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WINNER OF THE 2023 DANISH CRITICS PRIZE  
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& THE JYLLANDS-POSTEN FICTION PRIZE

*Everything is mine and is taken from me.  
That's what it means to be a girl.*

Highly acclaimed in Denmark, *Girlbeast* is a fearless, unsettling, and poetic reimagining of the *Lolita* narrative, where power shifts unpredictably, and desire and coercion become indistinguishable. In a world that fetishises girlhood, it asks whether a girl be blamed for internalising the roles imposed upon her? Can she wield her youth as power in a system designed to render her powerless?

With sharp, fast-paced prose and an addictive plot, Cecilie Lind crafts a daring examination of female agency, sexuality, and the complexities of consent. The novel evokes the idea of the girl as animal – a creature conditioned to be both docile pet and wild beast, torn between submission and rebellion, innocence and desire.

Brave, provocative, and unflinching, *Girlbeast* is a gripping, vital novel for our times.



Cecilie Lind (b. 1991) studied at Forfatterskolen (The Danish Academy of Creative Writing), and debuted in 2010 with *The Wolf Ate My Eyeliner*. Lind's breakthrough in Denmark came with the publication of the highly acclaimed book-length poem *My Child*, which was shortlisted for the 2020 Critic's Prize and the Politiken's Literary Award. She was awarded The Native Language Prize in 2020, and *Girlbeast* won the Danish Critics Prize in 2023. Lind's most recent novel, *Bristefærdig (Ripe)*, was published to critical acclaim in 2025.



Hazel Evans (b. 1994) is an artist, writer and literary translator based near Aarhus, Denmark. She was the 2022/23 emerging translator for Danish to English at the National Centre for Writing, and her debut translation, *Into a Star* by Puk Qvortrup, was published by Hamish Hamilton. In 2024, she received The Inger and Jens Bruun Translation Prize for her translation of Rasmus Daugbjerg's *Troll*, forthcoming from Penguin Press.

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## PRAISE FOR *GIRLBEAST*

‘*Girlbeast* is a fever dream of a novel that put a knot in my stomach. A provocative, vulgar and tender fable about the uneasy ruin of girlhood.’

– Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

‘Using seductively poetic language, Cecilie Lind asks us: who is – or isn’t – complicit in the fetishization of youth? *Girlbeast* is gorgeous and unsettling at once. I couldn’t put it down.’

– Nadia de Vries

‘Lind is at her absolute best with this troubling and unpredictable novel.’

– *Information*

‘Lind’s writing has never been more powerful... So attentive and insistent.’

– *Weekendavisen*

‘a brave and complex novel’

– *Politiken*

‘A breathless read... a linguistic tour de force... a true demonstration of power’

– *Vagant*

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