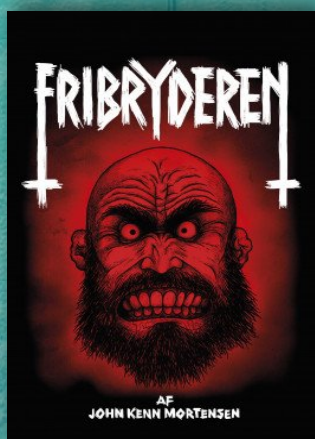
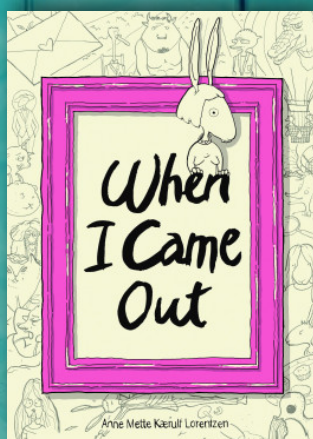
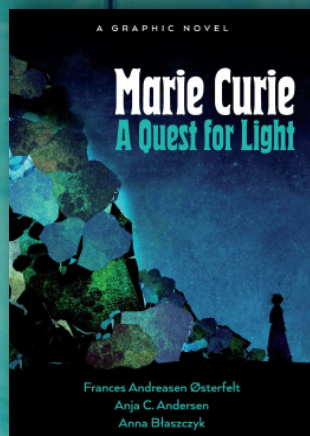
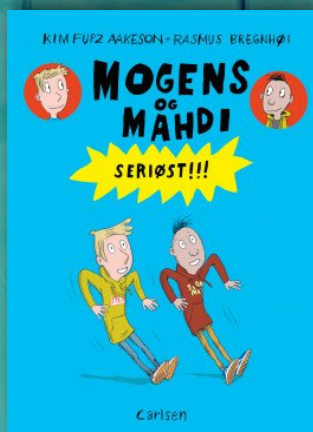




# Stunning Graphic Novels - for young and old

Spring 2022





**Tomas Lagermand  
Lundme**

**Rune Ryberg**



## Westend Boy

A quiet, yet noisy, story for grown-ups and youths, empathically and dramatically zooming in on some of the dynamics that also characterize the transaction of buying and selling sex.

**Tomas Lagermand Lundme** writes engagingly about first love and LGBT issues.

**Rune Ryberg** is an award-winning Danish comic book creator and illustrator.

### SYNOPSIS

Young Emil has not had an easy life. Neither has his friend, Gustav. They sell their bodies for a living, mainly to middle-aged men who haven't managed to come out. But now, love comes sneaking up on Emil - he has fallen head over heels for Stefan, a politician and family man from the suburbs. Emil dreams of a new settled life together with Stefan; Stefan dreams of casual getaways far away from the stress and triviality of everyday-life.

*Westend Boy* plays out over a couple of hours in Hotel Royal in Central Copenhagen. Emil has brought everything he owns in plastic bags – including all his romantic hopes for the future. Because tonight is the night when their relationship will finally change...



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Cobolt*

Published: *June, 2021*

120 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Crossover*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

French: *Les Aventuriers de l'étrange*

Kim Fupz Aakeson  
Rasmus Bregnhøj



## Mogens & Mahdi - Seriously!

### Mogens & Mahdi - Serløst!

Mogens and Mahdi is a prize-winning and acclaimed comic book series from Denmark - capturing the friendship of two 9-year-old boys spot-on. Translated into German, Norwegian and Swedish.

