



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

- Printed in 80 000 copies in Norway!
- 50 weeks on the bestseller list
- Winner of BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR in 2022 & 2023
- Winner of the Ministry of Culture's award for BEST ILLUSTRATIONS
- Selected title from NORLA Norwegian literature abroad
- Book series sold to Denmark, Finland, Poland, Russia, Slovakia!
- Selected titles in the Norwegian Book Club
- Two film companies interested in option for film-rights

TROLLHEIM: Where «Stranger Things» meets norse mythology. You just can't stop reading!





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



BOOK 1: TROLLHEIM – Secret of Castle Crow

<u>Main characters:</u> Adam, Tara and Tobias <u>Important character:</u> Kark the troll <u>Antagonists/Monsters:</u> 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

<u>Main characters:</u> Adam, Tara and Tobias <u>Important characters:</u> Zira the vampire, Odin, and Tara's little brother, Bablu

<u>Antagonists/Monsters:</u> Trolls (big/small), Zaxigyll the dragon and Loki (the devil himself). The Trolls kidnap Taras little brother, and the children goes 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.



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.



Book 5: TROLLHEIM – The Queen of Spiders

<u>Main characters:</u> Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira <u>Key characters:</u> Siblings Frank and Silje <u>Antagonists/MONSTERS:</u> Arakhne, the Queen of Spiders, is the main monster in this tale, well-assisted by Medusa. Investigator Fredriksen is also a central antagonist.

An intense police investigation is underway in Trollheim. Two children have disappeared without a trace, and rumors circulate about a vampire in the village. In an attempt to sort things out, Adam, Tara, and Tobias journey to Helheim to find the missing children. There, a new monster has emerged: Arakhne, the Queen of Spiders! A ruthless creature who desires conquest and dominion, yet she is also lonely, constantly searching for a girl who, with a little help, can become her perfect eight-legged daughter!



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<u>Antagonists/MONSTERS:</u> Mårg, the man who has bought himself eternal life in a gruesome way. He is guarded by an army of undead animals with only black holes for eyes

Key characters: The bully Roger becomes a friend but meets a

Book 6: TROLLHEIM – The Curse in Troll Forest

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira

Tara's parents want to buy a new cabin, but it's suspiciously cheap. Tara volunteers to test the cabin for a week. She looks forward to starting her summer vacation with a cozy cabin trip with all her friends. She's especially excited to spend time with Tobias. But the cabin hides a gruesome secret—a curse. And deep inside Troll Forest, miles from the nearest neighbor and without phone coverage, the group of friends begins to realize that something is terribly wrong... CHRISTMAS HEIST - A standalone, illustrated Christmas novel in the heist genre. Written by the star team behind the TROLLHEIM series for children in the devour age. Perfect to read as an advent book for the whole family.

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Main characters: Siblings Lukas and Emma and their friends Karoline and Malik

<u>Key characters:</u> Gregor Twist's children Trude and Torbjørn <u>Antagonists:</u> The wealthy billionaire Gregor Twist and his two Siberian tigers

Christmas Heist tells the story of four poor street children who want to celebrate the best Christmas ever, but first, they must pull off the biggest Christmas heist of all time. On a deserted island, an old, grumpy millionaire, Gregor Twist, is preparing a peculiar Christmas ritual: decorating for Christmas with gifts, food, and decorations from around the world, only to burn everything on Christmas Eve. The four poor street children, Lukas, Emma, Karoline, and Malik, decide to help themselves to some of the food and presents on the night before Christmas Eve. The carefully planned heist involves putting a tiger to sleep, hacking the alarm system, and climbing down the chimney, but nothing goes as planned, and the children soon find themselves struggling to survive. As if things weren't scary enough, Gregor Twist's mansion seems to be haunted. The book is full of action, adventure, humor, and Christmas spirit.

"BEST BOOK OF MY LIFE"

Here are some of the most enthusiastic feedback from our test readers at Sinnes School in Sirdal for Christmas Heist:

"Fantastic. The best Christmas book I've ever read!"

- Karoline

"Exciting, very different from all other Christmas books. Loved the book!"

- Kristoffer

"Best book of my life, not just among Christmas books, but of all books."

- Olivier

"I bet this will be the best-selling Christmas book of all time."

- Sverre

"Loved that it was exciting all the time. Everyone is going to like this."

- Solveig





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"The story feels so real, it's like I'm a part of it!" - Trym

"One of the best books I've read! But it might be a bit scary for those who are 6-7 years old."

- Sverre







«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!



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