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18 years old Even is in his last year as a high school student. His ambitions are to qualify for the national championship in climbing and then the examination for military service. When he meets Iben, who is two years older, stunningly beautiful, and studies philosophy, he falls deeply in love. They spend a night together. But Iben is not easy to understand. In periods she keeps a distant and is hard to contact. When Even one day gets a call from a psychiatric he is faced with a difficult choice. Iben is pregnant, unable to take care of herself and not a child. What will Even do? Can he be a father?

Taran L. Bjørnstad (b. 1966) is an established author of highly acclaimed children's books and young adult novels. In 2017 she was nominated for the Deutcher Jugendliteraturpreis for her middle grade novel *The Crocodile Thief*. She has been the leader of the Norwegian Writers for Children Author's Association and has worked as a media analyst and researcher. Bjørnstad has a university degree in media and communication from London and Oslo. She lives in Oslo, Norway.

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'Taran L. Bjørnstad has written a sensationally trustworthy story about the 18-year-old who is suddenly to become a dad.'

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