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Mauri Kunnas

# Summer at Doghill

*Kesä Koiramäessä*

**THEMES: SUMMER, HISTORY, TRADITIONS**

*The summer book of all times  
-a classic from the start!*

**"If only it were always summer and holiday, and never winter and Monday."**

Aukusti, a good friend of the Doghill children, arrives from the city to spend the summer at the vicarage. He gets to enjoy a true countryside summer with Elsa, Kille and Martta.

And what a summer it turns out to be! The children build a tree-house, splash around in the lake, organise a fishing trip and snack on berries. And, of course, participate in the Walpurgis and Mid-summer bonfires. A fishing trip with the Reverend turns into an adventure by a sudden thunderstorm.

The Doghill children learn about plants, birds and animals as well as different summertime traditions, holidays and predictions throughout the summer.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE KUNNAS'S  
HOMEPAGE IN [WWW.MAURIKUNNAS.NET](http://WWW.MAURIKUNNAS.NET)**

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## Mauri Kunnas

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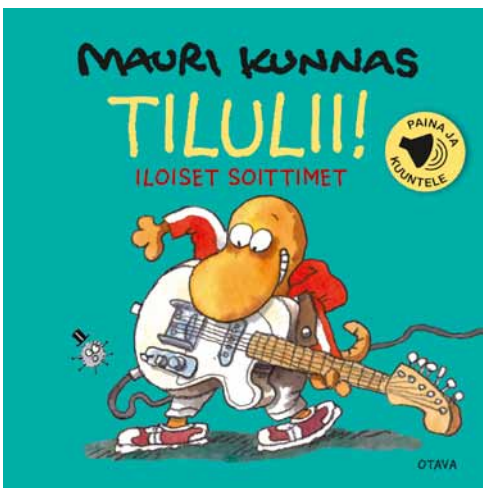
## Mwah!

*Noisy Feelings*

*Muisk! Äänekkäät tunteet*

**THEMES: TODDLERS, FEELINGS**

Children learn to recognise and name different concepts with **Noisy Feelings**.



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## Pling Plong!

*Happy Instruments*

*Tilulii! Iloiset soittimet*

**THEMES: TODDLERS, MUSIC, INSTRUMENTS**

Children learn to recognise and name different instruments from drums to the guitar with **Happy Instruments**.

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Aino Havukainen - Sami Toivonen

## Tatu and Patu's Marvellous Christmas

*Tatun ja Patun ihmeellinen joulu*

**THEMES: CHRISTMAS, TRADITIONS, HUMOUR**

*Come along with Tatu and Patu and  
forget about the tinsel!*

**Tatu and Patu celebrating Christmas leads to fried  
poinsettias and cinnamon in your arm pit!**

Veera has invited Tatu and Patu to celebrate Christmas with her. The boys are thrilled: finally they get to take part in Christmas celebrations!

Alas, the boys accidentally go to the wrong house: they end up at the Lahtinen family's house, empty as the family has travelled to Tenerife for Christmas.

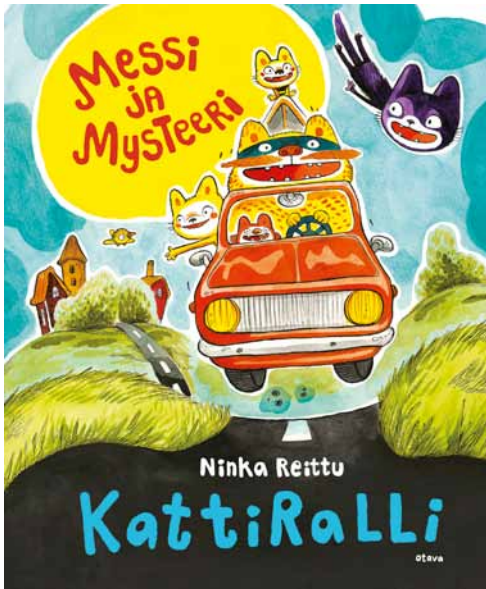
As no Christmas preparations are clearly underway at all, Tatu and Patu decide to put their minds to it and give Veera a pleasant surprise. First the boys set out to find out how to stuff crackers, as nothing creates Christmas cheer quite like Christmas crackers with fun trinkets, they remember Veera saying...