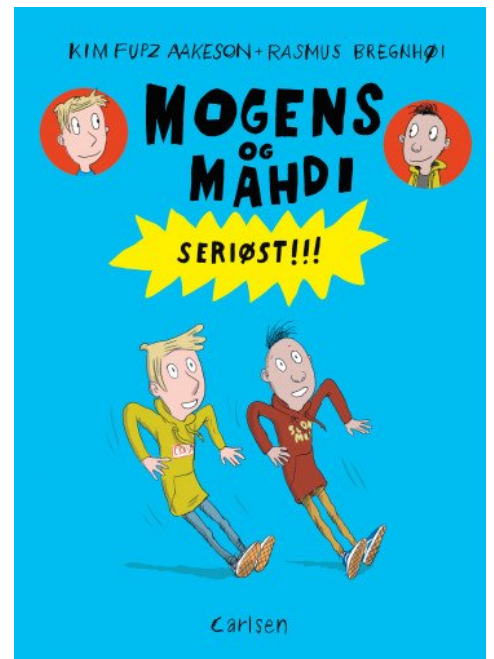
**Kim Fupz Aakeson** is an award-winning, best-selling writer of children's books.

**Rasmus Bregnhøj** is a hugely popular and award-winning Danish illustrator, who was short-listed for the *Deutscher Jugendbuchpreis* in 2019.

## SYNOPSIS

In *Mogens and Mahdi - Seriously!* hormones have made their appearance on the scene. What's happening when Asta comes near?! Is the friendship between Mogens and Mahdi going to survive the class party, the Christmas procession and the horror movie sleep-over?

Fupz and Bregnhøj have created a feisty cocktail of laugh-out-loud moments and "boys will be boys" tales and as usual humour, sweetness and the seriousness of life are tied together in the most original and hilarious way.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *August, 2021*

120 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Available material: *English sample of the first book + full German translation*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

## Territories Sold

German: *Klett Kinderbuch*

Frances Andreassen  
Østerfelt

Anja C. Andersen

Anna Blaszczyk



## Marie Curie: a Quest for Light

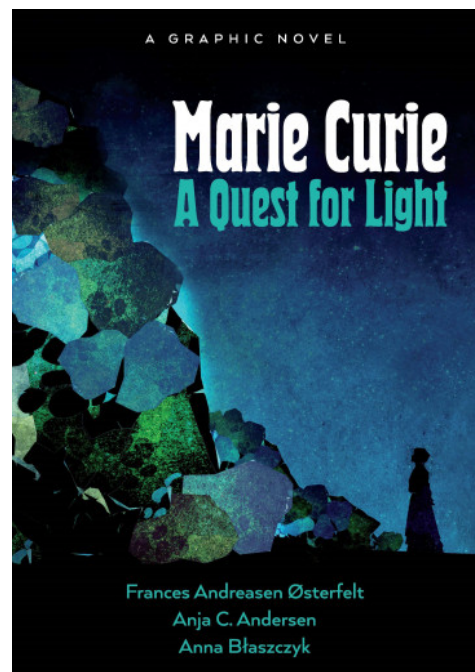
### Marie Curie: et lys i mørket

A stunning-looking authorised biography, making Curie's fascinating story available to children and adults alike, published October 2021 by IDW Publishing in the US.

**Frances Andreassen Østerfelt** is the driving force behind the graphic novel, *Marie Curie: A Quest for Light*, which she wrote in close collaboration with the Curie Estate.

**Anja C. Andersen** is an award-winning Professor at the *Niels Bohr Institute* in Copenhagen.

**Anna Blaszczyk**'s stunning artwork has enriched the storytelling in *Marie Curie: A Quest for Light*



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Cobolt*

Published: *August, 2018*

136 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Children*

Film Rights: *Babel-Bridge Literary Agency*

Available material: *Danish original; English, German, Polish and Romanian professional translations; French, Spanish full sample translations.*

## SYNOPSIS

Marie Curie's life and research changed the world and paved the way for new opportunities for all women. Her unique drive - against all odds - to understand nature and its laws lead to ground-breaking research, which changed the science of medicine - both in terms of diagnoses and treatment. She was the first female recipient of a *Nobel Prize* and the first - and to date the only - person to receive a *Nobel Prize* in two categories, first physics and later in chemistry.

