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BEHIND THE BLACK GATE



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It's Halloween, but Olivia has no one to go trick-or-treating with. She decides to go out alone.

At first it's a little scary to walk around all by herself, but the further Olivia goes, the braver and braver she becomes. Still: The big house behind the gate is spooky – maybe even a little bit extra spooky tonight.

A picture book about fear, courage and unexpected friendship, for children aged 6 and up.

Illustrator: Marianne Gretteberg Engedal

Together, the verbal text and images convey the atmosphere in a way that makes the book appropriately exciting and scary for its target audience. 'Behind the Black Gate' is an exciting and thought-provoking picture book that appeals to both younger and older readers.

The jury of *The Ministry of Culture's prize for children's and young adult literature*.

Lovely Halloween aesthetics... Heartbreakingly believable.

Periskop

Beautiful illustrations make this book a fall gem that all Halloween skeptics should treat themselves to.

Vårt land

Wise and clever about daring to venture into the world.

Klassekampen

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Anders Bortne is a writer and musician. He has written five acclaimed books and has released eight albums (one of which was even nominated for Album of the Year in Norway).

