



# RIGHTS GUIDE

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## Hello!

We are Melina Nordstrand and Anja Eriksson and we are Opal Agency.

Opal Agency is part of Bokförlaget Opal, a well established, family owned, independent publishing house in Sweden. Along with Opal's books we also represent books from YA imprint Vox by Opal.

On our list, we have books for children and youth with a clear quality profile, both fiction and non-fiction, illustrated and text-only. There are a lot of news on our list, but we are also very proud of our backlist. So if you don't find what you're looking for, please contact us! We might be able to help!

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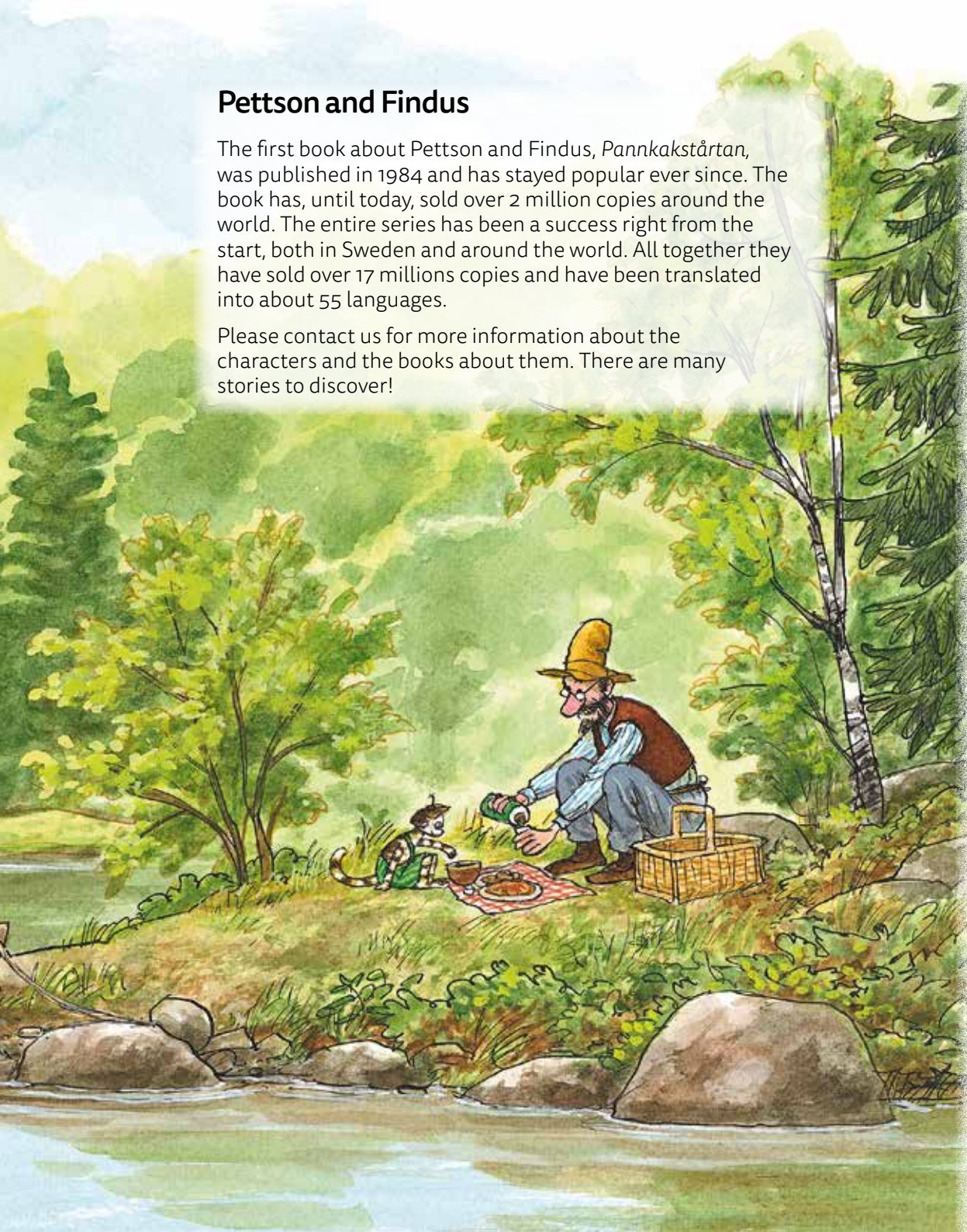
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## Pettson and Findus

The first book about Pettson and Findus, *Pannkakstårtan*, was published in 1984 and has stayed popular ever since. The book has, until today, sold over 2 million copies around the world. The entire series has been a success right from the start, both in Sweden and around the world. All together they have sold over 17 millions copies and have been translated into about 55 languages.

Please contact us for more information about the characters and the books about them. There are many stories to discover!



