



# 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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## 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.

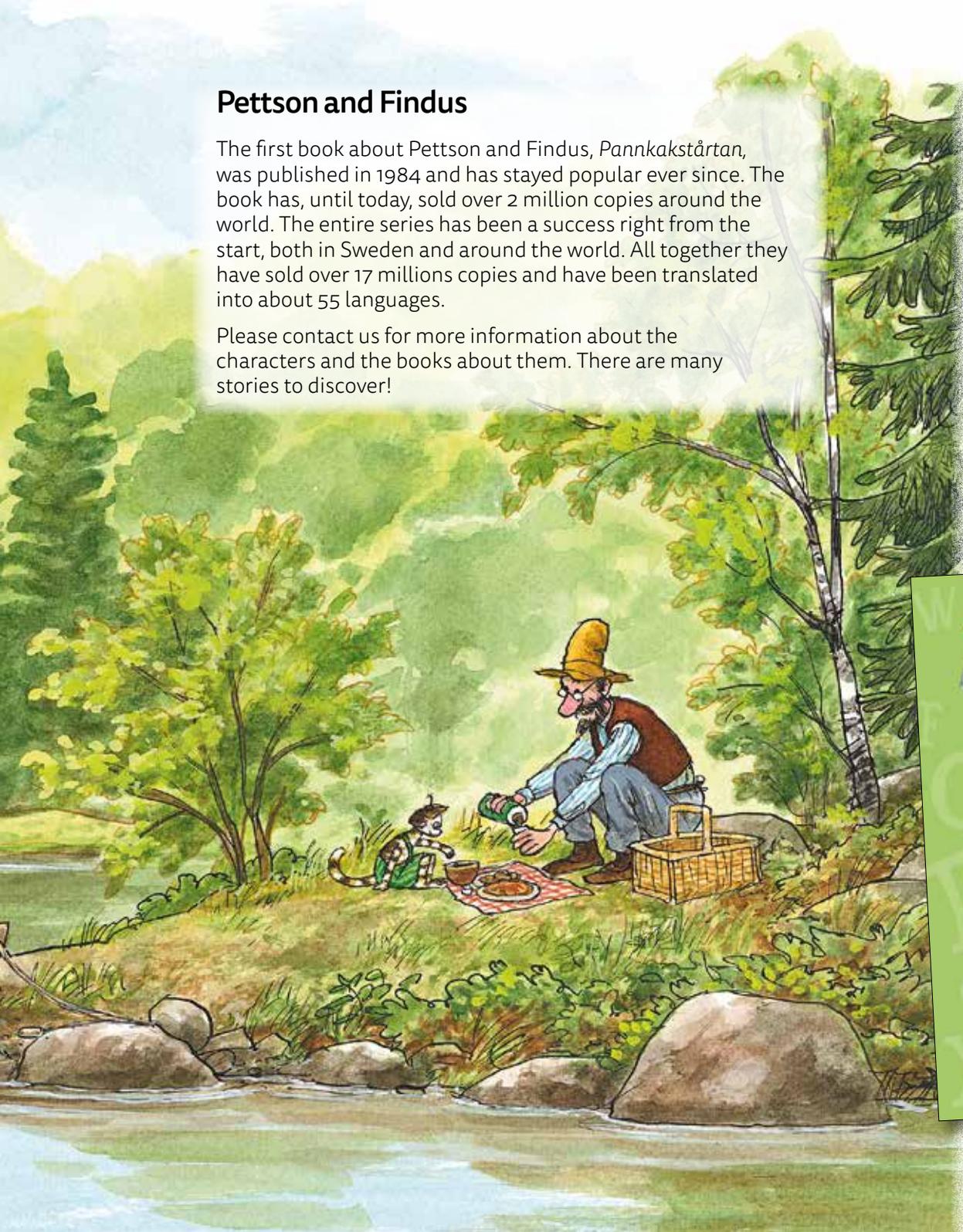
Please contact us for more information about the characters and the books about them. There are many stories to discover!

## Pettson & Findus Activity Books (Pysla 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 will be released during 2022:

- Letters & Words*
- Numbers & Shapes*
- Learn the Clock*
- Fun at Christmas*

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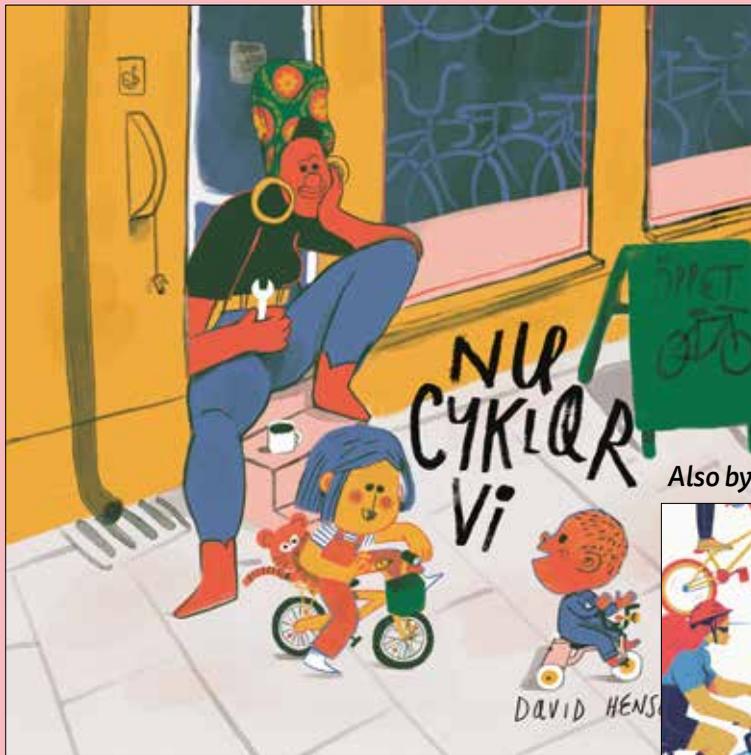


**David Henson**  
**Let's Bike**  
(Nu cyklar vi)

The kids are going out on a bike ride, but there are many things to remember when you are on a bike. It's a good thing big sister knows all about helmets, fixing tires, turning the lights on, and much more!

