

MOOMINS

THE GEM OF FINNISH LITERATURE AND ART



Tove Jansson

- Tove Jansson (1914-2001) was a Finnish-Swedish author, novelist and painter.
- Tove Jansson is one of the most famous Finnish author and artist, because she created the world of Moomins.
- Jansson wrote the Moomin books for children, starting in 1945 with *The Moomins and the Great Flood*.
- Jansson lived most of her life in Helsinki.
- She was a very talented storyteller and she created imaginary Moomin world, which has been used in art and culture in many ways.

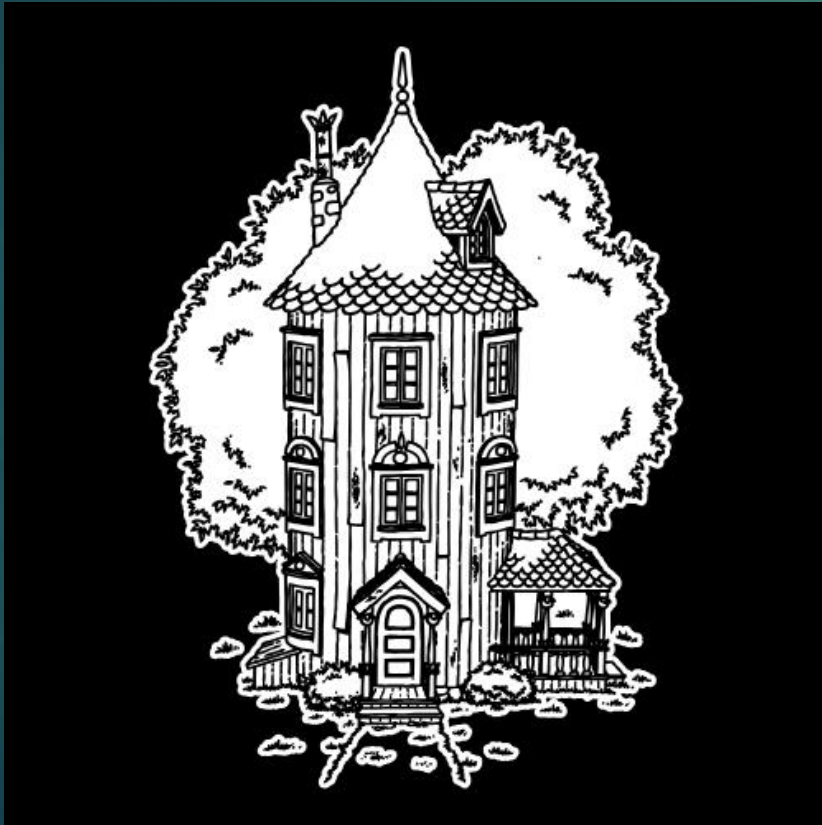


What are moomins?

- ▶ The moomins (in Finnish muumit) are the central characters in a series of books and comic strips by Swedish-speaking Finnish illustrator Tove Jansson.
- ▶ Finnish people have grown along with Moomins, since Moomin books are widely read to kids and Moomin tv-series has been shown on TV for several decades.
- ▶ Moomins are a family of white, round fairy tale characters with large snouts that make them resemble hippopotamuses.
- ▶ Moomins are bohemian, tolerant and humoristic, but the stories also deal with difficult subjects as loneliness and death.

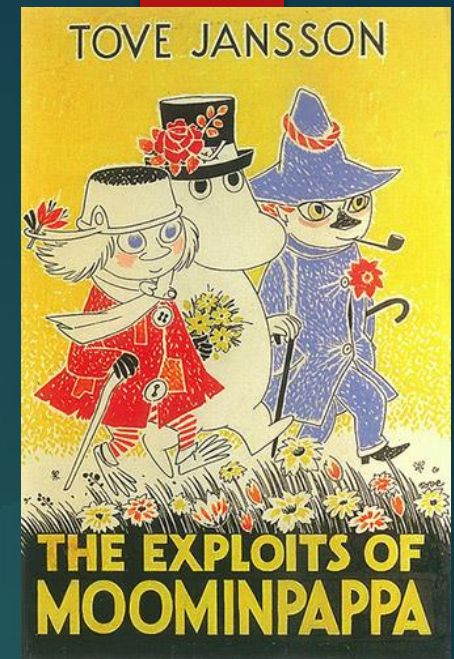
Moomin valley

- ▶ The Moomin family lives in the house in Moominvalley (in Finnish Muumilaakso). Their temporary residences have included a lighthouse and a theatre. They have many adventures along with their friends.



