

# YOU JUST CAN'T STOP READ IT!

**TROLLHEIM** - A ordinary town, with a not so ordinary secret! Meet Tara, Adam and Tobias who one day decides to enter an old crow's castle that hides a very unusual being. He guards a key down to a world we've only read about in fairy tales.







# THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE'S AWARD FOR BEST ILLUSTRATIONS 2022

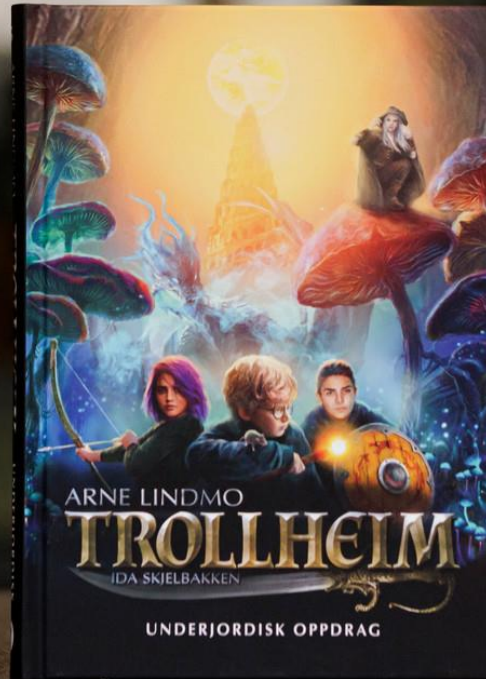






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## ARNE LINDMO and IDA SKJELBAKKEN'S TROLLHEIM - books are:

- Printed in 45 000 copies in Norway!
- 25 weeks on the bestseller list
- Winner of BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR
- Winner of the Ministry of Culture's award for BEST ILLUSTRATIONS
- Selected title from NORLA – Norwegian literature abroad
- Book series published in Denmark 2023!
- Foreign rights worldwide by Rights & Brands
- Selected titles in the Norwegian Book Club
- Two film companies interested in option for film-rights





## BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR!

The winner of the ARK children's book prize is chosen by the most honest readers! The jury consists of over 10,000 fifth, sixth and seventh graders who nominate the year's best children's book! In 2022, TROLLHEIM - Secret of Castle Crow was named the very best book of the year! This is the first book in the series.





## THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE'S AWARD FOR BEST ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrator of the TROLLHEIM books Ida Skjelbakken won the prize for the year's best illustrations from The Ministry of Culture!

The jury writes that "the illustrations sometimes appear frighteningly realistic. Skjelbakken's style reaches its full potential in the images of nature, interiors and supernatural beings. The illustrations are rich in detail, sumptuous, colorful and full of contrasts, and are of great importance to the mood and excitement of the stories."





THE TROLLHEIM BOOKS are illustrated and entertaining, with lots of **action**, **thrilling tension**, **love** and **warmth**.

