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Tove Jansson (1914 –2001) was a Finnish author, novelist, painter, illustrator and comic strip author. During the 1930s she studied in Stockholm, Helsinki and Paris and made several trips to other European countries. She drew from these for her short stories and articles, which she also illustrated, and which were also published in magazines and newspapers. During this period, Jansson also designed many book covers and postcards. She is principally known as the author of the Moomin books. She created the beloved mythical creatures in reaction to the anguish of war.

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