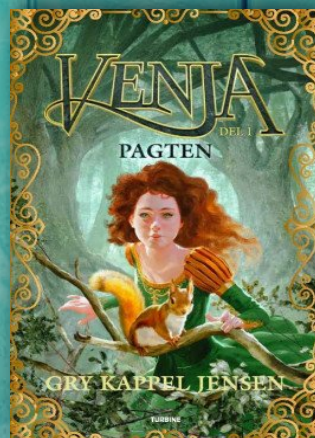
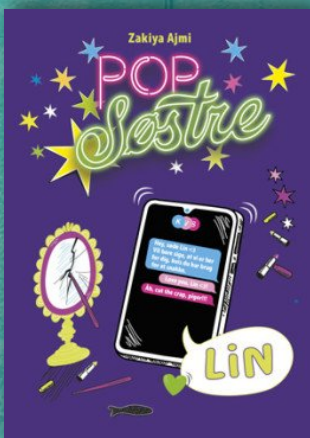
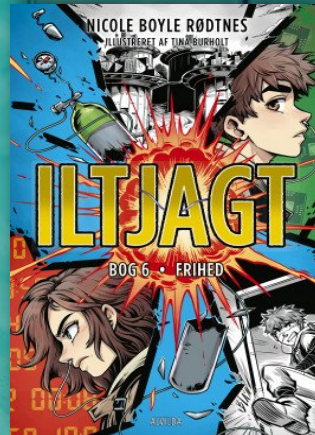
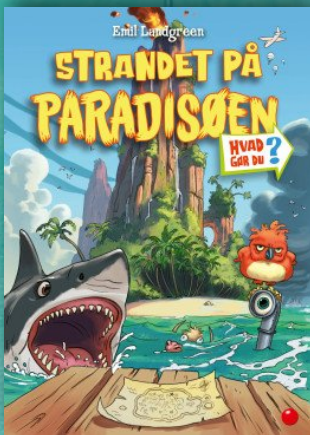
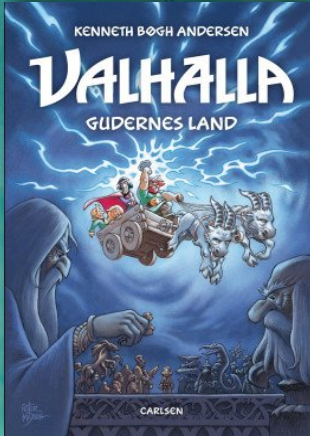




## MG Highlights

Spring Highlights 2025





Kenneth Bøgh Andersen

Peter Madsen



# Valhalla - The Land of the Gods

## Valhalla - Gudernes land

Kenneth Bøgh Andersen is behind a new trilogy of novels, aimed at 9+, based on the beloved Valhalla universe - the bestselling classic comic series from Denmark. The books offer plenty of humour and excitement, as the human children, Tjalfe and Røskva, go on adventures with the roaring Thunder God, Thor, and the rather sneaky, Loki.

**Kenneth Bøgh Andersen** is a bestselling Danish author of horror, fantasy and sci-fi novels, translated into 15 languages.

**Peter Madsen** is an award-winning Danish comic book illustrator and one of the idea-makers behind the most successful comic book series Denmark has ever produced.

## SYNOPSIS

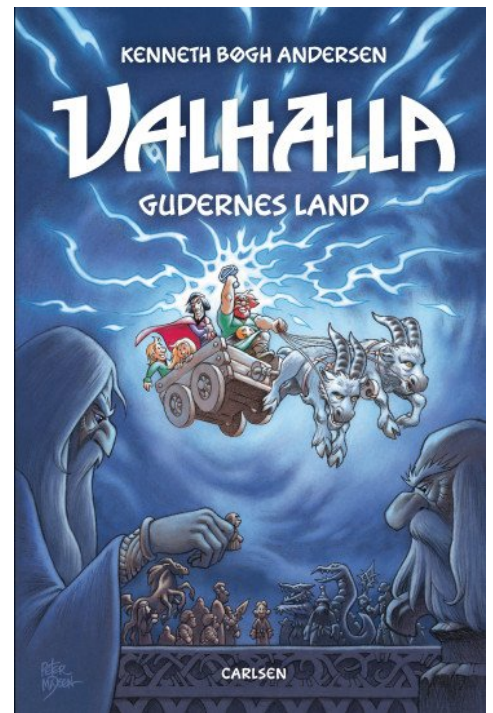
In the first volume of the series, the human children, Tjalfe and Røskva, travel to the Land of the Gods, Asgard, where the dreaded Fenris Wolf has been released. And when Thor's hammer goes missing, they must travel to the Realm of the Giants to steal it back. All it takes is for Thor to dress up as the giant king's bride. But things get even worse when Loki returns home with the giant cub, Quark...