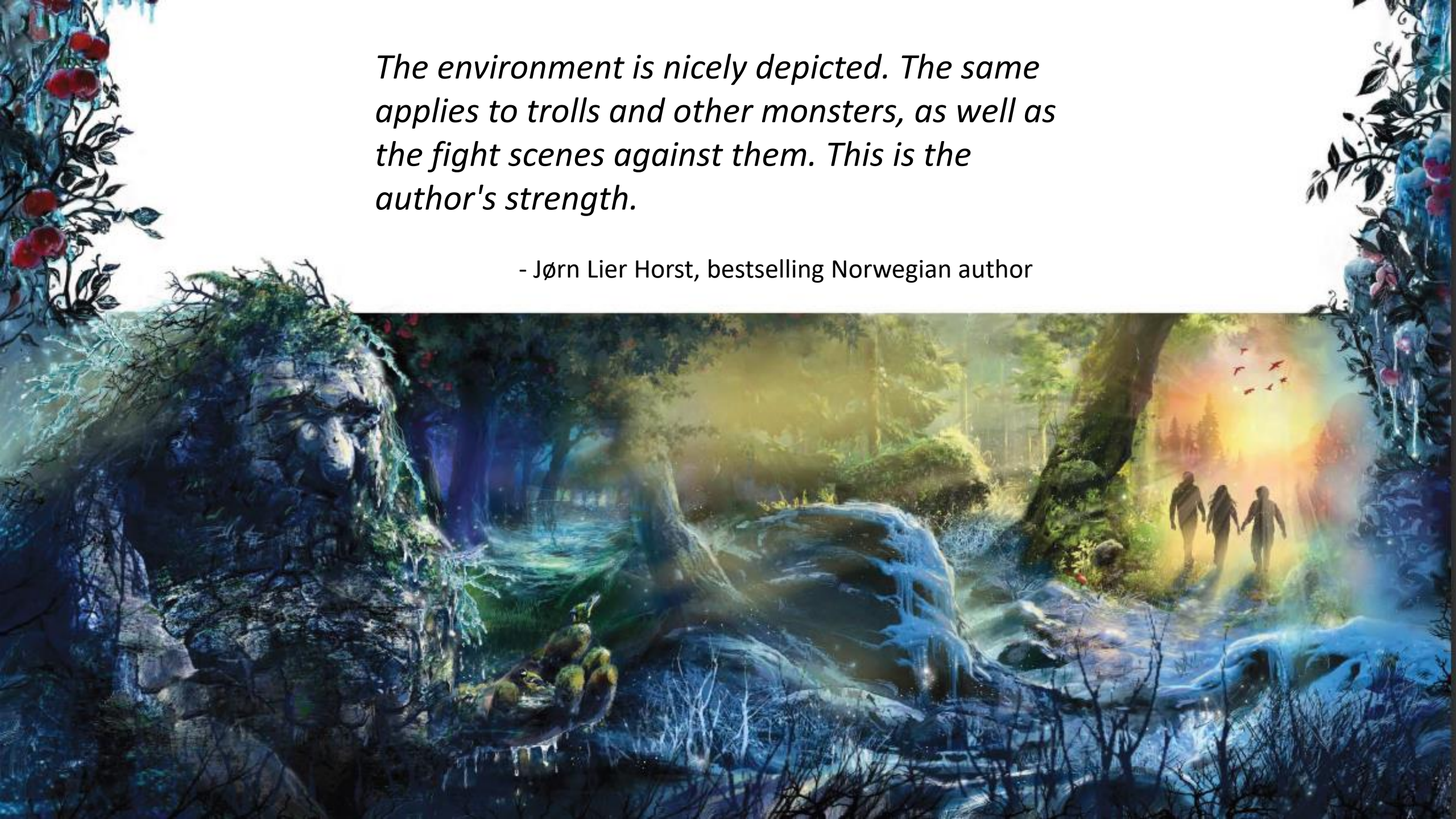
“Our goal is for the series to have the same place in children's hearts today as **THE HARDY BOYS** and **NANCY DREW** had in ours when we were children.”

– Author Arne Lindmo, illustrator Ida Skjelbakken and publisher Anitra Figenschou



*The environment is nicely depicted. The same applies to trolls and other monsters, as well as the fight scenes against them. This is the author's strength.*

