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## Conscience

Monika is 13 years old and knows that all her experiences will soon belong to a time past. She's 27, and an older professor's mistress. She's 37 years old and lives with Geir, they've just had Maiken, who rhythmically sucks upon her pacifier, a strip of bare skin at the back of her head. She's 46, with a shedful of quarrelsome chickens, thinking to herself that life is a series of failed attempts at fusing things together. She's 52, and in the mirror above the fruit and vegs in the grocery store, she sees her mother's face. *Conscience* is a novel of the restless yearning after a life filled with passion, purpose and a sense of belonging – but also about the sense that everything slips, that nothing can be held in place, that perhaps people neither wish to nor can bear the thought of actually belonging to someone.

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5 out of 6 stars

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*"Conscience is not the only Trude Marstein's best, but one of the strongest novels in the year."*

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- Jacob Søndergaard, Rosinante

## Trude Marstein

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Trude Marstein (born in 1973) grew up in the small of town Tønsberg on the coast of the Oslofjord. She received the Tarjei Vesaas' Debutant Prize for *Strong Hunger, Sudden Nausea* (1998) and has written several novels as well as a book for children and a number of essays.