*David Henson was born in Zimbabwe, and raised in England, but came to Sweden for love. That love is only matched with his love for bikes which has resulted in two picture books about them.*

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Also by David Henson:



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AND DANISH

**Lina Sandquist**  
**We Did It!**  
(Vi gjorde det!)

The siblings 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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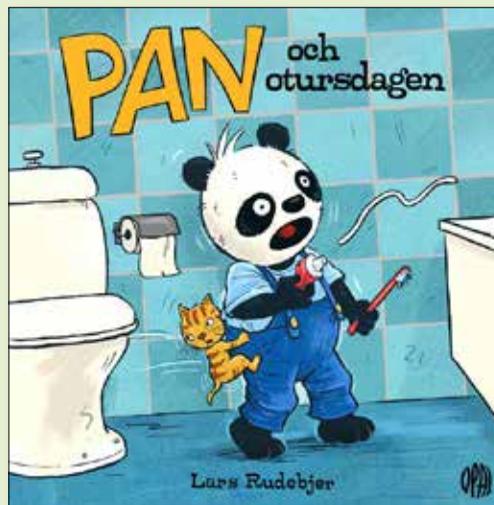
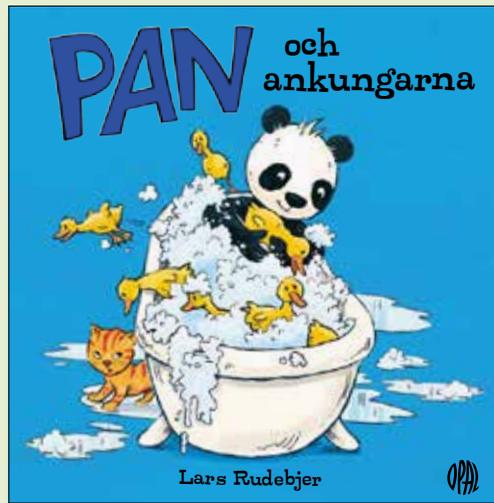
Winner of  
Bengt Christell Prize 2022



Lars Rudebjer  
**The Series  
About Pan**  
(Serien om Pan)

Meet the charming panda Pan! In this series for the very youngest, the reader gets to follow Pan and his younger sister on different every day adventures. In the two new titles, Pan is babysitting some ducklings, and has one of those days where everything goes wrong!

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AND DANISH



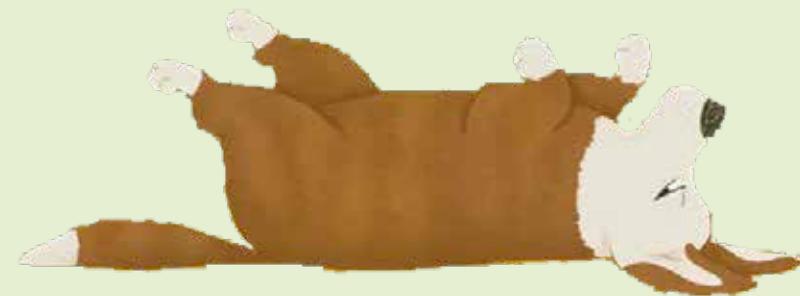
Pan's adventures:



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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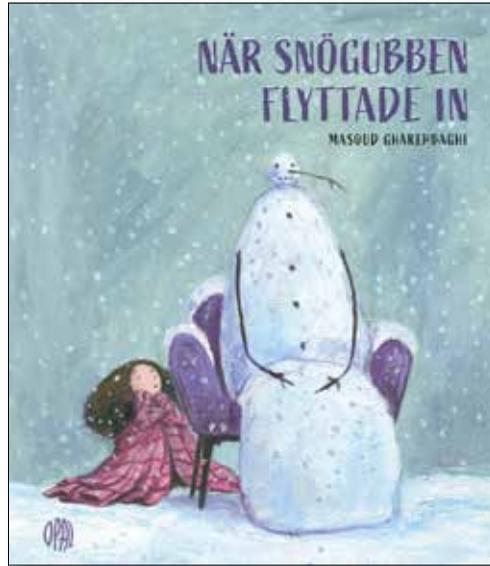
Masoud Gharehbaghi  
**When the Snowman Moved In**

(När snögubben flyttade in)

