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The Goalie and the Sea



"Who's normally the goalkeeper?' My jaw dropped. How could he possibly not know? Everybody in the area knew that Lena was the goalie of the boys' team. She stepped into the circle wearing her goalkeeper's gloves and looked up defiantly at the man in the black tracksuit.

'Me.'

'Is that it?'"

The arrival of a new football coach means dark clouds are looming over twelve-year-old Lena Lid's goalkeeping career. In the house next door, Trille is wondering how to impress the ladies. Meanwhile, as always, Grandpa is out at sea, looking for the biggest catch of all time and trying not to worry about getting old.

Throughout the course of a year, Lena, Trille and Grandpa will have to battle the forces of nature, as well as themselves. The stage is set for strongly felt emotions and real drama in Mathildewick Cove, the small bundle of houses where they live by the sea. What are friends like Lena and Trille to do when all the rafts they make end up sinking, when every message in a bottle they send just washes up on the shore at home, and when nobody cares about what they can really do? They're hardly ones to give up in a sticky situation, though, that's for sure. Certainly not if Lena has anything to say about it!

The Goalie and the Sea is an intense and action-packed return to the quirky lives of the beautifully mismatched friends from the international success *Waffle Heart*.

Maria Parr

Maria Parr is one of Norway's most popular authors for children, and made her debut in 2005, with the children's novel *Waffle Heart* (*Vaffelhjarte*). Her big breakthrough came in 2009, with *Tonje Glimmerdahl*. Both books have become modern classics in Norwegian children's literature, and are sold to more than 25 languages.

Nominations for *The Goalie and the Sea*: Nominated to The Bookseller's Prize, the book chain ARK-prize and The Brage Prize (given by the Norwegian Publishers' Ass.).

AWARDS

Tonje Glimmerdahl:

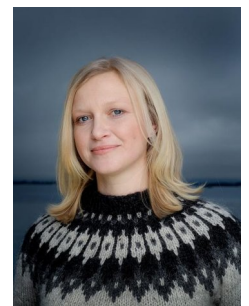
The Critics' Award, best children's book, 2010

The Brage Prize, best children's book, 2009

The Mrs. Pepperpot Award, 2009

Waffle Heart:

The Dutch Zilveren Griffel



The French Prix de Sourcière