

Ingunn Thon

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
NOVEL

OLLIS

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English sample translation and synopsis available

Meet 10 year old OLLIS, short for Oda Lise Louise Inger Sonja, a new irresistible character in Norwegian children's literature!

Things have turned upside down at Ollis and Mama's house. A tiny, sweet little brother has moved in – but also Mama's irritating, neat-freak boyfriend. Things aren't like they used to be anymore.

Fortunately, the house next door is the perfect sanctuary, as that is where Gro lives. Ollis and Gro are best friends and know each other inside and out. Or do they? Ollis hasn't always been completely honest with Gro. And when they find a postcard in a mystical yellow mailbox in the forest, Ollis' lie grows even bigger. What does Ollis know about the postcard that Gro doesn't?

An exciting children's novel about friendship, family and courage.

Black and white illustrations by Nora Brech.

Winner of Målprisen 2017, for excellent prose in new Norwegian

Shortlisted for the Italian Literary Prize "Premio Strega 2018"

Nominated for the Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize 2017

Nominated for the ARK Children's Book Prize 2017

Nominated for the "Boksluker" Prize 2017



"(...) a children's novel that both children and adults will love ... a brand new children's book author we definitely will see a lot of in the years to come ... *Ollis* stands out from the book pages like all the most highly loved children's book heroes. Few debutants masters the timing and the rhyme so well."

Dagbladet

"Ollis' search for identity is so touching that if the reader's heart doesn't break it must be made of stone."

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Ingunn Thon (b. 1986) works as a script writer and puppeteer in the children's tv channel at NRK, The Norwegian Public Broadcasting Corporation. She has also been a children's tv-host and a radio reporter. She has a degree in creative writing at Westerdals and in journalism.

Thon is one of the participants chosen for NORLA's development programme for new literary talents "New Voices", a part of the project of Norway as Guest of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2019.

FOREIGN SALES

British English (Wacky Bee Books), Danish (Turbine), Georgian (Sulakauri), German (Woow Books), Italian (Feltrinelli), Turkish (Güldünya)

AWARDS

Nominated for the ARK Children's Book Prize 2017, the "Boksluker" Prize 2017 and the Ministry of Culture's First Book Prize 2017.

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