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**Arne Svingen is one of our foremost writers for children and young adults. His production spans from easy reads for children, to novels for children and young adults.**



He is deeply committed to encouraging children and adolescents to read, and he is a true wizard at using humor and suspense to ensnare his readers. Thematically, his books span from pure entertainment to novels on difficult topics. He has written several novels for adults, radio plays for NRK and graphic novels. A number of Arne Svingen's books have been sold abroad, and he has been translated into Danish, Swedish, German, French and Italian. His breakthrough as a writer of thrillers came with *Silent Screams* (2001). He was awarded the Brage Prize for his novel *Black Ivory* in 2005 and was nominated for the Brage Prize for his novel *A Sky Full of Clouds* in 2018.