## Pettson & Findus Activity Books

(Pyssla med Pettson och Findus)

We are happy to present four new activity books with Pettson & Findus. Solve puzzles, walk through mazes, paint, write, and count. Four titles are released during 2022:

*Letters & Words*

*Numbers & Shapes*

*Learn the Clock*

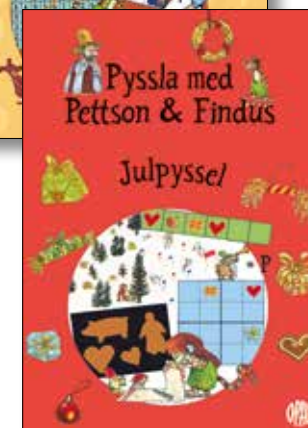
*Fun at Christmas*

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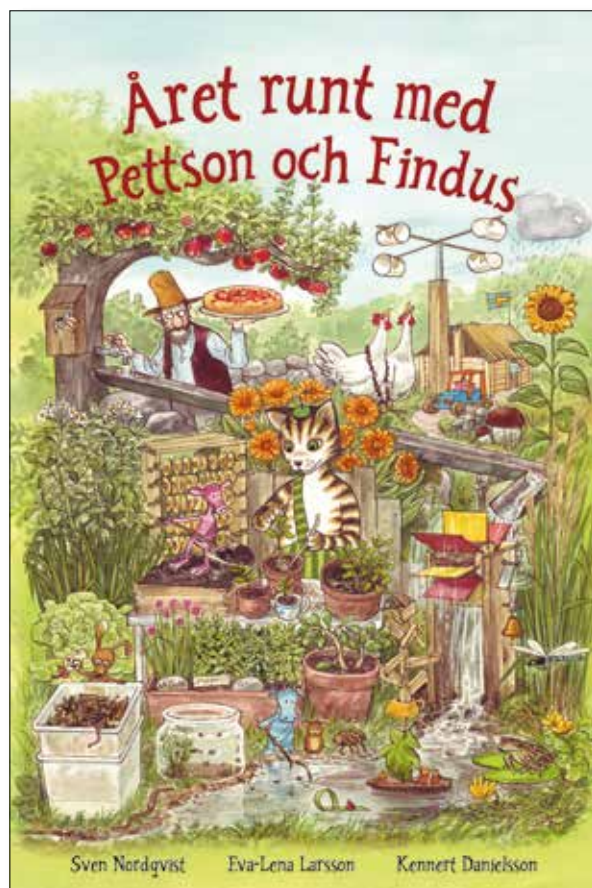
Eva-Lena Larsson & Kennert Danielsson (text)

Sven Nordqvist (illustration)

## With Pettson & Findus All Year Round

(Året runt med Pettson och Findus)

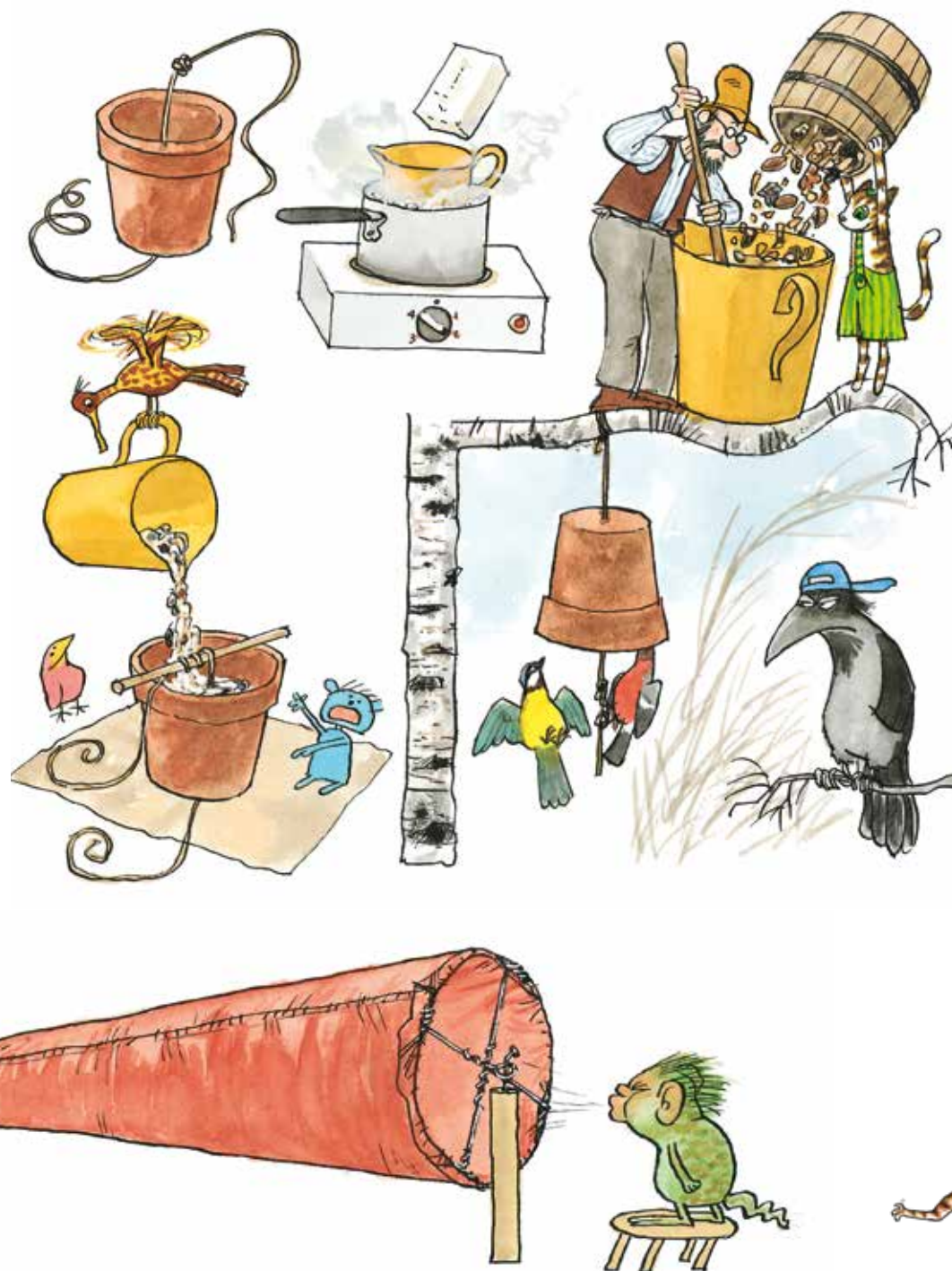
Follow Pettson and Findus around the year, and learn from the different crafts and experiment they do. See all the things nature offers, and learn how you can take care of all living things in return. Make a birdfeeder, create jewelry and toys from things you find outdoors. Build a compost and make an ice lantern. This book holds crafts for every season!



