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# Water Lily on the Sea

## Vannlilje på havet

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A girl living a happy and peaceful life in her hometown is forced to flee when war breaks out. Her name is Nilofar – Water Lily. Just like the flower, her roots run deep, but suddenly she finds herself on the open sea, in an open boat with strangers, on a dangerous journey to an unknown land. Many children and young people around the world are forced to flee from war and violence, often alone without their parents or other relatives. How can they adapt to a new life situation, deprived of their emotional and physical safety? This story is an attempt to strengthen awareness of this issue and provide a starting point for talking about the situation of refugees.

The book is illustrated by Narges Mohammadi.



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Veronica Salinas was born in Argentina, and is now an author, dramatist and actor living in Norway. She studied theatre and Portuguese in Buenos Aires, and she holds a master's degree in Spanish and Portuguese literature from the University of Oslo. She has written four picture books about a little duck: *The Voyage*, *Hungry*, *The Shadow* and *Mean*, which have received critical acclaim in Norway and abroad. She has also written *OG*, an adult novel about being an immigrant establishing a new identity in a new country.

Salinas has also written a collection of poems in Norwegian and Spanish *Kisses from the seasons*, *Besos de estación* and two books of non-fiction: *To read to others* and *To meet through literature*.

Narges Mohammadi is a visual artist and illustrator based in Iran, with a B.A. in Graphic Design and over 30 children's books published internationally. Narges' work has been recognized globally, including prestigious awards such as the 'Golden Apple' at the BIB Biennale of Illustration Bratislava, and she was twice nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. As a permanent member of the Iranian Illustrators Society, Narges is dedicated to promoting the arts through exhibitions, workshops, and urban art projects in Tehran. Her passion for storytelling and her artistic perspective make her a standout talent in the industry.

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