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“Will I like them and, more  
importantly, will they like me?”

Emmi-Liia Sjöholm: *Like Me*

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Emmi-Liia Sjöholm’s debut sucks the reader in and does not let go until the final word has been read.

**Helsingin Sanomat**

No #1  
bestseller

# Emmi-Liia Sjöholm— ‘Like Me

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## Emmi-Liia Sjöholm **Like Me**

**An unabashedly open and frank novel about growing into womanhood and becoming a mother. A dazzling autofictional debut.**

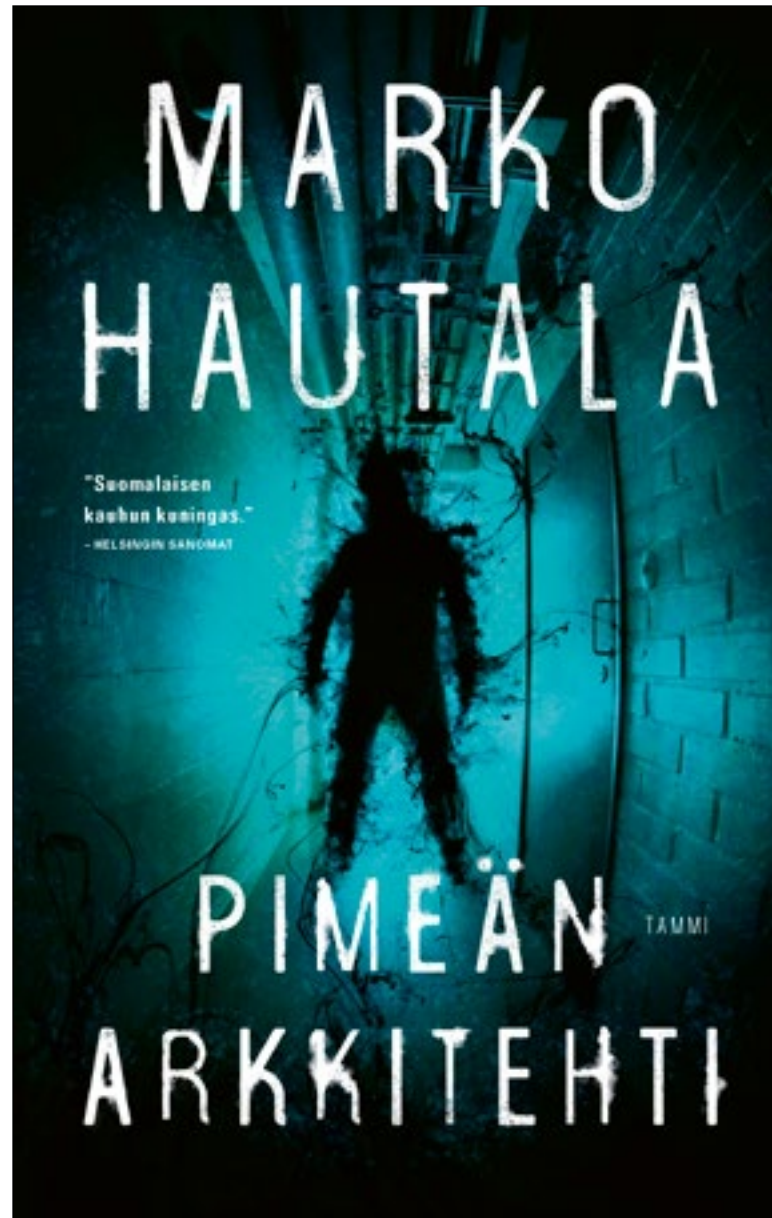
Emmi-Liia Sjöholm writes about her own life, including sex, the need to please others, and the struggle to assert one’s independence, with perfect clarity. The story resonates on several levels, and the book is a brutally honest description of real life where one’s past is always present: having an abortion at the age of fourteen, becoming a stepmother in her twenties, love, lust, having a child, searching for a woman’s place in the world, and eventually finding yourself. Candid yet firmly rooted on the ground, there is a lot to read between the lines. This is prose you feel and breathe rather than just read.

