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Aslaug Jonsdottir, Kalle Güettler, Raket Helmsdal Monster Act

Monster Series #10

Skrímsla leikur, picture book, 2021

Little Monster and Big Monster are up to something in secret. When Furry Monster is finally invited to play, it can't find its friends! Who are those scary creatures who have taken over the stage?

Monster Act is the 10th volume in the Monster series. The books have been published in a variety of languages to great acclaim.

HARDCOVER, 15,5 x 29,5 cm, 30 pp

Age group: 2-6 years

English translation available

Sold to: Faroe Islands (Bókadeildin); Sweden (Argasso)

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Aslaug Jonsdottir (b.1963) (text and illustrations) has written and illustrated dozens of books and dramatisations, and received many awards. Among them are The Icelandic Literary Prize, The Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize, the West-Nordic Children's Book Prize and the UKLA Award; as well as nominations for the Hans Christian Andersen Award and Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Her illustrations have also been selected for the IBBY Honour List. aslaugjonsdottir.com

Kalle Güettler, Raket Helmsdal (text):

Kalle Güettler lives in Häverö in the Uppland province in Sweden. Kalle is an author of fiction for children and teenagers, as well as textbooks and educational material. Raket Helmsdal lives in Torshavn in the Faroe Islands. She is an author of children's books, plays, and short stories.



"A wonderful new addition to a fantastic series, simultaneously funny and sad, while referencing problems which the whole world faces and must be solved."

FRETTLADID DAILY, ABOUT MONSTERS IN TROUBLE



Gunnar Helgason (text)
Rán Flygenring (illustrations)
The Queen Who Could Do
Everything Except ...

Drottningin sem gat allt nema ...,
picture book, 2021

Queen Bambalina can do everything! Well, except one thing. What could it be? Maybe it'll be revealed the day she rides her horse-drawn carriage to the opening of a new kindergarten (if she gets there on time).

HARDCOVER, 22,5 x 25,5 cm, 30 pp
Age group: 2-6 years
English translation available

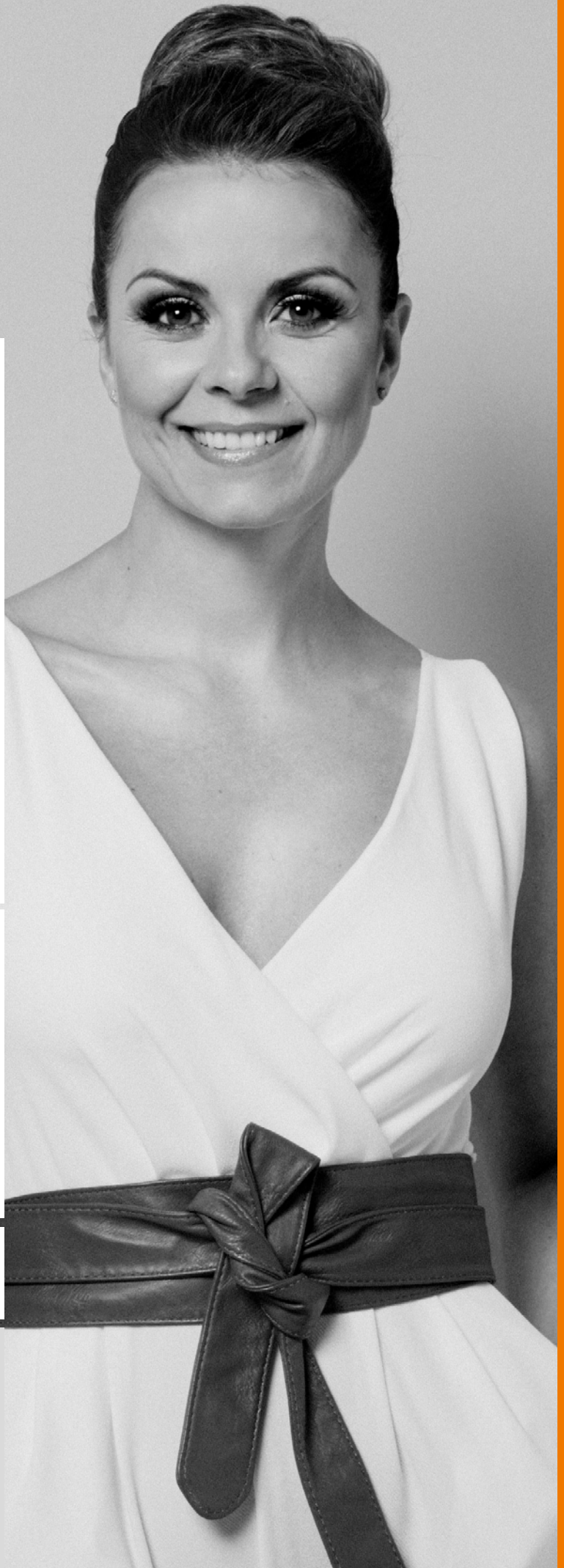
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Rán Flygenring (b.1987) is an award-winning illustrator and graphic designer. She has published books both in Iceland and Germany, where she has received the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis, the German-French Youth literature prize and the Jahres-Luchs prize, besides being nominated for the German Academy of Children's and Youth Literature Illustration prize Serafina and the ALMA prize (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award). ranflygenring.com

*A fun story for
children and adults
who can also do
(almost) everything.*





Birgitta Haukdal (text) Anahit Aleqsanian (illustrations) Lara Learns to Play an Instrument

Lára lærir að spila á hljóðfæri,
picture book, 2021

Lara is a cheerful child who loves learning new things. Her stuffed animal Leo is with her every step of the way, and together they have all sorts of adventures.

Lara loves music and has wanted to learn how to play an instrument for a long time. But which instrument will she pick? Atli plays guitar, Julia plays the violin – maybe they can all play together in a band?

Lara Bakes

Lára bakar, picture book, 2021

Lara wakes up early and wants to surprise her mum and dad. She tiptoes into the kitchen with Leo, they're going to make an extra special breakfast for the whole family. Something freshly baked would be perfect, but she knows she's not allowed to turn the oven on when she's by herself. But then she gets a good idea ...

HARDCOVER, 15 x 21 cm, 40 pp
Age group: 3–6 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Birgitta Haukdal (b.1979) is a celebrated pop singer who has represented Iceland in the Eurovision Song Contest. The Lara-series is ever popular and now counts 14 titles.

