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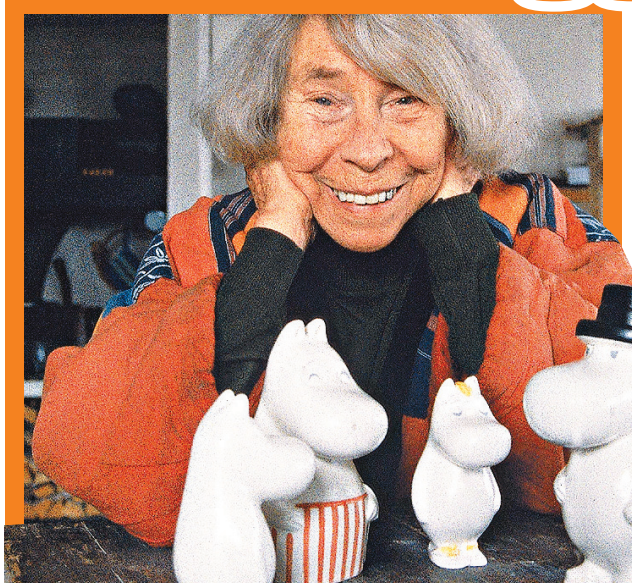
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WHO created these chubby, white, hippo-like creatures? Her name is Tove Jansson, and she was born in 1914 in Finland (芬蘭). This year marks the 100th anniversary of her birth! Tove Jansson was a very talented artist. One of her best-known creations is the Moomins; her Moomin books have sold millions of copies and have been translated into 44 languages! Flip the page to learn about Tove Jansson as well as some meaningful messages from the Moomins family.



Editor's Note

Some people say the Moomins look like hippos, but I think they look like big marshmallows! They are white, squishy and sweet! Talking about sweet things, do you know how to make egg tarts? The ingredients are quite simple, but a baker needs to take care when making them. On G03, there is a story about a baker who got too arrogant. Sometimes, less is more!



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Cover Feature

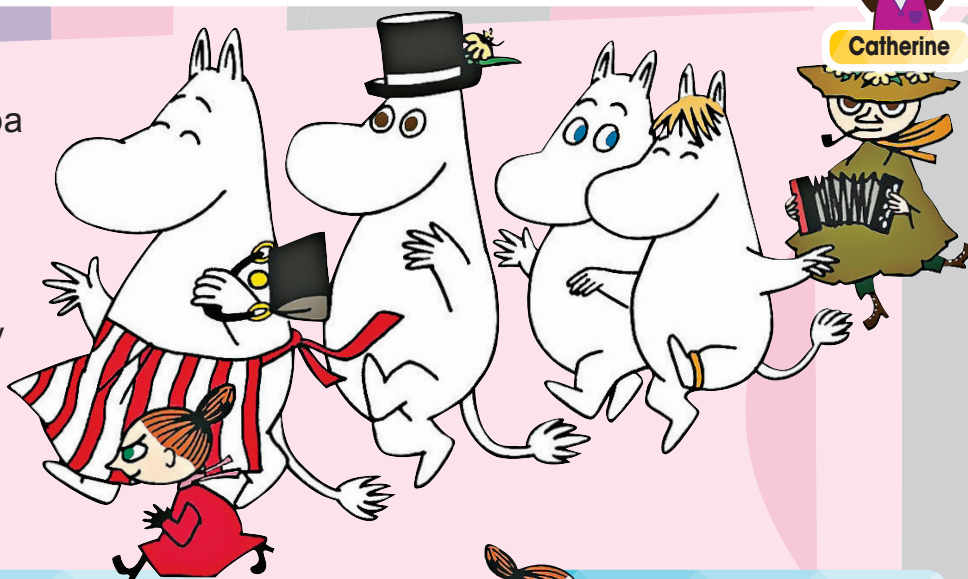
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• Photos: Moomin Characters™



Catherine

Moomintroll, Moominmamma and Moominpappa are trolls who live in Moominvalley. What is a troll? It is an **imaginary creature** of traditional Scandinavian stories. Scandinavians are people who come from Sweden (瑞士), Norway (挪威), Denmark (丹麥), Iceland (冰島) and Finland. These creatures usually have magical powers and live in mountains or caves.



Artistic family

Tove Jansson had very artistic parents. Her father was a **sculptor** and her mother was an **illustrator**. She recalled that when she was young, she would sit by her mother and draw while her mother was working. Jansson published her first book when she was 13 years old!



'Ugly' Moomins

There is an interesting story about how the Moomins were created. One day, Jansson argued with her brother about the philosopher Immanuel Kant. She probably disliked this famous thinker because she said she drew "the ugliest creature imaginable" on the toilet wall and wrote 'Kant' under it.

Later on, Jansson developed a Moomin comic strip for London's *Evening News* newspaper, and within two years, 120 newspapers around the world published it regularly, **reaching** 12 million readers.

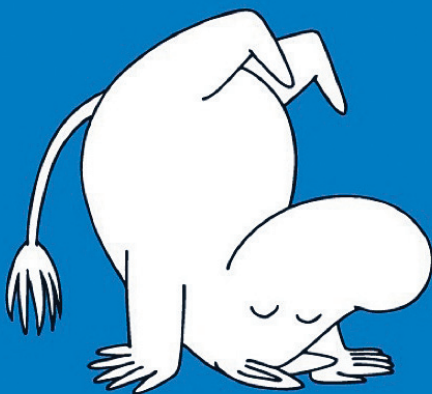


A lifelong job

Was Jansson happy with the Moomin's **overwhelming** success? As a matter of fact, she was not. She said she was too busy with drawing the Moomins, so she had no time for painting and writing.



Memorable Quotes



"I only want to live in peace and plant potatoes and dream"
-Tove Jansson, Moomin

"Hope for the best
and
prepare for the worst"

- Little My
(Tales from Moominvalley,
The Invisible Child)



THERE'S NO POINT
IN BEING GROWN UP
IF YOU CAN'T BE
CHILDISH SOMETIMES



Activity

Colour in this Moomins drawing!



Vocabulary

imaginary (adj) 想像的
creature (n) 生物

sculptor (n) 雕刻家
illustrator (n) 插畫師

reach (v) 達到
overwhelming (adj) 勢不可擋的



Challenge

