



Cecilie Eken



Night Bloom

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This *White Raven* 2022 novel is about longing and loss - and about the mysterious realm of nature, which can reveal itself even in the middle of a completely normal town.

Cecilie Eken is an award-winning author who writes with beauty and imagination in a language that encompasses both the every day and the poetical. Her works tackle the big themes of life: parents and children, friendship, love, and finding our place in the world and a sense of connectedness. She has been nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

SYNOPSIS

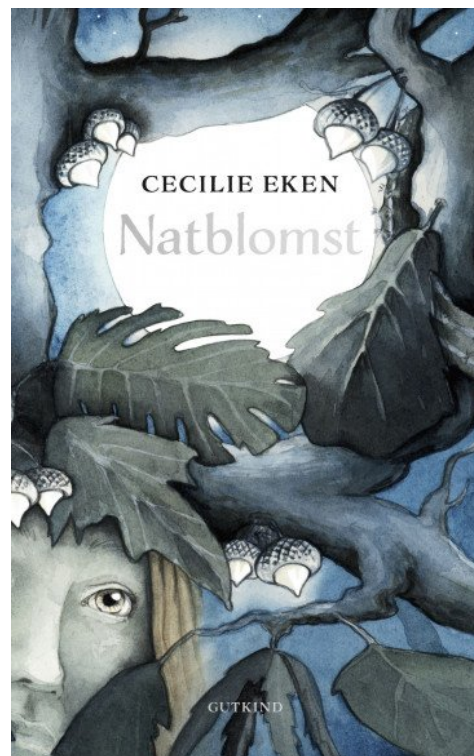
Mia has moved to a new town with her mother, her little brother and her stepdad. She has a new house and a new school and she hates it all and just wants to go back to her old life, where her dad and the dog, Matti, were a part of her daily life.

One day she runs off after an argument and hides in the deserted garden of one of the houses on her street. It turns out that it isn't all that deserted. But not only the magical tree in the garden holds a secret. Mia also has something she would like to hide...

Night Bloom is a story about loneliness, loss and friendship and not least about our relationship to the nature we are a part of. It is a stand-alone sequel to the bestselling novel, *Silver Bloom*, and can be read from 10 years up.

Nominated for Weekendavisen's Literature Award 2022:

"*Night Bloom* is a fantastical tale which combines tradition and renewal; reality and magic. Cecilie Eken draws on the literary inheritance from Hans Christian Andersen and at the same time addresses the current agenda of biodiversity and nurture of nature. The novel keeps its reader gripped in an effective plot which continues to surprise, while the linguistic register reaches from beautiful poetry to authentic dialogue in the mouth of a teenage girl under pressure. Eken steers clear of clichés by using subtle humour which never talks down to the reader. *Night Bloom* is a work of literature that offers up both challenges as well as solidarity."



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Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Territories Sold

Lithuanian: Terra Publica

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Included in The White Raven 2022 Library.

REVIEWS

"It is a beautiful and visionary children's book" – (Five hearts in Politiken)

"Awe-inspiring...a well-written, exciting novel for children and young people, which can easily be read as a stand-alone novel without having read Silver Bloom first, even if it would be a pity to skip the first installment" – (Six stars in Kristeligt Dagblad)