Anahit Aleqsanian is an Armenian book illustrator who has illustrated over 100 children's books from all over the world.

*A book for the wish list of poetry
pranksters, both big and small!*



**Thorarinn Eldjarn (poems)
Sigrun Eldjarn (illustrations)
Rhymes and Rigmaroles**

Rím og roms, picture book, 2021

For over two decades, Thorarinn and Sigrun Eldjarn's books of poetry have delighted Icelandic children of all ages. *Rhymes and Rigmaroles* is full of new and playful poems and pictures – about small fingers, both cold and warm, holy cows, building blocks, trolls, fire-eaters and much more.

HARDCOVER, 24,6 x 21,6 cm, 48 pp
Age group: 3–8 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Thorarinn Eldjarn (b.1949) has published numerous collections of poetry and children's verse, short-story collections and novels as well as translating fiction for adults and children from English and the Scandinavian languages. Among them are works by H.C. Andersen and Lewis Carroll. Thorarinn's novel *The Blue Tower* was shortlisted for the Aristeion 1998 – the European literature and translation prize, nominated to the Nordic Council Literature Prize in 1999 and to the IMPAC Dublin award in 2001. He received the cross of the Order of the Falcon for his contribution to Icelandic literature.

Sigrun Eldjarn (b.1954) has written and illustrated high on fifty children's books. She was the first author to receive the IBBY Iceland Prize Sogusteinn for her literary career in 2007, having received up to that point several awards and recognition for her work, among others the Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize three times and nominations to the H.C. Andersen Award and The Nordic Council Children's Literature Prize. Sigrun Eldjarn received the Cross of the Order of the Falcon for her contribution to culture for children in Iceland.



Sigrun Eldjarn Red Alert! Christmas is Coming

Rauð viðvörðun – jólin eru á leiðinni,
picture book, 2021

December has arrived and it's time to start thinking about Christmas gifts. But Joi and Loa don't have money to buy gifts, so they have to get clever. The search for fantastic Christmas gifts is a long and difficult road, but it takes the siblings on a great adventure. Can they manage to find the perfect gifts for everyone by Christmas Eve?

HARDCOVER, 18,5 x 25 cm, 33 pp
Age group: 4–8 years

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sigrun Eldjarn (b.1954) has been one of Iceland's most beloved children's authors for the last four decades. She has written and illustrated high on fifty children's books. She was the first author to receive the IBBY Iceland Prize Sogusteinn for her literary career in 2007, having received up to that point several awards and recognition for her work, among others the Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize three times and nominations to the H.C. Andersen Award and The Nordic Council Children's Literature Prize. Sigrun Eldjarn received the Cross of the Order of the Falcon for her contribution to culture for children in Iceland.

Red Alert! Christmas is Coming is a fast-paced Christmas book in 24 short chapters ideal to read over advent or anytime during the holiday season.



Margret Tryggvadottir (text)
Linda Olafsdottir (illustrations)
Here is Reykjavik!

Reykjavík barnanna, picture book, 2021

Here is Reykjavik! gives readers an overview of the history of Iceland's capital, from the first settlers to the diverse and bustling city it is today. Text and images tell a story of human development and culture, sweeping views and outdoor recreation, and everything else you can find the city of Reykjavik. Margret Tryggvadottir and Linda Olafsdottir received wide acclaim for their previous book *Here is Iceland!*, which won the Reykjavik Children's Book Award and the Icelandic Women's Literature Prize.

HARDCOVER 25 x 30 cm, 96 pp
Age group: 5–12 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Margret Tryggvadottir (b.1972) is a literary scholar with a master's degree in cultural management and a former member of parliament. She has published a variety of books, most recently *Strong*, which was awarded The Gudrun Helgadóttir Children and Young People's Literary Prize 2021.

Linda Olafsdottir (b.1978) has a BFA degree from the Icelandic Academy of Arts and an MFA degree in Illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Linda has been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, she has received a nomination for the Icelandic Literary Awards, won Reykjavik's Best Picture Book Illustration and is on IBBY's 2018 honour list. lindaolafsdottir.com



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Aevar Thor Benediktsson

(text) Evana Kisa (illustrations)

Little Red Riding Hood

Your Own Adventure, #7:

Þín eigin saga: Rauðhetta, illustrated fiction, 2021

Your Own Adventure: Little Red Riding Hood is about a brave girl, a clever granny, an evil wolf, a dark forest... and YOU! Because you decide what happens! Just remember that if the story has an unhappy ending, you can always try again. There are many different endings to this story!

Aevar Thor Benediktsson's books, in which readers take the journey into their own hands, have become wildly popular in recent years. Here he spins a tale from his book *Your Very Own Fairytale* (pub. 2017) with short chapters and accessible text for readers at the beginner level.

