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Houses of West-Norway Farmhouses from Jæren to Sunnmøre

Eva Røyane and Oddleiv Apneseth have previously had great success with the books *Noregs låver*, *Av stein* and *Klyngetunet*. Now they have searched from Jæren to Sunnmøre for Vestland-farmhouses where people still live, and in some places children play on the loam.

In *Vestlandshus. Farmhouses from Jæren to Sunnmøre* they tell the story of the elongated, whitewashed farmhouse that, together with the usually red hayloft, had become a landmark and characteristic of Vestland farmsteads during the 19th century.

Over time, most of these characteristic buildings have been replaced by newer dwellings as the main house on the farm. The houses that remain today have very different appearances. Some have been standing for a long time without maintenance and are singing their last verse. Others have received the necessary maintenance and have changed little. Still others have been rebuilt both inside and out. In the book, Røyane and Apneseth also show variations of the remaining Vestland-farmhouses where old building practices meet new architecture, and we get examples of how the traditional farmhouse can be adapted to today's needs and still be used as a year-round residence.

"Give them both a prize, somebody!"

- Aud Farstad, Sunnmørsposten

"Both Houses of West-Norway and the earlier books by Røyane and Apneseth are public education of the best quality."

- Gro Jørstad Nilsen, Bergens Tidende

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Eva Røyane (b. 1956) grew up in Ølve in Kvinnherad. As a journalist for Bergens Tidende from 1987 to 2013, she has written extensively about rural life, architecture and building conservation. She has also worked at NRK's district office in Sogn og Fjordane and is currently employed at the University of Bergen. Røyane has published a number of books about Norwegian building traditions, including the best-selling *Norges låver* and *Av stein*.

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