Sven Nordqvist Eva-Lena Larsson Kennert Danielsson

A book for the whole family that inspires children and grownups to do arts and crafts project together. Also perfect for teachers who are looking for new inspiration on projects to do with the children.

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BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL  
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NUMBER OF PAGES: ??  
RELEASE: JANUARY 2023



Sanna Borell

## Look At My Tail

(Titta på min svans)

Which body part is the best one? The mokey and the scorpion agrees it is the tail, but the elephant roots for the nose. The bakside! the baboon declairs, but the hare says ears and the horse is almost completely sure it's the feet. The mouse is unsure what he has to match all that, but being small isn't so bad either.

Turns out, we're all perfect just the way we are!

*A funny book for the youngest readers, filled with animals and their amazing body parts.*

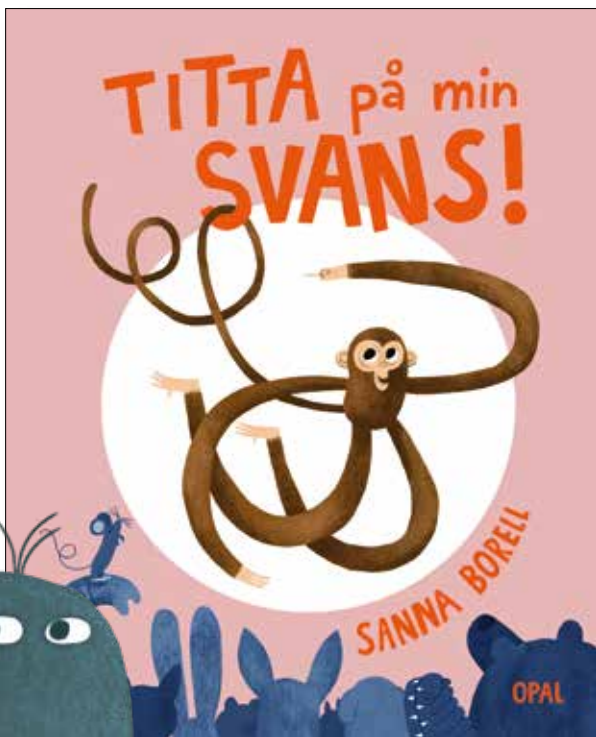
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BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL

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NUMBER OF PAGES: 32

RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 2022



Lina Sandquist

## We Did It!

(Vi gjorde det!)

The children wake up one morning and realize they have the entire house for themselves. What will they do? Or maybe, what will they NOT do...

They make breakfast, climb the tallest tree, swim across the biggest puddle, and eat all the cakes. All before the rest of the family even wakes up.

→ A warm and playful story about everything that happens in children's lives when the parents don't see.

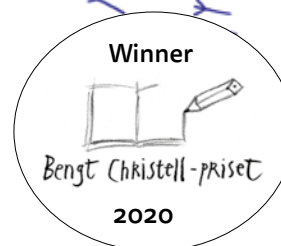
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Eva Petrén (text) & Petra Wester Norgren (illustration)

## Can the Squirrel Join?

(Får ekorren vara med?)