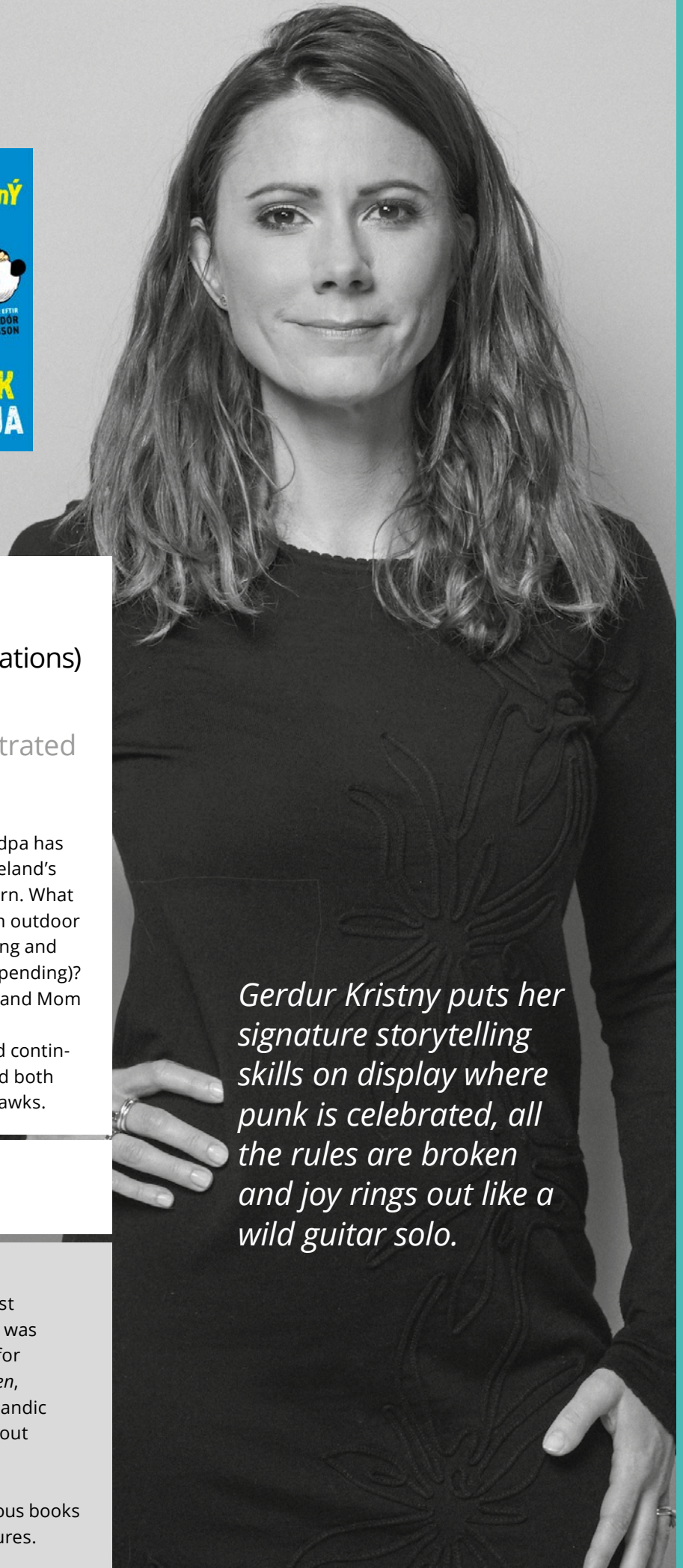
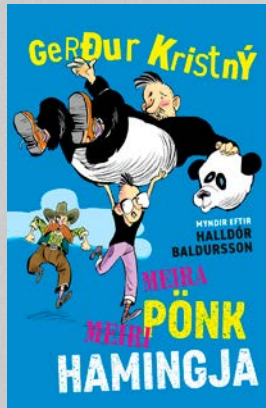
SOFTCOVER, 14 x 21 cm, 103 pp
Age group: 5+

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Aevar Thor Benediktsson (b.1984) has become popular for his entertaining children's books and programmes, on television and radio. He has won awards for scripts and stage plays as well as a recognition for his work in science and education. His book *Your Very Own Fable* won the Icelandic Bookseller Prize and the Children's Book Prize as the best children's book of the year. In 2017 he was selected for the Hay Festival's Aarhus 39 List – A Collection of the 39 Best Emerging Writers for Young People from Across Europe. aevarwritesbooks.com

Evana Kisa is a much sought after Icelandic cartoonist who is perhaps most known for her work on Lazytown. She has also published an artbook in the US and Europe. She is the illustrator behind all the "Your Very Own" - titles. evana.deviantart.com





Gerður Kristný (text)
Halldór Baldursson (illustrations)
More Punk, More Joy

Meira pönk, meiri hamingja, illustrated fiction, 2021

It's the biggest weekend of the summer and grandpa has started in on all the tall tales of his wild days at Iceland's annual outdoor festival long before Idunn was born. What else can she and Maria Sara do but hold their own outdoor festival right in the backyard with a tent and singing and dancing and speeches and a bonfire (permission pending)? But it's as if the girls run into a wall at every turn, and Mom has to resort to desperate measures.

More Punk, More Joy is the stand-alone sequel and continuation of *Idunn and Grandpa Punk*, which delighted both punks and other readers to the tops of their mohawks.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21,5 cm, 132 pp
Age group: 7-12 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Gerður Kristný (b.1970) is one of Iceland's foremost authors, writing for both children and adults. She was awarded the Icelandic Children's Literature Prize for *Smart Marta*, the Bookseller's Award for *The Garden*, and a popular theater show was put on at the Icelandic National Theater based on her series of books about the president at Bessastadir.

Halldór Baldursson (b.1965) has illustrated numerous books for children and is also well known for his caricatures.

Gerður Kristný puts her signature storytelling skills on display where punk is celebrated, all the rules are broken and joy rings out like a wild guitar solo.

*Alexander Daniel Hermann Dawidsson isn't a real person, but maybe you know someone like him?
Or maybe he's a little like... YOU?*

Gunnar Helgason (text)
Ran Flygenring (illustrations)
**Alexander Daniel Hermann Dawidsson:
Do Not Destroy**

Alexander Daníel Hermann Dawidsson:
Bannað að eyðileggja, illustrated
fiction, 2021

There's lots that Alexander Daniel Hermann Dawidsson has: a terrific dad who works way too much, loads of alarm clocks to keep him on track, a good head for maths as long as he can use blocks, a mean teacher who won't let him use blocks, a great friend nicknamed Pacman and fantastic feet for scoring soccer goals!

But Alexander Daniel Hermann Dawidsson doesn't have: an easy time remembering to show up for soccer practice, a mom he gets to see, or cool shoes.

