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#### AWARDS

Grafill Most Beautiful Books of the Year  
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for children's and young adult literature

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## BEHIND THE BLACK GATE

It's Halloween, but Olivia has no one to go trick-or-treating with. She decides to go out alone. At first it's a little scary to walk around all by herself, but the further Olivia goes, the braver and braver she becomes. Still: The big house behind the gate is spooky – maybe even a little bit extra spooky tonight.

A picture book about fear, courage and unexpected friendship, for children aged 6 and up. Illustrator: Marianne Gretteberg Engedal

*Together, the verbal text and images convey the atmosphere in a way that makes the book appropriately exciting and scary for its target audience. 'Behind the Black Gate' is an exciting and thought-provoking picture book that appeals to both younger and older readers.*

- The jury of The Ministry of Culture's prize for children's and young adult literature.

*Talk about being hypnotized by a cover! With a gaze that both entices and warns, we are led through the gate towards a darkened house, which, in contrast to the fluorescent title, exudes danger. We're actually afraid to follow, but we also can't resist. This is so incredibly beautifully executed!*

- The jury of Grafill's Most Beautiful Books of the Year

*Lovely Halloween aesthetics... Heartbreakingly believable.*

- Periskop

*Beautiful illustrations make this book a fall gem that all Halloween skeptics should treat themselves to.*

- Vårt land

*Wise and clever about daring to venture into the world.*

- Klassekampen



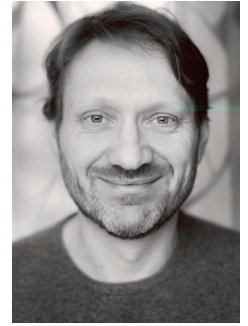
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Anders Bortne is a writer and musician. He has written five acclaimed books and has released eight albums (one of which was even nominated as Album of the year in Norway).



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