### Aino Havukainen - Sami Toivonen

(b. 1968, 1971) work together as children's authors, illustrators and graphic designers.

2006 **Kaarina Helakisa Literary Award**,  
2007 **Finlandia Junior Award**, 2009 and  
2010 **Longlisted for Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award**, 2011 **Shortlisted for German Children's Literature Award**



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Ninka Reittu

## Messi and the Mystery Cat

**Cat Race**

*Messi ja Mysteeri. Kattiralli*

**THEMES: ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIP**

*Thrilling excitement for pre-school children*

When the Katsenbergs family speeds off to their summer holidays, quite a cat race is to be expected.

The summer holidays are here. Messi and the cat family pack the car and drive off on a holiday trip. To the delight of everyone, a hitch-hiker joins the group: it's the Mystery Cat, Messi's mysterious friend.

The cats come across all sorts of travellers on their trip: the fox family's American classic car has skidded into a swamp, the farmer's trailer has thrown a somersault, builders and their van are entirely lost and a hot air balloonist would like company on his adventures. Messi, the Mystery Cat and the others try to help as best they can. And when the cats themselves land in trouble with their car, help from their new friends is much needed.

KARI HAUTALA



**Ninka Reittu** (born 1982) is an artist and artisan who lives in Liperi. She teaches art at the Joensuu Art School for Children and Young People.



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Reetta Niemelä - Salla Savolainen

## Pony Camp at Star Hill Stables

*Tikkumäen ponileiri*

**THEMES: HORSES, STABLES**

*Sadle up! Fun and practical information for all horse-mad girls and boys*

It's all systems go at Starhill Stables! The wonderful picture book series continues with a new book

It's Iiris's first time at pony camp with her old friends Riina, Riku and Pauli. It's exciting to sleep in the stable loft and take part in the traditional camp initiation in the forest. But nothing beats horse riding and taking care of horses. It's fantastic to plait a pony's mane or teach tricks by giving the ponies treats!

But what happens when Iiris bottles it in the field and jumping with Gallant just isn't happening? Not to worry, Starhill Stables have nifty tricks for all occasions!

This picture book series by **Reetta Niemelä** and **Salla Savolainen** is packed with information about horses, riding and life at the stables. The enchanting story is told in wonderfully fresh illustrated narrative. The previous books in the series are **Starhill Stables** and **The Dogs of Starhill**.



**Salla Savolainen - Reetta Niemelä**  
**Niemelä** has been recognised with the **Kaarina Helakisa Prize** for children's and young adult literature, and **Savolainen** has won the **Rudolf Koivu Prize** for children's illustrations.

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Maikki Harjanne

## Santtu and the Pointy Blue Hat

*Santtu ja sininen hiippalakki*

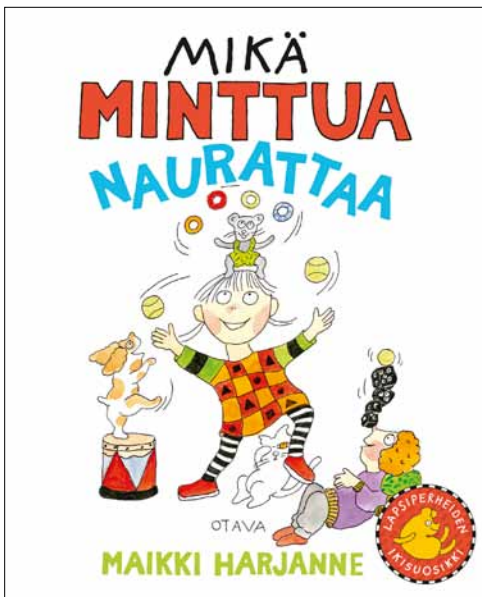
**THEMES: TODDLERS, CHRISTMAS**

**Santtu is here to captivate all toddlers again!**

The first door of the Advent Calendar contains a pointy blue hat. When Santtu puts on the hat, he becomes a scout elf. As Christmas approaches, a scout elf is truly needed: mum's pastry brush goes missing, a worm needs rescuing from the cold. And a scout elf is needed to tell Santa who needs what for Christmas presents...



