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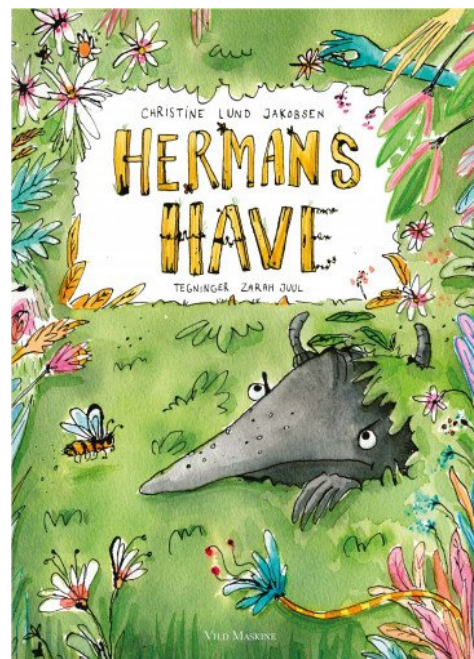
## Gregory's Garden

### Hermans have

*Gregory's Garden* problematises the tendency to focus on our differences rather than what unites us. It draws attention to the fear of the unknown and poses the question if our differences can indeed be a resource that benefits everyone.

**Christine Lund Jakobsen** writes thought-provoking pictures books, always with a clear hook and with an ability to draw her target audience in.

**Zarah Juul** is a popular Danish illustrator, known and loved for her original artwork and colourful style.



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## SYNOPSIS

Gregory loves his beautiful garden, which he keeps firmly closed with a big gate. What he really wants is peace. One day a creature with green fingers knocks on his door to ask for a favour and soon after several more come knocking. Gregory is distraught and sends them all away. Until something happens that makes him realise that, despite their differences, together they will be stronger.

*"No one knew precisely how Gregory's garden looked, because all around the garden, a tall thick hedge grew which was kept together by two tall garden doors. Gregory's garden door needed polishing. He whistled a small melody and rubbed with his cloth until the doors were shining like gold."*

## REVIEWS

"A relevant tale" – (5 stars in *Nordjyske* (Danish newspaper))

"A beautiful pearl" – (*Forestilling om paradis* (Imagine Paradise))

"A beautifully illustrated story, that hopefully will teach children never to be as reserved towards others as Herman. And inspire them to create a better world than their predecessors." – (*Bibliotekattens Bøger* (well-known Danish librarian blogger))

"At first glance *Hermans Garden* is a sweet children's book with flowers and animals in happy colours, but when you read it, you will learn that there is a lot

at stake." – (*Bogvægten.dk* (The Book Weight))

## PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

I've always loved playing with words. Since I knew how to write, I have written and drawn stories. In January 2015, my first picture book was published and since then, more arrived. I also publish children's songs with my husband, Leif. He writes the music and I write the lyrics. In 2011, we won the title "*Children's Song of the Year*" with the song, *The Grossest Thing I Know*. When I write my books, I write in no particular genre and the stories are always quite different and aimed at different age groups. I have a gut feeling when a story is worth telling.