The first volume is based on the following albums from the comic book series:

- *Gry Wolf* (1)
- *Thor's Wedding* (2)
- *The Story of Quark* (4)
- *The Journey to Utgard-Loki* (5)

The book is divided into three parts, separated by three beautiful illustrations by Valhalla illustrator, Peter Madsen.

The trilogy is based on the classic comics, but Kenneth Bøgh Andersen has of course added his own fun and action-packed touch to the stories from the Nordic mythology. He is currently at work on the sequel.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *May, 2025*

204 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Adventure*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Anne Sofie Hammer  
Sofie Lind Mesterton



## Me and Milla (6) Magic in the Air

### Mig og Mille (6) Magi i luften

*Mille and Milla* are back in top-form with bungee jumping, super soap bubbles and a sausage-eating Basse acting as a happy magician's dog. This is the sixth book in the popular series about two friends with the same name and the same wacky humour.

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

**Sofie Lind Mesterton** is an illustrator and visual storyteller, with a degree from the Royal Danish Art Academy's School for Design.

## SYNOPSIS

The school is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a birthday show and a visit from the mayor. The proceeds will go towards new toilets, and Mille and Mille are VERY keen to support this.

They decide to put on a magician's show at the party and their teacher immediately offers to be their glittery assistant. And with so many troublemakers gathered on one stage, the stage is set for lots of fun and frolic.

Meanwhile, Mille's older brother, Jonas, is acting totally strange AGAIN as he enters a new phase of rambunctious puberty, much to the girls' amazement.

**Option publishers include:** Dutch (*De Fontein*), Finnish (*Otava*), Icelandic (*Forlagid*), Italian (*Il Battello a Vapore*), Norwegian (*Cappelen Damm & Mangschou*), Swedish (*B. Wahlstroms*).



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *May, 2025*

172 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the first book.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Sophie Souid



## Lead 3 - the Bigger they are, the Harder they fall

### Spor 3 - højt at flyve, dybt at falde

The tension rises in the third and final volume of the mysterious and action-packed crime series about the boy, Billy, whose life is suddenly changed when his mother disappears. Will Billy be reunited with his mum? And will it all end well?

**Sophie Souid** is an award-winning Danish children's book author known for her great humorous writing.



## SYNOPSIS

Billy is running! Away from his fears and towards hope. And towards his mum. He has MI5 hot on his heels. And the police. Because Grandma has reported Billy missing. But he isn't (yet.) Billy is with his father.

A cryptic message from Billy's mum leads them down through Jutland, but the journey becomes a race against time.

*Sophia Souid has won the Skriverprisen 2024 for LEAD 1*

## REVIEWS

"A terrific and really exciting crime series that is also serious and tough. Well-written with fluid, easy language, the book is hard to put down. You'll be rooting for Billy all the way through, and you'll be very excited to see what happens in the next volume. The grey-toned illustrations support the harsh noir atmosphere very well." – (DBC (Danish Library Centre))

"Sophie Souid is not just a writer with a sense of humour. She can also write." – (Bogbotten (Danish book blog, the Book Bot))

Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *August, 2025*

160 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Crime*

Available material: *English sample of the first book, plus English synopsis for the third book available.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish



**Babak Vakili**  
**Mikkel Straarup Møller**



## Cold at the Top

### Koldt på toppen

Even though it's freezing at the top, Anas is still the hottest gangster rapper around. *Cold at the Top* is the fourth book in a hugely popular graphic novels series, full of wit and warmth, which has taken Denmark by storm.