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Maikki Harjanne

## What's Making Minttu Laugh

*Mikä Minttua naurattaa*

**THEMES: TODDLERS, LAUGHTER**

Everyday humdrum becomes an event to celebrate with Minttu

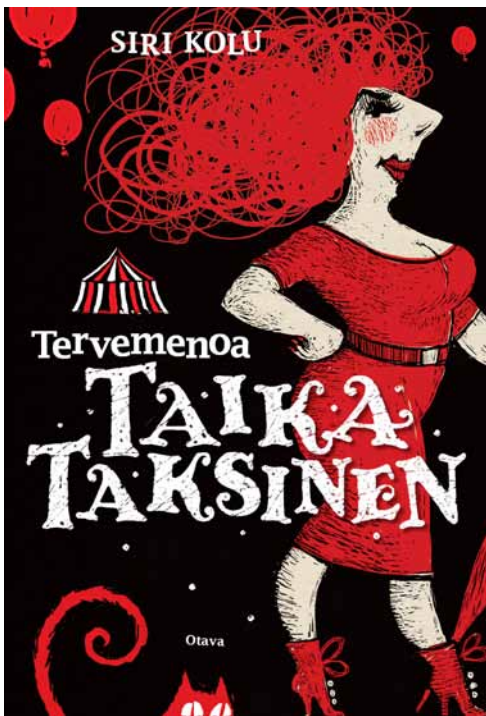
Mum and dad are off to a party by themselves, and Minttu is annoyed. But the pair look so funny dressed up in their finest that Minttu can't help but burst out laughing. When Janitor Pärssinen comes up with a surprise and Minttu bakes a cake with grandma, the day turns out brilliantly. Not that everything goes as planned...

**Maikki Harjanne** has written and illustrated nearly a hundred works during her career spanning nearly four decades. There are six previous parts to the Santtu series. **Minttu** is the best-known of Harjanne's characters, and she first appeared in a children's book in 1978. This all time favourite has delighted families in over fifty works.



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Siri Kolu

## Good Riddens, Beatrix Spelling!

*Tervemenoa, Taika Taksinen!*

**THEMES: MAGIC, HUMOUR, ADVENTURE**

*The acclaimed wordsmith's new series with a hint of magic!*

Say it with me: Be gone, urban witch! Be gone! Be gone!  
You big-boobed fake grownup won't get the better of me!

When Rose Crimson moves to the suburb of Circus Valley on her tenth birthday, she has no idea her neighbour is a witch—or that she is soon to become a formidable adversary. It's not long before Rose learns that there is something suspicious about the local politician and business woman Beatrix Spelling. Not to mention that the red balloons of Spelling's entertainment service are filled with a strange gas.

Urban witches are devious enemies, but Rose is not about to give up easily. Together with her IT enthusiast friend Lars, Rose decides to out the witch, and get to the bottom of what has happened to the missing children of Circus Valley.

**Urban witch (*witchus urbanus*)**

**Main characteristic:** Attempts to emulate the appearance of its fake profession (e.g. teacher, TV presenter, librarian).

**Distribution of Species:** Unfortunately broad.

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ME AND THE ROBBERSONS' RIGHTS  
HAVE BEEN **SOLD TO EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES**

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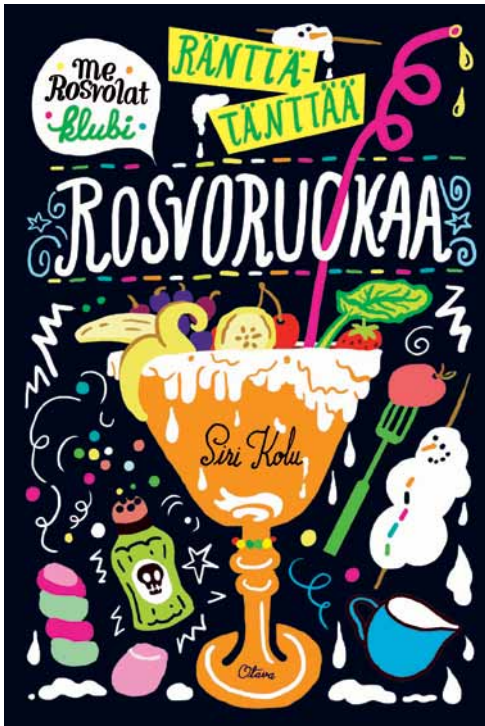


**Siri Kolu**

(b. 1972) is a dramaturge, director, and theatre instructor. *Me and the Robbersons* was awarded **Finlandia Junior Prize** in 2010. In 2013 **Kolu** was awarded **Lai-vakello Prize** by the Finnish Institute for Children's Literature and in the Netherlands the book won the **Silver Slate Pencil** (Zilveren Griffel).

