

Neda Alaei

On One Condition

På én betingelse

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"If I tell the truth then everything is gonna be alright. That's the condition, right?"

Tell us about what happened at the party yesterday," the investigator says, and I breathe in, not knowing where to begin, thinking about my mum, then I finally open my mouth to explain."

Yousef's life is centred around rules – at home, at school, and among his group of friends. But he's a constant let-down to his mum, the child protection service has already got a foot in the door, and among his mates, Yousef is well on his way to becoming an outsider.

But Yousef believes he can fix all this. Until a party in Stovner changes everything.

Winner of the 2024 Norwegian Youth Literature Award ("Uprisen")



'With the narrator Yousef, whom the story is filtered through, Neda Alaei has written forth a convincing 16-year-old in a tricky situation. [...] On one condition is a story that is realistic, but also hopeful. [...] Neda Alaei has written a kind and sympathetic book, supportive and informative.'

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'Believable and engaging. [...] Believable insight in the everyday life of a youth who finds life to tough.'

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Neda Alaei (born 1991) grew up in Moss and lives in Oslo. She graduated in Writing Studies from the Norwegian Institute of Children's Books in 2017. She is a trained child welfare officer and her day job is as a milieu therapist working with young people.

This isn't us (2019) was her first novel, for which she received the Ministry of Culture's Debutant Award, the Book Blogger Award and the U Prize.

Previous titles

Catching Air, 2021

This isn't us, 2019

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