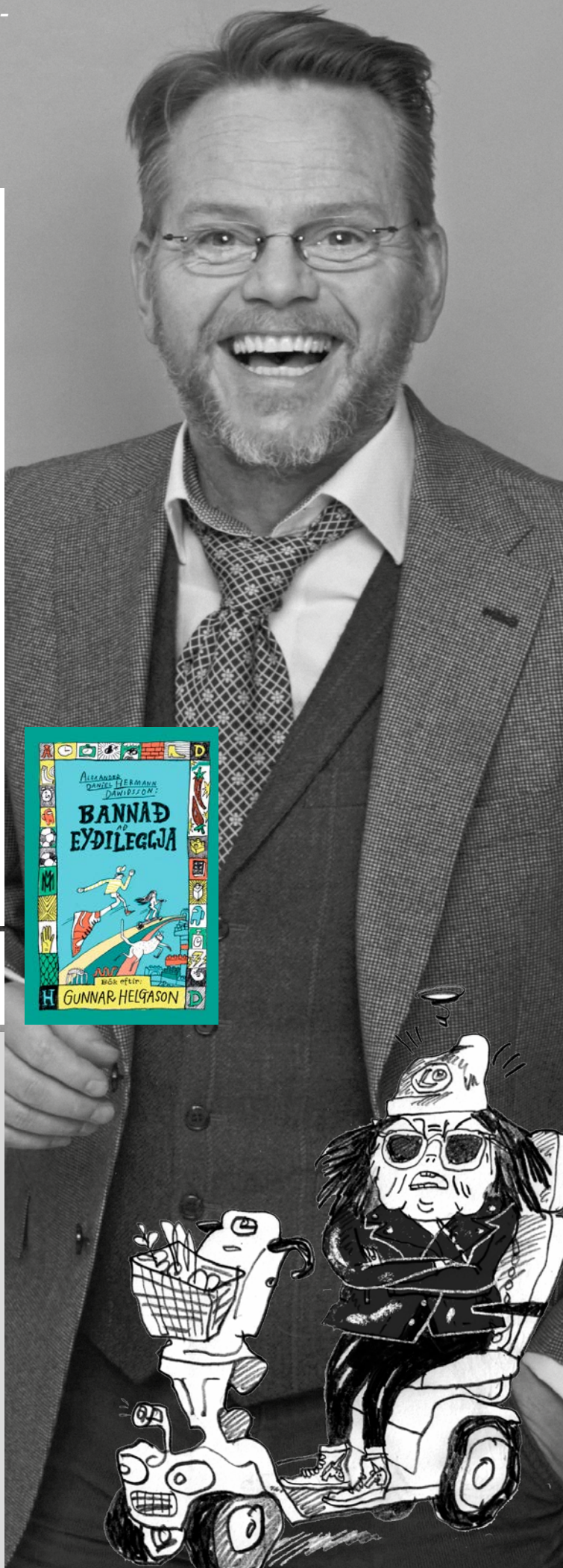
He also has ADHD, which is just fine as long as everything else is just fine. But this is a story about when nothing at all goes just fine!

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21 cm, 231 pp
Age group: 9+

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A fast-paced and hilarious stand-alone sequel to Enough is Enough!, which was a hit among younger readers and older critics alike.



Hildur Knútsdóttir and
Þórdís Gísladóttir (text)
Helga Valdis Arnadóttir
(illustrations)

Knock It Off Already!

Nú er nóg komið!, illustrated fiction,
2021

Vigdís Frída, Geirlaug and Rebekka are three friends who are going places, but they have to put their lives on hold when the Covid-19 pandemic strikes. This new reality of lockdown and quarantine is not how they planned to spend the winter and spring! But they quickly discover that you can find worthwhile projects even in lockdown, like running a corner shop or spying on that really mysterious neighbour who seems up to no good. And sometimes, girls simply have to take matters into their own hands.

HARDCOVER, 13 x 20 cm, 240 pp

Age group: 8–14 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Hildur Knútsdóttir and Þórdís Gísladóttir have written several books together. The first book about Vigdís Frída and her friends, *Enough is Enough!*, was a hit and their book about Doddi, *Doddi - The Book of Truth!* was nominated for the Icelandic Literature Prize, the Women's Literature Prize, and the Reykjavik Children's Book Prize.

"...a lively and entertaining book about children who take matters into their own hands when society is turned upside down."

BORN OG MENNING (FROM A REVIEW OF BOOK #1)



Take a sensational trip through time in the company of an ancient vellum manuscript!

Arndis Thorarinsdottir (text)
Sigmundur Breidfjord

(illustrations)

Inferno of Time

Bál tímans, historical fiction, 2021

A locked vault in Reykjavik holds a number of vellum manuscripts written in Iceland centuries ago. These volumes—ancient stories, poems, spells, laws and lore—present a sort of riddle. No one knows who wrote them or when they were written, whom they belonged to and what has been lost from their pages. In this novel, one of these manuscripts, Modruvallabok, steps into the spotlight to tell its story. It was highly valued in terms of riches and prestige, got into all sorts of trouble on land and sea, survived mishaps and acts of vandalism and often only narrowly escaped the inferno of time.

Inferno of Time was published on the fiftieth anniversary of the first medieval manuscripts returning to Iceland after centuries in Denmark. Arndis Thorarinsdottir tells the story of Modruvallabok using academic sources combined with a rich imagination, so the events of the story truly come off the page, aided by dazzling illustrations from Sigmundur Breidfjord.

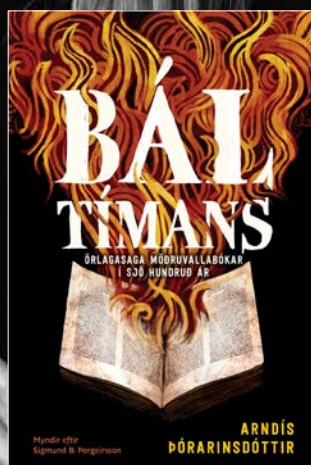
HARDCOVER, 17 X 25, 5 cm, 180 pp

Age group: 8-14

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Arndis Thorarinsdottir (b.1982) is an Icelandic writer and translator. She has a degree in comparative literature from the University of Iceland and a postgraduate degree in Writing for Performance from Goldsmiths College, University of London. Thorarinsdottir has written several books for children and published short stories and articles in various Icelandic magazines. **arnd.is**

Sigmundur Breidfjord (b.1985) is an Icelandic Art Director and Illustrator based in Canada. He co-founded the indie game development company Porcelain Fortress and has illustrated numerous children's books.



"Inferno of Time is a fun read for children and adults alike. A perfect book for the family to create lively discussions about the past, Icelandic history, manuscripts and the Árnagardur vault, the safest place in Iceland."

LESTRARKLEFINN

Read this book at your own risk!

*A stand-alone sequel to the bestselling
Horribly Short Horror Stories!*

**Aevar Thor Benediktsson (text)
Agust Kristinsson (illustrations)
More Horribly Short Horror
Stories**

Fleiri hryllilega stuttar hrollvekjur,
illustrated fiction, 2021

The book is a collection of twenty short stories, each one more frightening than the last. The author asked a bunch of kids to help him rank how horrible the stories are and they came up with three categories: Bad – Worse – Worst. Among other things, you will read about vampires, werewolves, zombies, ghosts, monsters that hide under your bed, witches and spiders in a cluster of grapes.