**Babak Vakili** (b. 1986) holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen and has rapped for many years under the aliases Vakili and Bobby Shams. Today, he works as an author, screenwriter and podcast documentarian.

**Mikkel Straarup Møller** holds a Master's degree in Visual Communication from the Danish School of Design. He made his debut as an illustrator in 2014 and has designed over 40 children's books.

## SYNOPSIS

On a ski holiday with YOUNG MORDERE and his family, Anas meets his idol M:ALI and his ice-cold nephew, Jamil. On the slopes, Anas and Jamil quickly become brothers and Anas now feels like part of the M:ALI's family.

Unfortunately, it's not all fun and games. Even if the ski equipment is in order, it's still a long way down when you suffer from a fear of heights. And back home in Denmark, Betty isn't as good at looking after Mouritz and her new gangster kittens as Anas had hoped, and things get really tense when mum's worn-out boyfriend invites himself along on the ski trip.

Luckily, Anas has his new brother, Jamil, but the more he tries to impress him, the more YOUNG MORDERE distance themselves. How will Anas avoid losing face and stay on top as ice-coldest gangster rapper of the mountain?

*Cold at the Top* is the fourth book in a series. There are currently two further books in the pipeline.

Take a look at the great extra-material that Danish publisher, Gutkind, has created [here](#).

## REVIEWS



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gutkind*

Published: *February, 2025*

228 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Graphic Novels*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Love, Friendship, Belonging/Identity, Family, Growing up, Music*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

"Another great story with lots of slang, hard-hitting bars and hilarious drawings. It's super fun and cringy to read about Anas' dilemmas, being on one hand completely ordinary and at the same time wanting to be super cool, and about him realising that he has to grit his teeth and practice. Particularly good is the dilemma Anas has to solve if he wants to keep his old friends, as well as his new friend, Jamal. The story makes great points about unity and friendship." – (Danish Library Centre (Dansk Bibliotekscenter)

Emil Landgreen



## What do you do? Stranded on Paradise Island

### Hvad gør du? Strandet på paradisøen

*Stranded on Paradise Island* is the fourth book in the *What Do You Do?* series - richly illustrated, wacky stories where the reader decides the action. Each story contains many different paths - and with 24 different endings, it will be extra fun to read the book again and again and again...

**Emil Landgreen** is a Danish illustrator, drummer and author, based in Copenhagen.

## SYNOPSIS

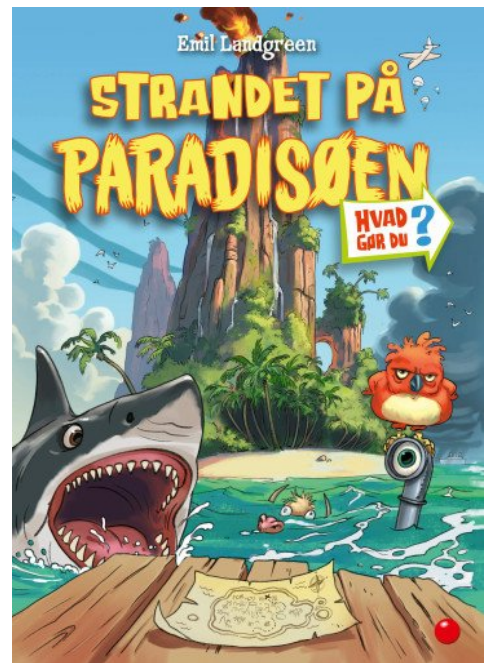
You're out sailing with your family, but unfortunately your mum throws you overboard, because she thinks you're a jellyfish... (it can happen!).

Do you choose to swim to 'Paradise Island'? Or do you jump into a volcano?

It could easily go wrong, but you might just make it.

And who knows what crazy things you'll encounter along the way?