## REVIEWS

"Ambitious and expertly communicated" – (4 hearts in *Politiken*)

"Many funny and interesting details about Marie Curie's life which are sure to give you something to think about" – (*Weekendavisen*)

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

## TERRITORIES SOLD

Armenian: Paradigma Educational Foundation, English (US): [IDW](#), German: [Impian Verlag](#), Polish: Media Rodzyna, Romanian: Editura Art.

Ida Rørholm  
Davidsen



## Lonely Journey

A modern coming-of-age fairytale in the form of an award-winning graphic novel.

**Ida Rørholm Davidsen** won the prestigious *Ping Award* in the category "Best YA publication 2019"

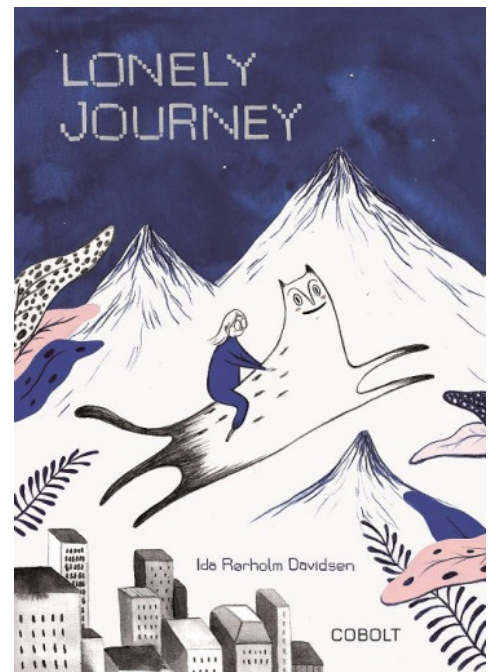
### SYNOPSIS

In this spell-binding coming-of-age story, a young girl struggles to fit in, subconsciously mimicking her mother's lonely existence. Her interest in the computer game, *Lonely Journey*, becomes an obsession, but it also becomes a means to reinvent herself. In the virtual reality, she can escape and live out her dreams. Slowly reality and virtuality start to merge.

### REVIEWS

"Computer games both increase and release loneliness. Ida Rørholm Davidsen makes her debut with a stunning and sensitive YA book about loneliness and friendship offline and online" – (*Information*)

"...believable, heart-breaking and real." – (*The Ping Prize Committee*)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Cobolt*

Published: *October, 2018*

120 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Crossover*

Available material: *Danish original, full English sample translation*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

Czech: *Centrala*

English (World): *Centrala*

Polish: *Centrala*

Sarah Engell  
Lilian Brøgger



## The Bird Man

### Fuglemanden

An **IBBY Honour** nominee and Winner of the 2019 *Deleuran Award* for "Best Danish Comic".

**Sarah Engell** is one of the most popular YA writers on the Danish scene, coining perfectly what it is like being young today, with no trace of moralisation or judgement. She is currently nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

**Lilian Brøgger** is an esteemed Danish illustrator of both picture books, as well as a graphic novel, and the winner of several awards.

## SYNOPSIS

*"I don't know why it started  
It came sneaking up on me, like a fog  
First the birds, which no one else could see  
Then the voice, which spoke louder and louder  
Until one day, he was sitting on my bed  
The Bird Man"*

*The Bird Man* is a captivating and important graphic novel about 17-year-old, Barbara, and her fight against mental illness.

## REVIEWS

"It is powerful. It is great. It tears at your heart" – (*Politiken*)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *March, 2018*

112 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Crossover*

Available material: *English sample upon request*

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

## Territories Sold

Swedish: Hjulet

Anne-Mette Kærulff Lorentzen



## When I Came Out Skamlebben

An autobiographical Danish graphic novel, which is published in the English-language markets by SelfMadeHero.

**Anne-Mette Kærulff Lorentzen** is an architect, LGBT activist and author of an outstanding graphic novel about coming out.