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Siri Kolu

## Cooking with the Robbersons!

*Ränttätänttää, rosvoruokaa!*

**THEMES: COOKING WITH KIDS**

*Sink the battlesweets and stake out the gravy train! There's no nitpicking in the Robbersons' kitchen.*

Bon Appetit from the Robbersons' kitchen!

The Robbersons – and author **Siri Kolu** – are marvellous cooks who prepare tasty dishes whatever the surroundings. The recipes from the robbers' kitchen are relaxed and original, but always delicious.

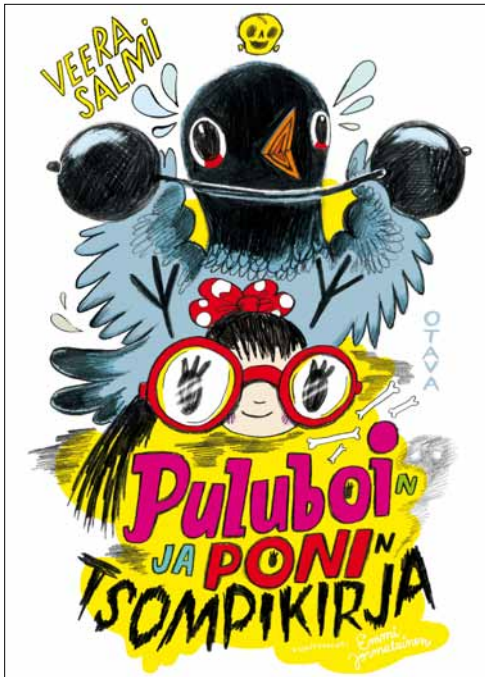
**Cooking with the Robbersons** is a clever cookbook for children and adults alike who want to prepare straightforward unpretentious treats. The recipes include sweet treats (e.g. Dude's Wallop), tantalising little treats (e.g. Hilda's vegetable crisps) and main courses (e.g. Hearty Ray's soy bolognaise and a bandit's sausage stew).

MIRVA KAKKO



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Veera Salmi

## Pony and the Puluboi's Book of Zombies

*Puluboin ja Ponin tsompikirja*

**THEMES: HUMOUR, FEAR**

*The tale of the Helsinki girl who wants to be a pony and the Hakaniemi pigeon is a festival of anarchist storytelling*

**"First everything starts to freeze and crash. Then something jams completely."**

Puluboi's beloved Puluphone T2000 starts crashing. Puluboi wonders whether training might help, and becomes a personal trainer. But one day the Puluphone T2000 says 'pop' and goes entirely blank. Pulu is desperate when his beloved phone is out of action.

A strange fog descends in Pony's world. It feels like there's something scary everywhere, wolves or zombies or other horrible things, and things are made worse by the fact that her family are moving house.

But there is a glimmer of hope in the mist thanks to Minimilla, a new pair of glasses and Professor Strangephone.

*Puluboi is a hit at day nurseries.*  
– Helsingin Sanomat

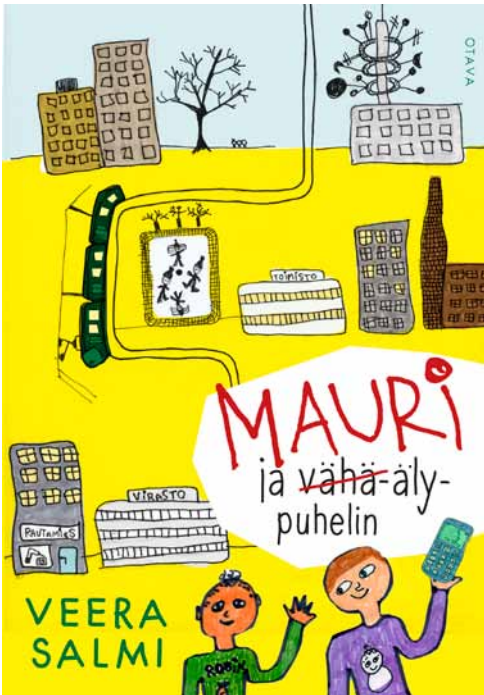
PONY AND PULUBOI WILL SOON GET TO STAR IN THEIR OWN **FILM!** THE FILM (THE BOOK OF PONY AND PULUBOI, THE FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES) PREMIERES IN 2017, THE SERIES HAS EXPANDED TO FIVE PARTS



