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## Danish Storytelling Advisor Turns Family History into a North Atlantic Literary Debut

**Anja Klemp Vilgaard's forthcoming novel *Tidal Born* marks a new chapter in a career devoted to the power of authentic stories — from journalism and strategic storytelling to fiction.**

Anja Klemp Vilgaard does not describe herself simply as an author or a business owner. She describes herself as a storyteller.

That word lies at the heart of her forthcoming literary debut, *Tidal Born – The Sea Bears a Woman's Soul*, to be published by Get Published on June 23, 2026. The release coincides with Vilgaard marking 12.5 years as the founder of her own strategic storytelling company.

The novel is more than a work of fiction. It is also a milestone in a career shaped by journalism, entrepreneurship, advisory work, and a lifelong belief that stories are strongest when they are rooted in truth.

Vilgaard founded her company out of both entrepreneurial drive and frustration: frustration with the direction of journalism, with companies speaking in clichés, and with organisations losing touch with the stories that make them meaningful.

“At the time, I remember thinking: they have no real grasp of their own stories. It was the same phrases over and over again — polished clichés that did not ring true. I wanted to get to what was real.”

That same impulse runs through *Tidal Born*. Inspired by real events from the author's own family history, the novel explores how stories shape identity, choices, and self-understanding. Moving between Denmark and the Faroe Islands, between inheritance and freedom, history and myth, it is a sweeping North Atlantic saga about women, silence, survival, and the stories families pass down through generations.

“I am a storyteller. To me, the novel is not separate from my company. It is part of my own core story.”

The publication also carries a broader story about entrepreneurship: about freedom and cost, building something alone, and being driven by both vision and necessity.

“Being self-employed has never been a bed of roses. But I would not trade it away. Adversity has made me better. And perhaps that is why I have ended up here — with a novel I simply could not not write.”

With *Tidal Born*, Vilgaard brings together the threads that have defined her professional life: the search for authentic narratives, the courage to stand by them, and the question that has followed her throughout her career: Which stories are strong enough to withstand reality?



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### About the book

*Tidal Born – The Sea Bears a Woman's Soul* will be published by Get Published on June 23, 2026.

Inspired by real events and Faroese storytelling traditions, the novel moves between the wild landscapes of the North Atlantic and post-war Denmark. It is the first volume in a two-part saga about three generations of women shaped by love, shame, family, betrayal, myth, and survival.

### About the author

Anja Klemp Vilgaard is an independent storyteller, advisor, journalist, and entrepreneur. She has run her own strategic storytelling company for 12.5 years and has previously published the acclaimed Danish books *Kronborg bag Facaden* and *Strategisk Storytelling i Praksis*. Like *Tidal Born*, both were published through her own publishing platform.

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