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Martin Ernstsén

## *Hermit*

The main character in *Hermit* is a boy who spends his summer holiday with his grandmother in northern Norway. The story depicts with great empathy the development of the friendship between the two and is also an exploration of the distinctions between fantasy and reality in a young child's mind.

The story is beautifully illustrated, creating a credible and fascinating depiction of a time and place. As was the case in Ernstsén's comic album novel *Fugløya*, the setting is a Norwegian coastal community, but here reflected through the eyes of a child.

This is a story about growing up, suitable for both children and adults

## Martin Ernstsén

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Martin Ernstsén is educated in illustration in the UK, and has a master degree in storytelling at Konstfack in Stockholm.

He made his debut in 2007, and has since then produced five comic albums, amongst them the novel-thriller album *Fugløya* in 2009 and the panoramic animal fable *Kodok's Run*, published in 2011.

In 2012 *Syklus*, a collaborative project with the Swedish illustrator Kilian Eng, was published.

Along with own comic albums he has also contributed to a number of comic anthologies internationally, and created several self-published comic fanzines. He currently lives and works in Berlin.



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