



Håkon Øvreås, Øyvind Torseter (ill.)

Brown

As long as the sun is up, Rune is merely Rune, but come night he transforms himself into Brown – a totally fearless super hero. Armed to the hilt with brushes and brown paint he sneaks out of the house. Rune can hardly be blamed if Brown chooses to paint the big bullies' bikes brown, can he?

Brown is a book about friendship, courage and retaliation. It is also a book about missing one's grandfather and just how wrong things can go when your super hero powers run out.

The book has both suspense, good dialogues as well as hints of magic. Rune's conversations with his dead grandfather are lovely, and all his characters have bucketloads of charm ... Bursting with attitude and humour, the pictures are as expressive as they are simple ... recommended for anyone.

- Dagbladet

In this enormously charming book we meet three little superheroes, each equipped with a bucket of paint... Øyvind Torseter's beautiful drawings show us what it's like to feel small and out of place in a big world. They also evoke the warmth of the friendship between the children... Warmly recommended!

- Aftenposten

The jury has rarely agreed so strongly about a decision as this one ... [Øvreås] writes so well for kids that you would think he has never done anything else ... a warm and bittersweet super hero story, which is also an excellent book to read together for kids and adults.

- From the jury statement, Trollkrittet Prize

Brown is a warm and powerful story of friendship and courage, full of creativity and everyday magic.

- From the jury statement, Nordic Council Children's and Young People's Literature Prize

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The German Luchs des Jahres (Best Children and YA Book) 2016
The Norwegian Ministry of Culture's Literature Prize 2013 (Best Children's and Young Adults Book)
Trollkrittet Prize 2013 (Norwegian children's/YA book writers' debut prize).
Nominated for the Brage Prize for Children and Young Adults 2013
Nominated for the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis 2017

OTHER TITLES

Black (2015)
Blue (2018)

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Håkon Øvreås (b. 1974) has published three books of poetry. *Brown* (2013) was his first children's book and received the Nordic Council Literature Prize for Children and Young Adults 2014, The Dutch Zilveren Griffel 2015, The German Luchs des Jahres (Best Children and YA Book) 2016, the Norwegian Ministry of Culture's Literature Prize 2013 and the Trollkrittet Prize 2013. He was nominated for the Brage Prize for Children and Young Adults 2013.



The translation rights of *Brown* is sold to 30 languages.

In 2015 came *Black* and the last book in the trilogy, *Blue*, was published in 2018.

Øyvind Torseter (b. 1972) made his debut as an illustrator in 1999 and illustrates his own texts as well as other authors' texts. He has received The Ministry of Education's Prize several times and has also been awarded the international children's book prize Bologna Ragazzi. He won the Nordic Council Prize together with Håkon Øvreås for *Brown*.