



Author **Lilja Scherfig** (b. 1970) has worked both as a journalist, dramatist and special text writer. She graduated from the School For Authors of Children's Literature in 2003 and debuted in 2005.

Previous titles sold to: Chile, Brazil, Norway and Sweden.

Illustrator **Signe Kjær**. Master of Visual Communication. Kolding, Denmark 2011, Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Bratislava, Slovakia. 2009. Illustrator of Danish children's books fiction and non-fiction German books. Visual designer of film and TV projects.

Publisher:  
Jensen & Dalgaard  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
forlaget@jensenogdalgaard

Foreign rights:  
Sidenius INK  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
+45 22440567  
sideniusink@outlook.dk

## My Tail (Min hale)

A book about a girl with a tail and a mother with a pair of scissors.

- Mum! You can't just do that! I whisper.  
But yes, she can. It's time for *consequences* and Mum has lifted the scissors.

Everything goes blurry.  
- It's my tail, I hiss. – It's *me!* ... It's *my* tail!

Lilja Scherfig's powerful picture book tells a tale about a tail. A little girl with a tail – a real tail. Her mother doesn't like it. She goes to camp and dances daringly around the fire with her friends. But her mum catches her, pulls her home and cuts off her tail.

Almost everyone has a "tail" that has been severed. *My Tail* is about opening the senses, finding fearlessness, embracing quirks, accepting each other and reaching out into the world. The book gives us hope that either our "tail" will grow back or we will – and can – overcome the loss. There is a subtle cleverness, humour and kind-heartedness to the book.

The story is beautifully illustrated by Signe Kjær in thoughtful colourful pictures. And the words and pictures when taken together – despite dealing with the difficult issues of control and attack and the right to autonomy over our bodies and "tails" – overflow with such warmth and understanding that it makes it possible to open up that delicate dialogue with children.

44 pages. Full title in Danish and English translation available in pdf upon request.

**5 hearts in the Danish newspaper Politiken**