The squirrel sees Big Monkey and Little Teddy walking through the woods. She wants to join so bad, but don't know what to do with all this feelings inside her. Finally, she stumbles upon the other's picnic blanket. How will she explain that all she wants is to join?

*A book about all the feelings that can fit inside a small child, but is so hard to point out. Recognizable for both children and parents.*

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BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL  
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RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 2022



**More about the same characters:**



Elin Hägg

## Watch It, Tage!

(Tut tut, Tage!)

Tage is tired. Really tired. All he wants is to find some place where he can sleep in peace. He tries in front of the white oven, under the green flower, and on the blue rug. But everywhere, he is in someones way and all he hears is "Watch it, Tage!" Finally, Tage finds his place, a warm embrace to snuggle up with.

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Ulrika Kestere

## No More Cookies

(Kakorna är slut)

Pelle's and Lollo's house is so messy they trip over things. They realize they have to clean, but really want something sweet to eat first. They decide to bake some cakes but things doesn't really go the way they're planned. So they go out to see what their neighbours have. It' becomes a braazy and messy hunt, where they often choose the easiest way before the moral right one. Is it really the right way to get what you want?

*With lots of humor, Ulrika Kestere tells a story about greed, lazyness, and bad luck. And about realizing that the easy way might not be the right one.*

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### More from Ulrika Kestere:



ULRIKA KESTERE'S PREVIOUS BOOKS ARE SOLD TO A NUMBER OF LANGUAGES.  
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Stefan Casta (text) & Marion (illustrations)

# The Girl and the Bird

(Flickans fågel)

A dreamingly beautiful story about change. About seeing and understanding the things that happen around you.

One day, the girl sees a bird on her windowsill, high up in a tall building. After that, the girl starts to notice changes, both in herself, and in the city around her. Dream and reality blend together, and neither the girl, nor the reader, know what is real or not.

*A remarkable picture book that is easy to interpret in many different ways, but sends the message that it's possible to dream about a better world.*

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Yvonne Hoffman (text) & Christel Rönns (illustrations)

## The Big Dragon Fight

(Den stora drakstriden)

A knight and his horse trot into a town, and are greeted by the people living there. The locals are hopeful. Is this finally the salvation from the vicious dragon that holds the town, and its princess, in its power. The knight feels the pressure and gathers courage for the upcoming battle. But things don't really turn out the way it's planned.

The princess is tired of being rescued from dragons by knights, and the dragon is sick of eating princes and princess. He would much rather just play chess. How will it end?

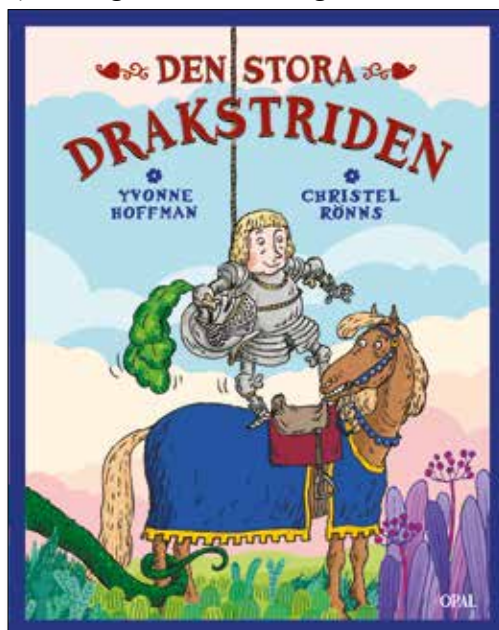
*A classic fairytale with a modern, funny touch. Where no one does what they're supposed to, and nothing is the way it should.*

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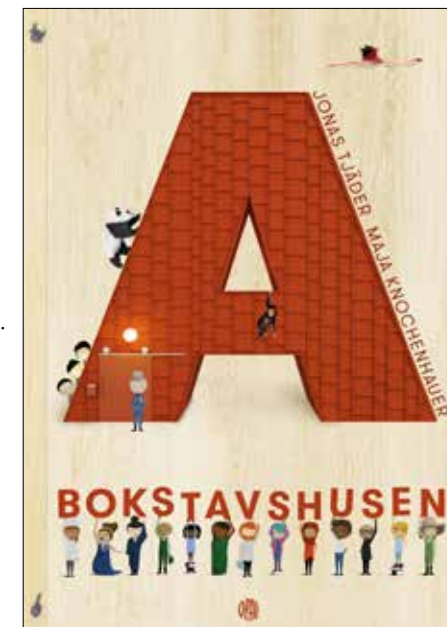


Jonas Tjäder & Maja Knochenhauer

## Letter Houses

(Bokstavshusen)

A unique ABC-book that never ends. The letters are presented as houses in cross section. The form of the individual letter generates imaginative and particular houses. Added to this are characters and fragmented stories that can be read both forwards and backwards. We get to follow bandits on the run, animals escaped from zoo, a farmer seeking a wife, and many more. Multiple stories run parallel through the book, and each letter house is presented with a humorous verse. The book has several layers that flirt with both children and adults.



