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# **NORDIC NOIRS**

## **Scandinavian Thrillers**

### **THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO** by Steig Larsson (Fic Larsson)

Forty years after the disappearance of Harriet Vanger from the secluded island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger family, her octogenarian uncle hires journalist Mikael Blomqvist and Lisbeth Salander, an unconventional young hacker, to investigate. (Sequels – *The Girl Who Played With Fire* & *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*)

### **THE DOGS OF RIGA** by Henning Mankell (Fic Mankell)

When a life raft carrying the bodies of two Eastern European criminals washes up on the Swedish coastline, Inspector Kurt Wallender travels to Riga, Latvia, where he struggles against corruption and deceit and risks his own life to uncover the truth.

### **ICE MOON** by Jan Costin Wagner (Fic Wagner)

After losing his wife, a distraught Detective Inspector Kimmo Joentaa returns to his job to investigate the death of a woman smothered with her pillow while she slept, and Kimmo soon begins to realize that a serial killer is at work.

### **JAR CITY** by Arnaldur Indriðason (Fic Indriðason)

Inspector Erlendur Sveinsson investigates the killing of a solitary man, found murdered in his Reykjavík apartment, and discovers that the dead man had been accused but not convicted of a rape forty years earlier.

### **NEMESIS** by Jo Nesbo (Fic Nesbo)

Oslo Police Detective Harry Hole is assigned to investigate a series of bank robberies of unparalleled savagery while at the same time absolving himself of the murder of his former girlfriend in a criminal investigation led by his longtime adversary Tom Waaler and Waaler's vigilante police force.

### **BORKMANN'S POINT** by Håkan Nesser (Mys Nesser)

When an ex-convict and then a wealthy real-estate tycoon fall victim to a violent attack by a possible ax murderer, Chief Inspector Van Veeteren is called in to assist with the local investigation.

**BLACKWATER** by Kerstin Ekman (Fic Ekman)

In 1974, after moving to the remote town of Blackwater in northern Sweden to live with her lover, Annie Raft stumbles upon a brutal double murder that remains unsolved for twenty years, until her daughter falls in love with the man Annie had seen leaving the scene of the crime.

**THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT** by Pernille Rygg (Mys Rygg)

Igi Heitmann battles the city's underbelly of corruption, sadism, and child abuse as she tries to piece together the last days of her dead father's life.

**OUT STEALING HORSES** by Per Petterson (Fic Petterson)

After a meeting with his only neighbor, sixty-seven-year-old Trond is forced to reflect upon a long-ago incident that marks the beginning of a series of losses for Trond and his childhood friend, Jon.

**VOICES** by Arnaldur Indridason (Fic Indridason)

At a grand Reykjavik hotel where the doorman has been stabbed in his dingy basement room and the manager is trying to keep the murder under wraps, Inspector Erlendur Sveinsson searches for a killer among the cast of grotesque characters who populate the hotel.

**SMILIA'S SENSE OF SNOW** by Peter Hoag (Fic Hoag)

When her six-year-old neighbor falls to his death, and no one is willing to suspect foul play, Smilla Qaavigaaq Jaspersen finds her own investigation taking her into the files of a Danish company.

**THE LAST FIX** by K.O. Dahl (Fic Dahl)

After recovering drug addict Katrine Bratterud is found dead on the shore of a serene lake, detectives FrãAð lich and Gunnarstranda delve into the case, which holds a web of secrets and lies that stretches back generations.

**THE WATER'S EDGE** by Karin Fossum (Mys Fossum)

When a couple discovers the body of a boy and sees a man limping away from the scene, Inspectors Konrad Sejer and Jakob Skarre make inquiries throughout the community of Solberglia and find the case complicated by another boy's disappearance.

**THE BOMBER** by Liza Marklund (Fic Marklund)

When a bomb destroys Stockholm's new Olympic stadium, worries erupt about a terrorist on the loose, but when journalist Annika Bengtzon investigates, she uncovers a secret source that could reveal the truth behind the bombing.

**MISSING** by Karin Alvtegen (Fic Alvtegen)

Sibylla's life of anonymity as a homeless woman in Stockholm is shattered when a businessman dies after she spends the night with him, forcing her to turn to her privileged past for help.