

IDA LARMO

# O'boy

MY NUTTY  
COMIC DIARY





Growing up, author Ida Larmo drew a cartoon diary from her life as a boy-crazy, drawing-crazy and O'boy chocolate milk-crazy girl. Now these uncontrollably funny, embarrassing and delightfully uncensored diaries have been given new life in this standalone graphic novel for kids / youth.

And what a life! Join Ida in the tumultuous and confusing years between child and teenager with her first summer camp experience, first boyfriend... and first boob! Not to mention boyfriend lists, clothing crises, nude photos in the barn and scary kidnappers!

O'boy is a book about friendship, drawing, the urge to explore, insecurity, everyday school life, puberty, teachers, intrigues and falling in love – told through a child's eyes.

#### **Awards:**

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by The Norwegian Comics Forum

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- Bologna Ragazzi Award 2026



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*O'boy – My Nutty Comic Diary*

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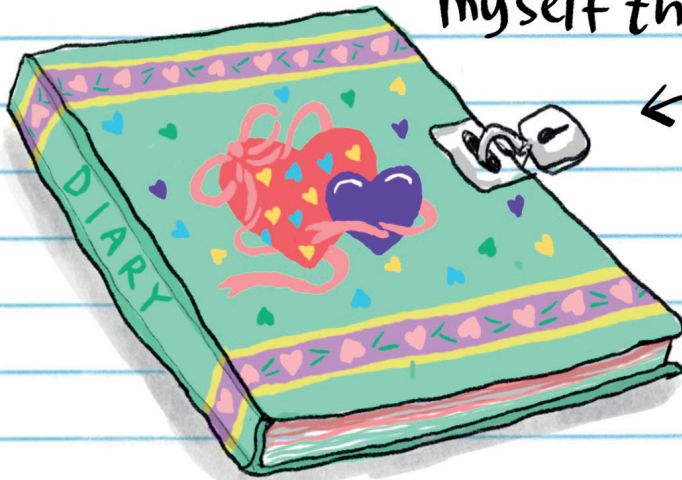


# HI !

16/3/92

My name is Kim and I'm 11.

I saved up 100 kroner and bought myself this diary in the toyshop.



It's a bit too girly, but it was the only one with a padlock!

I'm going to write **SECRET** things in it !!!

**TOP SECRET!**

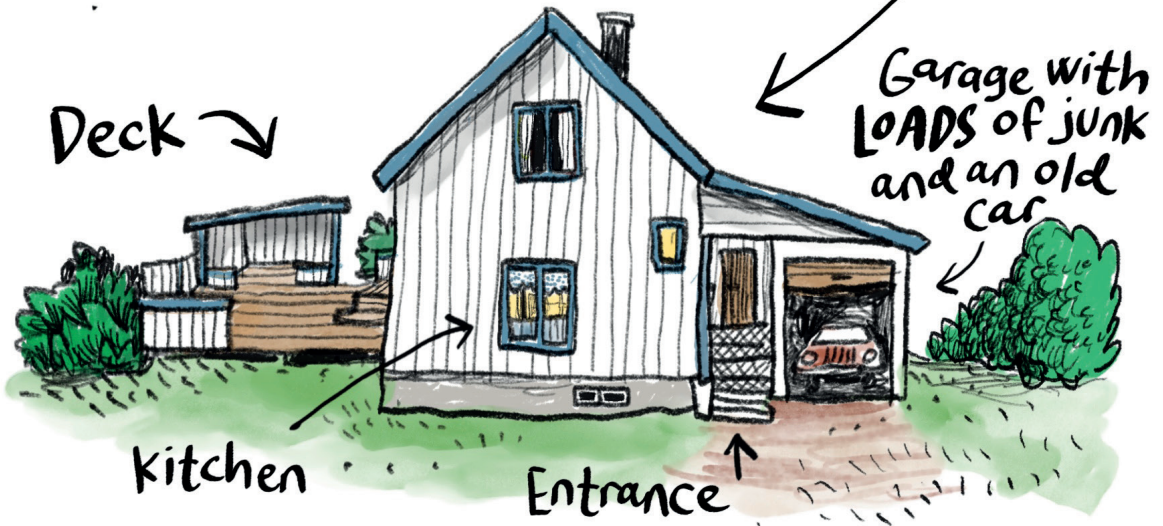


← This is what I look like





I live with my Mum and Dad  
(Yeah, I'm an only child) in this house  
in Bjørkelangen, near Oslo.



I've got a rabbit called  
INSPECTOR SNIFFY JR.



(NOT VERY SMART)

Very cute,  
but poos little  
brown peas  
all the time

I really want a  
LASSIE DOG!  
The best dog in the  
World!