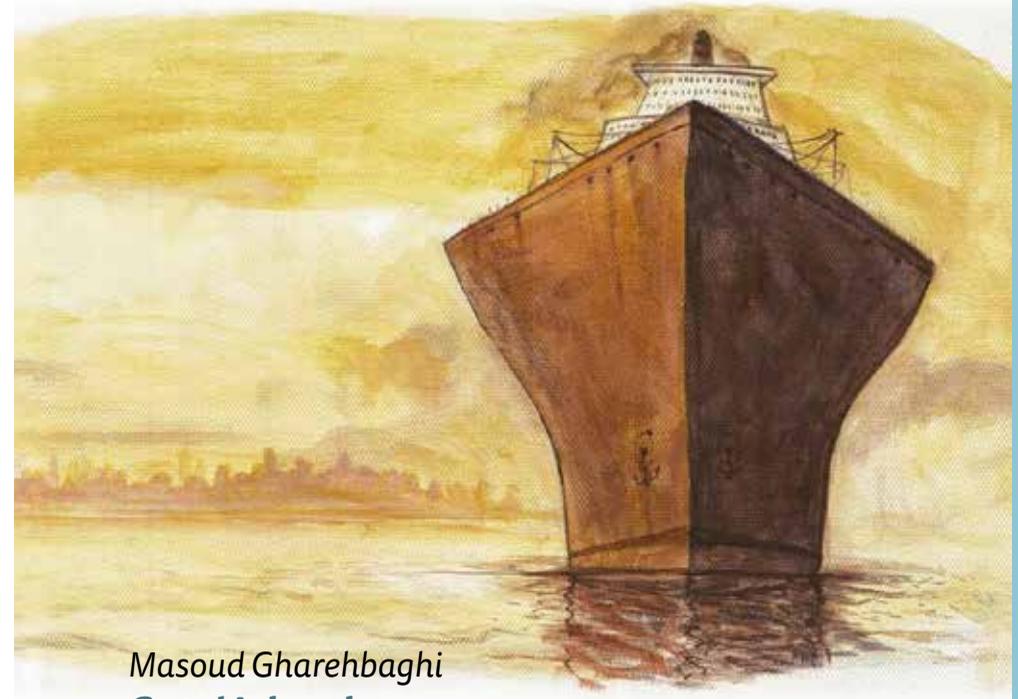
The family lives happily until that day the snowman moves in. Suddenly the house turns cold and snowy and the people living in it drift away from each other. The girl dream back to warmer times. Maybe she can remind her parents about them, and force the snowman to move out?

*Comepletely without words, Masoud Gharehbaghi tells a heartbreaking story about a family that has permit the coldness to move in among them.*

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Masoud Gharehbaghi was born in 1987 in Zanjan, Iran. Since his graduation in illustration 2016, he has illustrated 20 books published in Iran. Two years ago his first solo project got published, and since then five titles have been released. When the Snowman Moved In and Cats' Island are the first titles presented on a more international market.



Masoud Gharehbaghi

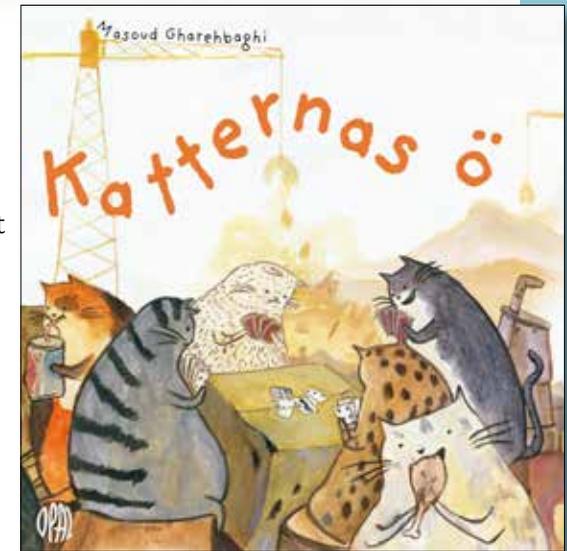
**Cats' Island**

(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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Sara Gimbergsson  
**A Dog Day**  
(En hunddag)

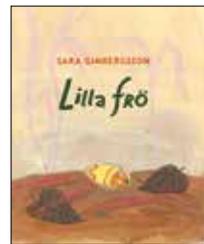
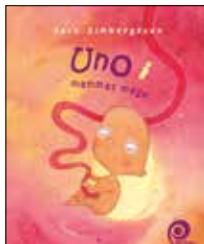
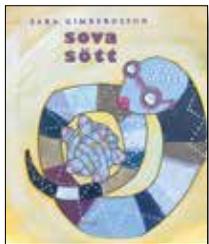
Finally, it's morning and time for a walk. But in this story, the dog walks Ebbe, and not the opposite. It's Ebbe who wants to chase birds and has to longingly watch while the dog eats a hotdog. Finally it's time to sleep, and Ebbe falls asleep, dreaming of a day when he gets to hold the leash.

*A funny, quirky book for the youngest, that plays with "What if...?"*

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**More from Sara Gimbergsson:**

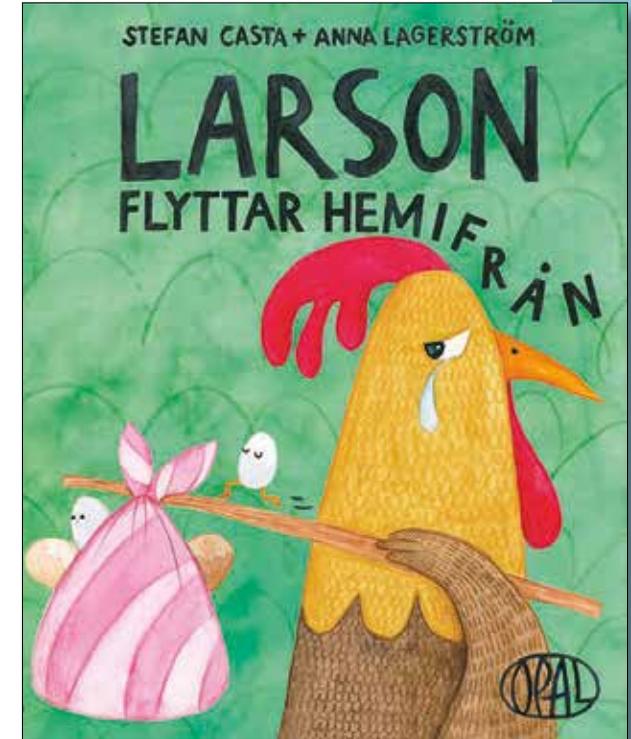


Stefan Casta & Anna Lagerström  
**Larson Moves Out**  
(Larson flyttar hemifrån)

The rooster Larson is very proud of his voice, and cries loud and clear every morning. But one day, the hens had enough. Larson leaves, and finds himself his own home. The hens enjoy the silence for a while, but soon, the hen house starts to feel empty ... They must bring Larson back!

