

Elisabeth Helland Larsen
Marine Schneider (ill.)

I Am Death / I Am Life / I Am the Clown

Jeg er Døden / Jeg er Livet / Jeg er Klovnen

Genre: Children and Young Adults

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English edition of "I Am Death" available as "Life and I. A story About Death".

I Am Death (Jeg er Døden), 2015

In this book we meet Death, in the shape of a kind and considerate person. Death's job is to collect everybody who is about to die – it may be insects and elephants, children and the old. Death plays an indispensable role, because without Death there will not be room for new life to emerge. Death performs the task in as gentle and caring a manner as possible. Death is a part of life, of love and of us all. "I Am Death" is a twin title with "I Am Life". Together they address fundamental questions of life in a beautiful and poetic way.

Illustrated by Marine Schneider.

I Am Life (Jeg er Livet), 2016

In this book we meet Life, in the shape of a kind and considerate person. She is the one who sets everything in motion. And what she loves the most is to give people strength and hope. This title is a celebration of life and the earth we live on. Through images and text it covers life in all its nuances. It also tells of being present and in interaction with nature, animals and humans. *I Am Life* is a twin title with *I Am Death*. Together they address fundamental questions of life in a beautiful and poetic way.

Illustrated by Marine Schneider.

I Am The Clown (Jeg er Klovnen), 2017

Illustrated by Marine Schneider.



'Families in mourning will find "I Am Death" quietly reassuring when trying to explain why living beings expire. Marine Schneider's pencil illustrations are delicate yet surprisingly firm – Death may be imagined as a little girl, but she is unwavering.'

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Elisabeth Helland Larsen studied theater in Paris at the École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq and children's literature in Oslo at the Norsk Barnebokinstitut. She has worked as a clown for more than 20 years in hospitals and hospices, as well as refugee camps, circuses, and theaters. Her experiences with children are reflected in her sensitive and insightful stories.

Marine Schneider has drawn since she could hold a pencil. The young Belgian illustrator just received her degree from the LUCA School of Arts. *I Am Death* was her children's book debut.

Foreign sales

I Am Death sold to: Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Dutch (Belgium), English, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Persian, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Slovak, Spanish

I Am Life sold to: Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Dutch (Belgium), English, French, German, Italian, Korean, Latvian, Persian, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Slovak, Spanish

I Am The Clown sold to: French, Italian, Korean

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