



Soda Pop

By Barbro Lindgren – illustrated by
Lisen Adbåge

This classic Swedish children's novel is an
absurd tale from a world where anything
can happen



There's a sublime sort of craziness to it that catches me unawares every time. Neither Soda Pop nor Mazarin nor Dartanyong speaks a single word of sense, but they will be my friends for life.

Astrid Lindgren, author of *Pippi Longstocking*

[Soda Pop](#) is a glorious mix of the absurdity of Spike Milligan with the boldness of Pippi Longstocking.

Julia Marshall, Publisher



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Soda Pop, Mazarin and Dartanyong

At first, all you see is trees. Lots of pines and fir, a few rocks and anthills, and last year's needles and pine cones.
Then you spot a few buildings. One, two, three, eleven, twenty of them. Well, only seven, really, if you count the garage and the woodshed, which of course you do.
If you open the door to the biggest, reddest building, you enter a glassed-in porch. It can take a while, by the way, because the door's always getting stuck. You have to yank the handle three times up and down and side to side, while kicking as hard as you can, then maybe it will open.
The next door will certainly open, because it never shuts properly. Through that, you find yourself in a billous green hall and wonder where to go next. The best idea is straight ahead.

Soda Pop loves bright orange clothes and wears a tea cozy on his head. He has brought up his son Mazarin on sweet buns and love. Grandfather Dartanyong emerges from his woodshed every morning with a new identity, and Great-grandfather has moved into a tree, eats birdseed, and thinks he is a cuckoo.

In this world anything can happen—is the garage suddenly full of tigers?

Barbro Lindgren is a pioneering children's author from Sweden. She has written over 100 books and has been translated into over 30 languages. Her many awards include the internationally prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award.

Lisen Adbåge was born in Sweden in 1982 and published her first picture book in 2000. She has since won three major prizes for her children's books.



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Pizza out loud!



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[Alexandra Tylee](#), [Jenny Bornholdt](#) and the [Pipi Truck](#) visited three schools. The children enjoyed stories read aloud and slices of yummy pizza. They even learned a pizza dance.



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