*With humor and warmth, Stefan Casta tells us about Larson.*

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**Larson Has a Bad Day**

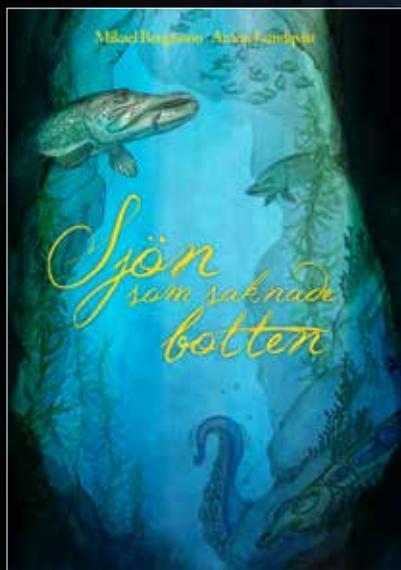


*Mikael Bengtsson & Anton Lundqvist*  
**The Lake Without Bottom**  
 (Sjön som saknade botten)

Sivan is staying with her grandmother Rut, an explorer and deep-see diver, in a small cabin by a lake. One day, Sivan finds a diving bell. Grandma tells her that it once was used to sink down a man in the lake, but he never reached the bottom, because this doesn't have one. Sivan can't believe what she hears and decides to find out the truth. It's the start of a great adventure deep down in the depths.

Rich in both color and details, this remarkable picturebook draws the reader in. The adventure awaits!

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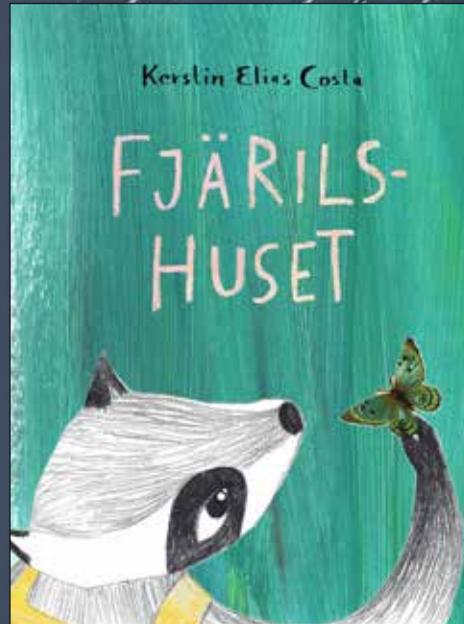


Kerstin Elias Costa  
**The Butterfly House**  
(Fjärilshuset)

"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 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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Alex Howes

## What Would a Tiger Do?

(Vad skulle en tiger göra?)

Tove the tiger's sisters like to mess around, bite, and wrestle. They think Tove is strange, she doesn't like normal things, things that ALL tigers like. All but Tove. Tove starts to wonder if maybe she's not supposed to be a tiger at all, and decides to find her place in the world. She looks at other animals and tries to be like them, but she's not good at anything. Anything except ... being a TIGER!

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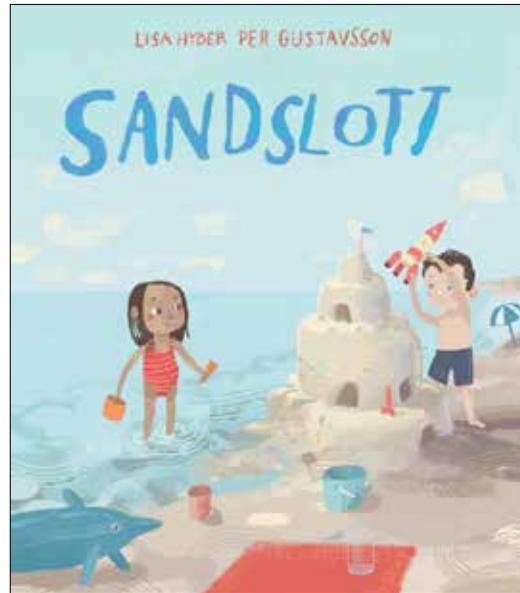


*Lisa Hyder & Per Gustavsson*  
**Sand Castles**  
 (Sandlott)

I want to grow up. Falke doesn't. He thinks it just seems boring and tough. Maybe he's right. The grownups never seem to go on the swings or do anything that's fun. But I want to be a grownup anyway, to like coffee and read heavy books, have a job, and live in a castle that isn't made of sand. I really would like to grow up one day!

*A moving story about how some children actually might NOT be grownups some day.*

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**By Lisa Hyder and Per Gustavsson:**



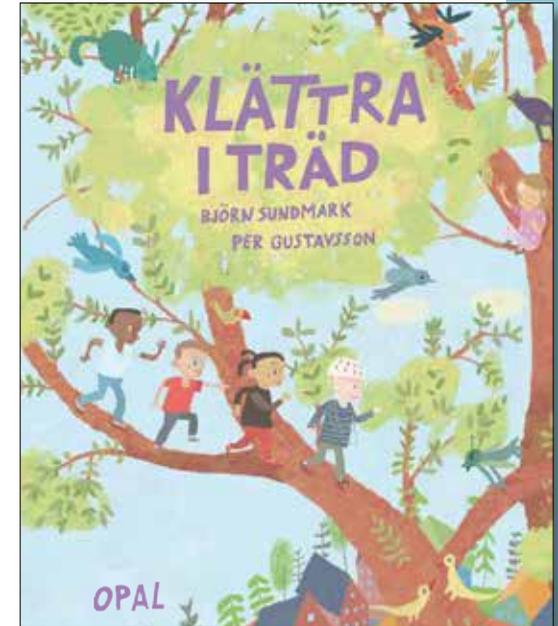
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 IBBY HONOUR LIST, 2020 (PER GUSTAVSSON)  
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*Björn Sundmark & Per Gustavsson*  
**Climb Trees**  
 (Klättra träd)

All the children are playing among the trees. Little sister wants to join, but she only gets in the way when they're climbing, and they tell her to go away. The rest climbs higher and higher. They are in a rocket, flying among the stars, and get chased by monsters in a jungle. Soon, they're at the top of the fairy tree! This high has no one ever been before. But ... how will they get down? Luckily, little sister is still on the ground and can help them find the way.

