

The Hamburger Princess

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Hamburger is my prince, my dream prince. With a full belly I get to my feet, feel how the hamburger in my stomach moves around in response to my own movements. In the mirror I see a fat, dark-haired and ugly hamburger princess.

Saia Stueng has written *The Hamburger Princess*, a novel for young adults. The novel is about Máren, a 17-year old high school student. At school, she has to deal with the other girls in her class, while at the same time dreaming of the school's Casanova. In the evening, she derives strength from her relationship with Máhtte.

The feeling I have at this present moment is a strong one.

I, Máren, a 17-year old high school student, elephant and hamburger princess, have gone and fallen in love with an old man.

Saia Stueng's novel deals with the complexity and multi-faceted nature of life, and Máren experiences both adversity as well as love's tender touch. The book contains elements of dark humour, in which sexuality, abuse of power, bullying and love go hand in hand.



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Saia Stueng has published numerous short stories and is a frequent contributor as a newspaper columnist. The *Hamburger Princess* is her debut novel.

“Dark humour, coarse language and taboos.” *Ávvir* (Sámi newspaper)