

Maja Lunde

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
NOVEL

The Crossing *Over grensen*

Gyldendal Norsk Forlag 2012
128 Pages

A thriller about life and death, courage, faith, friendship and deadly fear.

Autumn 1942. Four children are heading for the Swedish border. For two of them it is a matter of life and death: Sarah and Daniel are Jewish and soon to be deported by the Nazis. For a long time they've managed to stay hidden in a basement. But when their parents are arrested, they decide to flee. They have to walk many, many miles through the woods before they hopefully can reach freedom. Fortunately they meet some good helpers along the way. But who can they really trust?

The movie based on the book, «The Crossing» (orid. title: *Flukten over grensen*) directed by Johanne Helgeland, has won many international awards:

- EFA Young Audience Award 2021, where 3,600 young jurors from 38 countries vote for their favorite
- Main Prize 2020 The Golden Slipper, for best feature film for children, Zlin International Film Festival for Children and Youth
- Cinekid Lion Audience Award 2020
- Press Award 2020, Film'on - Brussels International Children's Film Festival
- EFCA Feature Award 2020, Film'on - Brussels International Children's Film Festival
- Children's Jury Prize 2020, Nordic Film Days Lübeck
- European Children's Film Association 2020 - ECFA Award Oulu International



'Maja Lunde fills a gap in the Norwegian childrens literature. She tells an important war story for children with speed and clear language.'

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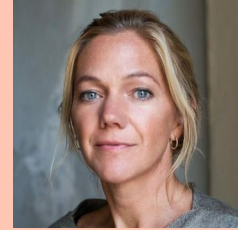


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Maja Lunde (b. 1975) is the most successful Norwegian author of her generation. Her books are translated into 40 languages and has sold more than 2,5 million copies.

Lunde's debut novel *The History of Bees* (2015) was an instant hit and sold to several territories before Norwegian publication. It won The Norwegian Bookseller's Prize as well as multiple international awards. It was the best selling book in any genre in Germany in 2017 and has so far spent 3 consecutive years on the Der Spiegel official German bestseller list.

The sequel *Blue* was launched in the fall 2017, as part of the author's planned Climate Quartet. Book 3 *Przewalskis Horse* was published in the fall of 2019, both to equal acclaim.

Lunde has written several books for children and young adults. The children's Christmas book *The Snow Sister* (2018) illustrated by Lisa Aisato, was a record-breaking success, printed in 250 000 copies in Norway and translation rights sold to 28 languages.

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- EFA Young Audience Award 2021