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AWARDS

Tarjei Vesaas' First Work of Fiction Prize 1982.
The Norwegian Literary Critics' Prize 1989.
The Booksellers' Prize 1991 for *Seierherrene*.
Ivar-Lo Prize 1994.
The Municipality of Oslo's Artist's Prize 1994.
The Cappelen Prize 1997.
The Gyldendal Award 2006.

OTHER TITLES

(Selected):
Fangeliv, short stories 1982.
Hjertetrøbbel, novel 1984.
Det nye vannet, novel 1987.
Seierherrene, novel 1991.
Fata Morgana, novel 1992.



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Roy Jacobsen

Child Wonder

Little Finn lives with his mother at Årvoll, Oslo. During the year of the Berlin Wall and Jurij Gagarin, life is electrical, beautiful and stubbornly social-democratic. But one day a mysterious little half-sister arrives "with an atom-charge in a light blue suitcase" and turns life upside-down. This powerful depiction of childhood shows how wonderful and how dangerous it is to be a child.

'What a wonderful novel!'

- VG

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- Dagsavisen

'A new addition to an extraordinarily rich authorship.'

- Aftenposten

'If Vidunderbarn will not be one of the bestselling titles this fall, I don't understand any of the mechanisms in Norwegian book business.'

- Dagbladet

Roy Jacobsen

Roy Jacobsen has since his literary debut in 1982 with the short story collection *Fangeliv* evolved into an original, strong and analytical writer with a special interest in the underlying psychology at play in human relationships and actions. He is a wonderful storyteller with obvious political engagement. He has twice been nominated for the Nordic Council's Literary Award: for *Seierherrene* in 1991, and *Frost* in 2003. He was also short-listed for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award in 2009 for his novel *Hoggerne*.



Den høyre armen, novel 1994.
Ismael, novel 1998.
Grenser, novel 1999.
Det nye vinduet, short stories 2002.
Frost, novel 2003.
Hoggerne, novel 2005.
Marions slør, novel 2007.



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