*Maja and Jonas are architects, educated in Stockholm, Oslo, Gothenburg and Delft. Since ten years they live and work in Stockholm. They are also married and have two children together. Their interest in children's books has escalated over time and "Bokstavshusen" is their debut book.*

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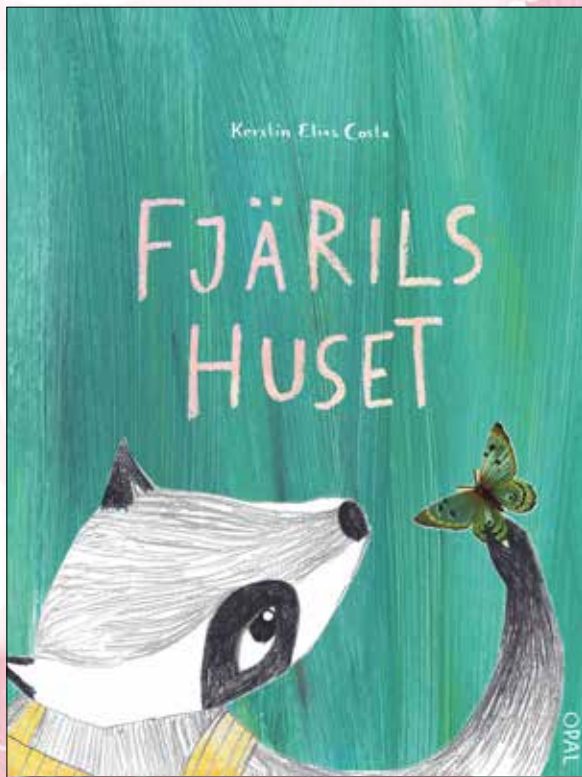


**Kerstin Elias Costa**  
**The Butterfly House**  
(Fjärilshuset)

"Today, I will be completely quiet. I won't speak until grandma comes to pick me up at the end of the day." But grandma doesn't come. Not that day, and not the one after. Grandma will never come again. But in the butterfly house, near the pond that was grandma's favorite, she might be.

*A beautiful and quiet book about loss and how grief can be seen in a small child.*

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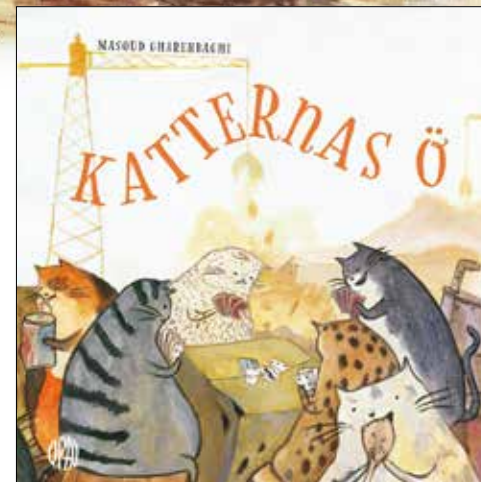


**Masoud Gharehbaghi**  
**Cats' Island**  
(Katternas ö)

Cats' Island is completely polluted and full of trash. Since the cats signed that deal, they have lots of food but the trash piles keep growing. But one family doesn't like it. They clear out a space and make a boat from trash, and they sail away from the island. And on the place they left, something soft and green start to grow ...

*A beautifully illustrated book about what can happen to our world unless we take care – or maybe it already happened? But there is hope of a better future.*

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**From the same author:**





## Stina Klintberg & David Henson Mira's Big Day in School (Miras stora skoldag)

Today is Mira's first school day. She's been longing for it all summer, yes all year, and she can't wait. She grows with every step she takes, but when they arrive to school, and mom let go of her hand, something happens. Mira start to shrink, and suddenly everything feels scary. At least until she hears a voice: "Hi. Do you want to play?"

*A book for all of those who is about to start school, and feel all that exciting mix of feelings!*

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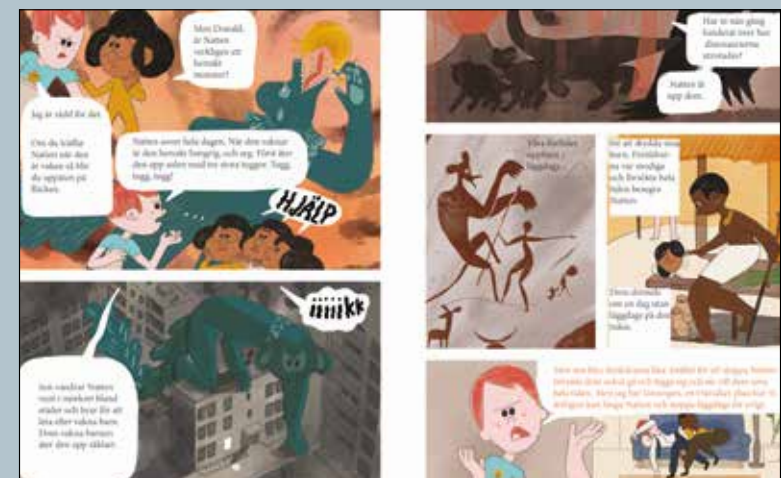
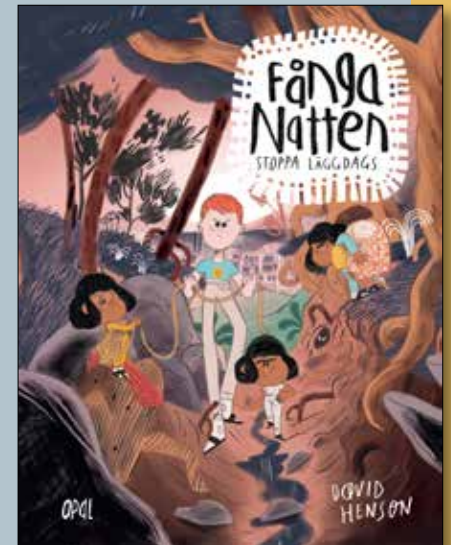


