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## *Until We Meet Again by the Sea*

As long as Juni remembers, her grandmother's girlfriends have spent one summer week every year at her grandparents house on a small Norwegian island: swimming, dancing, laughing. But also whispering in great secrecy. Everything that happened to them during the war and afterwards, these women only ever shared with each other.

Birgit is a nurse in Bodø in northern Norway during World War II and becomes involved in the resistance. She falls in love with a Russian prisoner of war, but the secret relationship has disastrous consequences.

Nadia is captured by the Germans in the Ukrainian countryside and sent to Bodø as a forced labourer. Hundreds of women around Nadia are trying to survive the harsh working conditions and daily sexual assaults of those cold war years. Many children are born in this place of horror. A Norwegian Nazi soldier is the only one who gives her the feeling of having value as a human being until Nadia finds out: she is pregnant.

Birgit and Nadia's paths cross during these years. Both are friends of Juni's grandmother, and like her, they hide their stories from the world. When the war is over, the story continues in Bodø, Oslo, Moscow and on the Intelligence Service's farm in Gudbrandsdalen. *Until We Meet Again by the Sea* is a story about friendship that makes life worth living despite great trials – a novel about hope, strength and fateful love.

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## Trude Teige

In 2015, *When Grandma Danced in the Rain* was published and cemented Trude Teige among international bestselling authors. The novel tells the story of Juni who returns to the house of her deceased grandparents on a small Norwegian island where she discovers a photograph: it shows her grandmother Tekla as a young woman with a German soldier. Juni can no longer ask anyone about it, so the search for the truth takes her to Berlin and to the small town of Demmin in eastern Germany, where hundreds of families committed suicide in May 1945. Juni realises that this is about much more than a secret love. Inspired by actual people and events, the book was nominated for the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize. It became one of the bestselling books in Germany in 2023 and remained on the bestseller lists for over a year. Teige counted among Norway's top-selling authors for all of 2024. As of 2025, more than 1.5 million copies of the author's works have been sold worldwide.