Moomin stories

- ▶ The books in the series includes thirteen books.
- ▶ Jansson wrote the first Moomin book in 1945.
- ▶ The Moomins also appeared in the form of comic strips.
- ▶ The story of the Moomins has been made into television and movies in several countries.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUypyjeMZyl>
- ▶ Moomin products are very popular nowadays. There is Moomin land in Turku, Finland and Moomin museum in Tampere, Finland, which are also popular among tourists.





You can find Moomins everywhere in Finland!



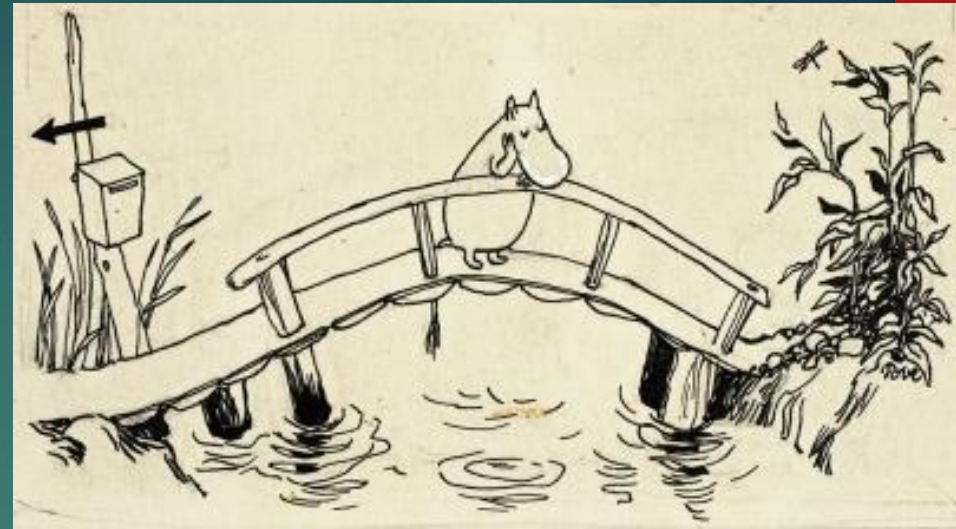
Moomin characters

- ▶ In Moomin stories in main role are **the members of the Moomin family.**
- ▶ Moomins always welcome everyone in their house and they accept everyone as one is.



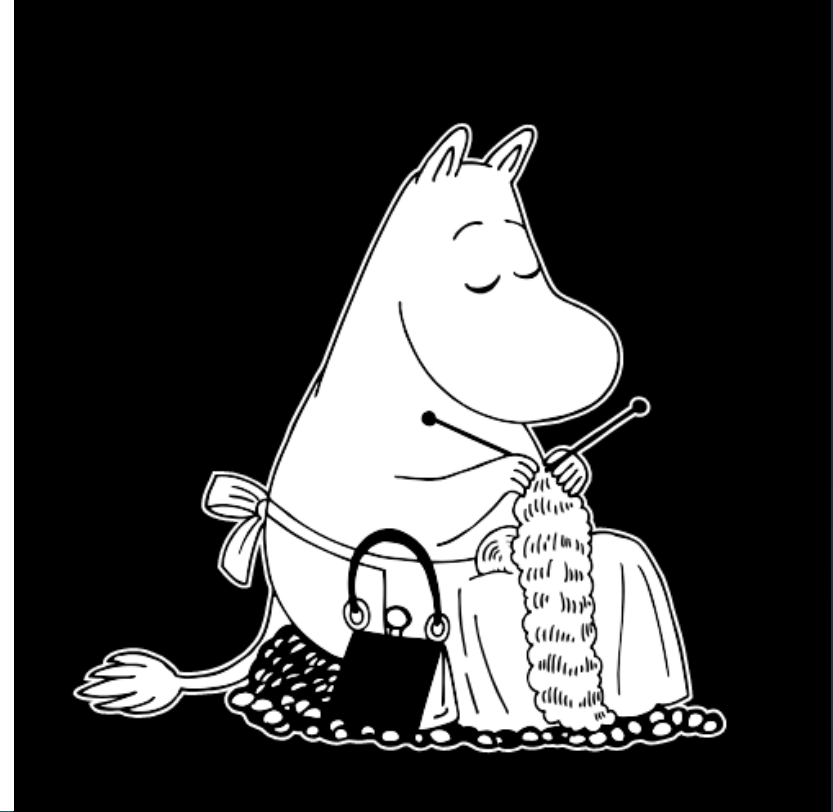
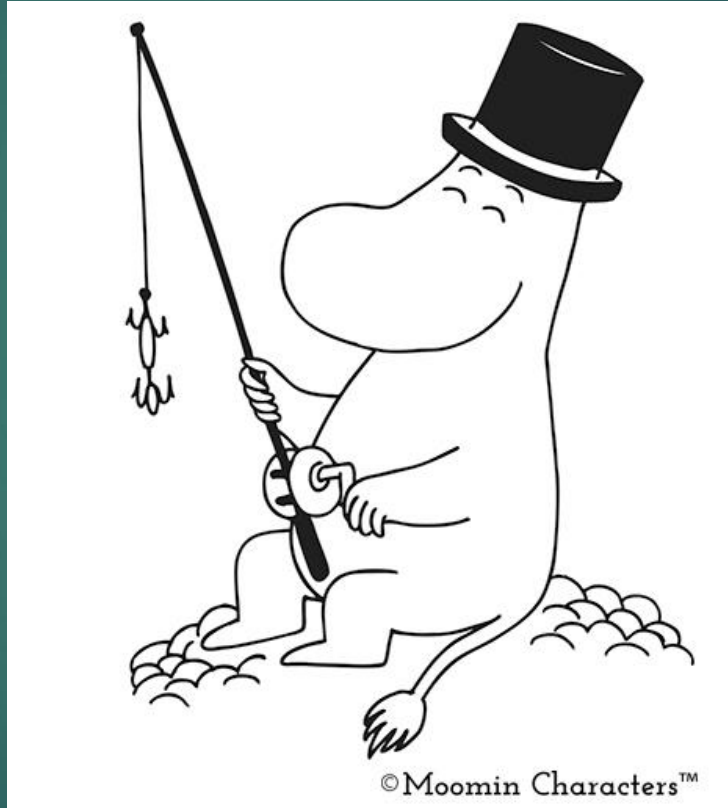
Moomintroll:

- ▶ **Moomintroll**: the little boy of the family, interested in and excited about everything he sees and finds, always trying to be good, but sometimes getting into trouble while doing so.



The parents of Moomintroll:

- ▶ **Moominpappa**: Father of the family, but boyish and adventurous.
- ▶ **Moominmamma**: The calm mother, who takes care that Moominhouse is a safe place to be.



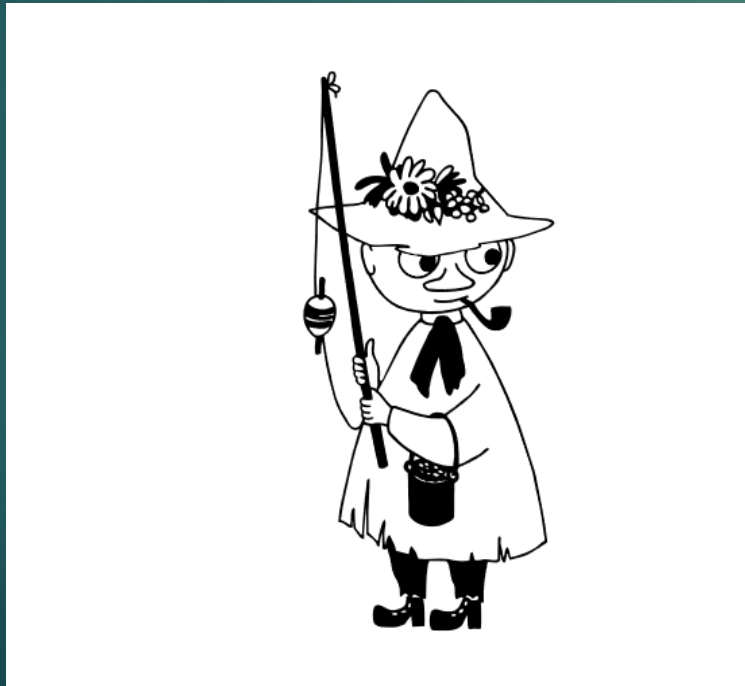
Close friends: Sniff

Sniff Moomintroll's immature friend. He is a small animal of unknown species, though he is somewhat like a mouse, and somewhat like an armadillo. He is one of the few characters who is interested in money, and is always on the lookout for another way to get rich quick.



Snufkin

[Snufkin](#) Moomintroll's best friend, who goes south every winter and returns in the spring. Snufkin wears old green clothes and a wide-brimmed hat that he has had since birth. He lives in a tent, smokes a pipe, and plays the [harmonica](#).