**Veera Salmi**

(b. 1976) lives in Helsinki, where she is a kindergarten teacher and mother of two. A play based on her Puluboi books will be presented at the Finnish National Theatre in spring 2015, and a film script is also being worked on.

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Veera Salmi

## Mauri and the Dumb Phone

*Mauri ja vähä-älypuhelin*

**THEMES: HUMOUR, ADVENTURE**

One night Mauri's phone transforms from a veritable dumb phone to a real Konegtig smart phone

Mauri used to believe he had the worst phone in class, a true dumb phone comparing to everyone else's smart phones, but it isn't that at all. One night it transforms into a true Konegtig phone, and he starts receiving mysterious WhatsApp messages from little folk in Papua-Nude-Mahbum.

Just as well, since everything's been pretty boring. If mum had money, Mauri could fly to Egypt to see Bashir. But as she doesn't, Mauri begins to dig a tunnel between his home in Pasila and Egypt, because that would be entirely free to use.

**Veera Salmi** is known for her *Pony and Puluboi* series and has also created the illustrations to Mauri's story.



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Tiina Tanskanen

## The Legendary Summer Camp

*Horse Lover litu*

*Legendaarinen leirikesä. Hevostyttö litu*

**THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, STABLES, HORSES**

*For the Love of Animals and Life at the Stables*

"I threw an alarmed glance at Aada and Viivi. Had we left the gate open? Was it our fault all the horses had escaped?"

litu and Aada take their horses to a riding camp. At the Sinijärvi camp Viivi gets to ride Strada, a horse she used to look after, who means everything to her. The camp is fantastic, and the horses love the big field. Viivi suggests her, litu and Aada go on a night-time hack. The group narrowly avoid disaster and it transpires the whole hack was Viivi's own idea, and the girls and Strada are on a hack without permission.

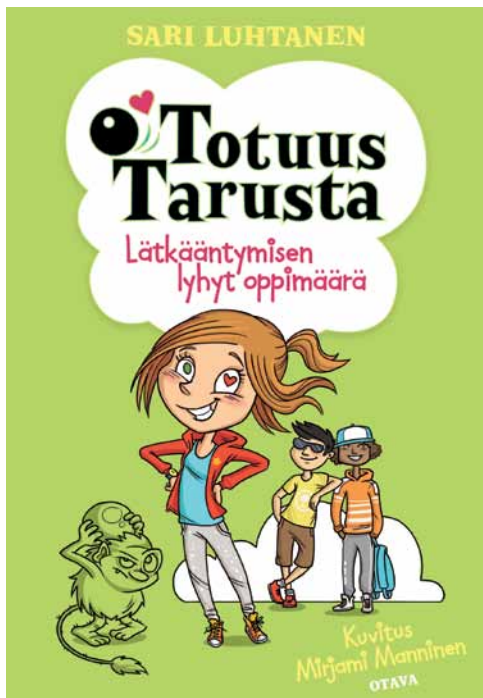
The morning breaks to a nightmare: the horses have escaped! Where is Strada, who was about to be sold by the stable owner to settle his debts?

The previous novels in **Tiina Tanskanen's litu** series are **Tempestous Talisman** and **The Fantastic Stable Boy**.



### Tiina Tanskanen

(b. 1984) began riding and working with horses at age 6. She participated in her first competitions as a third grader and competed at the regional level as a teen. This talented new writer has also written scripts for a popular TV series and movie.