Pages: 187 | Genre: literary fiction | Materials available: English sample, Finnish edition | Original publisher: Kosmos | Original language: Finnish

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Photo: Meri Björn

**Emmi-Liia Sjöholm** is a freelance journalist who lives in Helsinki. *Like Me* is her debut novel, and she was offered a publishing deal immediately after submitting a few sample pages to the publisher.



Marko Hautala  
**The Dark Architect**

**A house is a machine to live in, even after death.**

**An un-putdown-able, eerie literary thriller of urban paranoia, where a block of flats—a prime example of the ideals of the Nordic welfare state—appears to be hiding terrible secrets. Secrets that should not be revealed...**

A young man suffering from MDD, or maladaptive daydreaming, has traveled the world aimlessly for years using his family's money. Fed up, his father buys him a moderate flat in a small Nordic city and forces him to finish his studies. He wants his son to finally become a man, not a dreamer.

But when darkness falls, everything changes. An unexplained humming resonates in the walls, making sleep impossible. Other more mysterious sounds follow. It seems that throughout the night, someone is running up and down the dark stairway. While the culprit appears to be impossible to find, the echo of bare feet on the steps night after night is very real indeed.

When the young man starts to look into the history of his flat, strange tragedies seem to have plagued the past and, gradually, also the present of the building. Looking further back in time, the young man finds out that the first person to live in his flat is someone the old residents call the Architect, a mysterious patriarch who designed the whole building according to an ancient pattern as a machine to live in...even after death.

*The Dark Architect* is a literary horror novel which deals with the mistrust between generations, whose dreams and nightmares very seldom seem to meet. It is a fresh Nordic take on the most classic and enduring of Gothic tropes, the haunted house.



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**Marko Hautala** is a Nordic author of literary horror. His novels have won him the Tiilikivi and Kalevi Jäntti prize in his native Finland and have been translated into several languages. Before becoming a full-time writer, Hautala worked as a translator, teacher, and nurse in a psychiatric hospital.

Photo: Veikko Somerpuro





Seidi Saikkonen

## The House Where Yvonne Lived

One day, Anna gets a surprising phone call. Yvonne, a disabled woman for whom she had worked for years as a personal assistant in Switzerland, is dead. The funeral will be held soon, and Anna is on the guest list. Anna is shocked but not necessarily saddened by the news.

On the way to the funeral, Anna thinks back to the years spent with Yvonne. Who was Yvonne, actually, and what happened between them? Set in the peculiar atmosphere of a small alpine town where even the friendliest smile can hide terrible secrets, *The House where Yvonne Lived* is a psychological thriller that holds the reader firmly in its grip.

Pages: 189 | Genre: literary fiction, psychological suspense | Materials available: Finnish edition | Original publisher: Kosmos | Original language: Finnish

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Photo: Joanna Suomalainen

**Seidi Saikkonen** is a Finnish debut author who has lived abroad for many years and worked as a flight attendant and receptionist. She has studied film at Queen Mary University of London.

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A book about a boy who dreams of getting wings takes the reader all the way from the Depression-era US to the Soviet Union, where a workers' paradise is being built. It grows into a tragic tale of power, persecution, and a world gone sick. The book combines fascinating topics into a captivating plotline.

**Jury of the Finlandia Prize**

Impossible to put down.

**Gloria magazine**

Fluent, vibrant prose.

**Hämeen Sanomat**

A full, emotionally rich bildungsroman

**Lapin Kansa**

A virtuoso storyteller ...  
Amazing novel.