Best-selling author, Aevar Thor Benediktsson, was afraid of the dark until he was seventeen years of age. Here he shares all the things that used to frighten him.

SOFTCOVER, 13 x 20 cm, 153 pp
Age group: 10–14 years

English sample translation available

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Aevar Thor Benediktsson (b.1984) has become popular for his entertaining children's books and programmes, on television and radio. He has won awards for scripts and stage plays as well as a recognition for his work in science and education. His book *Your Very Own Fable* won the Icelandic Bookseller Prize and the Children's Book Prize as the best children's book of the year. In 2017 he was selected for the Hay Festival's Aarhus 39 List – A Collection of the 39 Best Emerging Writers for Young People from Across Europe. aevarwritesbooks.com

Agust Kristinsson was the only person who dared to illustrate these terrifying stories.



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*A charming and
entertaining story!*

Thorgrímur Þráinsson May the Moon Take Me Away

Tunglið, tunglið taktu mig, fiction, 2021

Maney lives on a farm with her grandparents. As an animal lover, there's no place else she would rather be. The orphan lamb leaps around her feet while tourists buy Icelandic doughnuts and boiled sheep heads from her. The kids at school are sometimes difficult, like Solmundur who moves to the next farm over. He's like an alien gawking at everything he sees. But after they rescue a swan egg from a fox everything changes. Late one evening they visit a fairy mound and are swallowed by darkness. But the best thing is that Solmundur has a little sister who might just become Maney's sister as well.

HARDCOVER 13,7 x 21 cm, 219 pp

Age group: 8-12 years

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thorgrímur Þráinsson (b.1959) has for many years been among the most popular children's and young adult authors in Iceland. He was awarded the Icelandic Children's Book Prize for *Are You God, Granddad?* and *The Dark is Home to Many Things*, has twice won the Children's Choice Book Award and received a commendation from Save the Children Iceland for his special contribution in support of the human rights of children. He also won the Children's Book Award from Reykjavik City's Council on Public Awareness for his most popular book *Tears, Smiles and Football Boots*.



Gunnar Helgason PlayStation Palli

Stella's Bonkers Family Series #5,
Palli PlayStation, fiction, 2021

The Stella's Bonkers Family Series has earned its place among Iceland's most popular children's books. Each of the books has won Iceland's Children's Choice Book Award and the first, *My Bonkers Mum!*, also won the Icelandic Literary Prize for Children and Young People Books. The book was adapted into a popular stage play, and the audience — just like the other Stella fans around Iceland — cheered for more. And now they have yet another story!

Dear reader,

*After everything that happened in My Bonkers Mum, Professor Dad, Grandma is Best and Siggí the Sourpuss, you'd think things would settle down a bit. Think again! These cute little twins have turned my world upside down. And what's even worse is that my brother Palli is making a total mess of his life!! So, of course, I have to rescue him!
But holy moly, where would this wacky family be without me?*

*Yours truly,
Stella (the heroine and master girlfriend...
and yeah, and master thief!)*

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21 cm, 175 pp
Age group: 9+

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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*"... an utterly wonderful story
that deals with worthy issues seen
from an adolescent viewpoint."*

FRETABLADID DAILY, ABOUT MY BONKERS MUM!

A book that works like a computer game – you decide what happens next! Almost 40 different endings! Endings include everything from eternal happiness to sudden death.

Aevar Thor Benediktsson Your Very Own Mystery

Þín eigin ráðgáta, fiction, 2021
Your Very Own Series #8

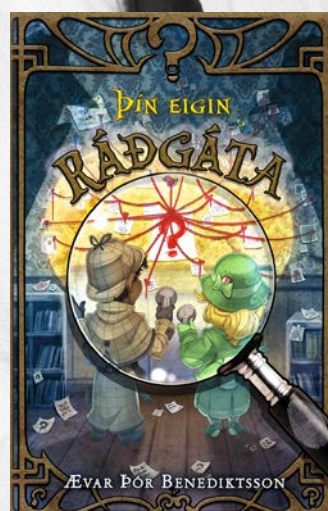
Your Very Own Mystery is different from other books. Here, you are the hero of the story and you control the action. But the task isn't easy. One day, you wake up and nothing is like before. All phones are broken. Social media has stopped working. Video games have been wiped out. What on Earth happened? It's your job to solve the mystery, you have shown that nothing is too complicated for you. Or is it?

Your Very Own Mystery is the eighth book in one of the most popular series of recent years in Iceland. Adventurous fun for all children.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 22 cm, 368 pp
Age group: 9+

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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This is the exciting third story in the award-winning Swanby Series, about Milla and Gudjon G. Georgsson.



Snaebjorn Arngrimsson The Gold Digger's Handbook

The Swanby Series #3

Handbók gullgrafarans, fiction, 2021

Rooting around one day in the attic of his home, Gudjon G. Georgsson comes across an old book inscribed THE GOLD DIGGER'S HANDBOOK, and in it is a map that leads to hidden treasure. Milla and Gudjon G. Georgsson's treasure hunt takes them down strange, dangerous and sometimes confusing paths.

The first books in the series about the two friends from Swanby were a hit with readers. *The Secrets of the Abandoned House* won the 2019 Icelandic Children's Book Award and the sequel, *The Mysterious Statue* and *the Boy who Disappeared*, won the 2021 Reykjavik Children's Book Award.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21,5 cm, 309 pp
Age group: 10-14 years
English sample translation available
Sold to: Ukraine (Crocus)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

After a long career in publishing, both in Denmark and Iceland, Snaebjorn Arngrimsson (b.1961) sat down to write a story for children and adolescents. It was his dream to create a mystery adventure for kids, a story that would keep its readers so totally spellbound, drawing them in with such irresistible force, that their minds would have space for nothing else in the whole universe apart from the world of the story. This was the first book about Milla and Gudjon G. Georgsson, *The Secrets of the Abandoned House*.



„The thoughtful voice of Milla as the narrator, the unconventional duo of friends and the particular atmosphere makes these novels unique and different.”

