



Ilon Wikland

Ilon Wikland was born 5 February 1930 in Tartu, Estonia. Ilon started school in Tallinn and then from 1939–1944 she attended the 1st Primary School in Haapsalu. In late September 1944, Ilon's grandmother took her to the ship that was to take her, along with a school friend and her family, to Sweden.

The war was drawing to an end and Russian soldiers, the “liberators”, started arriving in Haapsalu and across Estonia. Fearful of communism many people escaped from Estonia at that time. It was in Sweden that Ilon met **Astrid Lindgren**, who liked her drawings and so their many years of collaboration began.

“I could always draw pictures for Astrid Lindgren's books because her texts were always so wonderful that they provided the pictures themselves,” remembers Ilon Wikland.


Ilon's Wonderland was opened on 4 July 2006 in Haapsalu.

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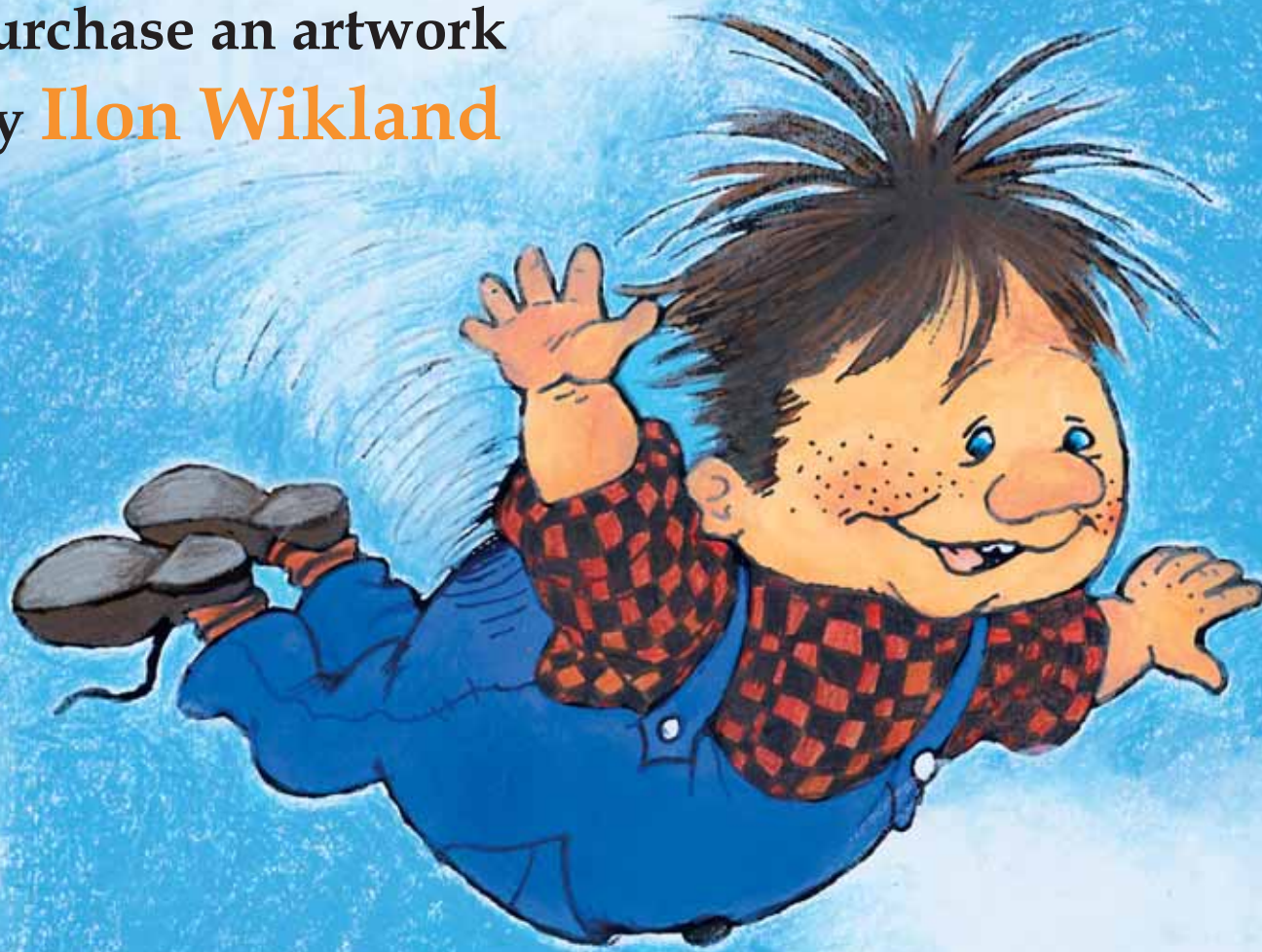
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