*Option publishers include: Dutch (Unieboek), Finnish (Otava), Swedish (Berghs)*



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Bolden*

Published: *Spring, 2025*

170 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the first book.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

# Nicole Boyle Rødtnes **Oxygen Hunt (6) Freedom**



## **Iltjagt (6) Frihed**

*Freedom* is the sixth and final book in the exciting *Oxygen Hunt* series, aimed at children aged 9-12, in which the siblings, Alex and Liam, fight for survival in a world where every breath costs money.

**Nicole Boyle Rødtnes** (born 1985) is a popular Danish children's book and YA writer

## **SYNOPSIS**

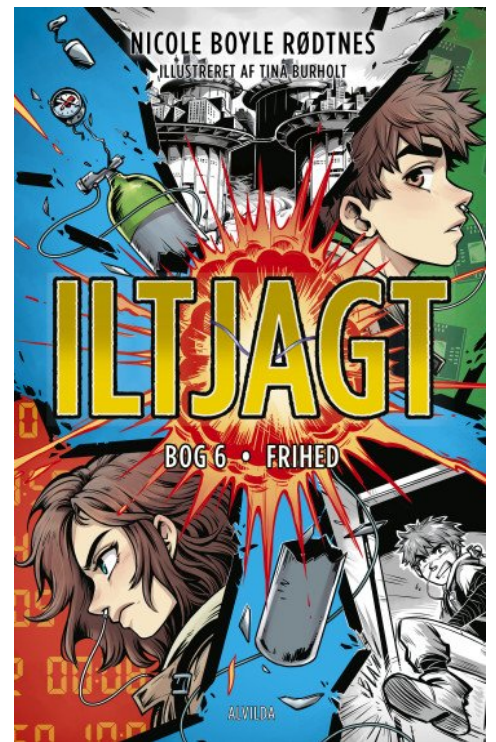
How far will you go for your freedom?

In a bleak future, every breath costs money. Only the rich can afford quality oxygen. The poor have to make do with inferior oxygen that slowly makes them sick.

Time is running out for Alex and Liam. The police believe they are behind Roger Luck's murder. They still don't know where their mum is being held. And Marton is tightening his grip on them. If they are to escape alive, they must make a fateful choice...

*Freedom* is the final book in the bestselling 6-book, *Oxygen Hunt*, series.

*The second book in the series won the Orla Book Prize 2024 in the category "The Book I Could Not Put Down".*



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: Alvilda

Published: *February, 2025*

152 pages

Category: Children's Books

Sub-category: Middle-Grade

Genre: Dystopia

Available material: *English sample of the first book*

## **Territories Handled**

World except: Danish



Inez Gavilanes



## Friends at the Deep End

### Veninder på dybt vand

*Fire and Water* is a new series of books aimed at 8-12. A central theme is questioning your own prejudices in order to stay open to the new and different. But it's also a series about friends, love, contradictions and everyday life. *Friends at the Deep End* is the first book.

**Inez Gavilanes** (b. 1977) is a Danish singer, TV personality and author. She has written for both YA and 8-12 and her books span a variety of themes and experiences, showing her ability to embrace multiple aspects of being young.

### SYNOPSIS

Going back to school after the summer holidays may be boring, but when Kalinda starts 6th grade, there's something to talk about!

Abelone finds Kalinda exciting. She dresses differently, has red hair that looks like fire and likes to play football. But Abelone's other friends think that 'different' is 'too much', and without really giving Kalinda a chance, they kind of distance themselves from the new girl.

When Emilie from the friend group suddenly loses some money, the girls are quick to accuse Kalinda - even though they have no proof.

Abelone really doesn't know who to side with. She likes Kalinda, but she doesn't know her very well either.

*Friends at the Deep End* is the first book in a new series, aimed at 8-12. A second book - *Hopelessly in Love* - is also on the market and there are more in the pipeline.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *March, 2025*

80 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship, Love, Courage, Belonging/Identity*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Kim Ace

Sofie Lind Mesterton



## Bastian and the Cotton Monster (2) - need to hide

### Bastian og bomuldsmonstret (2) - må gemme sig

A fun and colourful new series for ages 5+ about Bastian, who hates to clean his room, but who is faced with even more mess when the Cotton Monster arrives in his life. With vibrant artwork by Sofie Lind Mesterton.