*A book that catches the essence of children's imagination. It tells about children's games as the adventures they are.*

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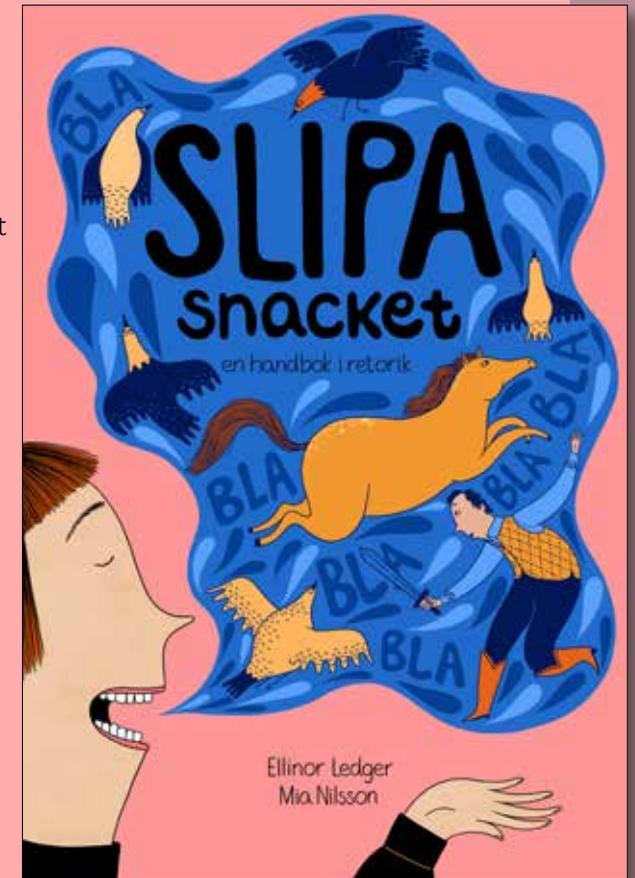


*Ellinore Ledger (text) & Mia Nilsson (illustration)*  
**Trim the Talk – A Introduction to Rhetoric**  
 (Slipa snacket – En handbok i retorik)

Do you feel faint by just the thought of talking in front of others? Or is the whole giving-speech-thing not a big deal for you? Either way, this is the book for you!

There are ways to cure that lump of fear in the gut, tools to use in order to become a relaxed, confident speaker! This book is a survival guide in the art of talking. It doesn't matter if you're speaking for thousands of people, or convince your parents to buy more candy, this book has tips for every situation! It also gives you a brief history on rhetoric and its development throughout history.

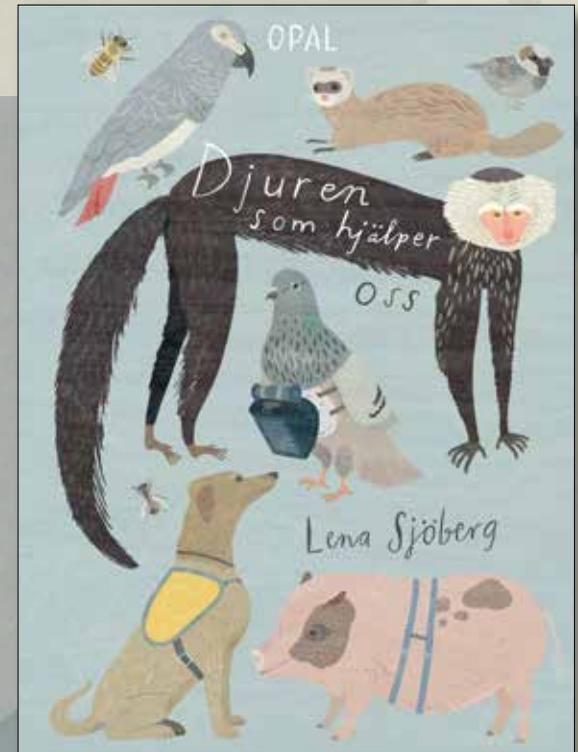
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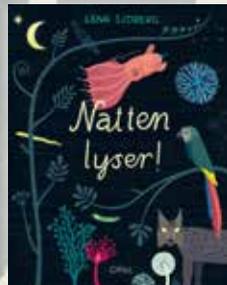
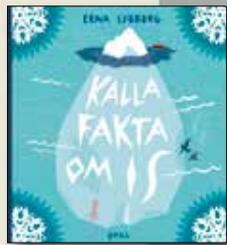
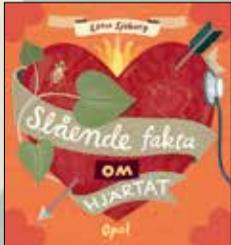
Lena Sjöberg  
**Our Animal Helpers**  
 (Djuren som hjälper oss)

A wonderful book binding animals, humans and nature together. Read about how both the wild and domestic animals help us, not only in our daily life, but with our actual survival. They are our arms and legs, our eyes, ears and scent. They comfort us when we are sad, calm us when we worry, and make us feel loved. They carry, drag and work hard, all in the service of humans. And they also clean the air and oceans, and pollinate the plants, actually putting food on our tables. A book that reminds us to respect the world around us and everyone living in it.

