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"Gripe polishes each separate scene to fine perfection." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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"[Gripe's] stories were often deceptively plaintive. They hid a wealth of darker truths which brewed just beneath the crust of her mannered language....Gripe employs a striking dynamism that straddles a balance between grim realism and mystical fantasy. Very Swedish in its approach to analyzing human behaviour (think Ingmar Bergman writing children's stories), *The Glassblower's Children* delves deep to examine a kind of existential melancholy in young children." —Imran Khan, *Popmatters*

About the Author

Maria Gripe (1923–2007) was born Maja Stina Walter in Sweden's Stockholm archipelago, the daughter of an army captain. She attended Stockholm University, where she studied philosophy and the history of religion, and in 1946 married the artist Harald Gripe. Though she wrote stories from the time she was a child, Gripe did not publish her first book until she was thirty-one. Her first notable success came in the 1960s with a trilogy of books about Hugo and Josephine, and in 1964 she published *Glasblåsarns barn*, translated into English as *The Glassblower's Children* in 1973. In 1974 she received Hans Christian Andersen Award, the most prestigious prize given to a writer of children's literature. She adapted many of her books for radio, television, and film; in 1998 a movie adaptation of *The Glassblower's Children*, starring Stellan Skarsgård, was released. Among Gripe's books translated into English are *The Night Daddy*, *Elvis and His Secret*, and *Agnes Cecilia*.

Harald Gripe (1921–1992) was born and raised in Stockholm. Early in his career he worked as a set designer but later focused on painting and the illustrations he drew for his wife's many books, working frequently in the style of white line etched into a dark background. His large collection of toy theaters is displayed at Gripe Model Theater Museum in Nyköping, Sweden, where he and Maria lived for most of their married life.

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