

Short bio

Rán Flygenring (1987) is an award-winning author, artist and illustrator. Her work spans a broad spectrum of visual storytelling in different settings and mediums: books and shorter publications, graphic reports, live drawing, visual philosophy, pop-up performances and short films. Her work mainly revolves around nature and the natural elements.

Ráns' books have been published in several countries and won awards for her unconventional and lively illustration style. She has received the Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize, the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis, the German-French Youth Literature Prize and the Jahres-Luchs Prize, besides being nominated for the German Academy of Children's and Youth Literature Illustration Prize Serafina and the ALMA prize (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award), to name but a few.

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Academic Qualifications

2020–2024	Philosophy BA, University of Iceland
2023	Exchange student at The University of Auckland
2014–2015	Oslo National Academy of the Arts, 90 credits towards MA
2009	5th Basics in design and Typography, Basel School of Design
2006–2009	BA Graphic Design, Iceland Academy of the Arts
2008	Erasmus exchange student at Universität der Künste Berlin
2003–2006	Hamrahlíð College

Work Experience

2010–now	Self-employed creative person
2011	Hirðteiknari Reykjavíkurbogar, creative summer project at Hitt Húsid, Youth Cultural- and Information Center at the City of Reykjavík
2009	Creative summer project at Hitt Húsid, Youth Cultural- and Information Center, the City of Reykjavík
2009–2010	Graphic designer at design studio Atelier Atli Hilmarsson
2007–2010	Part time freelance designer, illustrator and horse trainer

Publications

2023	ÁLFAR, Hjörleifur Hjartarson og Rán Flygenring. Angústúra.
2022	<i>Eldgos (Volcano)</i> . Útgefandi: Angústúra
2021	<i>Koma Jól?</i> , Hallgrímur Helgason & Rán Flygenring, Angústúra.
2021	<i>Drottningin sem kunnir allt nema...</i> , Gunnar Helgason & Rán Flygenring, Forlagið.
2020	<i>HESTAR</i> , Hjörleifur Hjartarson & Rán Flygenring. Angústúra.
2019	<i>VIGDÍS, bókin um fyrsta konuforsetann</i> . Útgefandi Angústúra.
2019	<i>Wie der Wahnsinn mir die Welt erklärte</i> , Dita Zipfel & Rán Flygenring, Hanser Verlag.
2018	<i>Die Reise zum Mittelpunkt des Waldes</i> , Finn-Ole Heinrich and Rán Flygenring, Mairisch verlag, Hamburg.
2018	<i>Sagan um Skarphéðin Dungal</i> , Hjörleifur Hjartarson & Rán Flygenring. Angústúra.
2017	<i>FUGLAR</i> , Hjörleifur Hjartarson & Rán Flygenring. Angústúra.
2015	<i>Jólin eru merkilegt frí</i> , three christmas post stamps, Hörður

2014	Lárusson and Rán Flygenring, the Iceland Post, Reykjavík. <i>Bjór - Umhverfis heiminn á 120 glösum</i> , Höskuldur Sæmundsson, Stefán Pálsson, Rán Flygenring. Crymogea.
2014	<i>Die erstaunlichen Abenteuer der Maulina Schmitt – Ende des Universums</i> , Finn-Ole Heinrich and Rán Flygenring, Carl Hanser Verlag, Munich.
2014	<i>Die erstaunlichen Abenteuer der Maulina Schmitt – Warten auf Wunder</i> , Finn-Ole Heinrich and Rán Flygenring, Carl Hanser Verlag, Munich.
2013	<i>Ógæfa</i> zombie comic, Hugleikur Dagsson and Rán Flygenring, Forlagið, Reykjavík.
2013	<i>Pulsa</i> post stamp, Örn Smári Gíslason and Rán Flygenring, the Iceland Post, Reykjavík.
2013	<i>Die erstaunlichen Abenteuer der Maulina Schmitt – Mein kaputtes Königreich</i> , Finn-Ole Heinrich and Rán Flygenring, Carl Hanser Verlag, Munich.
2011	<i>Frerk, du Zwerg</i> , Finn-Ole Heinrich and Rán Flygenring, Bloomsbury Berlin. German Youth Literature Prize Winner.
2011	<i>Blöðrur yfir Reykjavík – the Official Illustrator of Reykjavík</i> , the Association of Icelandic graphic designers.
2009	<i>Stundum</i> , BA final project.

