

Anders Kvammen

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVEL



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Anders Kvammen is a Norway based cartoonist and works primarily in a self biographic style. His first book is based on his childhood and the period in high school.

Kvammen 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.

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Aksel has just started junior high, and is having trouble fitting in. When his cousin and best friend dies in an accident, young Aksel has to fight his way through sorrow, anger and confrontations with everything from the school's psychologist to his bullies. Luckily, he has a supportive and understanding family. And even though he is a sensitive boy, he also has the strength to get through his difficulties.

Winner of the 2016 Brage Prize

From the Jury's grounds

'Anders Kvammen debuts with a depiction of youth that is truly exceptional. It is set in the early nineties, but feels timeless, credible and recognizable. With simple means, Kvammen conveys a flow of emotions. Landscape and use of shadow are connected with the moods and events. It never gets overexplanatory, just tender, heartbreaking and true.'



'A beautiful story filled with warmth and humor, melancholy and sorrow in a beautiful blend... You can safely loose yourself in this fine and tender, delicate story, and when you are done, you have strengthened your belief in humanity and the values we fight for all the time, but it is never forced upon us.(...) There is something unprotected, exposed, defenseless about this graphic novel'

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