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The Owl Wolf

Children's book. Rosmen. Moscow 2019
50 norm pages (1.800 characters incl. spaces)

Illustrations by Irina Galkina

Age 8+ and adults

> philosophical tale, journey, Far North, indigenous peoples, fantastic animals, planet protection, friendship, support

Languages: Serbia (full German translation available)

A little girl lives in the far north, where she has no friends. And she invents a friend for herself: this is an Owl Wolf named Bubo. He teaches the girl to love the north, to understand its nature, its animals. He teaches her to look at the world through the eyes of a northern wolf.

But this book is not about nature only. There are many reflections on friendship, fear, fortitude, the planet and its protection. This book is the author's farewell to the childhood, an autobiographical recollection of life in the Arctic Circle.

It is interesting to note that the place described in the story now belongs to the "dead cities" of Russia: nobody lives there anymore. But once the first cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, lived and worked there.



THE AUTHOR

translations
3 languages

awards

2023 Book of the Year Award finalist
Internationale Jugendbibliothek Munich
2022 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
nominee
2019 Arsenev Award
2018 Krapivin International Prize
2015 Kniguru Award

other works

The Whale Swims North
Pocket Dwarf Bead
The Cloud Holder
The Bongo's Dreams

Anastasia Strokina was born 1984 in the Murmansk region. She graduated from music school with a piano major, taught herself the cello and was a member of the Collegium Musicum Moscow chamber orchestra. Strokina not only writes books for children, she is also engaged in literary research and translates from English, French, Dutch and Italian. Born beyond the North Pole, Strokina sets her stories in Northern Russia and Scandinavia, following Selma Lagerlöf and Hans Christian Andersen. Her philosophical fairy tales have been awarded numerous prizes. Strokina is always travelling a lot to where her stories take place.

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