 years and over

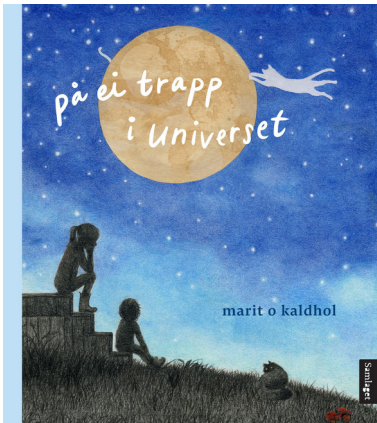


Photo: MA Ortiz

Marit O. Kaldhol (b. 1955) has, since her debut in 1983, written a number of award-winning books for children, young people and adults. Kaldhol is a trained teacher and has taught in both primary and secondary schools. Her works are rich and varied, and include picture books for small children, easy readers, drama, books for older children and young adults, as well as poetry and novels for adults.

Susanna Kajermo (b. 1978) works as a visual artist and illustrator. Her realistic pencil drawings are done with precision and finesse. Her art has been included in several exhibitions both in Norway and abroad.

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Interview

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Hanne Gjerde Buch
Jenny Synnøve Naustan (ill.)

The Eternity Game

Evighetsspillet

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Illustrated novel
Publisher: Figenschou
Year: 2022
Pages: 209
ISBN: 9788284310169
English sample translation available

The Eternity Game is an illustrated, feel-good novel that balances excitingly between realism and fantasy. It is a story packed with action and suspense.

Kian and his mother have programmed a computer game together, The Eternity Game. Then his mother dies, and he cannot bear to play it anymore. One day, a mysterious message appears on Kian's computer screen, inviting him into the world of the game to meet his mother! He has only 24 hours in which to find her and get out again or else he will be trapped forever inside the game.

Illustrated by Jenny Synnøve Naustan.

Nominated for the 2023/2024 Avid Reader Award (Bokslukerprisen)



Reader's review:

'A good story about grief and feeling alright afterwards. (...) A gamer's dream story.'

Colin, aged 12

Reader's reviews:

'The book was very good. If I could change anything in the story, it would be nothing! This is one of my new favorites.'

Brage, aged 10



Photo: From the left: Hanne G. Buch and Jenny S. Naustan. Photo: Fartein Rudjord/NORLA

Hanne Gjerde Buch (b. 1972) had her debut as an author with a children's book trilogy about friendship: *Best Friend in a Can*. When she is not writing, she is Senior Adviser in the Norwegian Ministry of Children and Families and received her law degree from the judicial faculty of the University of Oslo. Among other activities, she uses her free time to write children's books. "Having an education in law has been useful for me while writing children's books because one learns to express oneself concisely and precisely," Buch relates.

Jenny Synnøve Naustan (b. 1998) is an up and rising illustrator. After graduating from Westerdal School of Arts, she studied game-art and design. She can now add the merit of book illustrator to her CV, and the drawings she has made to illustrate *The Eternity Game* are in themselves a high recommendation.

Foreign sales

Denmark (Turbine forlag), Poland (Kropka)

Previous titles

The Wishing Machine, 2019, picture book
The Magic Doll Factory, 2018, picture book
Best Friend in a Can, 2017, picture book

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Interview

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Trude Tjensvold

Red Volvo

Raud Volvo

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Young adult – graphic novel
Publisher: Samlaget
Year: 2022
Pages: 168
ISBN: 9788234008191
English sample translation available

Powerful graphic novel about losing yourself

Jenny lives with her mum and her half-brother Odd. Her best friend Ann-Sofi has started smoking and hanging out with older boys. Jenny feels most at home when she's birdwatching in the woods. When Ann-Sofi starts to reject her, Jenny makes one foolish decision after another. Finally she ends up in a situation with an older boy that she can't find a way out of. Who is she after that? And how can she find herself again?

Through her writing and illustrations, Trude Tjensvold has created a powerful and challenging novel about assault and setting boundaries.

Red Volvo combines a traditional book with a graphic novel. It is aimed at both confident readers and those who need a little longer to read.



