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### *Poff*

Bertil and Bettina are two curious, charmingly scatter-brained birds. One day, something round comes floating along. The round object is strange and beautiful, but what is it? A comet? A bomb? Bertil is sure certain it is very valuable, and wants to take it home. Bettina thinks it is a little bit scary, and would rather leave it.

*Poff* is a fabulous, funny illustrated children's book. The round object suddenly facing the two birds makes *Poff* a quirky and thought-provoking book about taking responsibility for things, and for the planet. Bertil and Bettina are previously known from *The Island (Øya)*, published in 2013. In *Poff* we are happily reunited with the paddling little birds, rendered in lively, humorous watercolours by Hovdenak. As she says: Someone has to write about birds in canoes.

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Eli Hovdenak (b. 1956) is a graduate of the National Academy of Art and the Norwegian Institute of Children's Literature. Her stories and illustrations are characterised by surrealism and humour. She mostly works as a graphic artist, using techniques such as lithography and woodcut. *Poff* is her third book as both author and illustrator.

