TROLLHEIM

The book series kids crave!

Best Book of the Year 2022





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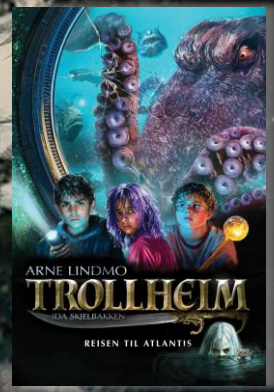


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New Release!




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

Target audience:
Written for boys aged 8–13, but girls love it too.



Number of books: 8 books have been published so far.

Genre: A fantasy series grounded in the real world. The main characters, Tobias, Adam, and Tara, take readers on a journey to the underworld, where monsters from Norse mythology and folklore emerge one by one as threatening antagonists.

Why the series works for the screen: The books are written in a very cinematic style, with fast-paced storytelling and cliffhangers in every chapter. They are thrilling while also building highly believable characters.

Film or TV series: The books are well-suited for adaptation into either a TV series (similar to *Wednesday*) or multiple feature films (like the *Harry Potter* movies).

Animation or live-action: These stories would benefit from an animated background, which could be done cost-effectively using motion capture. However, the characters should be portrayed by live actors. A hybrid approach—where the backgrounds and monsters are created with motion capture while the main characters are live-action—could work well.



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

- Sold in more than 100 000 copies in Norway!
- Arne Lindmo is one of Norway's best-selling authors, regardless of genre. Alongside Jo Nesbø and Malin Falck, he ranks 13th among the most-read authors in Norway.
- More than 100 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 The Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Poland, Russia, Slovakia!
- Selected titles in the Norwegian Book Club
- Three film companies interested in option for film-rights

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





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



AN AUTHOR WHO KNOWS THE ART OF KEEPING CHILDREN AWAKE!

Arne Lindmo is best 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. He used to invent scary short stories that he was 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.





BOOK 1: TROLLHEIM – Secret of Castle Crow

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

Main characters: Adam, Tara and Tobias
Important characters: Zira the vampire, Odin, and Tara's little brother, Bablu
Antagonists/Monsters: 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

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira
Key characters: Siblings Frank and Silje
Antagonists/MONSTERS: 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!



Book 6: TROLLHEIM – The Curse in Troll Forest

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira
Key characters: The bully Roger becomes a friend but meets a fatal fate
Antagonists/MONSTERS: 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

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...



Book 7: TROLLHEIM - The Journey to Atlantis

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira
Key characters: The marine biologist Daniel, who arrives in Trollheim with big news
Antagonists/MONSTERS: Kraken and the People of Atlantis

There is a place in the Atlantic Ocean that no one dares to cross. Sailors speak of a terrifying monster with long tentacles, and more ships have disappeared there than in the Bermuda Triangle. Deep down lies the ruins of an 8,000-year-old secret. A lost kingdom that was destroyed and sank to the bottom of the sea.

Tobias loves the myth of Atlantis. When he discovers that a mysterious portal leads there, he has to take a look. Soon he, Adam, Tara, and Zira are off on a new adventure. But the portal is a one-way ticket, and trapped at the bottom of the sea, cold and wet, they must find a way home.



Book 8: TROLLHEIM - The Witch of the Water Spirit's Marsh

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira
Key characters: Silje who decides to host a grand Halloween party in the Crow's Castle
Antagonists/MONSTERS: The Witch of the Water Spirit's Marsh

Halloween is to be celebrated with a class party at the old crow's castle, and everyone is looking forward to it. But strange things begin to stir. Black cats attack, and a crow with green eyes spies on them. Only Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira can stand against the darkness that has crept into Trollheim—but they must hurry, or this year's All Hallows' Night may twist into a nightmare from which no one can escape.



Book 9: TROLLHEIM - The Murders in Egypt

Main characters: Adam, Tara, Tobias, and Zira
Key characters: The archaeologists Daniel and Bjørn Tore
Antagonists/MONSTERS: Apep and Ammut from Egyptian mythology

Three mysterious murders have taken place at an archaeological dig in Egypt. The victims were found pale and drained of blood. Zira thinks she knows who the killer is. Worst of all, it might be her fault!

Adam, Tara, Tobias and Zira must journey through the Egyptian underworld, where no one has set foot for thousands of years and fearsome gods and demons lurk around every corner. In Egypt, a mysterious, newly discovered pyramid awaits them, filled with traps, mummies and priceless treasures. And deep in its dark corridors, the killer is waiting too. A ruthless vampire with a plan that could lay waste to the world!
Before the night is over, one of the four friends must pay a price that will change everything …



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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."

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!



The Christmas Caper - 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.

Main characters: Siblings Lukas and Emma and their friends Karoline and Malik
Key characters: Gregor Twist's children Trude and Torbjørn
Antagonists: 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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«Good book series like this, is actually hard to find!»

– Oskar, 10 years

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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*

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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!



«She who made the drawings for these books must have magical colors and pencils»

– Beren and Heidi, 10 years

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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

Dice rating:



«The book was absolutely amazing. Everyone in the whole world should have the opportunity to read THE CURSE IN TROLL FOREST!»

– Vilya, age 10









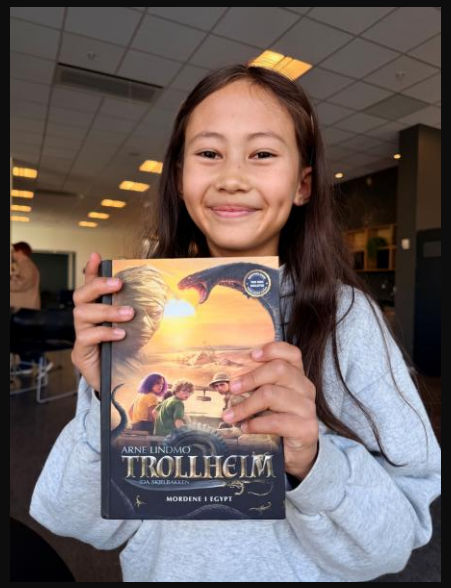


Keen readers from Sinnes School in Sirdal, Norway, recommend the TROLLHEIM series.

"*The Witch of the Water Spirit's Marsh* is impossible to put down," says Ulrik, 13.










I laughed almost the whole time, and a few times I was really shocked. It was a really good book. Make a movie about Trollheim. Or a TV series. With seasons! — Jørgen, age 11, from Måløy (5 stars)

Make a Trollheim movie, pleeease! — Noah, age 12, from Måløy (5 stars)

I haven't read much lately, but I read this book every day. I'd give this story five stars. I'd read zero Trollheim books before, but now I'm going to read them all. — Adea, age 11

Five stars. It's so freaking good! I'd recommend it to anyone aged 6 to 100. — Ayse, age 11

This is the most exciting and unusual Trollheim book, and the best book I've ever read. I'd recommend it as highly as you possibly can." (…) "Can you make, like, 200 books in this series? Like in manga? — Emily



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