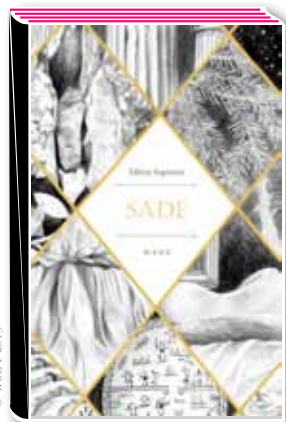


The second, highly anticipated novel from a unique writing talent.

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Miina Supinen (b. 1976) is a journalist, essayist and author. Her critically acclaimed novels and short stories have a dedicated fan following, and many consider her the funniest, most effervescent female writer in Finland. Nominated for the Helsingin Sanomat Debut Book of the Year Award in 2007, her novel *Jelly Control* (2007), is a cult classic. The collection of short stories *Land of the Apatosaurus* was nominated for the 2010 Runeberg Prize. Based on Supinen's radio plays, *Violet Jawbone's Career Guide* was published in spring 2013. Her latest book, *Ray Girl* (2013), is a mystical love story sure to make you laugh and likely to make you cry.



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RAY GIRL

(*Säde*, WSOY, September 2013, 328 pp.)

A mystical love story. Beauty meets two beasts in search of the meaning of life and death.

VICTOR HAD NO EXPECTATIONS of life after death. But here he is, watching while a serious woman pulls a serious little boy on a sledge through a snow storm. How did it all happen?

VIVACIOUS SÄDE (*Ray Girl*) and cynical Vic are beavering away on archaeological excavations in Finland, led by fiery and charismatic Voula with a motley crew of disciples worshipping ancient gods. And at home, Säde has Antti, a successful game programmer, waiting for her. What will the excavations turn up? Do gods exist? Who wins the heart of care-free Säde?

RAY GIRL IS a mystical love story, and an usual love triangle, a comedy about the collision between faith and science, a coming-of-age story that combines genres and a novel about an atheist who wants to belong to a cult.



... I wanted to write a novel about the most important things in life – love and death. I wanted to say something new and fresh, genuine and heart-breaking and still fabulously fun. *Ray Girl* is an extraordinary love triangle, a novel about light and shadow, about the impermanence of everything and amazingly good sex. Plus a little about archaeology and ancient gods and wildflowers.

- WRITER MIINA SUPINEN



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Everyone loves Säde (Ray Girl). She's every man's dream and every woman's best friend, a fun-loving, carefree, and delightfully sexually uninhibited young archaeologist. But such girls don't really exist. The deepest secrets lurk behind the broadest smiles. This is not a girl you want to invite to the dig.



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JELLY CONTROL

(*Liha tottelee kuria*, WSOY 2007, 335 pp.)

A refreshing human comedy about pleasure and the dangers of self-deceit, a fatal mistake and eating jam.

THE SILOLA FAMILY is the picture of perfection. There's the house by the sea that looks like a sugar cube. There's the father, a famous conductor who exhibits absolutely no trace of the famous Finnish melancholy. There's the mother, an elegant interior designer who facelifts people's homes with the gentle bedside manner of a family doctor.

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EVERYTHING IS PERFECT as long as no one finds the carefully hidden vials and the hypodermic needles unsmiling boys jab in each other in the dark corners of the gym. And no one must know about the yacht, its steamed-up windows and chandelier, its shackles and whips. And let's keep quiet about that fatal mistake on that holiday trip.

JELLY CONTROL IS a human comedy about family, happiness, corporeality, pleasure and self-deceit. It is also a lively novel about the dangers of eating jam, the ins and outs of gym etiquette and the basic principles of throwing the party of the year.

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