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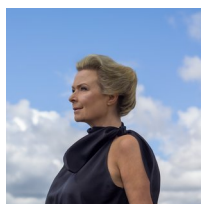
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Awarded the Golden Laurel Literary Prize 2011



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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.

Jonathan Russell Clark, The New York Times

...overwhelms me in a very powerful way.

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Helle Helle

Helle Helle 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 almost three decades, from her debut *Example of Life* (1993) to her most recent novel, *BOB* (2020).

Helle Helle's breakthrough novel, *Rødby-Puttgarden*, was awarded the Danish Critics' Prize for Literature, since when she has received her native country's highest literary accolades, including the Per Olov Enquist Prize, the Golden Laurels of the Danish Booksellers' Association, the Grand Prize of the Danish Academy, and the Holberg Medal. Her books have been translated into 22 languages.

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