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Blessings

By Caroline Albertine Minor



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‘Are you Anne-Sophie’s mum?’
‘Yes, I am,’ she said.
‘Are you sad about it?’
‘Yes.’

A sequence of seven haunting and gripping stories from the winner of the Danish Fiction Writers Prize.

Blessings comprises a cycle of stories that depict with astonishing particularity how life goes on after loss. They chart the array of moments that, set against our grief, elevate life to something like a blessing – through which we become more than our loss...

As the characters piece back their sense of self, family, love, future, Caroline Albertine Minor displays a rare and profound skill to articulate lives which have suffered ineffably. The moments accrue, blend and form something more – the ring of truth has never been so captivating...

Acclaim for Blessings

Seven stories that resemble life itself, each so pulsating with a vivacity of its own that they link to the lives of the other stories. *Blessings* forms a whole through its use of a rich, nuanced style that is both clinically clear and marvellously suggestive.

Minor's literary imagery is in a class of its own. She succeeds in depicting all this in her elegant, passionate, and unusually beautiful prose. *Blessings* has the potential to be one of the foremost works of Danish short prose in recent decades.

The Nordic Co-operation

It can be difficult to explain what it is about *Blessings* that makes its short stories so good. Scene by scene and sentence by sentence, Caroline Albertine Minor writes with impressive certainty, but above all she writes completely unobtrusively and effortlessly.

The Information

Caroline Albertine Minor has been nominated for the prestigious Nordic Council Literature Prize for *Blessings* (*Velsignelser*). She has won the P.O. Enquist Prize 2018 as well as the Danish Fiction Writers Prize, the Michael Strunge Prize 2017 and the Special Award of the Danish Arts Foundation.

Caroline Waight has been a finalist for the 2023 PEN Translation Award and received a special commendation from the 2023 Warwick Prize for Women in Translation.

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