**Kim Ace** is an experienced musical actor, with an old dream of becoming a writer. Covid lockdown gave him the necessary breathing space to put pen to paper and nail an idea of his that was 13 years in the making.

**Sofie Lind Mesterton** is an illustrator and visual storyteller, with a degree from the Royal Danish Art Academy's School for Design.

## SYNOPSIS

In the second book in this series, Bastian gets a visit from his annoying family. His little cousins are like two tornadoes that want to play all the time, and when they play, they tend to destroy everything around them. Bastian does what he can to get rid of the little beasts, but then the Cotton Monster intervenes. He wants to play too, and if anyone can beat the twins' chaos, it's Bommi.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *October, 2024*

72 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Humour*

Available material: *English sample of the first book upon request.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

Zakiya Ajmi



## Pop Sisters: Lin (4)

### Popsøstre: Lin (4)

*Shame* (Original title: *Skam*) meets *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Four girls - about to enter teenage life - set out to create their own band, Pop Sisters.

**Zakiya Ajmi** is a widely celebrated debut author. She was nominated for the Nordic Literature Council's Children's Book Prize in 2022 and shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Children's Book Author Prize.

## SYNOPSIS

In the four books, we get a glimpse into the lives of the four girls - Kioli, Viola, Samantha and Lin - we see their personal development - and we see how their friendship is put to the test. Because the question is if friendship is more important than fame...

Every book is told from the point of view of one of the girls - this is Lin's story:

Pop Sisters have made it through to the talent show Stardust, but Lin has other things on her mind. She's angry at her self-absorbed parents who have just divorced. It's as if the friends in Pop Sisters don't quite understand what Lin is going through. However, the mysterious and rebellious Tina does, and she pulls Lin in a different direction. Lin drifts further away from the girls in Pop Sisters and suddenly finds herself a little too alone ...

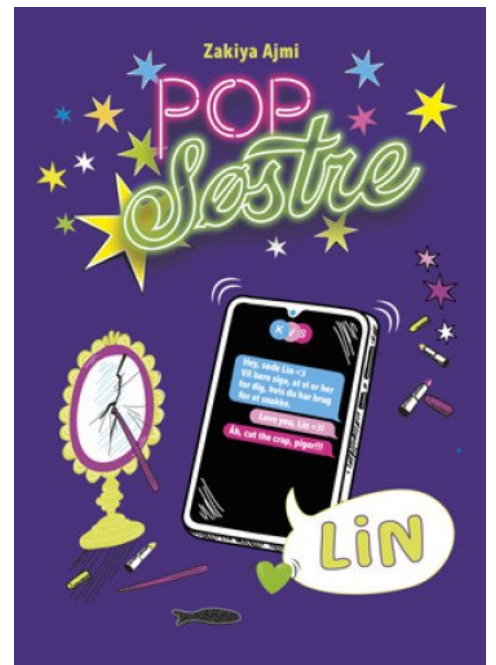
A sweet, funny and thought-provoking series for tweens about friendship, identity and courage.

The first book is currently nominated for the Writer's Prize (Skriverprisen) - a prize given by the Danish Children's & Educational Ministry every year.

## REVIEWS

"This is a wonderful new series about four friends who make the band Pop Sisters. The series is (...) about girlhood, identity, expectations, friends and unity. There are many issues in the four books that readers will recognise from their own lives." – (Lektørdtalelse (Library review))

"I predict that the series will be a hit with girls, as in addition to (IMPORTANTLY) being well-written for the target audience, it also has a great layout with small and large illustrations." – (@litteratur\_til\_danskfaget)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Bolden*

Published: *October, 2023*

132 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Tween*

Available material: *English sample of the first book upon request*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish

## Territories Sold

Norwegian: Vigmostad & Bjørke

Swedish: Berghs Forlag



Gry Kappel Jensen



## Venja (1) - The Pact

### Venja (1) - Pagten

Suspense, adventure and magic for readers from 8 years up. *The Pact* is the first book in an easy-read series comprising 6 books by the author of award-winning YA series, *The Rosenholm Trilogy*.