### SYNOPSIS

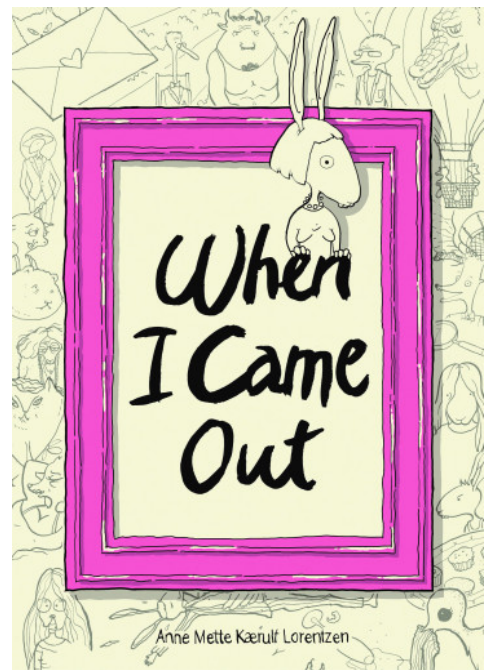
Forty-something Louise is married to Peter, with whom she has four children. They live in a big house, and on paper everything looks fantastic. But Louise has a secret that she barely dares to admit to herself: a burning desire for women. *When I Came Out* is the story of a woman who has met society's expectations throughout her life but finally realizes that she has not been true to herself.

From first-time creator Anne-Mette Kærulff Lorentzen, this bold and elaborate piece of autobiographical work addresses personal anxieties about coming out later in life and documents her jump from a safe, well-established, heteronormative, middle-class life to living openly as a lesbian. With beautiful drawings using anthropomorphic characters, Anne-Mette Kærulff Lorentzen tells her coming-out story with charming sensitivity and a loving humour.

### REVIEWS

"A brave debut, which in a straight-forward and unpretentious way grasps important discussions about diversity, gender and sexuality" – (4 hearts in *Politiken*)

"The strength lies in Kærulff Lorentzens naturalism - the sense you get of a lived experience that underpins each scene " – (*Information*)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Cobolt*

Published: *August, 2018*

144 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Adult*

Available material: *Danish original; English professional translation.*

### Territories Handled

World except: Danish

### Territories Sold

Bosnian: *Agarthi Comics*

English (World): *SelfMadeHero*

Peter Madsen  
Henning Kure



# Valhalla - Collected Sagas 1: At the End of the Rainbow

## Valhalla - Samlede Saga 1

The *Valhalla* series has received an abundance of awards, has been translated into 10 languages, and the 1st album alone has sold over 100.000 copies in Denmark.

**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.

**Henning Kure** is one of the co-authors of the iconic *Valhalla* series.



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Carlsen*

Published: *Relaunched, 2019*

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Crossover*

Available material: *English sample from the first album*

## SYNOPSIS

*Valhalla* retells the myths from the Nordic mythology, but the comic series is also a fairy-tale in its own right. In this first bind-up, you can read about how it all began, how the Gods came to look like they did, and where Quark comes from.

*Valhalla: Den samlede Saga, 1-5* include all the stories from the 15 albums in the series, plus a lot of extra material. In this first compilation, you will get a new myth about Odin's journey and a bonus comic about the mythical hero, Regnar Lodbrog. In every bind-up, you will get the texts from the original myths. We follow the exciting journey from myth to comic and everything is accompanied by lots of illustrations, alternative covers, studies, posters and drafts, lots of drafts.

The 1st compilation includes the first three albums:

1. *Cry Wolf*
2. *Thor's Wedding*
3. *Odin's Wager*

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

## TERRITORIES SOLD

German: Roter Drache, Icelandic: Forlagid, Norwegian: Outland, Swedish: Apart.

Søren Jessen



# The Metamorphosis

## Forvandlingen

One of literature's most iconic stories, an intense and captivating story, now turned into a visually stunning graphic novel.

**Søren Jessen** is an award-winning Danish author/illustrator of children's books and graphic novels.

## SYNOPSIS

The writer and illustrator, Søren Jessen, has turned Kafka's famous story from 1912 into a visually stunning graphic novel, which in an expressive black and white style, captures an atmosphere of claustrophobia and alienation, not only towards Gregor's life and the surrounding society, but also towards his family on the other side of the door, as their emotional detachment grows and grows.

