

The Orange Plane

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Dad is traveling to the wilderness by seaplane. He gathers his children around him and tells them he's come up with a very good idea: he's going to drop ten oranges through the plane's window onto Grandma and Grandpa's property when he flies over it! He tells the children to look for them until he comes back home.

The children can't wait to look for the oranges! They watch to try to see where they land when the plane flies over their house – but they don't see anything falling! They decide to start looking for them anyway. The children look for the oranges for a long time and start to wonder whether Dad is just playing a trick on them.

At first, they just find orange peels. Someone has eaten an orange and left only the peel behind! They also find a second orange, which is squished flat, as if someone had stepped on it. Now, they start to hope that the oranges may have fallen out of the window of the plane after all ...

"The children look and look. Some crawl across the yard, their hands digging through the grass. Could there really be ten oranges somewhere here?"



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Author **Marit Kirsten Anti Gaup** is from Karasjok municipality. She writes books about children's everyday life and what the children experience in their local environment – while also incorporating elements from the Sámi culture into her stories, such as strange events, myths and superstitions, invisible helpers etc. The author has a very rich Sámi cultural background. She will soon publish her fourth children's book; *Skireáhkku* (Grandmother Magpie).

Malle Rimmel has illustrated colorful and authentic illustrations that show examples of what a Sámi courtyard looks like here in the north.