**Etelä-Suomen Sanoma**

**Winner!**  
**The Savonia Prize**  
**The Book of the Year 2019**  
**Nominated for**  
**The Finlandia Prize**  
**2019!**

## JP Koskinen **Firewing**

**An expansive, emotionally rich *bildungsroman* and epic tale covering large parts of the 20th century, *Firewing* follows a group of immigrants in search of a paradise, and one boy whose biggest dream is to fly—no matter what it takes.**

In an America ravaged by the Great Depression, a family with a Finnish background hears rumors of a workers' paradise being built in the Soviet Union. They leave everything behind and travel across the Atlantic in search of a better future. They arrive in Petrozavodsk on the shores of Lake Onega, but soon realize that life in Soviet Karelia is not a paradise but a struggle for survival. In the middle of it all is Charles, the only son, and his dreams of freedom and flying that offer the only escape from the harsh realities and the circle of deception around him.

*Firewing* is an immigrant coming-of-age story about trying to find a way through the turmoil of the early 20th century. It is a sublime and profound novel about a boy who only wants to fly.

Pages: 350 | Genre: Historical fiction | Materials available: English reading sample, Finnish edition |  
Original publisher: Like Publishers | Original language: Finnish

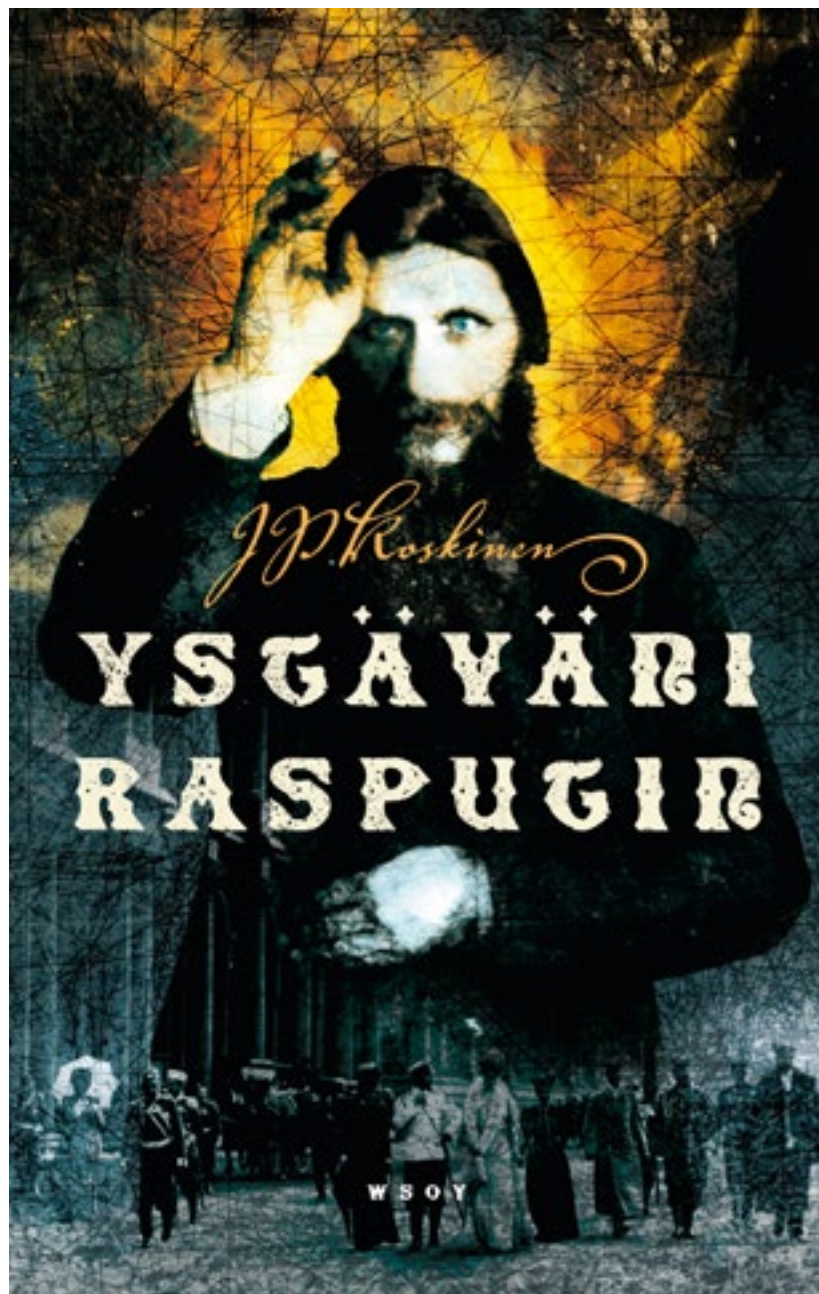


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**JP Koskinen** is a versatile author who has written historical fiction, crime, and children's books. He has been short listed for the Finlandia Prize twice, for *Firewing* and for *My Friend Rasputin*. He holds master's degrees in creative writing and mathematics.

Photo: Toni Härkönen





JP Koskinen

## My Friend Rasputin

Vasily is orphaned at a young age and taken on as an apprentice by a fierce-eyed pilgrim on his way to Jerusalem. Grigori Jefimovit Rasputin is a mystic who is causing quite a stir among the nobility of St. Petersburg, Russia. With the help of Rasputin, Vasili follows the last, tragic years of the family of Tsar Nicholas II. With Rasputin entangled in superpower politics, nothing is clear, not even the border between life and death.

Prophet, healer, mystic—as well as a political player and lecher, Grigori Rasputin was all that and much more. Told from the point of view of a young boy, *My Friend Rasputin* paints an intense portrait of the atmosphere and events in the St. Petersburg court on the eve of the Russian Revolution. The novel was short listed for the Finlandia Prize.