## David Henson Catch the Night (Fånga natten)

Four siblings play outside and their dad yells that it's dinner. But don't fool yourself! This might look like a nice idyllic scene, but it's definately not! The kids know that dinner time is just the first step of the grown-up's evil plan that ends with bed-time. Every night, the monster Night comes and eat all the kids that doesn't sleep yet. That's why bed-time exists. If Donald, Prins, Polly, and Pamela could catch the Night, they never would have to go to bed again, it would never be dark, and their room would be a playroom forever! The siblings decide to leave for the Night's cave.

*A very funny take on that hour all kids fret the most: bed-time!*

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Eva Apelqvist

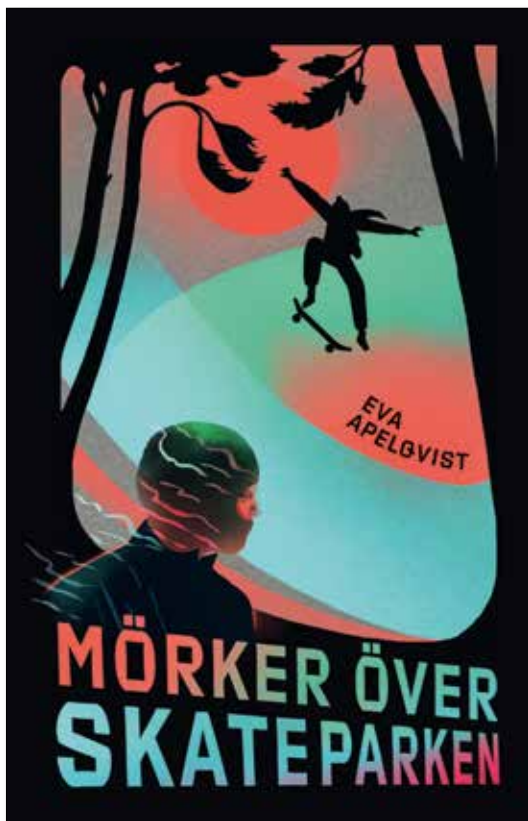
## Darkness At the Skate Park

(Mörker över skateparken)

All Tove needs to be discovered at the skate jam is an ollie, a 5-0, and a pop-shove-it. Then, finally, people will take her seriously. But it seems as if the universe works against her. There's talk about shutting down the skate park, and it doesn't get better when they find a dead body in it. Will the jam even happen? Tove just want to be left alone, skating, but against their will, she and her friends get dragged into a horrifying murder mystery.

*A book for everyone who loves to go skateboarding, and for those who always dreamt about it but hadn't find the curage to try yet, and also for everyone who just loves a good murder mystery. Eva Apelqvist grew up in Sweden, but has lived in the US all her adult life. She has published a few books on the American market, but "Mörker över skateparken" is her first book in Swedish.*

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Dan Höjer (text) & Roger Hansson (illustration)

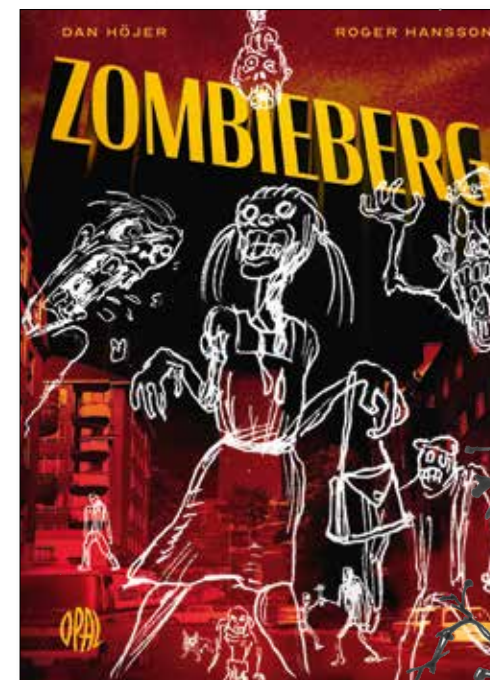
## Zombie Mountain

(Zombieberg)

