

VIRPI TALVITIE

MAIN THING

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After illustrating the 100th book, Virpi Talvitie wanted to do something a bit differently. To do something else, in another size, and with less colour. This resulted in a series of images. *Main things.*

Virpi Talvitie's solo exhibit fills Galleria Kuvitus with large drawings stemming from a creative mind and memories – and the fading of memories. The new images are impressions of beloved things, both scary and enticing. On one hand, they reflect the illustrator's experiences with her mother's memory loss disease, and on the other is the eternal beauty and power of Italy.

The expressive lines were inspired by emptying faces and the nooks, crypts and layers of the brain that grow dimmer and dimmer. There is also Cerveteri, the magical city of the dead. The whole is simplified yet rich. From the ruins of a burned down smoke sauna, Talvitie found a soulful tool; charcoal she collected herself. Playfulness is ever-present, and the illustrator manages to present the heavy subject matter in a manner that does not feel overwhelming. *Pääasiat* – (Main things) are approached with a sense of gentle examination, with wonder and acceptance.

Illustrator, artist and graphic designer Virpi Talvitie (b. 1961) aims at a multidimensional, deep interpretation in everything she does. Talvitie has received the Finlandia Junior Award for children's and young adult literature in 2006, the WSOY Literary Foundation Award in 2010 and the Pro Finlandia Medal in 2016.

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