(SUPERSMART)

A rabbit can't exactly  
save me if something scary  
happens. But a Lassie dog can!

I REALLY WANT A BMX like André's!

(My mate who lives  
down the road)



Mum says that it's a boy's bike,  
so I can't have one. Because

REALLY I'm a girl and my name's IDA!

(BUT if I could choose I'd be  
a boy! They have much cooler  
bikes, clothes and names.)

THERE ARE TWO KINDS  
OF BOYS!

① THE KIND YOU PLAY WITH

② THE KIND YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH

Love



ANDRÉ  
Typical mate!



SIMEN  
Not a typical  
mate (if you  
see what I mean!)



I LOVE  
DRAWING! I DO  
IT ALL THE TIME!  
WHEN I'M OLDER I'M  
GONNA BE AN  
*artist* OR  
A CARTOONIST!











THE BOOK  
IS REALLY HEAVY  
AND IT SMELLS  
LIKE OLD  
TIMES...

THE  
«PLAGUE HAG» IS  
THE SCARIEST! ↘

HE'S THE  
BEST DRAWER, EVER!  
IT'S ABOUT TROLLS, THE  
SOULS OF ANIMALS AND  
THE BLACK DEATH...

I'M DROWNING IN  
THIS BOOK AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO GET ENOUGH OF IT!



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## Acclaim



*“After Ida Larmo won the Brage Prize for the graphic novel Rigel – Echo of Injustice (Strand forlag, 2022), she felt the need to delve into something lighter and more cheerful than war history and disasters. What could be better than diving into the memories of a witty childhood, filled with embarrassing, strange and proud moments? The graphic memoir, O’boy – my nutty comic diary, is all this and more. The author’s inner child is definitely intact in this self-confessed diary about childhood crushes, playtime and puberty.”*

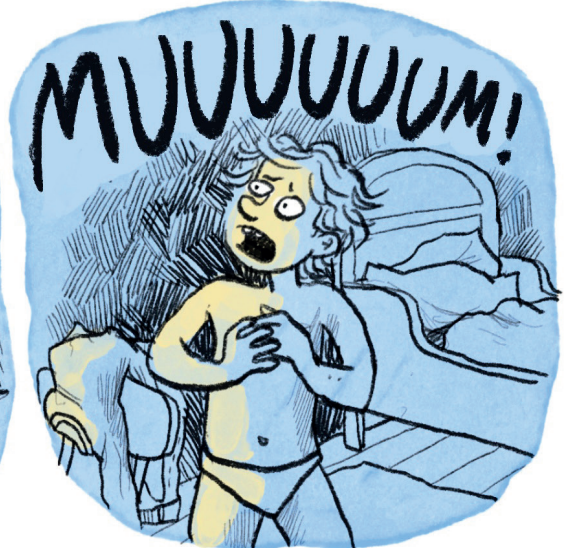
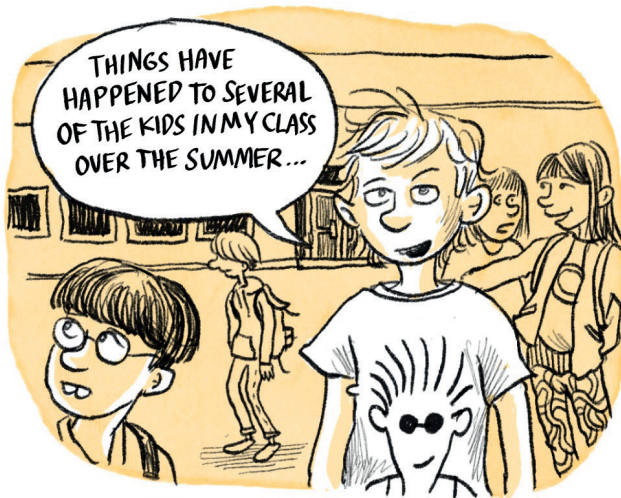
-Egon Låstad, Klassekampen (daily newspaper)

*“As an artist, Ida Larmo is so persuasive that I wonder if she could even make a boring childhood entertaining. So far, she has only made a rich young life even richer. O’boy is so encouraging that it could be prescribed for depression. Possibly with a couple of glasses of chocolate milk.”*