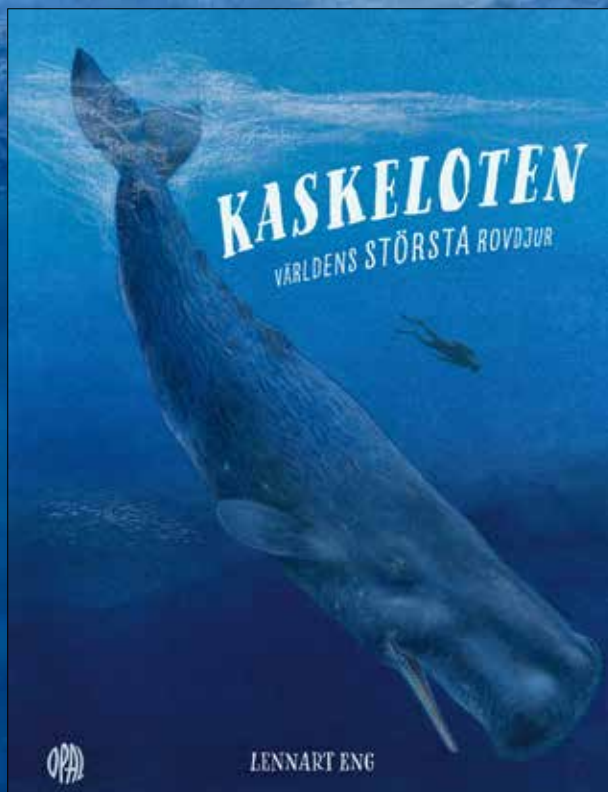
When Signe's dad gets a new job, she is excited to move to a bigger city. But this is not a big city, just a newly developed area outside a suburb. The house, her room, and their garden are all small too. Even the wood is small. Or that's at least what she thinks until that day she gets lost and find the old cottage. Inside she finds a journal that tells the most horrifying story about a zombie attack right there in their suburb. Surely, it must be fiction?

*A fully illustrated, hauntingly suspenseful read, that is impossible to put down.*

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BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL  
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Lennart Eng

## **The Sperm Whale – Biggest Predator In the World**

(Kaskeloten – Världens största rovdjur)

The sperm whale is the world's largest predator, but there are still many things we don't know about it. It spends its life deep down in the vast depths, far away from human eyes. This book allows you to get a little bit closer, to be part of some of the thrilling facts about this amazing creature.

*Lennart Eng has written three books about the sperm whale Valdemar and his three friends, and now, Valdemar takes the step out in reality, in this fully packed non fiction title*

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SIZE: 230 X 300 MM

NUMBER OF PAGES: 48

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Charlotte Cederlund (text) & Elin Hägg (illustration)

## Santa's Secret Workshop

(Tomtens magiska verkstad)

Have you ever wondered what Santa's workshop looks like? Wonder no more! This fully illustrated "non-fiction" title will take you even in to the most secret corners. The newly requited helpers, Edda and Lage gets a tour at the workshop held by the elder elf Evert. The curious young ones get to see the toy making station and the reindeer stable, and they look forward to start working for real. But the real question is, will they get to meet the famous Santa Clause?

*An absolutely lovely book full of Christmas magic. Apart from the story about Edda and Lage, the reader gets to learn more about Santa Clause, different sleighs, and candy making. Simply everything you need to get into that Christmas spirit.*

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Daniel Gunnarsson (text) & Jens Ahlbom (illustrations)

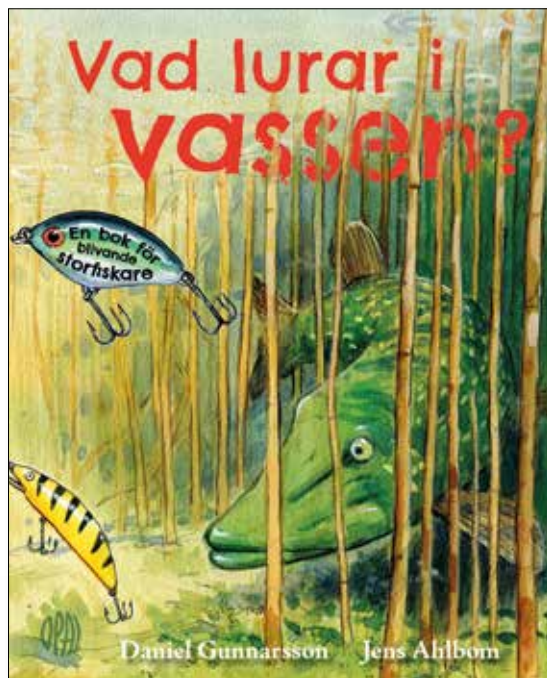
## Among the Reeds – A Guide for Future Fishermen

(Vad lurar i vassen? En handbok för blivande storfiskare)

The perfect book on fishing for the entire family. Hedda is an old pike. For many years, she has escaped the dangers of the lake. How did she manage to be that old? Read about her life, and about the things that might happen to a pike.

