



Sickle

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Sickle

Endre grows up on a farm in a rural part of western Norway during the nineteenth century. He is the firstborn and heir, expected to take on the duties and responsibilities inherited by his forefathers. As a young man, he meets Abelone, marries her and takes over the farm. The future looks bright — until Endre is bedridden by illness and forced to sell the farm.

Who is he without the rights and the duty to which he is born? As he ponders the meaning of his new life, he discovers literature — the books change Endre's life and open up new worlds.

Sickle is a story in the form of poetry, about a simple, yet magnificent life. About the universes within books and discovering countries far away through reading. It is a story about a time which no longer exists, but which is still recognisable. And it is the love story of Endre and Abelone — who finally create a common language to communicate again.

Sickle is quite simply an impressive collection of poems.

Aftenposten

Her best poems. (...) there is a strong and tender lyrical voice present in this observant and imaginative collection of poems. Ruth Lillegraven demonstrates with this book that she is a very special voice within the portrayals of village life in contemporary lyrical poetry.

Hamar Arbeiderblad

Large themes are treated clearly and resonantly.

Dagbladet

Ruth Lillegraven

Ruth Lillegraven debuted in 2005 with a collection of poetry entitled *Big Bad Poems*. Since then, she has published a novel and six poetry collections. Her narrative long-poem *Sickle* (*Sigd*) has been translated into several languages. Lillegraven also writes children's books and plays. Her work has been nominated for several awards and she was awarded, among other distinctions, *The Brage Prize* and *Nynorsk Literature Prize*. Her latest novel, *Everything is Mine* (*Alt er mitt*), has been enormously successful, including multiple international sales, and the sale of film rights to Nordisk film.