## REVIEWS

"The Metamorphosis Graphic Novel is a unique and mesmerizing work, comprising several layers while maintaining the same wonder of the original work." – (Morro Branco - Brazilian publisher of the book)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Fahrenheit*

Published: May, 2017

128 pages

Category: [Graphic Novels](#)

Sub-category: [Adult](#)

## Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

## Territories Sold

Portuguese (Brazil): [Editora Morro Branco](#)

Portuguese (Brazil): [Editora Morro Branco](#)

John Kenn  
Mortensen



# The Wrestler

## Fribryderen

The first full-length comic by John Kenn Mortensen: a fascinating new version of the Faust legend. Be prepared for horror, laughter and tears...

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

## SYNOPSIS

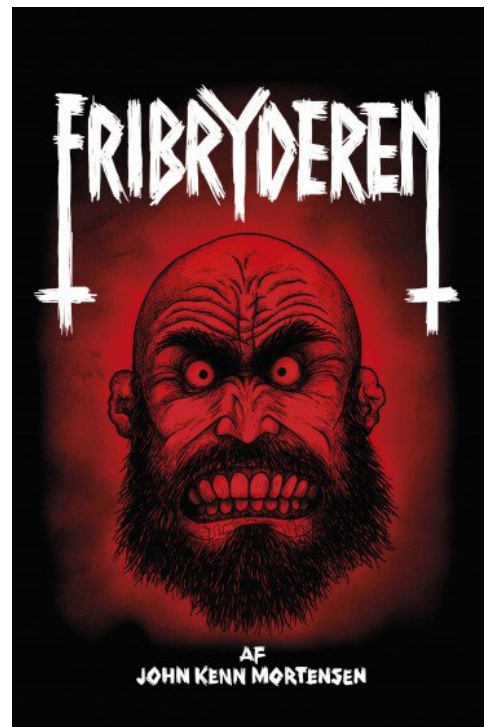
The past is catching up with the old wrestler, Sledgehammer: as a novice wrestler, years ago, he made a pact with the Devil to give his soul in exchange for 25 years of invincibility. Full of bravura, he wins all matches he can get his hands on and by accident kills his best friend. It becomes his downfall and when we meet him in the present, he is an alcoholised wreck ... and he has forgotten all about the pact.

Then a mysterious stranger convinces him to fight one last fight. If he wins, he will get a fortune, enough to secure the future of the wife and child, he has neglected.

## REVIEWS

"The drawings hit you like a fist in the face" – (*Serieland*)

"A master example of John Kenn Mortensen's big art" – (*Litteratursiden*)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Fahrenheit*

Published: *November, 2019*

70 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: Adult

Genre: Commercial fiction

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

English (World): Fantagraphics

## John Kenn Mortensen



## Night Terror

### Natteræd

With a over 300.000 followers on SoMe, John Kenn has status of cult illustrator of monsters and *Night Terror* is his latest stunning book. John is currently shortlisted for the Cultural Ministry's Illustrator Prize with this particular book.

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

## SYNOPSIS

John Kenn Mortensen is the man behind the cult-hit *Post-it Monsters* (UK: Sticky Monsters), which has sold thousands of copies around the world and is published in UK, Czech Republic, Denmark, France and Italy.

Now an eagerly awaited follow-up has arrived, jam-packed with new, exciting drawings.

When your nightmare is so vivid that you can no longer keep dream and reality apart.

In *Night Terror*, John Kenn Mortensen has collected his most extreme monster drawings; drawings that centre on the nightmare, its nature and creatures. With a foreword by Danish author, Peter Adolphsen, he has composed a night symphony that sheds light on the merciless horror of our worst dreams.

