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## GUNNAR'S BOOK OF RECORDS



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### AWARDS

The new Norwegian Children's Literature Prize for his first novel, *Angel in the Snow*, 2016  
 Nominated for the Ministry of Culture's Award, best non-fiction 2017 - *The Norwegian Slave Trade*

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**"But he doesn't write about how a heart can just stop beating, and he doesn't write about Mom. And he doesn't show the book to anyone. No one gets to read Gunnar's record book."**

Gunnar has created his own record book. In it, he writes about both the good and the bad parts of life. Gunnar doesn't want to show the book to anyone, but what happens if the record book falls into the wrong hands?

Gunnar owns a book. A book full of records. In it, he writes about Sivert, who is the best friend in the whole world, about Sivert's father, who must be the world's happiest man, about Dad, who just lies on the couch and is the saddest person Gunnar knows. And about Vilde, who has the world's most beautiful smile.

**It is a gem. Gunnar's Record Book is the finest, gentlest wake-up call to any child who believes they must handle things on their own. Because there are things one cannot manage, things one should not have to manage. That is important. One must ask for help.**

Pedagogen.dk

**The Gunnar Book of Records maintains a gentle tone throughout the entire book. Even though grief over the loss of his mother is the central theme of the story, the narrative is neither sad nor heavy. Totland employs a light and mildly naive language with an eye for details that elevates the story far beyond its themes.**

Barnebokkritikk

**By showing us reality as Gunnar sees it, Totland creates a tender realism.**

Aftenposten

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Anders Totland is an author, social scientist, cook, and journalist. He is an award-winning young adult- and children's book writer. He has also published several novels, including *A Prayer For Jacob Juul* and *Till Death Do Us Part*.

