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NEVER, EVER TAKE A TROLL TO A DIVING TOWER

TROLL TRAINING



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Mattis and his family have got themselves a troll.

Before you panic, here's what you need to know: trolls don't talk – they grunt and point. They eat grey stones. And swimming is probably not their thing.

Nine-year-old Mattis Lindkvist returns from a summer road trip with an unexpected passenger in the car boot: a small troll called Leo. Suddenly, everyday life comes with new challenges – and new rules. When a group of daring teenagers who dive from the ten-metre tower take an interest in Leo, Mattis sees his chance to make new friends. Pretending Leo is a “diving troll” feels like a good idea at the time. The problem is that no one knows if trolls can swim.

Never, Ever Take a Troll to a Diving Tower is the first book in a humorous, fully illustrated series for children aged 6–9 about friendship, loyalty and the difficult choices that come with wanting to belong. Illustrated by Kristoffer Kjølborg, the books combine warmth, suspense and visual comedy.

"This is a compelling story that will appeal to every kind of reader, (from the keenest to the more hesitant) and make them pick it up off the shelves. A wonderfully touching portrayal of a boy who just wants a new friend now that his old one has moved away – beautifully supported by charming illustrations. And when a troll suddenly becomes part of the boy's family, it sets the stage for genuinely funny situations that give the story real heart. I found myself laughing out loud several times – what's not to like!"

Editor, Carlsen Publishing

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Terje Solli is a trained screenwriter, educated at Bournemouth University in England. He has written a wide range of drama and comedy series for television, and he also has a strong passion for writing for children. He is best known as the creator of *Side by Side* (Side om Side), NRK's most-watched comedy series of all time. *Never, ever take a troll to a diving tower* is his debut as author.

