

## BIOGRAPHY

A summary of my life before and now:

I was born in Bergen in 1968. I grew up in the south of the Hordaland County in Sortland on the island of Bømlo. (Sortland has since changed its name to Svortland, something that I have never been exactly jubilant about). In 1990-1991, I attended the Skrivekunstakademiet ("writers academy") in Hordaland and the following year debuted with my first book, *Det er ikkje natta*, Samlaget 1992. I have been writing ever since. It may appear quite short-term, but my way of thinking is that by working really hard it will all pay off in the end.

Large chunks of my childhood have been spent reading, but I read less now. I have written books in different genres for children, young people and adults. My books are sold in the USA, Canada, Italy, France, Spain (in Spanish, Catalan and Basque), the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, South-Korea, Taiwan, Sweden, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland and Palestine.

I am, otherwise, very fond of fresh cod with almond potato pure served with just the right Italian wine.