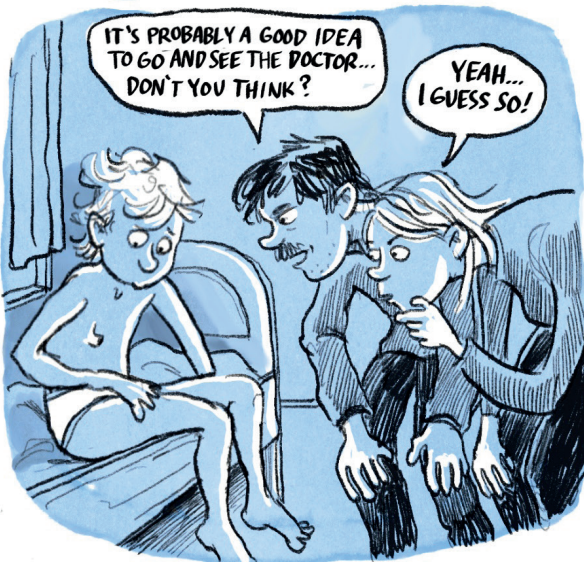
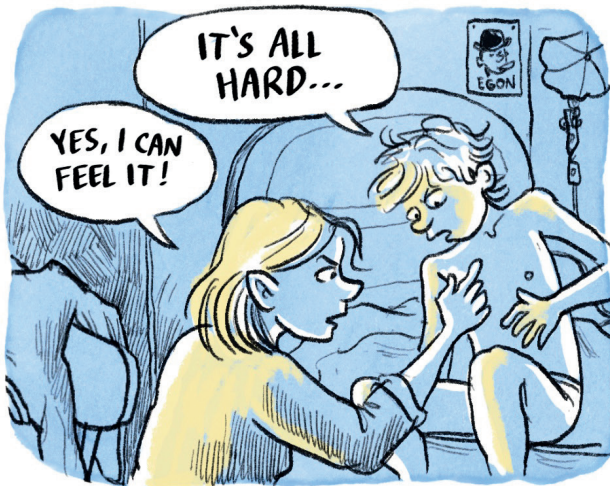
-Trond Sätre, serienett.no (comics web journal)

**The following pages present an excerpt from the book’s chapter on puberty.**

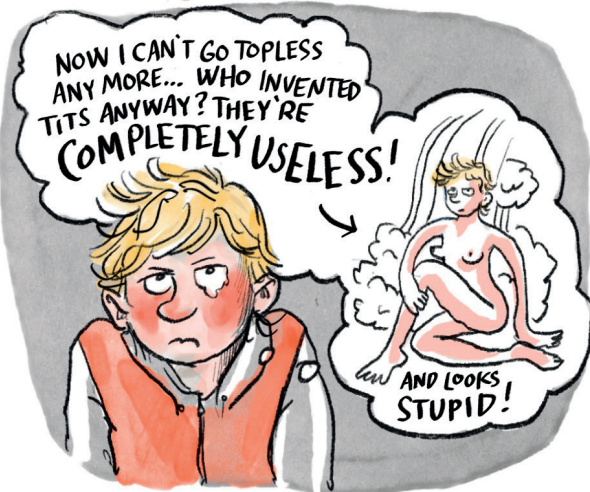














But what's even WEIRDER, well  
**MEGA WEIRD** if you ask me,  
is that last time we had a shower  
after PE, the hair had  
suddenly GONE!

DID YOU SEE THAT  
SHE'S SNIPPED OFF  
THE HAIR BETWEEN  
HER LEGS?

YEAH!  
I THOUGHT I WAS  
THE ONLY ONE WHO  
NOTICED...



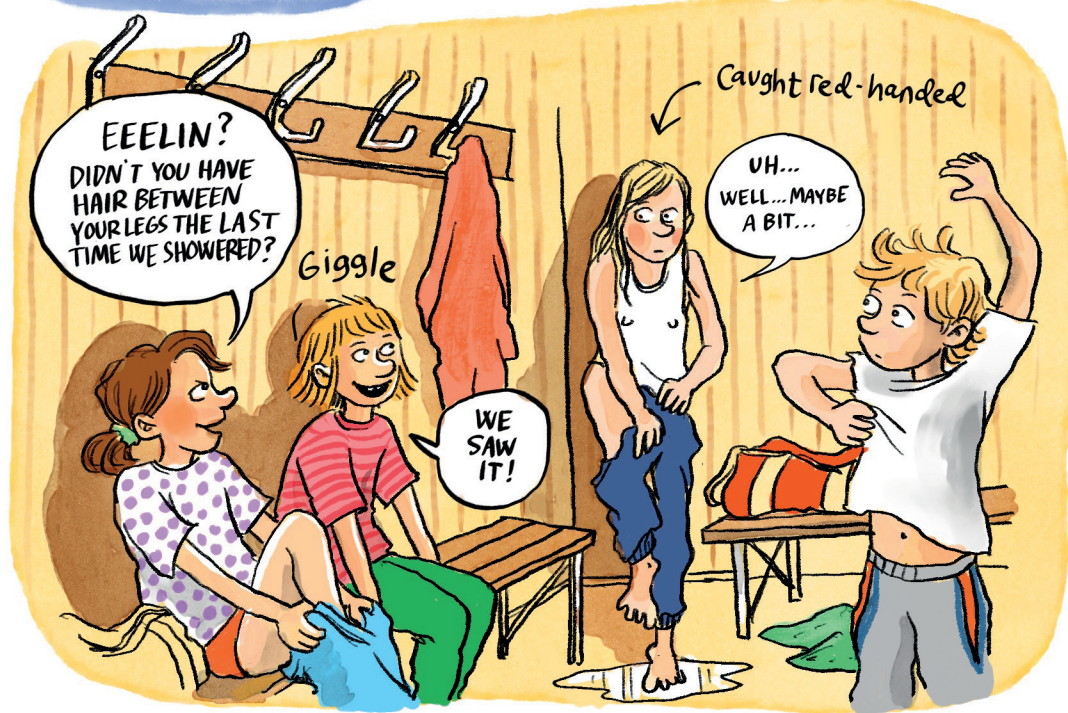
EEELIN?  
DIDN'T YOU HAVE  
HAIR BETWEEN  
YOUR LEGS THE LAST  
TIME WE SHOWERED?