Exhibitions

2023	<i>Koma jó!?</i> Einkasýning, Listasafn Íslands, Safnahúsið
2022	<i>Eldgos</i> – Sýning í Gryfjunni, Ásmundarsal
2022	<i>Eldland</i> – Sýning í Gallery Epal, Laugavegi
2020	<i>Heimsókn til Vigdísar</i> , Gerðubergi.
2020	Erfitt að teikna hest, open studio, Gryfjan, Ásmundarsalur
2018	<i>Eggshibition</i> , collaborative show, Gröndalshús, DesignMarch
2016	Into the wind! Children's book illustrations from the Nordic Countries, collaborative travel show
2015	The Documentary Illustrator, private exhibition, Spark Design Space, Reykjavík, Iceland.
2014	The Roaster, De Appel Arts Center, Amsterdam. Drawing and exhibiting on location as a part of an artwork by Michael Portnoy
2011	The Official Illustrator of Reykjavík sales exhibition, Spark Design Space, Reykjavík
2009	Iceland Academy of the Arts graduation show, Reykjavík Art Museum Kjarvalsstaðir

Awards and nominations

2024	Nomination for the ALMA Astrid Lindgren Memorial Prize
2024	The Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize 2024, for Best Illustrations, for ÁLFAR
2024	Nomination for the Children's Choice Book Prize (chosen by children in all libraries in Iceland) for <i>Bannað að drepa</i> .
2024	Nomination for The Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize for the best original Icelandic children's book, <i>Bannað að drepa</i> , text by Gunnar Helgason.
2024	Special mention at The BRAW (BolognaRagazzi Awards) Amazing Bookshelf at the Bologna Book fair 2024 for <i>Eldgos</i>
2023	Winner of the Icelandic Literary Prize 2023, in the category

2023	of children's books for Do Not Kill! Text by Gunnar Helgason. Book Of the Year, in the category of illustrated books, selected by Morgunbladid daily, for Álfar (Elves), text by Hjörleifur Hjartarson.
2023	The Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize for <i>Eldgos (Volcano)</i>
2022	Nomination for the The Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature together with Gunnar Helgason
2022	IBBY Spring Winds Awards
2022	Nomination for the Reykjavík Childrens Literature Prize in the category of illustration for <i>Koma Jól?</i>
2020	The Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis, Young Adult category for <i>Wie der Wahnsinn mir die Welt erklärte</i> together with author Dita Zipfel.
2020	Shortlisted for the Most Beautiful Books of the Year in Germany for <i>Wie der Wahnsinn mir die Welt erklärte</i> .
2020	The Reykjavík Childrens Literature Prize in the category of illustration for <i>Vigdís, bókin um fyrsta konuforsetann</i>
2020	Winner of the Most Beautiful Books of the Year in Germany for <i>Die Reise zum Mittelpunkt des Waldes</i>
2019	Bóksalaverðlaunin, the best children's book 2019 for <i>Vigdís</i>
2019	The Reykjavík Childrens Literature Prize in the category of illustration for <i>Sagan um Skarphéðin Dungal</i>
2018	Nomination for the Icelandic Literature Prize for <i>Sagan um Skarphéðin Dungal</i>
2018	FÍT (the Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers) Gold awards for illustrations in <i>FUGLAR</i>
2018	The Reykjavík Childrens Literature Prize in the category of illustration for <i>FUGLAR</i>
2017	Nomination for the Icelandic Literature Prize for <i>FUGLAR</i>
2017	FÍT (the Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers) Grand Prize and gold awards for work for <i>DesignMarch 2016</i>
2015	The Jahres-Luchs prize 2014 awarded by Die Zeit and Radio Bremen, together with Finn-Ole Heinrich.
2015	FÍT (the Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers) gold awards for illustration.
2014	Nominated for the German Academy of Children's and Youth Literature Illustration prize <i>Serafina 2014</i> .
2014	The German-French Youth literature prize 2013 with author Finn-Ole Heinrich.
2014	FÍT (the Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers) illustration gold awards.
2013	Nomination for the <i>Alma</i> prize (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award)
2013	Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis 2013, Childrens book category together with author Finn-Ole Heinrich.

Other activities

2024	DesignTalks speaker
2023	Jury Member for the Young Environmental Journalism competition held by Landvernd
2030	Hugvísindaping HÍ, speaker
2021,22	FÍT, Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers Annual Design Awards, head of jury
2020	FÍT, Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers Annual

	Design Awards, member of jury
2018	Art Director's Club of Europe (ADC*E) Annual Design Awards, member of jury
2017	Art Attack Artist in Residence at Þórsmörk, Neskaupsstaður
2014	Art Residency guest at de Appel Art Center in Amsterdam
2013	Residency guest at the Weekend Residency in Gothenburg
2012	Guest illustrator resident at the SOS Children's Villages, Zimbabwe
2010 & 2011	Art Director's Club of Europe (ADC*E) Annual Design Awards, member of jury
2010	Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers Annual Design Awards, member of jury
2009	Alternate board member for the Association of Icelandic Graphic Designers (FÍT)
2007–2008	Board member for the student organization at the Iceland Academy of the Arts, Design Department

Language skills and other random skills

Fluent in Icelandic, Norwegian and English. Rusty German, rudimentary Italian. Can eat dark chocolate like there is no tomorrow. An avid swimmer, PADI-certified diver and Icelandic horse trainer.