



# Signe Kjær





# Anne Sofie Hammer | Wish It Could All **Be Undone**

## Bare jeg kunne gøre det hele om

A magical picture story about undoing all the things you regret having done. We hear two different stories with the same words and images - you just have to turn the book upsidedown.

Anne Sofie Hammer is one of the most popular Danish children's books writers, and author of the bestselling series about Villads from Valby.

Signe Kjær knew she wanted to draw books from the age of seven. Today, she has illustrated over 30 books and in 2021 she was awarded the Ministry of Culture's Illustrator Award.



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Genre: Realism

Themes: Anger, Imagination

Available material: English sample

translation

#### **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish

### **SYNOPSIS**

Everyone knows the conflict at bedtime. The tucking-in situation that should be cosy and safe, but ends in defiance and frustration.

It's evening, but the child is certainly *not* tired, and when the parents insist and kiss goodnight, things really go wrong. The child grabs its teddy and angrily runs out the door, through the garden, down to the river AND throws the teddy into the water!

If only it could all be undone! The miracle happens - the child's wish is granted. The book is turned upside down and, page by page, sentence by sentence, the story unravels to a new and surprising ending.

Check out Danish publisher, Gutkind's lovely extra material here.

#### **REVIEWS**

"An incredibly beautiful and touching story about the child who won't sleep and runs away from home, but if you turn the book upside down and read it backwards, the story unravels and takes on a completely different meaning... It plays with both form and structure, which works really well. Signe Kjær's illustrations are truly beautiful, both in colour and line, and support the story in the best possible way. An extraordinary reading experience!" - (Danish Library

