

Håkon Marcus

# Feral Villdyr

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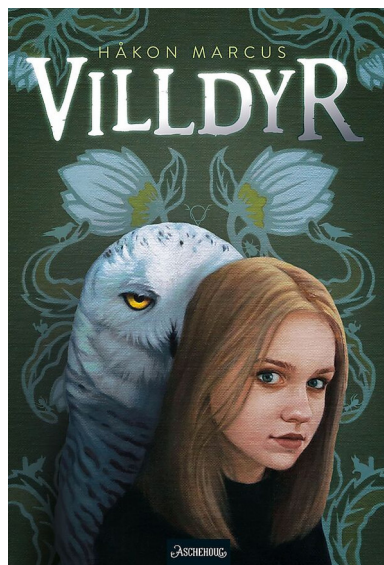
Hiderunners are wild animals that can take human form. They live among us in secrecy, while they fight for territories, power, and wilding – the ancient power that compels nature to obey them. Embla knows nothing of this. She has enough to deal with: a new school, an insufferable older sister, and parents who always interfere. When mysterious things start to happen around her, Embla discovers that she has a crucial role to play in the dangerous power struggle between the animal clans. Together with her new hiderunner friends, Embla soon finds herself braving a magical wilderness fraught with danger. She must uncover her true identity, before a dark order of owl witches can catch her in their razor-sharp talons.

*Feral* went straight in on the bestsellerlist!

First volume in a new fantasy 4-book series for middle grade readers.

**Winner of the 2024 Aschehoug Children's Book Prize and the First Book Prize by the Norwegian Children & YA Authors' Association**

Nominated for the 2024 ARK Children's Book Prize and the 2024/2025 Avid Reader Award (Bokslukerprisen)



*'It's a dash of **Nevermoor**, a touch of **Hunger Games**, but ultimately, it's pure **Feral**.'*

Barnebokbloggen.no

*'extraordinary (...) fresh and smart'*

Dagbladet, 5/6 stars

*'Finally a showdown with the classic children's fantasy hero. This debut novel is equally good when it celebrates and opposes Harry Potter. Håkon Marcus' debut bubbles with the joy of writing.'*

Aftenposten

*'Suprisingly clever twist'*

Klassekampen

*'a story of high standard'*

Periskop



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#### Foreign sales

Danish (Straarup, 2-book deal in auction), Estonian (Varrak), French (PKJ-Pocket Jeunesse), German (Ars Edition), Italian (De Agostini), Swedish (Bonnier Carlsen, 2-book deal in auction), Ukrainian (The Old Lion Publishing House)

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