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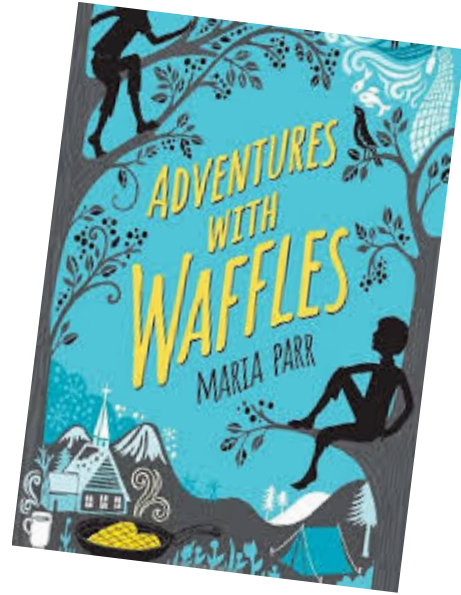
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# Book Review

**Title:** Adventures with Waffles  
**Author:** Maria Parr, translated by Guy Puzey  
**Illustrator:** Kate Forrester  
**Reviewer:** Whitney Troxel  
**Publisher:** Candlewick Press  
**Publication Year:** 2013  
**ISBN:** 9780763672812  
**Number of Pages:** 232  
**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

Lena is Trille's best friend. Despite not knowing if he is Lena's best friend, the two neighbors cause all sorts of chaos in their small town. From making a rope bridge between their houses to using Uncle Tor's fishing boat to recreate Noah's Ark, it isn't a normal day in Mathildewick Cove without Trille and Lena getting into some sort of trouble. Luckily for them, there's no amount of trouble Auntie Granny's waffles can't fix. Trille is devastated when he finds out Lena and her mom are moving across the fjord. When Lena runs away from her mom and back to Mathildewick Cove, Trille hopes that means he is Lena's best friend too—but he doesn't dare ask her. It isn't until Lena is injured in a fire that she tells Trille he's her best friend too. Everything quickly returns to normal in Mathildewick Cove, but Trille finally knows he has a best friend.

*Adventures with Waffles* was originally written in Norwegian. The names of characters and places might be difficult for some readers to pronounce, but the rest of the story is clear and easy to follow. The story is told from Trille's perspective—which limits the story to a nine-year-old vocabulary—making the book easy to read but highly entertaining. Readers around Trille's age should easily identify with him as he goes through the challenges of everyday life. The book also deals with difficult topics, like the death of family members and how it affects those left behind. Readers will smile, laugh, and cry along with Trille as he discovers what it means to be a best friend. *Adventures with Waffles* is a great read for children and adults.