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More non-fiction from Lena Sjöberg:



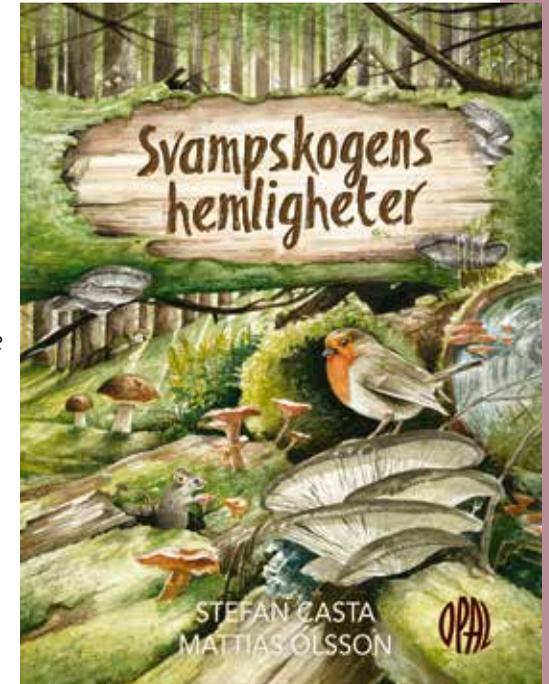


Stefan Casta & Mattias Olsson  
**The Secrets of the Mushroom Forest**  
 (Svampskogens hemligheter)

Come to the forest for a mushroom hunt! This book leads the way to a place where anything can happen: the forest. The forest is the opposite to the city. There's no signs telling you what to do. No stores, restaurants or schools. No concrete, no cars. No masses of people, trash cans or fast food. It's a different world. And in this world, you can find mushroom, both those kind that are delicious to eat, and those that can kill you ...

*A remarkable beautiful book about the forest and the things that grow inside it. Stefan Casta has a long list of books on nature and if you are already a fan, you won't be disappointed!*

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Tuvalisa Rangström (text) & Anna Nilsson (illustration)

## Rosa's Book of Prophecies

(Rosas spådomsbok)

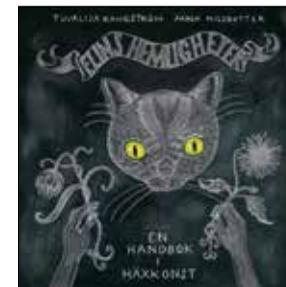
Teen witches Rosa and Elin have started a prophecy reading firm. They are inspired by a fortune teller that lived in 18th century Stockholm, Madam Arvidsson. Soon, they get their first client, but ... doesn't she has a remarkable resemblance with the Madam?

*This beautiful book contains both the story about Rosa and Elin, and a guidebook part, where Rosa tells her best way to attack the art of divination. A set of tarot reading cards come with the book.*

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**More about the teen witches:**



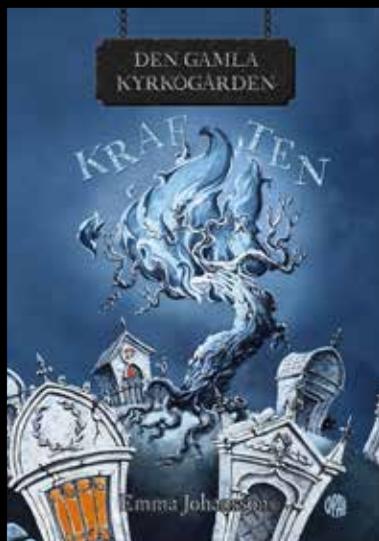
**ELINS HEMLIGHETER –  
EN HANDBOK I HÄXKONST**

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Emma Johansson  
Illustrated by Elwira Pawlikowska

## The Old Cemetary (Den gamla kyrkogården)

Iris is special. All women in her family are; they can see the dead. Since Iris's mom died, she has lived with her grandmother, and when her grandmother died, she moved with her to the family mausoleum at The Old Cemetary. The cemetary is now her home, and the spirits her friends. Then, one day, the town council decides that the old cemetary will be removed. What they don't know is that the cemetary protects Hell's gate, an opening to the world below us. If it opens, the world we know will soon be destroyed. Can Iris prevent the disaster?



*A spooky story filled with magic, and suspense, told with lots of humour and warmth. The first book in the series, The Underworld and The Prophecy, was released in 2021, and The Force in 2022.*

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# Hemera Nattdotter

Lena Arro  
Illustrated by Anna Westin

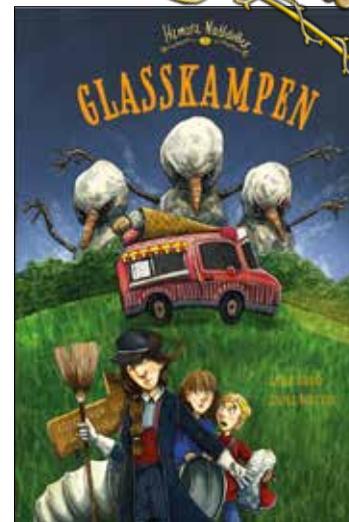
## Hemera Night Daughter (Hemera Nattdotter)

**Meet Hemera Night Daughter! A flexible consultant running Hemera Night Daughter's Flexible Consultant Bureau – good at most things and best when needed.**

Here come two more adventures for Hemera Night Daughter and her animacopter. As usual, she is (reluctantly) helped by her two new interns Vendela and Tore. You never know what to expect when the three of them are around!