In the second part of the book, you get an extensive introduction to fishing; what equipments you need, when and where it's most likely to catch something, and how to handle the fish so that you don't cause them and nature any more harm than necessary.

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Karin Linderöth

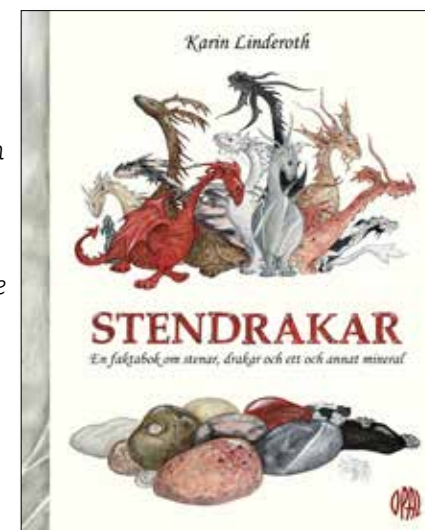
## Stone Dragons – Facts about Rocks, Dragons, and Some Minerals

(Stendrakar – fakta om stenar, drakar och ett och annat mineral)

Not many people know this, but every rock in the world has a species of dragons connected to it. These stone dragons can be both enormous and tiny, and they live their entire life among these rocks.

*In a playful and inventive way, this book gives the child a light introduction to the world of rocks and minerals. The qualities of the dragons matches the qualities of the rocks, and you get to meet the ancient gneiss dragon and the hard-skinned diamond dragon that is almost impossible to find. And many many more.*

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**More about the Dragons:**



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Elin Hägg

## Sex- A Historic Journey

(Sex – En historisk resa)

Come on a journey through the history of sex. Sex is surrounded by norms and taboos, and the way we think about it has always affected the way we look upon nature, culture and our selves. This book is about how people in the western world has viewed sex, bodies, gender, and power, throughout history. The way we look upon these things has changed during the course of history and things we find natural today is the result of thousands of years of human impact.

In this book, we don't only find ancient, flying genitalia, but also tales of the fight for basic human rights and independence. And of course, we get an answer to the burning question: Did my great great grandmother really think about sex?

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Viveka Sjögren

## The Yellow Laughter

(Det gula skrattet)

Hewa is on the run from war. She doesn't know where, just that she has to escape from the world she doesn't recognize anymore. Her home doesn't exist anymore. It's cold and lonely, but in the woods, she meet someone just as lonely as her. To him, Hewa tells her story. In her backpack Hewa carries her mom's secret notebooks. The ones that tell the truth. A truth worth dying for.

In the same place, but in a different time, Arran has just gotten his first assignment in the Melting Zone. Slowly, their destinies start to intertwine.

*Remarkable och terrifying about a universal themes such as war, climate change, friendship, and the will to survive.*

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WORD COUNT: 40,000  
RELEASE: JANUARY 2022

**Words about the book from Martin Schibbye, journalist specilized in war correspondance:**

"A gripping story about friendship, trust, and secret resistans. The book awakens the big issues of the small warning bells in our own time."



Emma Johansson

## The Half of a Heart

(Ett halvt hjärta)

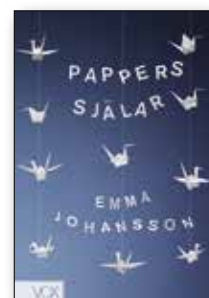
Elias has his worst summer ever. Not only has his parents taken his computer, they're also forcing him to start a summer job cleaning parks in town. Could things get worse? Yes, maybe, because when Elias arrives to the new job, he finds Finn there. Finn is Elias's best friend from childhood, and always com to stay with his grandparents in the summers. At least until that one summer when he broke Elias's heart by not showing up and never called to say why. Elias feels all his childhood feelings coming back, and he is once again drawn to Finn. But Finn doesn't seem to want anything to do with Elias. Infact, he doesn't even seem to recognize him.

*A heartwarming book about friendship, betrayal, and above all, love.*

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WORD COUNT: 70,000  
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**From the same author:**



*Lena Sjöberg*

## Life and More – Poems About Big and Small

(Livet och lite annat – verser om stort och smått)

Poems that makes you start think about life and the world around us. Surrounded by beautiful illustrations by the ever so talented Lena Sjöberg. Like a piece of candy in shape of a book!

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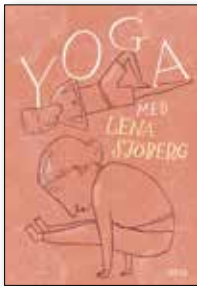
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*More from Lena Sjöberg:*



LENA SJÖBERG ALSO CREATED A NUMBER OF BEAUTIFUL NON-FICTION TITLES FOR CHILDREN. ASK US FOR MORE INFORMATION!