BOKMENNTABORG.IN.IS, ABOUT BOOKS 1 AND 2

The bittersweet stand-alone sequel to Vampires and Other Stuff, which won the 2020 Icelandic Children's Book Prize and was nominated for the Reykjavik Children's Book Award and the Icelandic Women's Literature Prize.

Rut Gudnadottir Dragons, Drama and More Like That

Drekar, drama og meira í þeim dúr,
fiction, 2021

Nobody said it would be easy, but nobody said it had to be so hard.

It's the start of the ninth grade and life is good for Milla, Rakel and Lilja. Their only problems revolve around romantic predicaments, deciding what movie to see, getting a paunchy dog into shape and the constant misery of having parents. But it's not long before the friends stumble across a mysterious secret (of the larger variety) and they're sucked into another supernatural showdown. With covert evil organizations in the mix, the trio is forced to enlist the help of an unwitting math teacher with an inferiority complex to save the day.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21,5 cm, 301 pp

Age group: 12-16 years

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rut Gudnadottir is a high school Icelandic teacher who loves chillhop, horror movies and kettlebells. Rut doesn't know how to camp, she gets angry playing video games and her toes are always cold. Rut is coming around to talking about herself in the third person, but it's still a little strange. Rut continues to hope you'll read her books.



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"Hilarious and thrilling ... I'm looking forward to seeing how the story ends – when Hugo and Alex have collected all the statues and combine their powers to save the world."

LESTRARKLEFINN, ABOUT BOOK #2

Sigrun Eliasdottir (text)
Sigmundur Breidfjord (illustr.)
Bird of Prey

The Journey to the End of the World #3
Illfyglið: Ferðin á heimsenda #3,
fantasy, 2021

Hugo and Alex may have lost each other, but they've continued their search for the final stone statue. While battling an ugly dragon, a bloodthirsty queen and a far too polite monster, the Bird of Prey hovers overhead, knowing its time will soon come.

Bird of Prey is a riotously fun and exciting story. This is the final installation in the trilogy about Hugo and Alex and their quest to save their homeland.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21,5 cm, 219 pp
Age group: 8–12 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Sigrun Eliasdottir (b.1978) has master's degrees in both history and creative writing and has written a wide array of texts; biographies, teaching materials, textbooks and Homer retellings. Her current series is a riotous fantasy for middle grade readers, *The Journey to the End of the World*.

Sigmundur Breidfjord (b.1985) is an Icelandic Art Director and Illustrator based in Canada. He co-founded the indie game development company Porcelain Fortress and has illustrated numerous children's books.





Gunnar Theodor Eggertsson

(text)

Fífa Finnsdóttir (illustrations)

Witches' Brew

Weird Mountain Series #1

Furðufjall #1. Nornaseiður, fantasy, 2021

Ima is not happy with her life. She gets stuck with all the worst chores on the island while her sister gets to learn magic from the witches! Andreas is learning to be a blacksmith from his father on the mainland but dreams of becoming a knight and all the heroic adventure it entails. Fate has something else in store for both of them, however, and soon a series of surprising and terrifying events turn their lives upside down.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21,5 cm, 172 pp

Age group: 8–13 years

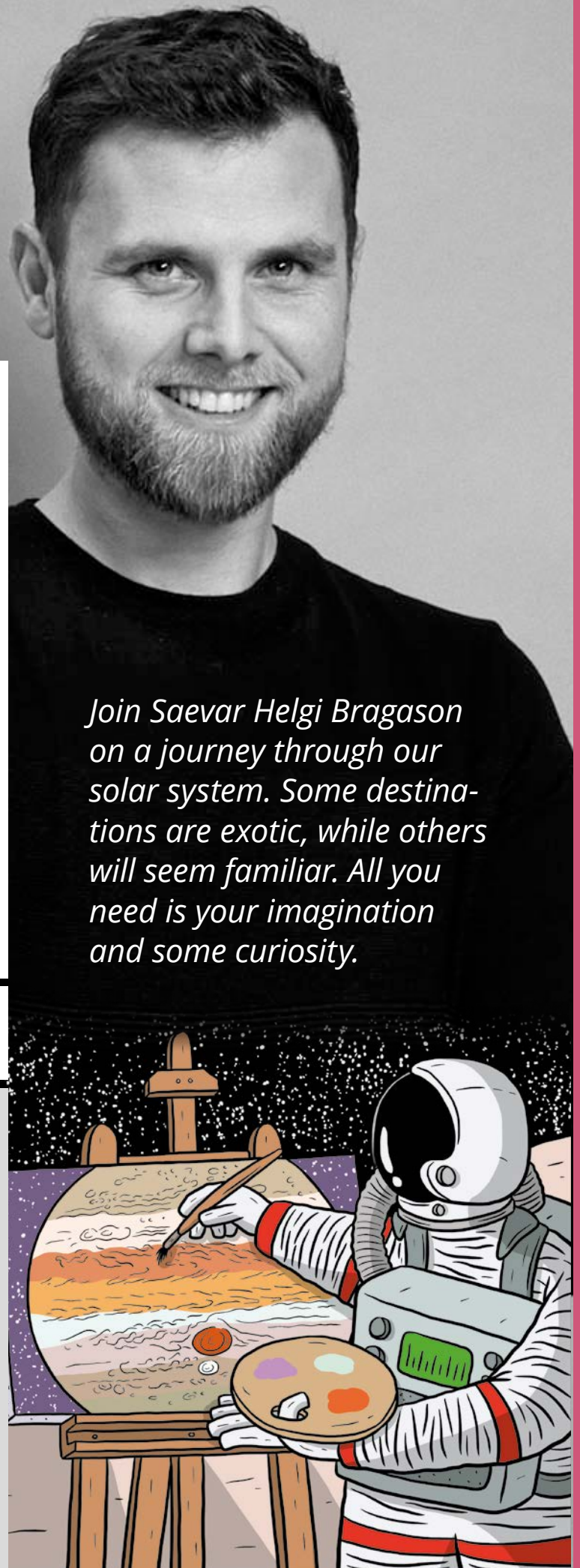
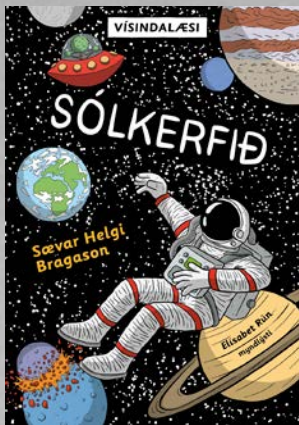
ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Gunnar Theodor Eggertsson (b.1982) is the author of award-winning children's and YA titles including *The Stone Animals* and *Dead Disa*. He holds a master's degree in Film Studies from the University of Amsterdam and a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Iceland, specialized in animal studies.