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A good book takes you in and causes you to lose track of time and reality. *The Huntress* was that kind of experience.

**Nelliina Blog on the *Kodin Kuvalehti* magazine site**

The women in Valkama's books are such delicious characters; strong and versatile.

**The YA Diaries blog**

Just as romantic as I wanted it to be, without being frothy.

**Evaria's Book Shelf blog**

**Outlander  
meet Vikings**

Materials available:

Book 1: *The Rune Singer* (English reading sample, Finnish edition)

Book 2: *The Huntress* (English synopsis, Finnish edition)

Book 3: *The Wanderer* (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Genre: Romantic adventure, Historical | Original language: Finnish | Original publisher: Otava Publishing

Johanna Valkama

## Iron Hearts

**The rich, multilayered world surrounding a small Nordic village during the Iron Age is brought to life through Auri, a young woman who dreams of being the greatest healer ever known.**

Auri is a restless young woman who is not satisfied with traditional roles for women in her community. To realize her dream to become a great healer, she must face the prejudices of her small Nordic village, which forbids healers from marrying. Everything is put to the test when Auri starts to fall for Haakon, the young Viking warrior who mysteriously washed up on shore. Haakon claims he's a peaceful merchant, but can he really be trusted? The impending Viking war casts Auri on a surprising path, as she becomes ready to take her destiny into her own hands.

Taking inspiration from actual Iron Age legends, *Iron Hearts* is an adventure trilogy with an exotic history, natural beliefs, myths, and mysteries.



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**Johanna Valkama** uses her knowledge of legends from the Iron Age to bring a mythical age back to life. Some of the characters in the saga are based on real figures from the Viking age. Valkama lives in Nokia, Finland.

**johannavalkama.com**

Photo: Janica Lönn / STORMarts 2017





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*The Girl Without a Name* mixes current questions with imaginary fantasy to make a fascinating debut.

**Turun Sanomat newspaper**

Both magical and plausible; it's hard to wait for the follow-up in this interesting trilogy.

**Savon Sanomat newspaper**

A strong storyworld, this book has a special something to it that made me completely sink into its world. 5 stars.