**Gry Kappel Jensen** is the author of the bestselling YA fantasy series, *Rosenholm*, published in Germany, Italy, Poland and US.

## SYNOPSIS

Venja lives in a big, old castle in the forest with her strict father and a small handful of servants. Her only friend is the nanny, Inge – but Inge has disappeared. One day she sneaked out of the park and into the Forbidden Forest and since then no one has seen her. Venja is firmly determined to find Inge again, even if all other people at the castle pretend that she has never existed. In her search for Inge, Venja chances upon many more mysteries than she could have imagined, but fortunately she receives help from an unexpected direction.

New easy-read fantasy series by Gry Kappel Jensen with illustrations by Andreas Erstling. At the back of each book are fact sheets, as well as a drawing templates, if the reader feels like drawing one of the characters from the book.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Turbine*

Published: *September, 2022*

110 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Easy Read*

Themes: *Courage, Friendship*

Available material: *English sample upon request.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

Faroese: *Bókadeild Føroya Lærarafelags*

Swedish: *Nypon*

Sabine Lemire  
Rasmus Meisler



# The Story of a Boy who is (maybe) called Torben

## Historien om en dreng der (måske) hedder Torben

A moving, atmospheric illustrated novel aimed at 6-10 year-olds.

**Sabine Lemire** (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish Design School and The Duperré School of Applied Arts in Paris. Short-listed for Deutscher Jugendbuch Preis 2019 with MIRA.

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

### SYNOPSIS

A boy lives alone in a little house. He is mostly on his own. He can no longer remember what his name is - it been too long since anyone said his name. It's possible that there was once a lady living there, who called him Sausage, but he is not quite sure.

One day he gets a letter from the school: the boy has to attend and learn maths and sit still in class. Luckily, he meets the girl, Kirsten, who cannot comprehend why he doesn't have a name.

Maybe they can find a suitable name for him together?

### REVIEWS

"It is a really lovely and moving book with lots of food for thought and conversion sparks - on e.g. loneliness, gender identity and lack of responsible adults. The few adults in the book are rather caricatured and awful. The teacher is tired of children and bullies Kirsten because she cannot spell; the boy lives alone without any adults around; and it is indicated that Kirsten is being hit at home. Even if the book includes several serious topics, it is neither sentimental, nor heavy." – (Lektørdtalelse - Library review)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Gads Forlag*

Published: *December, 2023*

56 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Realism*

Themes: *Friendship, Loss/Grief, Courage, Imagination*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Spanish (Latin America): *Editorial Muñeca de Trapo*

John Kenn  
Mortensen



# Land of the Midnight Sun: The Iron Mountain and the Moon Island

## Midnatssolens rige: Jernbjerget og Måneøen

This is the second book in the trilogy about "The Land of the Midnight Sun". The book is richly illustrated in John Kenn Mortensen's characteristic style, which gives the story an edge and invites the reader into a marvellous world full of quirky characters. A book full of humour, friendships, excitement and of course bit of creepiness!

**John Kenn Mortensen**, the Danish cult illustrator, celebrated by fans around the world for his incredibly detailed illustrations of monsters.

## SYNOPSIS

Alice is trapped in the Ruler's castle. Timme and Said are lost in an unknown darkness. Lasse is on his way to the Iron Mountain, where he will be turned into a monster. Together with the sorcerer Ivan, Alice is now doing everything she can to save her friends. But something big and dangerous lurks in the background. A dark prophecy of the Great Armageddon...

The third and final book in the series is scheduled for publication in 2025.

## REVIEWS

"Even though we are in the world of monsters and misfortune, there is a strong focus on friendship and charity. John Kenn Mortensen's sublime artwork give us an idea of what we're up against and show us that monsters come in many guises. He trusts children and their ability to embrace such a scary story, and perhaps his twisted worlds are not so far removed from the world we live in?" – (Litteratursiden)



Original Language: *Dutch*

Original Publisher: *Alvilda*

Published: *November, 2023*

272 pages

Category: *Children's Books*

Sub-category: *Middle-Grade*

Genre: *Fantasy*

Available material: *English sample of the first book.*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish