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Kirste Paltto (b. 1947) grew up in the Tana valley in northern Finland and now lives in Rovaniemi. She became the first Saami female author to be published with the release of her collection of short stories, *Soagju (The Betrothal)* in 1971. Several of her adult novels have been translated into Italian, German, English and Hungarian, in addition to the Nordic languages.

Sunna Kitti, is a freelance illustrator and comic artist from Inari, Finland. She is now studying graphic design in Rovaniemi. Sunna has no prior art education, but is a self taught artist who used to draw weird, quirky Sci-Fi comics to entertain her friends.

She has worked on multiple children's storybook. Besides that, her works range from educational books to animations, and a 200 page graphic novel based on the Sami national poem. For the past four years she has been working on a few hundred page long Sci-Fi action-adventure-comic story, that's continuing her habit writing and drawing weird Sci-Fi comics.

Foreign sales

Hindi language, world wide (Rajmangal Prakashan Building)

Awards

Paltto's awards include the Literary Prize of the Sami Parliament in Finland (1995), The International Helen Prize (2000) and the Sami Council Literary Prize (2002).

Previous titles

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LITERATURE:
Ella ja Milot Váimmosvári siiddas, 2022

Gos lea Muzá, 2021

Jodašeaddji násti, 2019

Liedđi Samecus, 2018

Ále fal mualal, 2013

Ája, 2007

Urbi, 1994

Divga, 1990

Dávggáš ja násti, 1988

Golleozat, 1984

Go Ráhkun bodii Skáhpenjárgii, 1982

Vilges geađgi, 1980

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Interview
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Strange Happenings at Wild Lake

Underlige hendelser ved villmarkssjøen (2017) | Luohtojávrri oainnáhusat (2016)

Genre: Fiction
Category: Children's book
Publisher: Davvi Girji
Year: 2017
Pages: 80
ISBN: 9788232900190
English sample translation available

The main characters – Urban and Ritni – are camping out in a tent on their own for the first time. They wake to find that a strange girl, – Laksi – has come into their tent. They become friends and, together with Laksi, they leave the safety of their own world and step out into the unknown on the back of the great eagle, Alli. In Laksi's world, the two children encounter beings they have never seen before. Laksi's friend has disappeared and the children must face numerous challenges in order to try and find her. What has happened to Laksi's friend? Who has made the mysterious tracks? On the way, they are helped by various different beings in solving the mystery. In order to receive this help, the children have to use touch as well as their own voices. They have to make up songs, stories and poems which they must then sing and recite themselves. With Laksi's help, the two children, at first small and timid, start to believe in their own strength and ability, eventually experiencing mastery of even this alien world.

Illustrated by Sunna Kitti.

Nominated for the Nordic Council's prize for 2017 in the «children's – youth literature» category

The book is translated from North Saami into Norwegian by Marit Kirsten Guttorm and Inga Ravna Eira.



'Paltto has an ability to incorporate an understated humour into short stories that do not immediately lend themselves to it.'

Aftenposten

'The author manages to connect the mythical with the real world, creating a story that holds the young reader's attention from beginning to end.'

The Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize nomination 2017