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Sari Luhtanen - Mirjami Manninen

## The Truth About Taru

### **Basic Lessons in Infatuation**

*Totuus Tarusta. Lätkäntymisen lyhyt oppimäärä*

**THEMES: HUMOUR, TEENAGERS**

*The start of Year 7 for the master messer-upper is less than promising. The second part of the Truth About Taru series.*

### **There is a master messer-upper living in every teenage girl**

Taru has a perfect plan for how Year 7 will start: she'll burst onto the scene all trimmed and tanned. But things don't quite go to plan. Instead of sporting a tan, Taru is pale and worn down by a horrible stomach bug.

The others have had a few days' head start to the school year, and Taru has lost her best friend Aino to Nea (because she couldn't be bothered to choose French) and Ilmo has taken off with the football crowd.

Taru decides that being second best is unacceptable, and dives head first into the world of fashion and boyfriend selection.

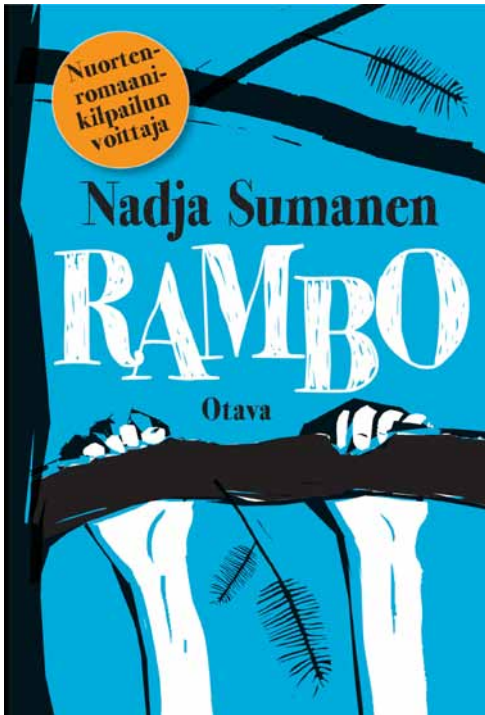
PEKKA HOLMSTRÖM



### **Sari Luhtanen - Mirjami Manninen**

**Luhtanen** works as a script writer and a translator (for instance subtitled The Simpsons for TV), and is one of the writers of the Nymphs book series, which has also been made into a TV series.

**Manninen** is an illustrator and graphic designer.



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Nadja Sumanen

## Rambo

*Rambo*

**THEMES: FAMILY, REALITY**

*The winner of Young Adults Novel Competition*

**Rambo gives a platform to the youth who rarely get their voice heard**

Rambo has been raised by his mother and is used to coping on his own when mum is depressed. He has a short fuse but a vivid imagination, and in school he avoids the company of those who are better off.

Getting to go to mum's boyfriend's parents' cabin brightens up the summer holidays. What a paradise: structure to the day, meal times and the most warm-hearted hosts you could imagine! The peace is broken by cocky Liina's arrival. On the surface it would appear she's doing just fine, but is she any happier than Rambo?

**Nadja Sumanen's** depiction of her characters spans three generations and is so warm and moving it's a shame to part with the characters at the end of the novel!



### **Nadja Sumanen**

(born 1975) is an occupational therapist and mother to two children, and loves spending time with her family at their cabin. She values sincerity, food prepared with love and cycling on forest roads.

**Rambo** is her first novel.

Tuija Lehtinen

# The Gap Year

*Välivuosi*

**THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY**

A gap year sounded like a bad joke to Simo. He could never have imagined that a year could be a shortcut to happiness

Two very different single parent families merge. Simo, his cultural producer bohemian mother and a little stepsister from Tikkurila. Lime, her astrophysicist professor father and little sister from Kauniainen. Simo is starting Year 10. Lime is in a maths-focused class and a genius, just like her father.

Simo feels like he's landed in a poor reality TV series where members of blended families attempt to kill each other, whereas Lime is reliving the old family series The Munsters. Not a love story in the slightest.

**Tuija Lehtinen's** narrative is optimistic and bright. Clear and astute insight on relationships and the realities of youth today give depth to an entertaining surface.

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## **Tuija Lehtinen**

writes for adults and for young people. Her narrative approach is bright and optimistic and she depicts young people's current reality with easy-going humour.

Lehtinen won **the Finnish State Prize** for Literature in 1988, **the Kaarina Helakisa Literary Prize** in 2002 and **the Topelius Prize** in 1997 and 2006