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BEHIND THE BLACK GATE



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AWARDS

Grafill Most Beautiful Books of the Year, 2022

Ministry of Culture's prize for children's and young adult literature, nominated

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Denmark, Turbine

Sweden, Opal

It's Halloween, but Olivia has no one to go trick-or-treating with. She decides to go out alone.

At first it's a little scary to walk around all by herself, but the further Olivia goes, the braver and braver she becomes. Still: The big house behind the gate is spooky – maybe even a little bit extra spooky tonight. This is a picture book about fear, courage and unexpected friendship, for children aged 6 and up. It is beautifully Illustrated by Marianne Gretteberg Engedal.

The verbal text and images convey the atmosphere in a way that makes the book appropriately exciting and scary for its target audience. An exciting and thought-provoking book that appeals to both younger and older readers.

The jury of *The Ministry of Culture's prize for children's and young adult literature*.

Lovely Halloween aesthetics... Heartbreakingly believable.

Periskop

Beautiful illustrations make this book a fall gem that all Halloween skeptics should treat themselves to.

Vårt land

Wise and clever about daring to venture into the world.

Klassekampen

Behind the Black Gate received the gold award in the Most Beautiful Books competition. "Talk about being hypnotized by a cover! With a gaze that both entices and warns, we are led through the gate toward a darkened house. We don't really dare to follow, but we can't resist either."

The Grafill Jury statement, 2022

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Anders Bortne is a writer and musician. He has written five acclaimed books and has released eight albums (one of which was even nominated for Album of the Year in Norway).