*A twisted and funny mystery series that will make even the strictest reader laugh out loud.*

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*The first book in the series, released 2021*

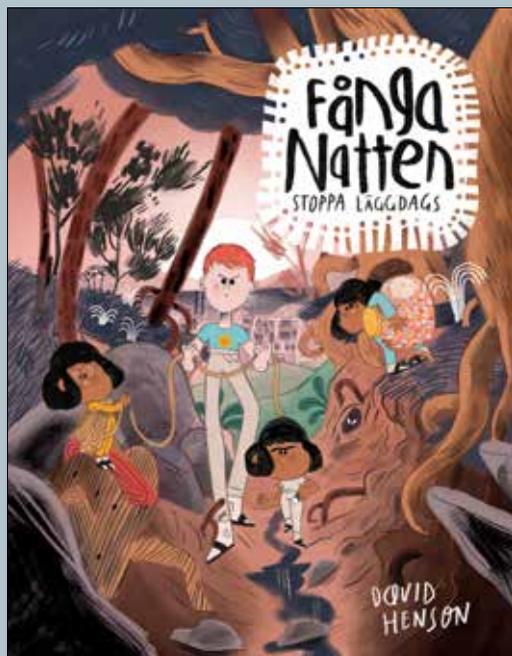
David Henson  
**Catch the Night**  
(Fånga natten)

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 definitely 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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Anna Ehn & Mia Öström (text) & Alex Howes (illustration)

## Puppy Warning

(Valpvarning)

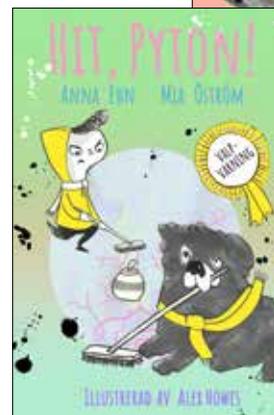
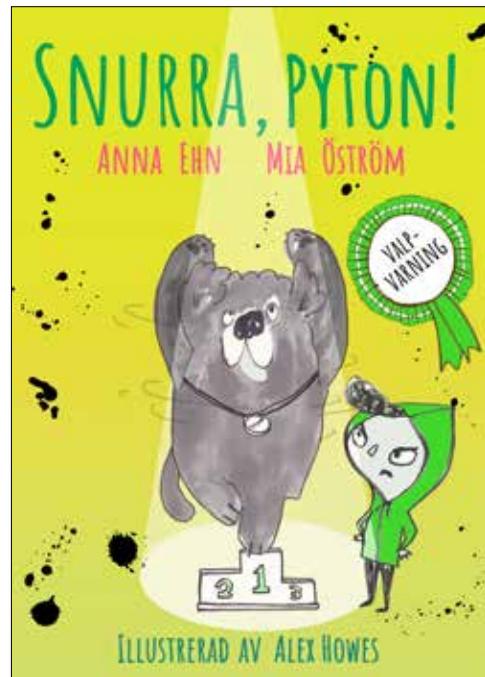
Yet another book in the series about Anette and her mischievous dog Python. This time, Python is supposed to learn how to spin. But of course, nothing goes as planned. Anette gets frustrated and angry, but in the end, Python is the big hero!

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*Staffan Cederborg*  
**My Bizarre Life as Dead**

(Mitt bisarra liv som död)

By accident, Amira falls from a beam in the ceiling, straight down on the the hard floor in the marine store. But the fall doesn't end there. In her head, Amira keeps falling, straight down to her deepest imagination. She lands on a ship in the Caribbean Sea. On board is a crew that takes Amira on a great adventure. But the longer she stays in her imagination the more worried she gets. Is it all really inside her head? And if not, how will she get out?

A real adventure, full of action and humor, that builds on top of a wish for belonging and search for an absent parent.

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**More from Staffan Cederborg:**



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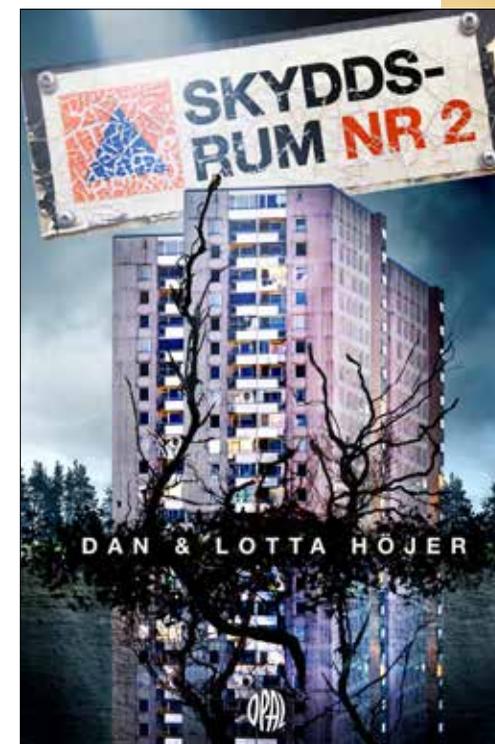
*Dan & Lotta Höjer*  
**Shelter No 2**

(Skyddsrum nr 2)

The basement is the most scary place in Agnes's house. And somehow, her friend Lollo always trick her to go down there. But this time, they find something new, a secret shelter. But there's something strange about the shelter, something grows in there. Soon, the people living in the house starts to act differently. Smelly liquid trickle out from the taps, and big, black roots start crawl from the walls. Suddenly all doors lock, and no one can get ut. Agnes and Lollo has to find out what's wrong.