## REVIEWS

"It was my recent good fortune to be introduced to the work of John Kenn Mortensen and my even greater fortune to be privileged to publish this work — by turns, playful, funny, wicked, stunningly imaginative, and, of course, masterfully rendered, like a combination of Edward Gorey and Bernie Wrightson, but every bit his own man." – Gary Groth (Publisher of Fantagraphics)

"It's all the nightmares of my childhood gathered together in one place to party. So much more terrifying than slashers and stalkers and evil clowns and monstrous political hatchetmen: these are the real terrors. The ones waiting in the shadows or under the bed or behind the half-closed door. The ones you will encounter beneath the street light when you walk home alone. This is their book. And now it's yours." – Neil Gaiman (Endorsement for the US edition)



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: *Forlaget Cobolt*

Published: *April, 2020*

110 pages

Category: *Graphic Novels*

Sub-category: *Crossover*

## Territories Handled

World except: Danish

## Territories Sold

English (World): *Fantagraphics*

French: *Les éditions de la Fabrique Électrique*

Benni Bødker

John Kenn  
Mortensen



# A Christmas Bestiary

## Julebestiarier

A mesmerizing peak at the beasts that enter our world during the cosy time of Christmas.

**Benni Bødker** is one of Denmark's leading writers of horror fiction for children and YA. His books have been translated into 12 languages.

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



## SYNOPSIS

Christmas is full of traditions that we love to take part in, but that we ultimately do not know the background of. This wasn't the case for our ancestors. They knew that Christmas isn't just the season of joy, but certainly also a season of pain. For them the month of Christmas was not only the darkest time of the year; it was also a dangerous time when the creatures of the netherworld appear among humans, and the portals to other worlds are thrown open.

This is still how it is. It's just that we are no longer equipped to cope. A *Christmas Bestiary* will hopefully help you survive.

## REVIEWS

"How could you possibly do without this charming book?" – (5 hearts in *Politiken*)

"Rich on details and scary illustrations... and with tongue in cheek" – (*Weekendavisen*)

## TERRITORIES HANDLED

World except: Danish

## TERRITORIES SOLD

Czech: Argo, English (World): [Fantagraphics](#), French: [Les éditions de la Fabrique Électrique](#), Russian: AST Mainstream.

Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: [Forlaget Cobolt](#)

Published: *October, 2017*

104 pages

Category: [Children's Books](#)

Sub-category: [Tween](#)

Genre: [Horror](#)

Themes: [Christmas](#)

Available material: *Danish original; English, Czech and Russian professional translations.*

Stine Spedsbjerg



# It will be a Long Life

## Det bliver et langt liv

Wonderfully spot-on graphic novel about the challenges of growing up.

The artist, **StineStregen**, has earned herself lots of fans with her original, recognisable illustration style.

### SYNOPSIS

*It will be a long life* is a collection of spot-on comic strips, describing a teenage girl's life with its happiness, sorrow and worries. The book is jam-packed with humorous energy and recognisable situations which both daughters and parents will no doubt be able to see themselves in. The book focuses on a list of relevant themes such as friendship, parent relationship, state of the world, SoMe, parties and, not least, looks – and yes, of course also boys! StineStregen portrays the insecurity, the awkward, the cool, the funny and the unknown involved in teenage life with equilibristic accuracy.

### REVIEWS

"We are very excited to publish "It will be a long life" at Mixtvision - it is destined to become a cult classic for readers aged 12-18!" – Kerstin Rabe (Mixtvision (Stine's German publisher))

"Icelandic teenagers need this book." – Óliver Þorsteinsson (LEÓ Bókaútgáfa (Stine's Icelandic publisher))

STINESTREGEN  
Det bliver et langt liv



Original Language: *Danish*

Original Publisher: Gads Forlag

Published: *September, 2020*

140 pages

Category: Graphic Novels

Sub-category: Children

Genre: Realism

Themes: Love, Belonging/Identity,  
Family, Growing up

Available material: *English sample + full  
German translation*

### Territories Handled

World Rights (Babel Bridge)

### Territories Sold

German: MixtVision

Icelandic: LEÓ Bókaútgáfa