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The Goalie and the Sea

"'Who's normally the goalkeeper?' My jaw dropped. How could he possibly not know? Everybody in the area knew that Lena was the goalie of the boys' team. She stepped into the circle wearing her goalkeeper's gloves and looked up defiantly at the man in the black tracksuit.
'Me.'
'Is that it?'"

The arrival of a new football coach means dark clouds are looming over twelve-year-old Lena Lid's goalkeeping career. In the house next door, Trille is wondering how to impress the ladies. Meanwhile, as always, Grandpa is out at sea, looking for the biggest catch of all time and trying not to worry about getting old.
Throughout the course of a year, Lena, Trille and Grandpa will have to battle the forces of nature, as well as themselves. The stage is set for strongly felt emotions and real drama in Mathildewick Cove, the small bundle of houses where they live by the sea. What are friends like Lena and Trille to do when all the rafts they make end up sinking, when every message in a bottle they send just washes up on the shore at home, and when nobody cares about what they can really do? They're hardly ones to give up in a sticky situation, though, that's for sure. Certainly not if Lena has anything to say about it!

The Goalie and the Sea is an intense and action-packed return to the quirky lives of the beautifully mismatched friends from the international success *Waffle Heart*.

Maria Parr

Maria Parr is one of Norway's most popular authors for children, and made her debut in 2005, with the children's novel *Waffle Heart* (*Vaffelhjarte*). Her big breakthrough came in 2009, with *Tonje Glimmerdahl*. Both books have become mordern classics in Norwegian children's literature, and are sold to more than 25 languages.
Nominations for The Goalie and the Sea: Nominated to The Bookseller's Prize,
the book chain ARK-prize and The Brage Prize (given by the Norwegian Publishers' Ass.).

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Tonje Glimmerdahl:
The Critics' Award, best children's book, 2010
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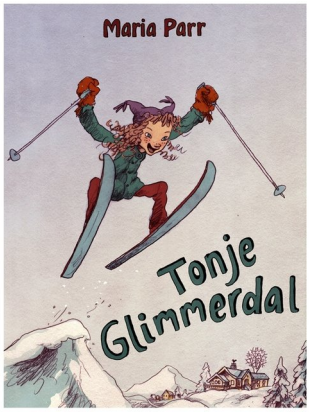

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Tonje Glimmerdal

Tonje Glimmerdal is the only child in Glimmer Dale, and the pluckiest nine-year-old the valley has seen since her now grown-up aunties raised havoc on their skis on the mountainside. Speed and self-confidence is Tonje's motto as she hurtles down the slopes on her skis or her sled. Tonje's best friend is called Gunnvald. He is a cranky old fiddler, over seventy years old. The two friends know each other in and out. Or do they? Because one day, while Gunnvald is at the hospital with a broken femur, a strange lady appears at the farm claiming to be Gunnvald's daughter, and says she intends to sell the farm. Suddenly the world is not as Tonje thought it was and she realizes that she has to act fast, in order to prevent the farm from being sold to that sleazy Hagen, and to get Heidi and Gunnvald back on speaking terms – although, Tonje has a bone to pick with his old friend for having kept a whole daughter a secret.

This children's book is a masterpiece, reminiscent of both *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri, and *Ronja Robbersdaughter* by Astrid Lindgren. Here there is laughter, drama, tears and music, all in the same book.

Illustrated by Åshild Irgens.

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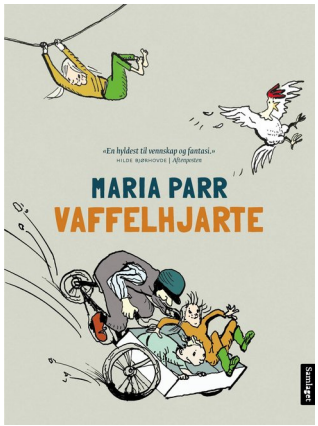
Maria Parr is a student. Her debut novel in 2005 was *Waffle Heart* (Vaffelhjarte), a charming and humorous story.



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Waffle Heart

Trille knows one thing for sure: his great aunt makes the world's best waffles. He is sure, too, that Knert-Mathilde is a wonderful place to live - and that his neighbour, Lena Lid, is his best friend. But he is anything but sure that he is her best friend.
In this book we follow the escapades of two inventive nine-year-olds through a whole tumultuous year.
Trille and Lena know all too well how to create a rumpus and keep things humming. But in between all the frolicking and laughter Trille reveals the sadder and more sombre aspects of his nine-year-old life, and of his fear of losing those he loves. A charming and humorous début work.

Waffle Heart was nominated for the 2005 Brage Prize.

Maria Parr

Maria Parr holds master's degree in Nordic languages and literature, and she works as a teacher in the primary school. *Waffle Heart* was her first novel. Her second childrens novel *Tonje Glimmerdal* won her the Brage Prize for the best children's book in 2009 and the Critics' Prize 2009. It was also nominated for the Ministry of Culture's Prize and the Bookseller's Prize.

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