



Winner
Pondusprisen



Winner, **Dagbladets
Tegneseriekonkurranse**



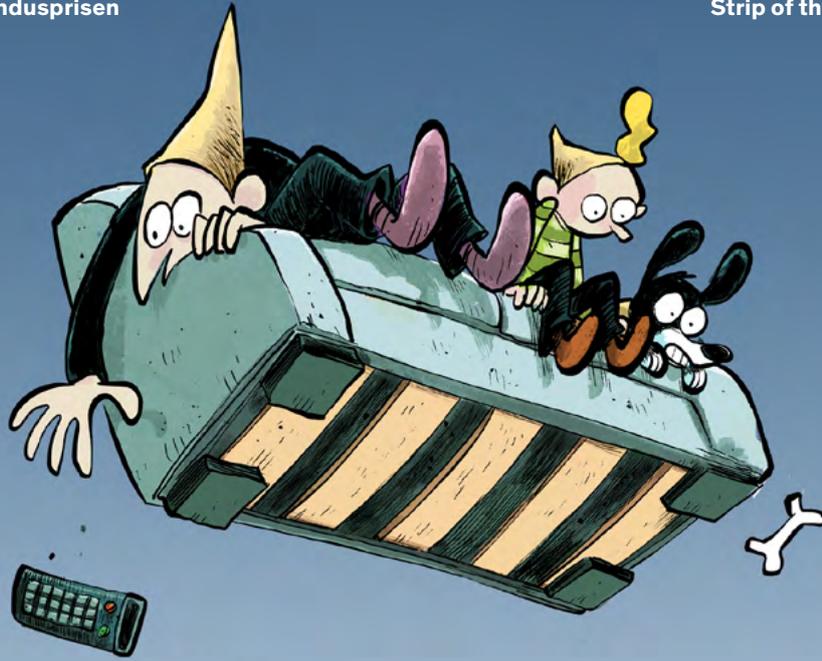
Serienett
Strip of the Decade



Winner
**Sproingprisen
2019**



Nominated for
**Årets Tegneserie,
Oslo Comics Expo**



DUNCE

By Jens K

«So jealous of Jens' cartooning style, he's a master»

Scott Kurtz (PVP, Table Titans)





WHAT IS IT?



DUNCE is an kind of autobiographic strip about coping with life *above the arctic circle*. The main character *Jens K* clings to his every day life in Tromsø, far north in Norway. He's a single dad, living with his son Gustav and their smart dog Brego. Jens' has a best friend *Børge* (a fish(!)), and they're working together in a modern coworkingspace, with some colorful (often disoriented) characters.

DUNCE won the strip competition in one of Norway's biggest newspapers, Dagbladet, and also the prestigious *Pondus-prize*. In 2020 it got the *Sproing-prize* (the Norwegian "Oscar" of comics) in the category *Best Norwegian Comic*. Dunce is doing good internationally, a French book was released in April 2021 and recieved *overwhelming reviews*.

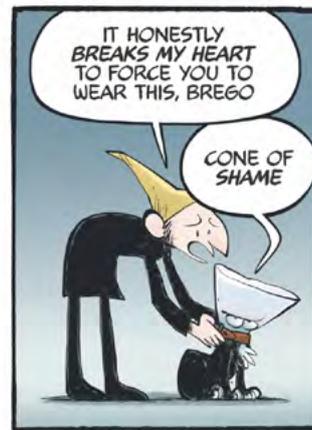
Daily Dunce-strips are printed at the moment in more than 15 Norwegian newspapers, the number is increasing quick. The publisher Egmont has released *three book collections* (in Norwegian) and will release the fourth one in August 2021. The Norwegian comicbook journal Serienett listed Dunce as *"best Norwegian comic of the decade"*.

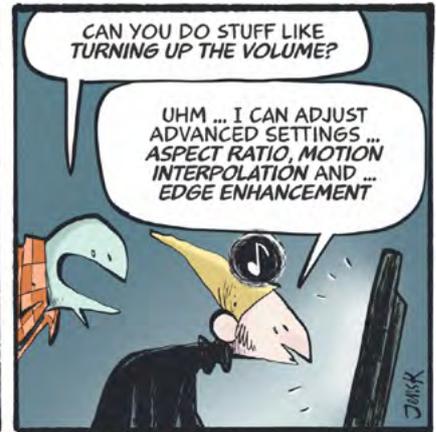
Jens K Styve (born 1972) lives with his wife, dog and three kids in Tromsø, Norway. He's a writer (of two novels), comic artist and illustrator. He worked 12 years as partner and designer in a design agency, but since October 2017 he's been a comic artist full time.

