



This Should Be Written In Present Tense

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A young woman rents a place near the train station in the small town of Glumsø. Every day she commutes to Copenhagen. Her parents think she is studying but she never turns up at the university.

She spends her time in the streets and alleys and in the amusement center, Scala, with the poet, Hase. She writes as well but not very successfully.

A lot of disturbing factors are at play, such as her past with Per Finland, her parents at her doorstep and the freight trains chugging through the night.

Helle Helle makes us feel less alone.

Dawn Raffel, Oprah.com

Helle Helle (...) has enchanting gifts as a storyteller.

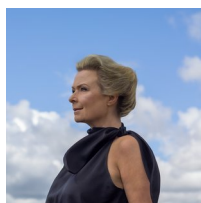
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...overwhelms me in a very powerful way.

Weekendavisen

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Helle Helle (b. 1965) is a graduate of the Danish Academy of Creative Writing and the author of a number of novels as well as two collections of short fiction. She is one of Scandinavia's most original writers, with a career spanning three decades, from her debut *Example of Life* (1993) to her most recent novel, *Hafni Says*, published to rave reviews in 2023. Her books have been translated into 22 languages.



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