



Hey Hafni

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Helle Helle

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Hey Hafni

Hafni's gone to Brighton for three months to rediscover her zest for life. Brighton is England's fourth-happiest city – but then her brother arrives. Her quest for alone time takes her via a muddy riverside path, an antique dealer and his wife, a fluorescent green cooperative, Virginia Woolf's bed, a forgotten pudding, the Wish Tower, a chiropodist, and Our Billy. All while trying to escape "the third hand".

Along the way, she writes letters home to an old friend – who is perhaps the one writing the novel.

Hey Hafni expands the universe of Helle's previous novels *they*, *Bob* and *Hafni Says*.

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Virtuosic wordplay... Her linguistic humor is utterly delightful... How lucky we are to have Helle Helle.

Politiken, 6/6 stars

No Dane writes better than Helle Helle... I usually dog-ear pages and add exclamation marks, but this is the first time I've ever spontaneously written: 'I love you!' next to a paragraph.

Weekendavisen

I wish more people—ideally everyone—around the world would pause to absorb the elegant language Helle Helle unfolds throughout the 200 sublime pages of her new novel. Hey Hafni is a cornucopia of playful charm, literary delights, and linguistic richness—enriching, refreshingly crisp, and effervescent. Every writer ought to read at least one Helle Helle work each year to nourish and strengthen their own language. This is an excellent place to start.

Berlingske, 6/6 stars

Helle Helle

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 24 languages.