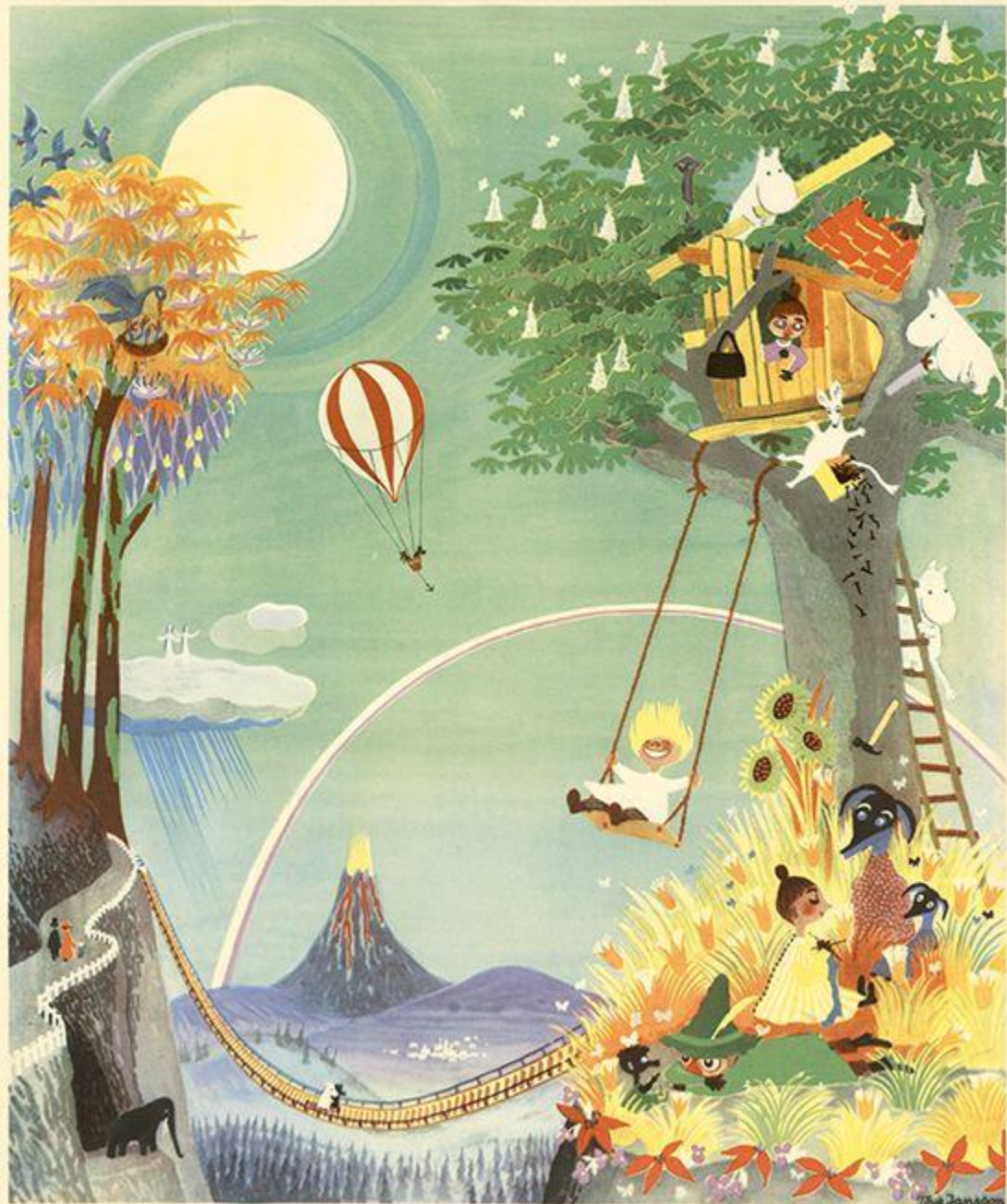


- ▶ Little My: A mischievous tomboyish little girl, who lives in the Moomin house and has a brave, spunky personality. She likes adventure, but loves catastrophes, and often does mean things on purpose.









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Links:

- ▶ Link to the new Moomin-animation trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B88jtopjtWg>
- ▶ Moomins in Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeE8GVExYDg3qtUsj6t1KuOmnLBstY4_9
- ▶ Moomins in English: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0x8v59asHVoxWc1ovbE8azdlfdWS505m>

TASK:

- ▶ TASK: Create your own Moomin character. First come up with the name!
- ▶ Draw a picture of the character. Is it tall or short? Is it big or small? What kind of clothes she/he has?
- ▶ Describe (by writing) the personality of the character. Who are the best friends? Is he/she a quiet or a loud person? Is he/she brave and tries to try new things or is she shy and reserved person?
- ▶ Before doing the task, you must get to know with the Moomins (watch animations from links, read Moomin books, look Moomin paintings and art)

Resources:

- ▶ <https://www.moomin.com/en/>
- ▶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moomins>
- ▶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moomins#Characters>