Photo: Kristin Aafløy Opdan

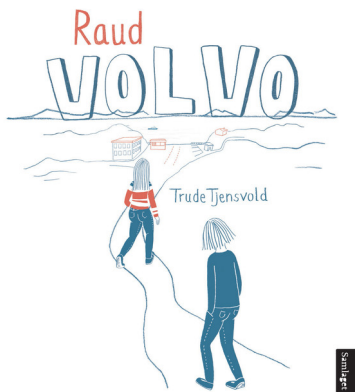
Trude Tjensvold (b. 1964) has significant experience as both an illustrator and a visual artist. In 2016, she made her debut as a writer with the picture book *Bo Moves Out (Bo flyttar ut)*, which was nominated for the Norwegian Ministry of Culture's first book award for children's and young adult literature, and won gold at Visuelt, the National Norwegian Design Awards. The book was translated into Danish. In 2020, her picture book *The Fire (Bålet)* was published.

Foreign sales
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Interview

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Nina Anderson Sjødal

Vilde's Drawer

Vildeskuffen

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Novel
Publisher: Gyldendal
Year: 2022
Pages: 208
ISBN: 9788205569393
English sample translation available

It's STONKINGLY good to meet Thea again after the holidays! Sitting in their regular spot in the tree, using words that only Eline and Thea understand and laughing so hard they almost tumble to the ground.

Back at Eline's house, her mum is still sad. She can't bear to do anything. At the very least, she can't face cleaning out Vilde's drawer, even though little sister Vilde isn't there anymore and no longer needs a drawer to keep her things in.

But how do you hide the fact that everything's wrong at home from your best friend? Is it possible to avoid telling the truth to the person who knows you best?

A warm, charming book about friendship, lies and things that are difficult to talk about.

Nina Anderson Sjødal works as a screenwriter and has written scripts for several award-winning short films. *Vilde's Drawer* is her first novel.

Winner of the 2022 Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize



Photo: Julie Pike

Nina Anderson Sjødal (b. 1976) grew up in Fetsund and lives on a farm in Svartskog alongside Icelandic horses and husky dogs. She is trained as a child and youth worker, and spent many years working in kindergartens before she began her film and television training at Westerdal's Oslo School of Art, Communication and Technology. Sjødal has written scripts for several short films, including the award-winning *Knus meg* (2018).

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Interview

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Kirsti Kristoffersen

Celebrity Crush

Kjendiscrush

Genre: Children and Young Adults
Category: Novel (Vol. I in a trilogy)
Publisher: Cappelen Damm
Year: 2022
Pages: 192
ISBN: 9788202693053
English sample translation available

What if your crush suddenly became the most famous person in the country?

Celebrity Crush is the first book in a trilogy by Kirsti Kristoffersen, who probably knows more about fan culture than almost anyone else in Norway.

Hanging out with Grandma at a remote campground was not exactly how Karoline had pictured spending her summer vacation, but here she is. On Instagram everyone else is obviously having a way better summer than her – including her increasingly distant best friend. But then she meets Mathias. Mathias is cute, funny and kind – and Karoline falls hard. Everything is perfect, but there's something a bit odd about Mathias. What is he hiding?

The scene is set for love, drama and a shock. First love, first kiss, and a campground.

For readers aged 11-16



'Hurray for teen love!'
Co-reviewer Molly Nagel [aged 12] is in the target audience and sped through the book in record time. And was delighted. 'I can't wait to read the next two books. I give it a five out of six stars!'

Nettavisen, 5 out of 6 stars

'A feelgood holiday read for teenagers. (...) evokes the feeling that 'anything' can happen on summer holiday, regardless of where you are. (...) The book engages me and makes me almost – almost – nostalgic about that first all-consuming love.'

Periskop.no



Photo: Fartein Rudjord/NORLA

Kirsti Kristoffersen is one of Norway's leading fan culture experts. She has worked in management for various names including child stars Markus and Martinus. She has also written two books about the artists. She now works as a publicist at Gyldendal.

Foreign sales

Denmark (Gyldendal), The Faroe Islands (Bókadeildin), Germany (Suhrkamp / Insel), Hungary (Scolar Kiado), Poland (Jaguar), Sweden (Bonnier Carlsen), Ukraine (Old Lion)

Previous titles

Celebrity Sweetheart (Vol. II), 2022
Celebrity Gossip (Vol. III), 2022

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