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Gjermund the Wren and other noisy birds

We fly and we flap
coo and crack
chirp and croak
trip and pull

then we sit on the stairs
and roll and troll
scout in the air
and long and call

Then we chase around
sail and wander
soar and climb
crash and land

We don't want to go into
storm or calm
we are at home in the wind
we are free and wild

Gjermund the Wren and other noisy birds is an imaginative and playful gateway to the close and accessible Norwegian bird fauna for children. Author Lisbeth Dreyer has taken as her starting point quite ordinary birds that live quite ordinary bird lives, but has composed amusing situations in rhyme.

The book conveys the material in a way that both challenges, engages and inspires children to notice the bustling bird life that they have right outside their door, on their way to kindergarten and school.

Per Ragnar Møkleby makes the birds personable, but always grounded in how they actually look and live in nature – so that children can learn about and recognize the birds in the book.

The book is sure to spark interest in these elusive creatures that fly in flocks, gather in the square, and build nests in trees. The birds live their lives side by side with us, but can still feel distant. The book inspires readers to become more observant of what is happening in nature.

- Katrine Kalleklev, barnebokkritikk.no

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The book has a presence that engages and inspires. It makes the reader aware and challenges what we already know and know, or perhaps

take for granted, about the birds that surround us. This is a wonderful picture book for the enjoyment of young and old in kindergarten and grades 1–4.

- Guro Kristin Gjøsdaal, nynorsk bok.no

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Lisbeth Dreyer is a writer and filmmaker from Bergen. She has made short films, documentaries and children's books. In 2008 she made her debut as a children's book author. She has published several books on Skald, both for children and adults.