

## DACR Lectures 2020:

Bodil Jelhof Jensen will be presenting two lectures at this year's DACR, each about half an hour in length. A Q&A will follow each lecture via Zoom. Bodil described the goal of the lectures as follows:

My mother, Agnes Jelhof Jensen (1916-2007), was a storyteller. She could hold an audience whether they were children or adults, whether in a casual conversation or when she read aloud or in her writing. She was first published in *Berlingske* when she was fifteen, and she never looked back. There was nothing that could not become a story, that could not entertain with her humour and still provide food for thought. She was a wonderful mother.



Without invading her privacy (scandal is not my stock in trade), I would like to talk about the inspiration behind the five books my mother wrote in Danish. I am there in *Hallo Canada*, and I grew up in the Edmonton described in *Huset i Canada*. Those two books will be discussed in the first lecture. I understand the historical and family context for the other three books my mother then wrote, and that will form the core of the second lecture. Both lectures will be illustrated with photos and memorabilia which I now have in my own home. Humour and anecdotes should make the lectures entertaining even for those who may not have read the books.