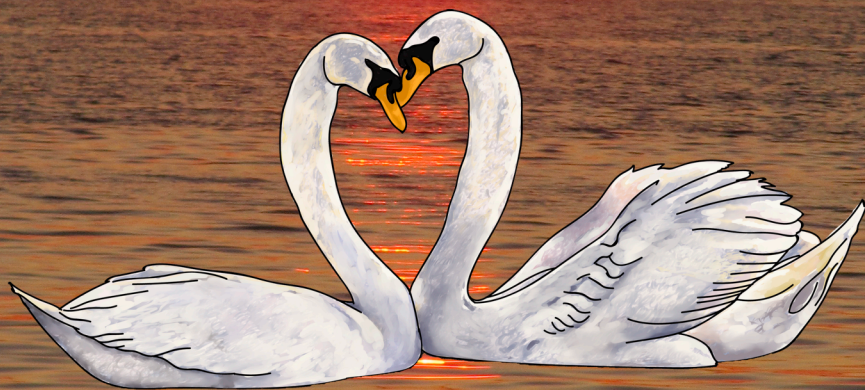


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To my beloved family  
and to all those  
who believe that cows can fly.

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## **Author's Note**

**F**inland's nightless summers and dayless winters can trigger your imagination and make it run wild.

With this in mind, enter the vivid world of The Rainbird Tales where anything can happen anytime for any reason.







## Northern Seasons

**F**ar, far away in the North there is a peaceful country called Finland. It is a land where Santa Claus lives enjoying the beautiful nature with forests and lakes. There are four different seasons in Finland that transform the silent snow-covered winter to a green summer full of light and life. Temperatures vary from  $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$  in summer to  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  in winter.





“The Rainbird Tales” is a fascinating journey through northern nature and seasons for people from all walks of life. In old legends the rainbird is a provider of rain for animals and plants, a generous and helpful nature spirit. Today, the bird also collects exciting stories during her travels around the world.



The author wrote the fables out of love for nature and interest in human behavior. The stories tell about country animals, their dreams and fears, about their struggle for freedom, fame, love and belonging. Many of the characters of the book have their counterparts in real life.

The fables spiced up with warm humor and illustrations are full of unexpected twists and turns during the animals’ eventful adventures in the mysterious northern nature. Take a deep breath and dive into the colorful world of “The Rainbird Tales” where cows can fly and dogs sing tango.



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