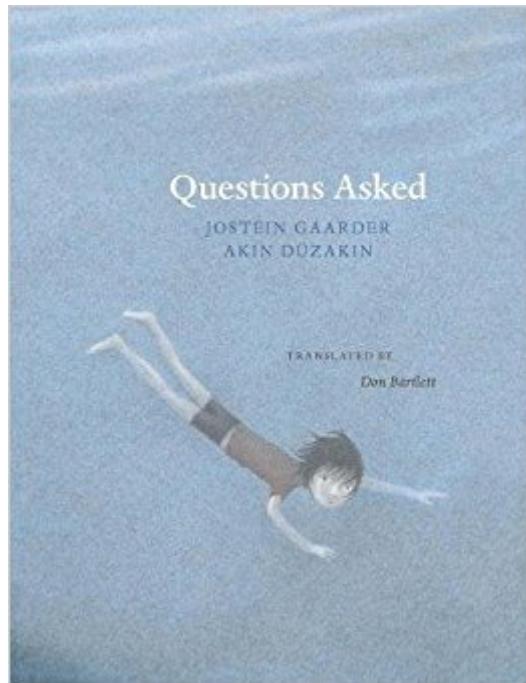


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# Questions Asked



## Synopsis

A picture book with fundamental philosophical questions, posed in a way only Jostein Gaarder is capable of. The illustrator has made an independent visual narrative that underscores the existential aspect of Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions. *Questions Asked* shows confidence in a child's capacity to think deeply and read between the lines. The book follows a little boy traveling alone in an open landscape. Soon we realize he is on a journey of thoughts and dreams, asking questions about loss, myth, language, magic, and what it means to be a human being. Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions merge with the beautiful illustrations of Akin Duzakin into a tale of friendship, love, and grief - and about daring to think about life as you live it.

## Book Information

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â A â A â çâ JOSTEIN GAARDER is a Norwegian intellectual and the author of several novels, short stories and children's books. Gaarder often writes from the perspective of children, exploring their sense of wonder about the world. His best known work is the novel Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy (1991). It has been translated into 60 languages; over 40 million copies have been sold.â A â çâ DON BARTLETT has translated novels by many Danish and Norwegian authors, among them Pet Petterson, Roy Jacobsen, Ida Jessen, and Jo Nesbo. He is the translator of Karl Ove Knausgaard's New York Times bestselling MY STRUGGLE series.

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Jostein Gaarder has questions. In *Questions Asked*, the Norwegian author asks many of those questions that bug all of us. Where does the world come from? Can anyone know what I think? How do my legs go where I want them to go while my mind is elsewhere? What is time? Why am I alive? What happens when I die? Jostein Gaarder does not have any answers. At least not in this book. What he does have is some beautiful illustrations by Akin Dazakin, which follow a little boy's adventures and ponderings. *Questions Asked* can be a great conversation starter. I can imagine reading this with my own child, or in a therapy session, or, if a teacher is brave, in a classroom. Be prepared for some lengthy discussions. Thanks to Edelweiss and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

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