Fífa Finnsdóttir lives and works in Berlin as a video game developer.

Witches' Brew is the first book in a brand new and thrilling fantasy series for children and young adults with a story that includes rich illustrations.

NON-FICTION



Saevar Helgi Bragason (text)
Elisabet Run (illustrations)
The Solar System – Science
Sólkerfið – vísindalæsi, science, 2021

Bragason's fun, easy-to-read book about space awakens, stimulates and strengthens children's understanding of science from the age of six. The book is brought to life by Elisabet Run's colourful illustrations of the wonders and magic of space.

This book is ideal for curious and inquisitive kids, letting them practice their reading skills while learning about the amazing science of space!

Science literacy strengthens a child's understanding and knowledge of science, including physical and biological sciences. Science literacy also increases children's knowledge of modern society, helping them to make sense of all sorts of scientific matters.

HARDCOVER, 14,8 x 21 cm, 75 pp
Age group: 5–8 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Saevar Helgi Bragason (b.1984) is the editor of the Astronomy Web, an Icelandic website dedicated to astronomy and astronomy education. He is also the president of the Seltjarnarnes Stargazing Society, the oldest and largest stargazing organization in Iceland. He has spent years observing the heavens and is one of the most experienced stargazers in the country. Saevar ensured that all school-children in Iceland received a pair of viewing glasses with which to watch the solar eclipse on March 20, 2015—and he's already started counting down to the next one.

Elisabet Run is an illustrator and comic book author holding a BA in graphic design from the Iceland University of the Arts and diplomas in drawing from the Reykjavik School of Visual Arts and in comics from École européenne supérieure de l'image in Angoulême, France. elisabetrun.is

Join Saevar Helgi Bragason on a journey through our solar system. Some destinations are exotic, while others will seem familiar. All you need is your imagination and some curiosity.

Lalli & Wally

The Entertainer's Handbook – Magic Tricks, Circus Skills & Jokes

Handbók skemmtikraftsins –
Töfrabrögð, sirkusbrellur og grín, 2021

Have you always wanted to perform magic tricks? Do you dream of joining the circus? Do you have a lot of brothers and sisters and always wanted more attention? Then *The Entertainer's Handbook* is for you!

Two of Iceland's greatest crowd-pleasers, Lalli the Magician and Wally the Clown, share 26 tricks and skills that will wow any audience as well as valuable advice on performing on stage, including:

- the disappearing pencil trick
- how to make the world's most disgusting fart sounds
- the art of balloon animals
- how to charm the grandmas in the audience (which always pays off!)
- how to create an entertaining stage presence

And much more, to keep you and the people around you laughing and smiling. And maybe even get you little candy too...

HARDCOVER, 22 x 26 cm, 80 pp

Age group: 6–12 years

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Lalli has entertained children and adults alike for years with his thrilling magic tricks, including performances with the Icelandic Circus and Reykjavik Cabaret.

Wally grew up in a circus family in Australia but has been tickling Icelanders' funny bones for several years. He is one of the founding members of the Icelandic Circus.





Thorgrimur Thrainsson Let's Fall in Love with Life!

Verum ástfangin af lifinu, fiction, 2021

A book for young people (and interested parents as well), filled to the brim with encouragement and advice on how to become the master of your own destiny — including discussions on communicating with friends and family, the importance of physical exercise, the magic of setting goals, how to develop your talents, coping with anxiety and how YOU can become a better person.

For over a decade Thorgrimur Thrainsson has been visiting schools around Iceland every year to give a presentation for 10th graders. His presentation is constantly evolving with the changing times, the new experiences Thorgrimur has and the new knowledge he comes to possess, but the title of the presentation has remained unchanged: Let's Fall in Love with Life! Because even though life can get complicated, there's a simple way to achieve good results and even happiness — as long as we're willing to apply ourselves and take responsibility for our actions.

HARDCOVER, 19,5 x 23 cm, 128 pp,
Age group: 12-16 years

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Thorgrimur Thrainsson (b.1959) has for many years been among the most popular children's and young adult authors in Iceland. He received the Icelandic Children's Literature Prize in 1997. Thrainsson was awarded the position of city artist in Reykjavik 2013 for his contribution to children and young people's culture and the IBBY Icelandic Spring Breeze award for his contribution to children's culture in Iceland. He was awarded the Icelandic Children's Book Prize for *Are You God, Granddad?* and *The Dark is Home to Many Things*, has twice won the Children's Choice Book Award and received a commendation from Save the Children Iceland for his special contribution in support of the human rights of children. He also won the Children's Book Award from Reykjavik City's Council on Public Awareness for his most popular book *Tears, Smiles and Football Boots*.



*It's the little
things that lead
to great victories!*

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An exciting book, written in the Nordic Noir tradition and touching on important social issues.

Margret Tryggvadottir Strong

Sterk, YA, 2021

Birta shares a rundown basement apartment with complete strangers, a life she has chosen rather than living in her hometown, which she left behind after coming out as trans at a little party with family and friends. But then the woman in the next room vanishes without a trace and then another woman as well. Who are these women and what has become of them? And what is going on with Johanna, her old classmate? Does she have a crush on Birta? Does she even realize who Birta is?

"It is with a sincere voice and respect for the topic that Margret succeeds in telling a story that follows one trans girl on her path to be acknowledged by her family and friends and to be considered on her own terms. While on this journey to ground herself in this new reality, she is drawn into a mystery involving an immigrant, which she feels compelled to unravel."