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DUNCE BOOKS



Lut og Kaldt Vatn

Egmont Norway, 2019

176 pages

ISBN: 978824296267

"Dunce is a personal strip. It's the kind of strip that hits the heart without really aiming for it."

[Walter Wehus, Empirix.no](#)



Apokalypse Snart

Egmont Norway, 2019

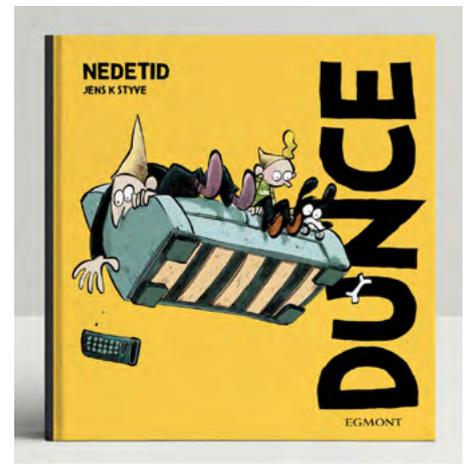
168 pages

ISBN: 9788242967619

"A new star."



[Geir Flatøe, Stavanger Aftenblad](#)



Nedetid

Egmont Norway, 2021

176 pages

Coming in August.

"Best Norwegian comic of the decade."

[Serienett.no](#)



En Roue Libre

404Comics France, 2021

176 pages

ISBN: 9791032404102

"It took a Jens K Styve, to open the festivities of the editorial line to come at 404 Comics! And what an collection! Dunce, it's you, it's me, it's the guy or the girl who confronts the nonsense of life day after day, and who happens to laugh about it."

[Stef Emma, FranceNetInfo](#)

"It's been a long time since I've been so amused by a book, and even more so for comics. Jenks has the gift of making readers happy, I will attend with impatience the next volume."

1001 BD

"(...) this very beautiful work by Jens K. Styve is touching, sincere and relevant."

[Julien O., MDCU Comics](#)

"It's a fine humor, sometimes praiseworthy, full of absurdity, nonsense and a lot of gentleness in the well-being of human beings."

[Planete BD](#)

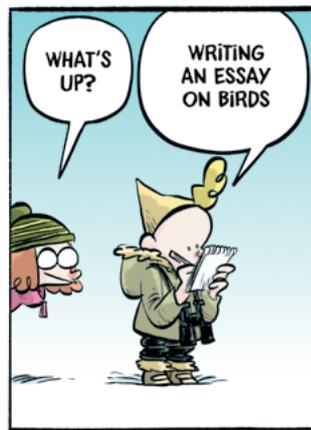
"(...) carries the reader in its gentle absurdity."

[ComicStories.fr](#)





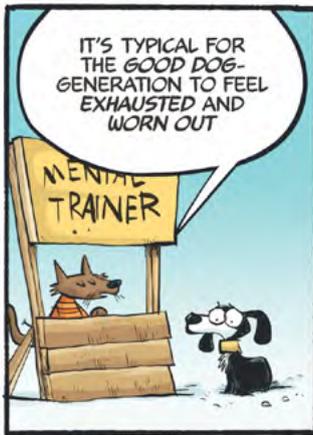


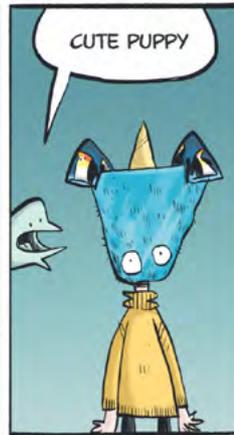














«This comic is an enrichment! Funny, hilarious.»

Comicroview.de (German podcast)

«Like Bill Watterson or Richard Thompson, Styve's simplified drawings are enhanced by his skillful use of traditional media.»

Pome-mag.com

«Affectionate, heart-warming and most importantly funny (...) Made me laugh out loud, something comics rarely do.»

Splank Blog (UK)

«Dunce is a really good and unique comic that has cracked most codes for a successful newspaper strip.»

Statement of the jury, Dagbladet Competition

«This doesn't come more highly recommended both visually and medically! I loved it.»

Awesome Comics, podcast (UK)