

# Yesper and Noper

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Kari Stai is the creator of the popular and award-winning characters Yesper and Noper (Jakob og Neikob). They are the best of friends even though they are very different. Yesper says YES to everything, and Noper says NO to everything. They have had success both at home and abroad with six books, an animated short on children's television, four adaptations for the stage, and mobile apps for the first three books.

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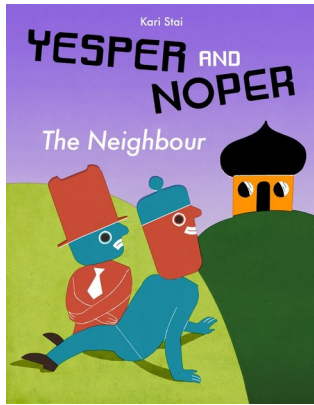
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*Yesper and Noper – The Storm*

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## *Yesper and Noper. The Neighbour*

The fourth book in the series about Yesper and Noper deals with the unfamiliar. One day, Yesper and Noper see that they have a new neighbour. Yesper is happy, while Noper is extremely sceptical, building a tall fence to stop their neighbour coming to see them. Yesper builds a bridge precisely to enable the neighbours to visit each other. Hasn't Yesper heard that you're not supposed to talk to strangers? When their neighbour suddenly closes the curtains, Noper thinks this is clear proof: the neighbour has something to hide!

The team of Yesper and Noper still have totally different approaches to life and to the world: Yesper always says 'yes', while Noper always says 'no'. This time, Noper manages to persuade Yesper that their neighbour must either be a thief or a monster, so they decide to do whatever they can to stop the thief or monster getting into their house. Of course, things don't go quite according to plan, and their neighbour turns out to be somebody who can help them when things go wrong, as this person who has moved into the neighbourhood is actually a firefighter. *The Neighbour* deals with fear of the unknown and the realisation that what might seem unfamiliar or scary can be quite wonderful, if only you can bring yourself to reach out to the unknown.

Previous titles:

1: *Yesper and Noper* (2008), 2: *Yesper and Noper. The Thief Strikes Back* (2012), 3: *Yesper and Noper and the Empty Room* (2014)

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## *Yesper and Noper. The Thief Strikes Back*

The award winning double act Yesper and Noper have had success both at home and abroad, on children's TV, on stage and as an iPad app. The second book *Yesper and Noper. The thief strikes back* was much appreciated by both small and grown up fans. Yesper always says YES to everything and Noper always says NO. A thief who has escaped from jail does not care about either YES or NO. When Yesper and Noper pursue the thief, both of them are tricked, and Yesper must go to prison. Fortunately, everything turns well, and Yesper learns that sometimes you do have to say NO.

*The Thief Strikes Back* received both the Brage Prize and the Critic's Prize in 2012.

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## *Yesper and Noper*

Kari Stai was awarded with the 2009 Debutant Prize of the Ministry of Culture for her first book about the unlikely friends Yesper and Noper (Jakob og Neikob).

The jury said: "This is an ideal and thorough picture book with an unusual palette whereby the cheerful mood of the illustrations complements the text. Although the book is meant for young readers, the short and plain text conveys an important message".

English version is available.

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## *Yesper and Noper and the Empty Room*

Hurra! In 2014 comes a new story about Yesper and Noper!

Yesper and Noper are best of friends and live together in a tall house. Yesper lives on the ground floor, and Noper on the first floor. But the attic is all empty. 'We need a housemate,' says Noper. The duo of Yesper and Noper are back, and this time they are getting a housemate to fill their empty attic. But what starts as a mutual project for the friends ends in an argument. For the first time, the best friends have become enemies.

The third book about Yesper and Noper is about the big issues in life: friendship, reconciliation and, of course, Christmas.

*The reviewers wrote: 'Kari Stai's series about the sourpuss Noper and the optimist Yesper are among the best picture books we've got.'*

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- Dagbladet

*"We can all look forward again to savouring Stai's exquisite interplay between text and images, with every word and every geometrical line working closely together. A book about friendship and reconciliation by one of our most stylistically talented authors of books for readers of all ages."*

- Morgenbladet

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- Noper, are you sad?
- NO, I am devastated, Noper says. I want to be like Everyone Else.
- Do know who Everyone Else is then? Yesper asks.
- NO. Will you come with me to find him?
- YES, says Yesper.

Yesper and Noper search everywhere for Everyone Else: on the bus, in the ocean and in space. Finally, they find him on Planet Uno. And there is also a cloning machine there. Can Noper actually be like Everyone Else?

*"This is the fifth book about the duo, and it is also the best. (...) This is an extremely entertaining, scary, funny and original story, both in terms of the text and its illustrations."*

- Adresseavisen

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Yesper and Noper are in climate trouble. They are out pruning their garden when Screwloose zooms past on her way to the factory.

- Can you really build anything imaginable there? ask Yesper and Noper.
- Anything at all in the blink of an eye! replies Screwloose.

Yesper and Noper are very impressed about this. They start filling their house with carloads of everything possible. But where is Noper going to put his special breathing spot and romping room now? And when The Storm arrives and sweeps Yesper and Noper up into the air, they discover something extraordinary. The Earth has been transformed. Now it's full of rubbish. That's when they realise they need to do something: They have to help Screwloose. Now they know exactly what she needs to make in her factory.

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