Excerpt from the jury's comments for The Gudrun Helgadóttir Children and Young People's Literary Prize 2021

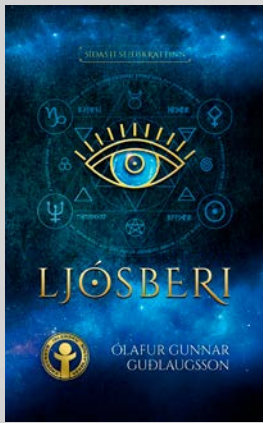
HARDCOVER, 14 x 21 cm, 280 pp
Age group: 13+

The Gudrun Helgadóttir Children and Young People's
Literary Prize 2021

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Margret Tryggvadottir (b.1972) is a literary scholar with a master's degree in cultural management and a former member of parliament. She has published a variety of books, most recently *Strong*, which was awarded The Gudrun Helgadóttir Children and Young People's Literary Prize 2021.





A sensational magical thriller for YA readers of all ages.

Olafur Gunnar Gudlaugsson Lightbringer

The Last Warlock #1

Síðasti seiðskrattinn – Ljósberi, YA, 2021

Four young people set out to investigate the mysterious death of their mentor. All possess magical gifts but have mastered their powers to varying degrees. They soon discover that nothing in their lives, the universe or the world as they know it is as it seems. Their ability to cope with their powers and learn to use them is put to the test as they contend with evil spirits who threaten the existence of all mankind.

HARDCOVER, ?? x ?? cm, ??? 290 pp

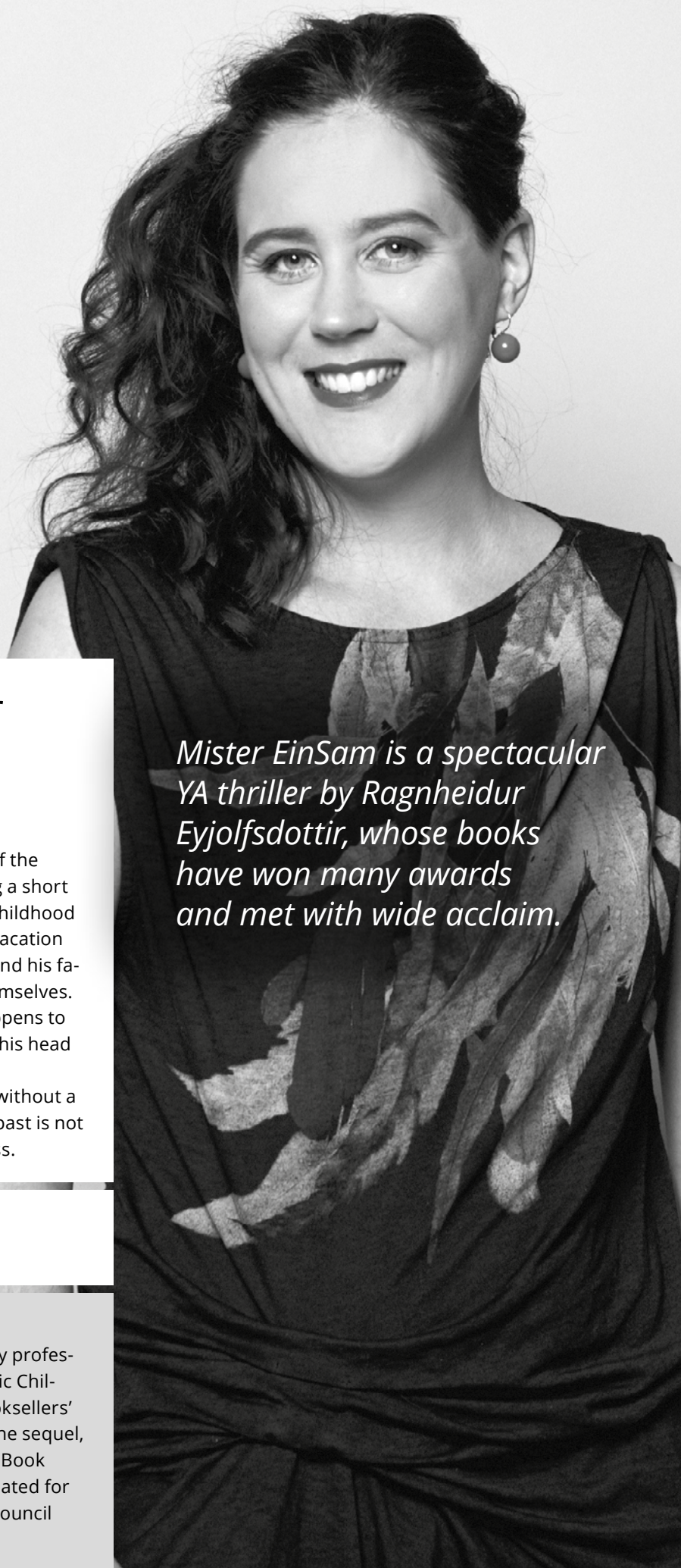
Age group: 13+

The Icelandic Children's Literature Prize 2021

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Olafur Gunnar Gudlaugsson (b.1964) was awarded the 2021 Icelandic Children's Literature Award for *Lightbringer*, the first installment of *The Last Warlock* trilogy. Gudlaugsson has published a number of popular children's books and plays about Benedict the Elf, but *Lightbringer* is his first novel for older readers.





Ragnheidur Eyjolfsson Mister EinSam

Mister EinSam, YA, 2021

It can get lonely being the son of the Shark, one of the country's most notorious figures. Sammi is taking a short winter vacation in Iceland where he and his two childhood friends Ingo and Korri are headed to an opulent vacation home in the countryside belonging to his father and his father's wife, who are too busy to welcome him themselves. The group is joined by Eyrún and Sigrún, who happens to be the girl Sammi has not been able to get out of his head since he fled the country. When one of them disappears into the darkness without a trace, Sammi gradually begins to realize that the past is not behind him and there is much unfinished business.

HARDCOVER, 14 x 21 cm, 251 pp

Age group: 13+

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ragnheidur Eyjolfsson (b.1984) is an architect by profession. Her first book, *The Heir*, received the Icelandic Children's Literature Award in 2015 as well as the Booksellers' Prize in the young adult literature category, and the sequel, *The Underworld*, received the Reykjavik Children's Book Award in 2017. Her last book, *The Rats*, was nominated for the Icelandic Literary Prize as well as the Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize.

Mister EinSam is a spectacular YA thriller by Ragnheidur Eyjolfsson, whose books have won many awards and met with wide acclaim.



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