**Oksan hyllytä blog**

Perfect for fans  
of *Westworld*  
and *Game of Thrones*

Materials available:

Book 1: *The Girl Without a Name* (English reading sample, Finnish edition)

Book 2: *The Seer of Selesia* (Synopsis, Finnish edition)

Book 3: *The Daughter of Nefr* (Synopsis, Finnish Edition)

Genre: Fantasy, steampunk | Original publisher: Gummerus Publishers | Original language: Finnish

## Erika Vik Twin Suns

**When Aleia, a mystical girl with no memories, shows up on Corildon's doorstep, they are thrown together to fight the unknown forces that are threatening to destroy their worlds.**

*In a divided world, weird forces are on the rise. The girl has to remember. The Selesian just wants to forget.*

One winter night, a mystical girl who has lost her memory arrives at the isolated home of Corildon. Corildon is a Selesian, part of a gifted but persecuted species. He knows that the powers of the world are shifting, but how can this girl, who calls herself Aleia, sense it too? Is she something more than human? And why has she come to seek Corildon? The unexpected meeting leads the two on an unforgettable journey in search of answers and justice.

A fascinating trilogy mixing fantasy, steampunk, and western elements while exploring contemporary themes like equality and fear of the unknown.



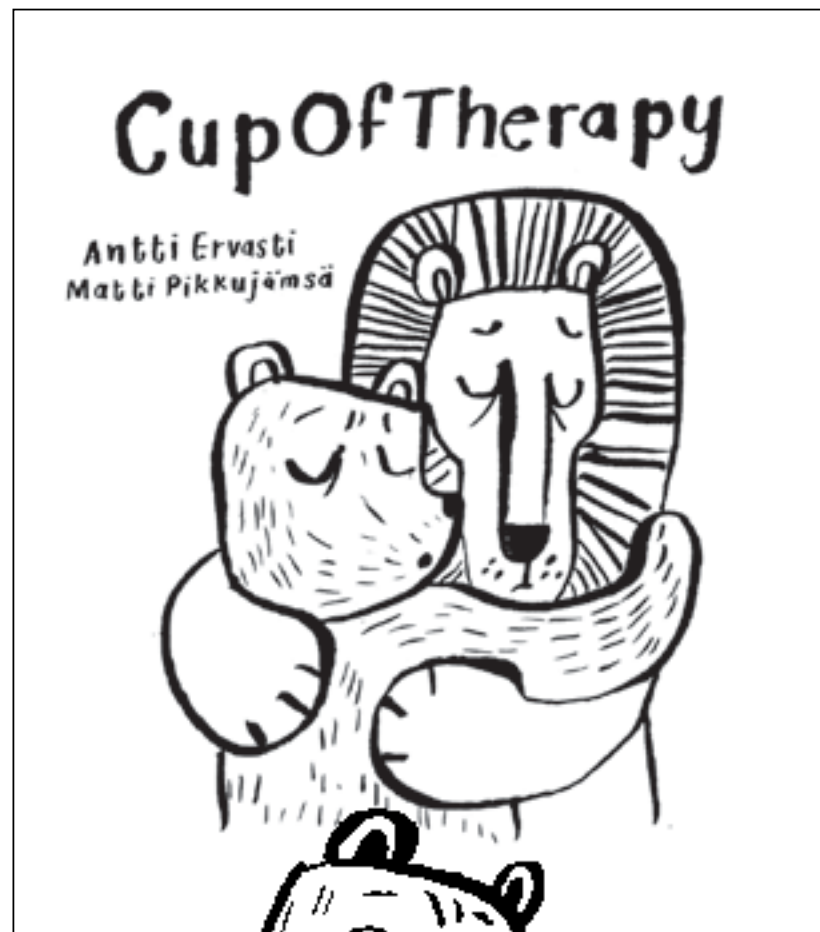
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Photo: Liisa Valonen

With a background in illustration and graphic design, the Finnish author **Erika Vik** has created a rich visual world to support her novels online.

