

Sáve Sápmi

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We get to know 12-year-old Sáve and Nils who live in Áđevuopmi. Here the traditional Sámi way of life meets the modern one. Suddenly everything changes in the small village when mother loses her job. The wolverine is wreaking havoc on the reindeer herd and it is snowing more than usual. How will the reindeer survive the winter? Sáve's mother Ellen Marizza has started blogging, and soon social media takes up all her time. Sáve wants everything to be as it was, but everything only gets worse.

The novel's main characters are Sáve and Nils. They are in 5th and 6th grade at the Sámi School in Karesuando. They are best friends and are always together. Especially in winter, they drive snowmobiles every weekend, rounding up reindeer and herding their reindeer herd. They like to be outside and have a fire. Sáve's mother Ellen Marizza works in the municipal office and Sáve's father is a reindeer herder.

Everything is as usual in Sáve's life, until one day her mother comes crying into her bedroom.

There is both humor and seriousness in the novel. The author has written about various topics such as the challenges in the villages outside the cities, reindeer husbandry, global warming and life on social media.



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