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## *The Cluster Farm* *The norwegian village*

This is the story of the Norwegian village, a forgotten phenomenon in our history. Many believe that farmers in Norway have always lived on their own farm, but once upon a time, before replacement and dramatic modernization, many Norwegians lived together in village-like communal farms. In these farms, families lived and worked in small houses close together, wall to wall, with a patchwork of fields surrounding the cluster of houses.

Author Eva Røyrane and photographer Oddleiv Apneseth got the idea for *Klyngetunet* when they collected material from all over the country for the bestseller *Norges låver*. Several of these Cluster farms are protected, some have become museums and holiday homes, while others are inhabited by completely ordinary people who still actively practice agriculture.

There were once many thousands of such farming villages, before they were dissolved in the period 1860–1920. The book tells how the dramatic dissolution changed the Norwegian landscape and rural life, and what happened to the few farms where the farmers did not move to establish themselves separately. The book also tells how the qualities of the dense cluster farm can now have a new spring if today's architects, urban planners and house builders look to this ancient form of housing for inspiration for new living environments where the modern Norwegian can thrive and live together.

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Eva Røyrane (b. 1956) grew up in Ølve in Kvinnherad. As a journalist for Bergens Tidende from 1987 to 2013, she has written extensively about rural life, architecture and building conservation. She has also worked at NRK's district office in Sogn og Fjordane and is currently employed at the University of Bergen. Røyrane has published a number of books about Norwegian building traditions, including the best-selling *Norges låver* and *Av stein*.

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