[www.seleesia.com](http://www.seleesia.com)



## CupOfTherapy

How about a cup of empathy, understanding, and encouragement served by a group of adorable animals? *CupOfTherapy* is a bear hug of a book with a big message: it's normal to face problems, and you're fine just the way you are.

Combining heartwarming illustrations with thoughtful text that deals with mental well-being, *CupOfTherapy* tackles heavy topics in a novel and accessible way.

The book was created when psychotherapy professionals Antti Ervasti and Elina Rehmonen joined forces with the award-winning artist and graphic designer Matti Pikkujämsä. The stories behind the pictures are inspired by real-life experiences.

The creators also meet up with their audience to raise awareness of mental well-being in an approachable way. 10 percent of the sales revenue of the books are donated to promote mental health work.

This gem of a book is the perfect gift to friends in need of a hug—and that includes you!

Size: 140 x 160 mm | Pages: 226 | Colors: b/w | Rights sold: Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Finland, Malaysia, Singapore

**An international hit!**

**A unique gift book full of empathy, encouragement, and understanding!**

**Available in MUJI stores in Japan!**

**Book 2: Work Life coming in 2020!**

**My creativity is my sun.  
my desk is my beach.**



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**Matti Pikkujämsä** is one of Finland's most recognized illustrators and graphic designers, whose art has been published both in books and magazines, and in design stores.

**Antti Ervasti** is a psychotherapist based in Finland, and specializing in couples' and family therapy.

**Instagram.com/cupoftherapy**  
**cupoftherapy.net**





## Ami Lindholm **Baby Life**

**Babies will change your life—for better and for worse. What's needed to survive the challenges of the first year is a healthy dose of humor and peer support. Both can be found in the hilarious and recognizable *Baby Life*, a gift book that even the very tired parents will want to read.**

When a baby is born to a new family, the parents will experience unconditional love—and sleepless nights and the feeling of losing your old life. In *Baby Life*, Ami Lindholm illustrates the most wonderful and most horrendous moments of the year you'll never forget. Together with hilarious and thoughtful comic-like text about parenting and family life, the humorous pictures form a selection of moments that all families will recognize. From describing the relationship of the parents in an honest way to illustrating moments when relatives offer unwanted advice, this book is full of relatable moments for all parents!

Pages: 60 | Genre: Humor, Parenting | Materials available: English sample, Finnish edition | Original publisher: Kosmos Publishers | Original language: Finnish

**Need a little peer support for your life as a new parent? The *Baby Life* book will help!**



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**Ami Lindholm** (b. 1982) is an animator, director, scriptwriter, and illustrator who loves to send hope and encouragement to the world through her work. Her animated short film, *Mother and Milk*, describes the early days of parenting in a joyous and honest way.



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I was missing a story that offers more than anxiety or sacrifice. I feel change is probably what scares us the most, not the end result.

**Emilia Arvidsson in an interview on SVT, Sweden's Public Broadcaster**



## Emilia Arvidsson **Climate Joy** Eight Positive Ways Toward a More Conscious Life

**Not many people question climate change anymore, but how do you learn to live in a changing world without losing everything you've gotten used to in life? Swedish writer Emilia Arvidsson has all the answers you'll need to start living life full of Climate Joy!**

After writer and consultant Emilia Arvidsson observed more and more people starting to talk about climate anxiety, she felt there needed to be another perspective when talking about life during climate change. The world might be changing, but we don't only have to feel miserable about the new realities we face. How could the new items on your shopping list start making sense and bring you joy, for instance, and how does it feel to remove meat from your diet if you love eating it? *Climate Joy* is based on extensive discussions with experts and deep personal understanding of the global crisis we're facing. Arvidsson writes about her personal experiences as someone whose life went through a drastic change. The eight comprehensive chapters tackle all the main sectors of life from food and transportation to energy—and the end result reads like the ABCs of the new lifestyle that's ahead of all of us.

