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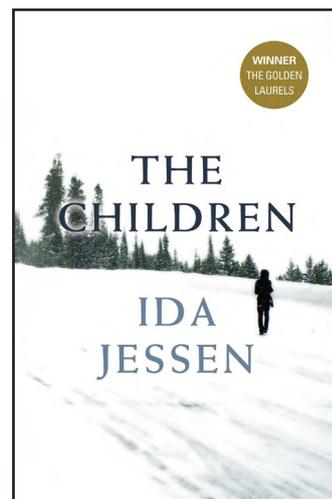
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Chilling new Scandinavian fiction:

The Children by Ida Jessen

Translated by Don Bartlett



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In a place that hides secrets and lies, not everyone is as they first seem...

Recently divorced Solvej rents an isolated farmhouse in Hvium, where her daughter lives with her father. She will be able to see her little girl again – to start over.

As winter descends on Denmark, Solvej is completely alone. Soon she makes friends, starts a new job and mends her relationship with her daughter – but just as she begins to feel happy and settled, darkness descends.

Faced with the conflict and unhappiness that lies beneath the surface, Solvej must ask herself: when is it right to step in and when is right not to?

A thriller, a romance, and a portrait of our time – Ida Jessen writes about domestic tension, mothers and daughters, female desire and small communities, with a keen eye yet without moralising.

'... the female characters are warm, fragile and at the same time selfish bitches ... It is so well done that you feel like clapping when closing the book.' – *Berlingske Tidende*

Translated from the bestselling Danish novel, this is the first English edition worldwide.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ida Jessen is one of Denmark's bestselling female authors. Since 1989 she has written ten novels and short stories collections for adults and children. She has also translated novels from Norwegian and English into Danish (including those by Karin Fossum, the 'Norwegian Queen of Crime'). Jessen has won a swathe of awards, including the prestigious Søren Gyldendal Prize and the BG Bangs Literary Prize. For *The Children* (*Børnene*) she was nominated for the Prize of the Nordic Council in 2010 and won The Golden Laurels 2009 – a significant prize awarded by Danish booksellers.

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