*A mystic read that is sure to send shivers down your spine.*

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**From the same authors:**



Ann-Christine Magnusson & Anna Knutsson

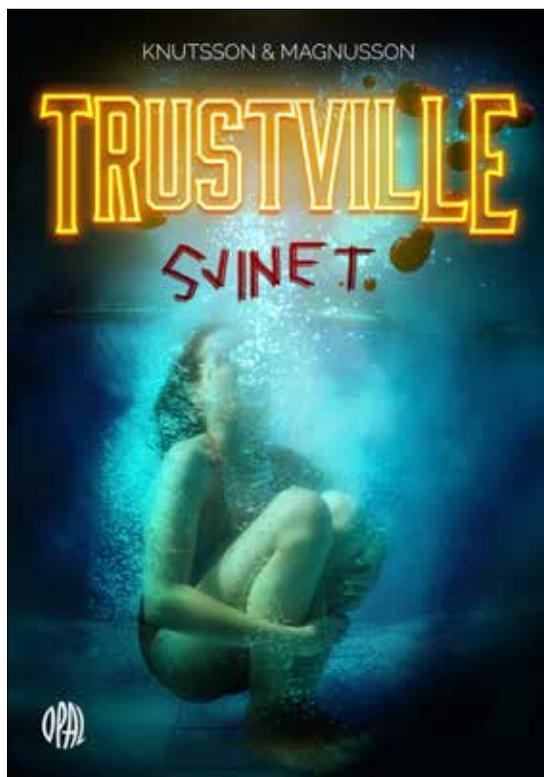
## Trustville – The Hog

(Trustville – Svinet)

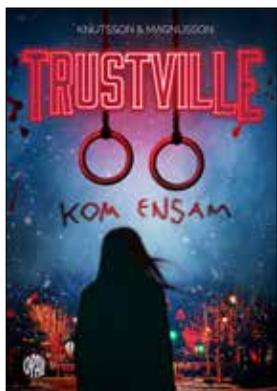
Jill is trying to move on from the horrific events last year. But when one of the responsible for the accident many years ago moves back to Trustville, the ghost girl Carla shows up again and forces Jill to plan a revenge. If she doesn't Carla will kill Jill's younger brother ...

*A sequel to Come Alone (2021), about the bullied girl Carla who comes back from the dead for revenge. Set in the 90s, this creepy thriller series a reminder of Carrie and Stranger Things.*

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*The first title in the series:*



Marie-Chantal Long

## Don't You Understand I Won't Come Back?

(Fattar du inte att jag aldrig kan komma hem igen?)

Fred is on the run after committing a robbery that went terribly wrong. Now he has left his family and friends and everything he knows. Will he ever be able to get back home? On his journey he meets Oksana, and like him, she carries secrets.

*A touching story about guilt, clearing ones name, and the first love.*

PUBLISHER: BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL  
NUMBER OF PAGES: 220  
WORD COUNT: 43,000  
RELEASE: MAY 2022

*The first book about Fred:*



WINNER OF "BARNENS ROMANPRIS" 2015.  
SWEDISH RADIO'S CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE



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.*

PUBLISHER: BOKFÖRLAGET OPAL  
 NUMBER OF PAGES: 210  
 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."

Matilda Rathsmann Gunnarsson  
**Time to Spend**

(Tidsfördriv)

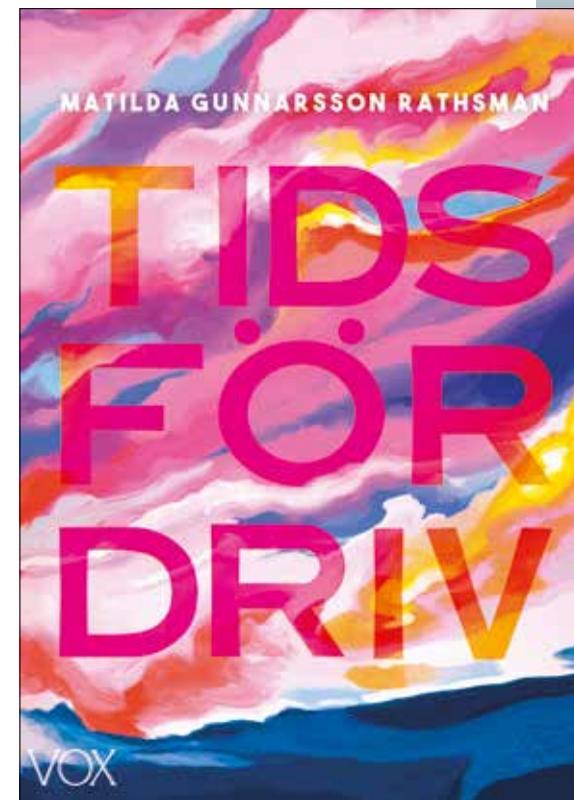
My is eighteen years old, and lives in a world where everyone knows when they will die. In My's case, that means in just one year. She struggles with the expectation to make the the most of her last year when all she wants is to just hang out with her friends watching TV.

Before going to sleep, everyone has a vision that is the last thing they will see before dying. My's vision is a pair of green eyes.

One day, My meets Theodor, and he tells her there might be a way of fooling death. But who is he? Why doesn't anybody know him? And most importan of all: Is his green eyes the same My will see before dying?

*A remarkable debut that makes the reader question everything we know about life and death.*

PUBLISHER: VOX BY OPAL  
 NUMBER OF PAGES: 400  
 WORD COUNT: 73,000  
 RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 2021



**Winner of Hjärtans  
 Fröjd Prize 2022  
 (Best Swedish YA book  
 of the year)**

Malin Fjellborg

## Maybe It's Longing

(Kanske är det längtan)

Viola has moved to Stockholm to get away from the small northern village where she grew up. What she doesn't expect is the loneliness that a big city can hit you with. But then she meets Olof and he is everything she wants. He's intellectual and stands up for women's rights, he reads all the best books and says all the right things. Viola falls head over heels. But she has a feeling Olof is reluctant to give all of himself, and when she finds out he has a girlfriend it all gets clear. He tells her that he still wants her in his life, but can she? Can she shape herself in the form he wants her to be, without completely losing herself?

*A debut novel about that kind of love that does nothing but hurt.*

PUBLISHER: VOX BY OPAL  
NUMBER OF PAGES: 280  
WORD COUNT: 38,500  
RELEASE: APRIL 2022



