A Hundred Thousand Hours
Gro Dahle
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The book-length poem *A Hundred Thousand Hours* is both one of the most celebrated and controversial volumes published in Norway in the past decades. *A Hundred Thousand Hours* revolves around a mother-daughter relationship that exists between alternating forces of harmony and hysteria. In Dahle’s stanzas, a home becomes a museum, a cemetery, and a place where furniture comes to life. Showcasing multiple voices, Dahle’s work is fragmentary and eerie—an illustrious example of Scandinavian surrealism.

Gro Dahle, born 1962 in Oslo, is a Norwegian writer and poet. She has published eight volumes of poetry, five collections of short stories, two novels, as well as plays, librettos, and picture books and poetry for children, which she makes with her illustrator-husband Svein Nyhus. She has received several awards for her work.

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