- Jørn Lier Horst, bestselling Norwegian author







## FACTS ABOUT TROLLHEIM

**Series title: TROLLHEIM**

**Author: Arne Lindmo**

**Illustrator: Ida Skjelbakken**

**Publisher: Figenschouforlag.no**

**Three books are published in Norwegian**

**Manuscripts for books four and five are ready and will be published in 2023/2024**

**Book 1: Secret of Castle Crow (Launched July 2022)**

**Book 2: Avenger from Helheim (Launched October 2022)**

**Book 3: Underground Mission (Launched January 2023)**

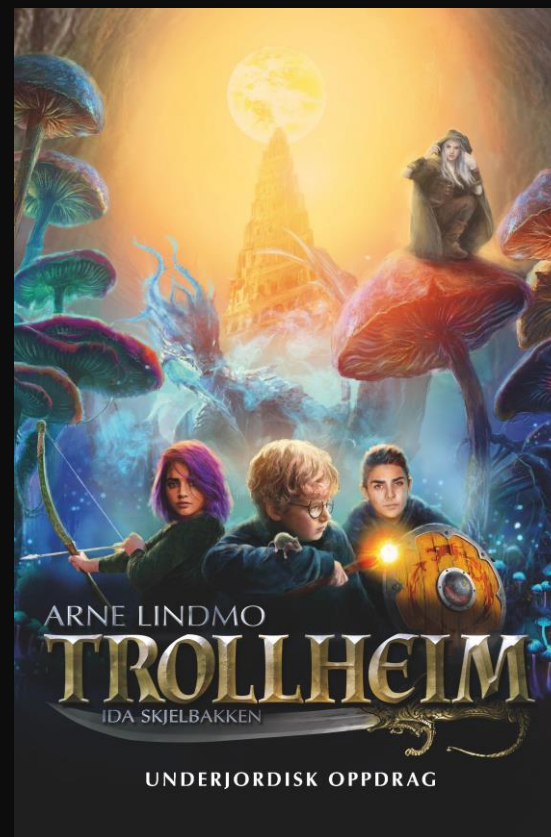
**Book 4: Vampires and demons (Planned for August 2023)**

**Number of pages: approx. 200**

**Genre: Colour-illustrated, easy-to-read fantasy novel**

**Age: 9–12 years**









## BOOK 1: TROLLHEIM – Secret of Castle Crow

Main characters: Adam, Tara and Tobias

Important character: Kark the troll

Antagonists/Monsters: Hel, the Midgard Serpent and Fenrir the Wolf

Mysterious things are going on in the small town of Trollheim. The children talk in hushed voices about scary things in the woods. Three friends, Adam, Tara and Tobias, are facing the longest and most dangerous night of their lives. If they are to survive until dawn, they must discover the secret of Castle Crow and do battle with an ancient evil before the whole world is lost.





## BOOK 2: TROLLHEIM – Avenger from Helheim

Main characters: Adam, Tara and Tobias

Important characters: The families of the three friends

**Antagonists/Monsters: Helene (Hel's daughter) and Viktor (Werewolf). In this book Tara turns into a werewolf also and becomes her own worst enemy.**

Adam, Tara and Tobias have pledged to protect Trollheim from the evil lurking beneath the surface. They soon face a challenge that will not only test their courage and strength, but also their friendship. Mysterious tracks in the woods and strange howls at the moon are ominous enough, but little do they know the greatest danger is one they can neither see nor hear.





## BOOK 3: TROLLHEIM – Underground Mission

Main characters: Adam, Tara and Tobias

Important characters: Zira the vampire, Odin, and Tara's little brother, Bablu

Antagonists/Monsters: Trolls (big/small), Zaxigyll the dragon and Loki (the devil himself). The Trolls kidnap Tara's little brother, and the children go underground to save him!

When a dear family member is kidnapped, Adam, Tara and Tobias risk everything to free him. They must climb deep underground, all the way to Helheim! Trolls, dragons and Loki himself stand in their way, and other dangers also lurk in the dark tunnels ... A pale girl crawling around looking for blood, who even the biggest trolls are afraid of.

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## BOOK 4: TROLLHEIM – Vampires and demons

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias and Zira

Important characters: Silje and Frank

Antagonists/Monsters: In this book the bullies at school are the real monsters. Represented by Frank and his gang.

Adam, Tara and Tobias have a new friend, but she's a vampire and hasn't been on the surface in 200 years! Can they keep her identity a secret? Will she fit in at school? And can they stop her from murdering the mean bullies in the class? The problems get worse and worse, especially when the class superstar falls in love with Adam. She will stop at nothing to win his heart, including making deals with the darkest powers...

This is a classic “fish out of water”-story.





«Good book series like this, is actually hard to find!»

– Oskar, 10 years







«Vampiers and Demons  
are the best book in the  
series so far»

– 7th grade, school of Sinnes





«She who made  
the drawings for  
these books must  
have magical  
colors and  
pencils»

– Beren and Heidi, 10 years







Leonora loves books like *Harry Potter*, *The Amulet*, *Northern Lights* and *The Music Box*, and now she has a new favourite: *TROLLHEIM – Secret of Castle Crow*



It was very good! Exciting! It kind of jumped straight in. This boy was moving and there were lots of children who had disappeared in TROLLHEIM.

TARA was very cool, strong. I liked her very much. And then typically there's someone who's a little afraid. Tobias wore his glasses and curly hair very well. Think maybe he's a little in love with Tara.

