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## *Now or Never, Rikka*

About being ten, with a mum in one town and a dad in another – and a very sweet boy living next door.

*Just as Rikka walks out of the door, Jimmy comes cycling up the hill.  
Rikka bounds down the steps in two leaps and sits on the fence that separates their yards.  
She's freezing, but that doesn't matter.  
She hopes he'll never leave.  
That he'll stay here with her for the rest of the day.*

Maiken Nylund made her debut last year with *Rikka for Real and Forever* and this is the sequel. This time, there's a bit more about being in love, but also about having divorced parents, about younger siblings and cousins, and about nasty classmates who'll do pretty much anything to make sure that Jimmy won't discover Rikka.

Maiken Nylund has an incredible talent for dealing with the topics that concern her target group – and does it with a voice and intimacy that really hit home.

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Maiken Nylund (b. 1980) studied to become a writer at the Norwegian Institute for Children's Books. She published poems in the international anthology, *Ice Floe*. *Rikka for real and forever* is her first book.



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