*Climate Joy* is full of motivation, knowledge, and inspiration. We all need to change: Here's how to do it and find happiness and satisfaction in the process.

Pages: 300 | Genre: Narrative nonfiction | Materials available: English sample, Swedish edition | Original publisher: Mima Förlag | Original language: Swedish

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**The  
Scandinavian  
way of life during  
climate change.**

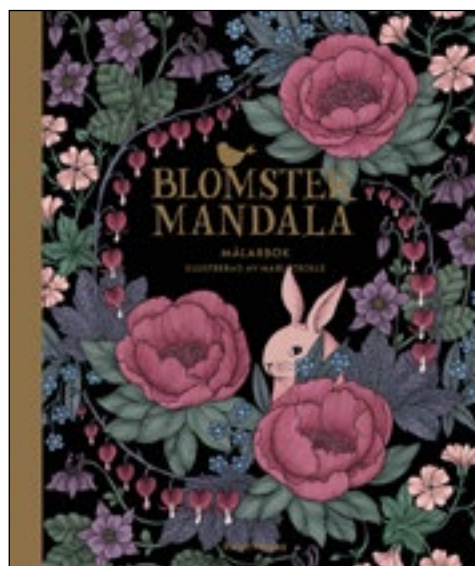
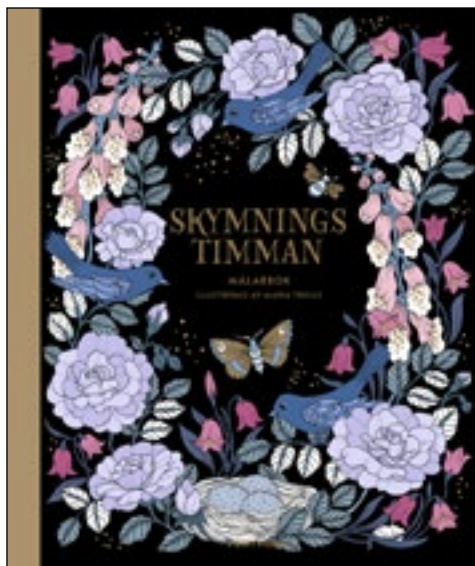
**Emilia Arvidsson** has a degree in marketing and business administration. In 2016, she started on a path towards a more sustainable life with a shopping-free year. Her passion is to inspire people to change for the climate, and still maintain a high standard of life, and she always tries to advocate humor and joy in her writing. Emilia lives in Stockholm, Sweden. *Climate Joy* is her first book.

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Photo: Asia Pietrzyk





### **I Bring You Flowers**

A collection of postcards you can color yourself!



### **Vivi Wants to Find a Friend**

A coloring book for children! Includes a wonderful story.

## **Maria Trolle Coloring Books**

**Flora**

**Botanicum**

**Twilight Garden**

**Nightfall**

**Dive into the wonderful world of the Swedish artist Maria Trolle in this selection of adult coloring books full of natural wonders and dream-like landscapes!**

Maria Trolle's books and her unique style have gained her a wide international fan following. In her coloring books, the audience is invited on a journey through fairy-tale-like lands and deep forests. From peacock feathers and lily of the valley, to autumn leaves and lavish flowers, the books are a continuous source of wonder and beauty. With her style that draws inspiration from Scandinavian landscapes and classical children's stories, Maria Trolle has the ability to sooth your mind and offer enchantment amidst hectic modern life.

Size: 213 x 251 mm | Pages: ca. 100 | Genre: Adult coloring books | Materials available: Full editions | Original publisher: Pagina Förlags, Sweden | Rights sold: World English, Dutch, Russian, Japanese

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**100 000+ copies  
sold in Sweden,  
50 000+ in the US  
and the UK!**

**Maria Trolle** is an artist whose coloring books have sold hundreds of thousands of copies internationally and keeps finding new fans. She's also the illustrator of several picture books. She lives and works outside of Stockholm, Sweden.

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