The illustrator was also very clever. There was so much life in the drawings, they explained so much. I'd recommend this series to all my friends who like fantasy!





Bernhard read *TROLLHEIM - Secret of Castle Crow* when the book was just plain text and had no drawings.

He liked the story very much and wrote to us that it was a quarter away from six stars, but he was sure it would get top marks once he saw a drawing of the troll!

Now he has seen the drawing of the troll!







Øyvind reports that he could NOT put the book down and simply HAD to finish reading it before falling asleep.

It was 00:30 before he switched off the light!







## A DEBUT AUTHOR WHO KNOWS THE ART OF KEEPING CHILDREN AWAKE!

Arne Lindmo is really good at action sequences and jumps straight in, leaving young readers breathless from the very first page! 'This is an absolutely necessary quality in a writer today,' says publisher Anitra Figenschou. 'Children today are used to constant excitement. They don't have the patience kids had when I was a child,' she continues.

Arne Lindmo worked for many years as a teacher in Oslo schools and even then he used to invent scary short stories that he was always telling the students in his class to keep them awake during Norwegian lessons. Sometimes his stories kept students up at night too!





## ADAM, TOBIAS AND TARA: CHARACTERS YOU CARE ABOUT

Not only is Lindmo good at action, he also manages to describe the three main characters in a way that really makes you like them and want to read more! 'We also see this as a key to success,' continues publisher Figenschou. 'Just think of the series we get hooked on, on Netflix, HBO and Disney+. Those are the series where the main characters are multidimensional, and you constantly want to get to know them better.'







## REPRESENTATION

Adam is half Polish and half Moroccan, Tara's parents are from India, and Tobias' family is Norwegian on both sides. Representation in children's books is hugely important, though often difficult to achieve. Lindmo draws knowledge from his experience as a teacher in Oslo schools with children from all over the world, and he has many friends in the local community who can help proofread quotes in Polish and Hindi.





Author **Arne Lindmo** was born in Norway in 1981.



**Arne Lindmo** loves to write exciting stories inspired by NORSE MYTHOLOGY, fairytales and myths, a theme that has fascinated him since childhood. In addition to reading, he likes to play chess and computer games. Outdoors, he prefers basketball and slalom skiing, preferably with his son.







Illustrator: IDA SKJELBAKKEN was born in Norway in 1979.

Norwegian illustrator Ida Skjelbakken's photographic style brings the characters and battle scenes to life in a cinematic way. Her execution is impressive, and her style fits the fantasy genre perfectly!





# READER REVIEWS

Figenschou uses children as test readers in the development of all books, both Norwegian and in translation! The children are the publisher's most important consultants. *Trollheim* was sent out to 45 children and two school classes and received lots of good reviews and feedback that we took into consideration while developing the manuscript.

'Actually, it's rare that I read such a good book.' – Felix, 11

'I'd like to read the book again.' – Martin, 12

'I got carried away and really wanted to read on. I also got a little sad when the book was finished.' – Erle, 11

'I'd actually stand in front of my whole class and recommend the book.' – Sol Borghild, 9½

'Would recommend this book to others who like really exciting books (...) Very well written! (...) The book was a little too short. I want this to be a series with several books.' – Lars, 11

'I was gripped with suspense from page 1!' – Runa, 10½

'The book is perfect for anyone who likes trolls, werewolves, mysterious beings and a little romance.' – Miriam, 10



ARNE LINDMO

# JULEKUPPET



ILLUSTRERT AV IDA SKJELBAKKEN

**Titel:** The Christmas Coup

**Author:** Arne Lindmo

**Illustrations:** Ida Skjelbakken

**Publishing date:** 22. of September 2023

**Pages:** 192

**Sjangre:** Christmas / Heist novel

**Alder:** Middel grade

**THIS AUTUMN'S BIG NEWS FROM FIGENSCHOU** will be a stand-alone Christmas novel from the star team Arne Lindmo and Ida Skjelbakken. It is a Christmas novel, which we hope will fill Norwegian families' need for Christmas spirit in the run-up to Christmas. The cover oozes Christmas and the story is full of action like all of Arne's stories. It's a so-called heist novel, a coup novel that tells the story of: **Four poor homeless children who this year wants to celebrate the best Christmas ever! But first they must carry out the coup of the century!**









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North Pole









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