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## *Across the China Sea*

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In the waning days of the German occupation of Norway, Karin and her husband move with their young son from Oslo to a tiny village in the south. There, they aim to live out their dream of caring for those who can't look after themselves. They have spent months building a modest house with rooms for patients, and soon it's filled, with three adult men who are psychologically unstable—including Karin's uncle, Josef, who suffered a head injury in a carriage accident—and five siblings whose parents have been declared unfit. This small and idiosyncratic community persists for nearly three decades.

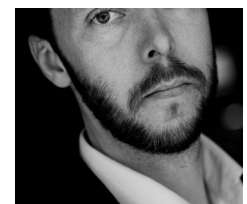
After his parents' deaths, the son returns to clean out this unusual home. The objects of his childhood retain a talisman-like power over him, and key items—an orange crate where he and his sister Tone slept as infants, Josef's medal of honor, his mother's beloved piano—unlock vivid memories. In recounting the ways that the five siblings both are and are not a part of his family, he reveals his special relationship with Ingrid, who cannot speak, and Tone's accidental death, and its quiet yet tragic effects on the extended family.

With deep compassion and gentle humor, Gaute Heivoll portrays an unconventional family as it navigates an uncertain and often unkind world.

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## Gaute Heivoll

Gaute Heivoll (b. 1978) debuted in 2002, and has written poems, childrens books, short stories and novels. In 2010 he was awarded Brageprisen, Norway's most prestigious literary award, for his novel *Before I Burn*, which was subsequently sold to more than 20 countries. *Those Free of Guilt* is his eighth novel.



Awards:

The Tiden Award, 2003

Sørlandet Literature Award, 2008

Sørlandet Literature Award, 2009

Songdalen kommunes kulturpris, 2009

Norwegian Book Award Brageprisen, 2010

Sørlandets litteraturpris, 2011

Sultprisen, 2011

Nominert til Bokhandlerprisen, 2011

Nominated to Brageprisen, 2012

Blogistanian Globalia-prisen (Finland), 2013

Nominated to the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, 2014

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