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Endre Lund Eriksen

The World's Best Dad

A sharp, funny and emotionally disarming middle grade novel about masculinity, fear, and the longing to belong.

When Mads starts at a new school, he feels completely alone—until he begins writing secret letters to the U.S. President's son, convinced that sharing his mistakes might help someone else avoid them. At home, his father's "tough guy law" rules: never back down, always strike back twice as hard. But Mads is far from tough; he's scared of the dark and terrified of disappointing everyone. When the letters fall into the wrong hands, Mads is forced to confront what courage really means.

A warm, humorous and highly relatable story from one of Norway's most award winning children's authors.

The book has momentum and infectious energy, not least because of the boy's indomitable optimism.

(...)

There is plenty of subtle, quirky humor here, and an indomitable optimism. Both are gold in children's literature.

- Marianne Lystrup, Vårt Land

It is a strong novel for both children and adults. Easy to read, and the dialogue/monologue with the president's son is funny. At the same time, it is unsettling and serious in its portrayal of the father-son relationship. The book is recommended.

- Margot Hovda Lien, Bladet Nordlys

"A rarely powerful epistolary novel about what it really means to be tough."

(...) a novel that works on several levels: both as an engaging children's book and as an entry point into painful and difficult conversations — a combination only the very best children's authors manage to achieve.

- Ingrid Senje, Barnebokkritikk



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Endre Lund Eriksen

Endre Lund Eriksen is an awardwinning children's and young adult writer, screenwriter, playwright and director.



He had his breakthrough with his debut Pitbull-Terje går amok (Pitbull-Terje Goes Amok) in 2002, translated to several languages and made in to a very successfull film (Pitbullterje, 2005). Many other titles have been translated to other languages, such as "The Animal Detectives" (2019), The Dunderly series (2011), "The first man to pee on the moon" (2009) , "Super" (2009) and "The summer my Dad turned gay" (2012).

He is also directing and producing animated children's films.

Endre Lund Eriksen's books often uses humor as a tool to approach serious topics in a way that's accessible, without trivializing them. He tackles difficult subjects like anxiety, depression, bullying, substance abuse, and family responsibility, offering an intimate and authentic perspective on the realities of children and youth.



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