

Pippi Longstocking

Children are very fond of Pippi Longstocking because she is the strongest girl in the world. She has got her own money and lives without her parents that are looking down on her all the time. But she has a father who still cares about her. Furthermore he is the king of a South Sea Island and that is exotic and cool.

Pippi has the power of making decisions over her own life, something children never have had. Parents always have made the decisions.

One of the most important things is that she has a monkey and a horse that belong to her. Children usually want to have an animal of their own.

As Pippi decides upon her own life she generally gets into conflict with grown ups that are not willing to allow her to do so. But Pippi is always the one who wins the battle.

There are rascals in the stories but they all are good-hearted. That is something that children like. Pippi lives in a children's Paradise where she is the one who draws up the rules and everything turns out well.

It is not only with Pippi that children identify themselves when they listen to the stories but also with Annika and Tommy. They are common children that have the possibility of taking part in Pippi's individual world that they themselves identify with.

The story about the strong, freckled and high spirited Pippi is a very important part of Swedish identity. This story has more or less impressed Swedish children since 1940's. According to this we can make a connection to identity in CoNoTe as our project is about getting broader knowledge about the identities of the participating countries. That is why we have to go deeper into what can influence Swedish identity besides the traditions around Midsummer and Lucia, beloved by the people of Sweden. It is a matter of fact that the most beloved children's stories by the people also make the foundation of Swedish identity.

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Children are attracted by Pippi because she is a very special and unique girl. She is superhuman strong and very ingenious with creative solutions. Children love her colourful personality and that she always is able to do what she wants. Pippi is brave, just and adventurous. She has a golden coffer with many gold coin pieces, that she has got from her father that is sailing the seven seas. Her domestic animals are Mr. Nilsson (the monkey) and The Little Man (the horse) that fascinates most children. She is very independent and many children are dreaming of being like Pippi.

As children get into contact with Pippi at an early age, there is something that fascinates them to experience another world. Pippi is found in Literature, Film, Comics, Music and Tv-series. Pippi lives on through alternation of generations as the concept is timeless. If you already as a small child admire her you are sure to introduce Pippi to your own children and further on they will introduce Pippi to their children and so on.