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## *My Friend, the Pirate*



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When André loses both parents in a car accident, he is sent to live with his father's uncle. With an eye patch and an extremely large consumption of rum, his uncle fits his nickname, The Pirate. Who is really the most responsible one of the two is a bit unclear. After the first parent-teacher meeting, (PTA) The Pirate is no longer welcome at school events.

One day The Pirate becomes very sick and everything looks rather grim. The Pirate's best friend, The Boatman lives on Trinidad, and is said to have healing abilities. The Pirate and André embark upon their life's voyage where both gigantic waves and whirlpools must be surmounted in order to achieve their goal: to make The Pirate well again.

*My Friend, The Pirate* is a burlesque pirate tale with wonderful characters and humour, from a very distinctive new author.

The book is illustrated by Ronny Haugeland.

## Ole Kristian Løyning

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Ole Kristian Løyning (b.1982) is educated as a teacher and works at Vennesla School. He has grown up with Ole Lund Kirkegaard and Roald Dahl on his bookshelf, and says that he enjoys mowing the lawn, fishing and swimming in ice cold water.



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