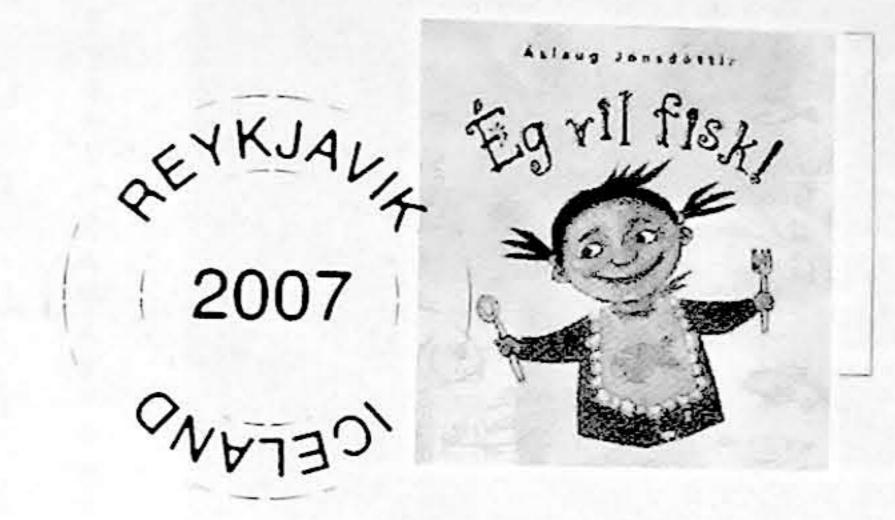
Unnur knows what she wants to eat and what she wants is fish, but in a series of misunderstandings her parents bring her a fish book, a fish toy, even a pet fish while offering her an array of foods that young girls should like. The frustration of a child whose parents refuse to understand what she wants is beautifully rendered. Colours, fonts, backgrounds, and especially the facile expressions all reinforce her emotions.

Unnur is shown in all her glory and hardheadedness, while the parents are only seen in bits and pieces. The contentment on Unnar's face when she finally gets what she craves will warm the soul.

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