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## **The Magical Spinel** **Den magiske spinel**

A spell-binding graphic novel, mixing reality and imagination, and showing us what art does best: transports the mind and opens our hearts when we need it most.

**Rasmus Meisler** is an award-winning and widely celebrated illustrator, based in Copenhagen.

With a Masters degree in Near-Oriental Archaeology and a BA in Art History and Arabic, **Peter Wandel** is perfectly positioned to write a book about imagination-sparking Islamic art.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Sigurd is a custodian at the David Collection in Copenhagen. He studies Art History and works additionally as a night guard at the museum. He is young, reflective and very passionate about his subject. But he is also a bit of a procrastinator – especially when it comes to the lovely Layla, his beautiful colleague at the museum, who he doesn't quite dare to dream of.

One night, Sigurd falls on the spiral staircase in the museum and a magical portal opens up to him. As he lies lifeless on the floor, his mind is transported to Persia at the time when the objects of art in the museum were new. And this is not a one-off occurrence, it happens again and Sigurd starts to disappear more often than not into the "new old world", travelling to India, Turkey, Persia of the past, looking for meaning, knowledge, depth.

To everyone on the outside, he appears to have gone a bit bonkers. But not to Layla, she has seen the light in him. But does Sigurd have the courage to move forward in real life.

*The Magical Spinel* catalogues the real objects of art contained in the David Collection, and so much more: it is a wonderful kaleidoscope of colours, art, history, life and love.



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