



Ylva Karlsson

OM MAN HETER ROBIN (If Your Name Is Robin)

Ylva Karlsson has been described as Sweden's next Astrid Lindgren by German newspaper Die Zeit. Here is her new exciting young adult novel, which is set in the borderland between fantasy and reality.

Robin is 12 years old and things aren't great at home. His mother is unhappy with her boring part time job and his dad is unemployed and spends the little money they have on horses. When Robin's dad doesn't stop gambling like he's promised, Robin's mum finally throws him out.

On top of the depressing situation at home it's an exceptionally rainy summer holiday and Robin's family can't go anywhere nice because they don't have the money. There's nothing interesting for Robin to do and he's bored. But one day Robin notices a girl in the park. She's looks to be a little bit older than him and she's just standing there in the rain. When Robin comes out of the house she's already gone. And there are no footprints in the sand where she was standing... Who is she? What does she want? And why is it only Robin who can see her? Robin isn't even sure if she exists or not and neither is the reader. She does however become more and more tangible both to Robin and the reader.

OM MAN HETER ROBIN is a novel that sparks the reader's imagination, poetic yet full of Ylva Karlsson's direct language. The title reference is that if your name is Robin (as in Hood) you are supposed to help people...

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Press voices on "Resan till kejsaren"!

"This young author has created a piece of fiction that is utterly compelling. Touching, wise, questioning, utopian, witty, poetic"
Lena Kjersén, Västerbottens-Kuriren

"By being completely serious about fantasies of the alternatives to the reality surrounding us, she has created something that may very well become a contemporary cult classic."
Magnus Haglund, Expressen

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Ylva Karlsson: *If Your Name Is Robin*

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