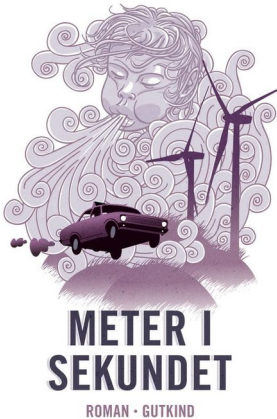


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A young couple adjusts to their new life together with their infant son at a Folk High School in West Jutland, stepping into a world of tree-hugging faculty, obligatory singalongs and idealist desires to bond with the local community. He's the new teacher; she's the plus-one.

In theory, she'd like to be a part of it all but finds herself writing scathing ditties about the place with another plus-one in the community. For all her ambitions to become integrated, she can't seem to get the knack of it. The codes of rural conversation, its brevity and endless silences stump her.

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A master of irony lays down her weapons ... deliciously crumbly novel oozing with awkward love.

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*"The book of the year." ***** (5 out of 5 stars)*

Jyllandsposten, dk

Sheer delight: Stine Pilgaard has penned a perfect comedy about normalcy.

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Stine Pilgaard (1984) is from Aarhus, Denmark. She attended Forfatterskolen, the Danish creative writing academy, and she has master's degrees in Danish Literature and Media Studies. *My Mother Says* (2012) is her first novel; it was nominated for the Danish Radio Novel Prize and won the Debut Novel Prize from the Bodil and Jørgen Munch-Christensen Literature Fund. She has since published two bestselling novels, including the 2020 bestseller *Meter i sekundet* (forthcoming in English with the title **THE LAND OF SHORT SENTENCES**).