Giggle

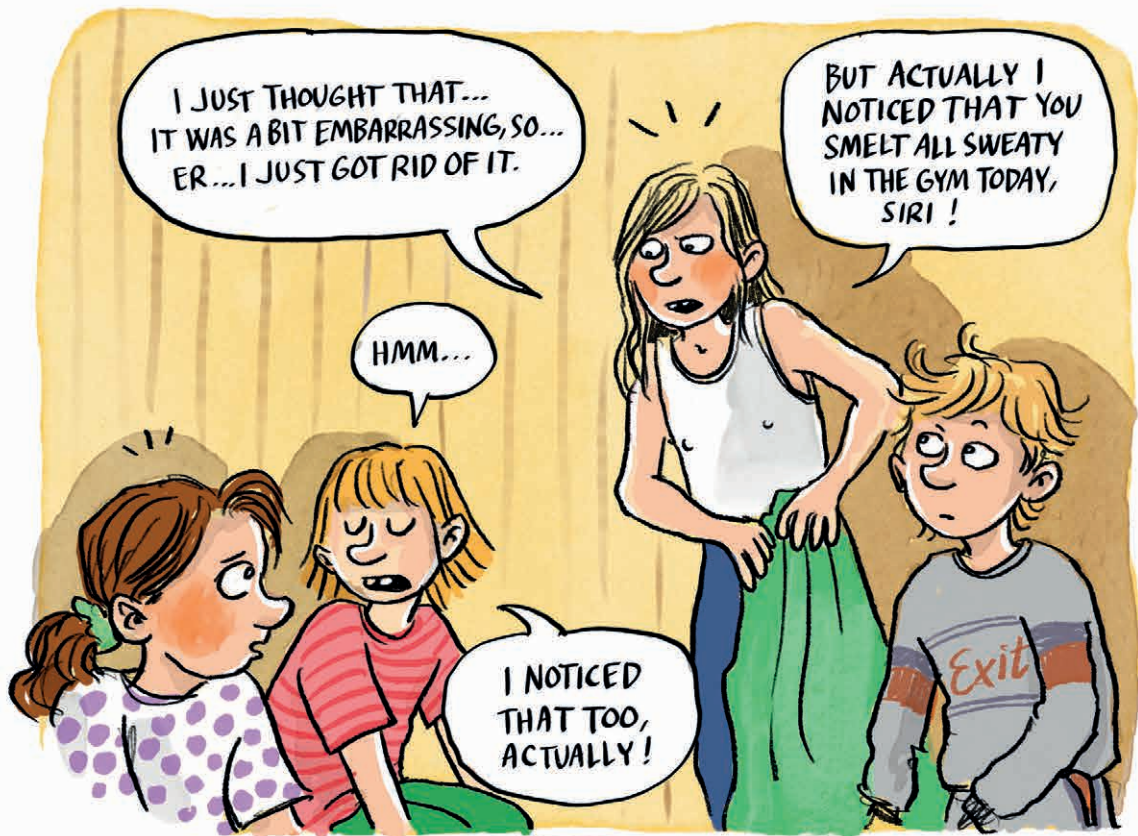
WE  
SAW  
IT!

Caught red-handed

UH...  
WELL... MAYBE  
A BIT...







I don't exactly think it was a deodorant. It was a LIP-BALM with TUTTI-FRUTTI-Smell...



# Strand Publishing

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