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On One Condition

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"If I tell the truth then everything is gonna be alright. That's the condition, right?"

Tell us about what happened at the party yesterday," the investigator says, and I breathe in, not knowing where to begin, thinking about my mum, then I finally open my mouth to explain."

Yousef's life is centred around rules – at home, at school, and among his group of friends. But he's a constant let-down to his mum, the child protection service has already got a foot in the door, and among his mates, Yousef is well on his way to becoming an outsider.

But Yousef believes he can fix all this. Until a party in Stovner changes everything.

Nominated for the 2024 Norwegian Youth Literature Award ("Uprisen")



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Neda Alaei (born 1991) grew up in Moss and lives in Oslo. She graduated in Writing Studies from the Norwegian Institute of Children's Books in 2017. She is a trained child welfare officer and her day job is as a milieu therapist working with young people.

This isn't us (2019) was her first novel, for which she received the Ministry of Culture's Debutant Award, the Book Blogger Award and the U Prize.

Previous titles

Catching Air, 2021
This isn't us, 2019

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