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Astrid Lindgren



This book about Astrid Lindgren is an inspired illustrated biography that provides children with knowledge about the person, author, editor and dedicated contributor to the community that was Astrid Lindgren. Through stories, quotes, facts and magical illustrations, we become familiar with Astrid Lindgren – one of the world's greatest children's authors.

The book follows a classic chronological development from Astrid's happy childhood in Vimmerby to her old age in Stockholm. Within each of these epochs, the book explores important, exciting and humorous episodes in Astrid's life and work. We hear about her love of nature, her lifelong joy of playing and climbing trees, reading and writing, and fighting for children's and animal rights. But we also hear about her life's many dark moments – her life as a young and impoverished single mother, her longing for love, and – as she so often expressed it – the experience of “how difficult it can be to be human”.

This biography is a unique starting point for inspiring new generations to read Astrid Lindgren's books.

Illustrated by Lisa Aisato.

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