

*For S  
who, several years ago, asked me  
to write an easy read book.  
Finally it is finished!*

## **1. Ebba and Ivar**

Ivar sat in the kitchen. He ate his breakfast and drew pictures of monsters. Ivar loved to draw.

His sister Ebba sat at the other side of the table. She looked out the window. It was dark out there. Yellow leaves whirled in the air.

— It's seven thirty, Dad called. You have to go to school!

— Ahum, Ivar said.

But he didn't listen.

— Ahum, Ebba said.

She did not listen either.

– It's easy to tell that you are twins, Dad said. You are just as hopeless and just as nice, both of you. Now, hurry up!

When Ebba and Ivar were about to leave for school, Dad said:

- Watch out for the ghosts in the park.
- Oh stop it, Dad, Ivar said.
- Dad, stop it, Ebba said.

When they got to the park, it was dark.

- Do you believe in ghosts? Ebba asked.
- No, Ivar said.
- Neither do I, Ebba said.
- But you never can tell, Ivar said.
- What if there are ghosts, Ebba said. They ran fast through the park.

## 2.

### The Substitute Teacher

When Ebba and Ivar came to school, the others were already in the classroom.

Their teacher was not there. But then the door was opened and the principal came in.

- Hello, he said. I'm the principal at this school.
- We know, everybody said.
- Your teacher is ill. You will get a substitute teacher, the principal said.