

**CHILDREN
& YOUNG
ADULTS**



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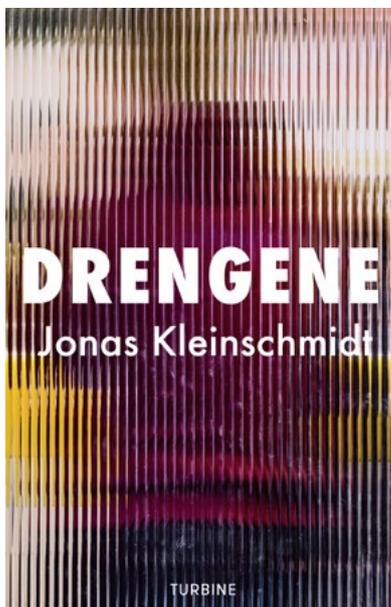
We were 'the boys'. That was all they ever called us ...

In the youth novel *The Boys*, we follow six friends from their first day at school until their final fatal school day. We are in the upper middleclass suburbs of Copenhagen. The boys have all they need. Everything is going just great and they are on the way to the top – that's the way they see it. They play football, get into scrapes, listen to hip-hop, skate. They start drinking. They discover marijuana, get into fights, talk about girls and they have their first sexual experiences – and all the time we feel the catastrophe looming.

This book is about 'The Boys'. Who are they? Why do they act like this when they are in a group? How much porn do they watch? How much do they pressure each other into being a certain way? How much do they drink? And when push comes to shove, are they really so bad?

The Boys is an intense, honest and ultra-modern novel about the life of boys and young men in today's 'affluent' Denmark.

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a whole generation, very
reminiscent of the novels by
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