

Carl Frode Tiller

# The Encircling Trilogy

## Innsirkling trilogien

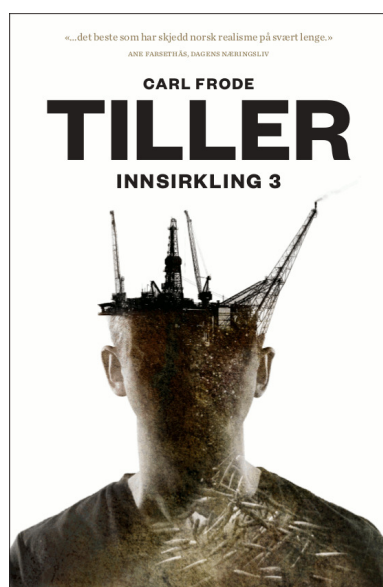
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English edition available

*Encircling*: David has lost his memory. A newspaper advertisement encourages old and new acquaintances to write him letters, in order to revive his past. The letters create a network of texts where the biography of David, the writers, and other people, are rewritten and put at stake.

The letters were written in 2006, but evolve around the past. This way, false views are created – adolescent dreams, the ambitions of artists and plans for the future. What is a life, how is a life story created under the influence of other people's story?

In *Encircling II* three new voices write to David, illuminate another phase of his life and encircling him further – while at the same time encircling their own lives. These are intensely glowing and dark stories that ruthlessly display the feebleness of both the close relations and the cultural and social conditions we all are subject to.

In *Encircling III* we meet Marius, who was accidentally swapped with David at the maternity ward. And with David's story, the last piece falls into place in the picture which Tiller has constructed through three books. The result is naturally the stories about David, but also a series of psychological snapshots of relations between people, portraits of decades and environments, as well as an overarching tale of a modern Norway and the world.



“(...) a talent for storytelling that few of his generation can measure up to.

(...) an authorship which promises to be the best thing to happen to Norwegian realism in a very long time.”

Dagens Næringsliv



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Doubtlessly one of his generation's most important novelists, Carl Frode Tiller is admired for his instantly recognizable, furious prose and his ability to create vivid, complex characters whose fates often seem sealed by their inability to break out of their own destructive behavioural patterns that mark their relationships with other people. Though they might come across as dark and desperate, Tiller succeeds in portraying these tragic characters in a way that arouses the deepest sympathy in the reader.

Few has won as many literary prizes for their first three books as Tiller, starting with the sensational debut *The Slope* in 2001. In 2005 he was named one of the 10 best Norwegian writers under the age of 35. In 2006, *The Slope* was named among the 25 most important Norwegian novels from the last 25 years in a prestigious contest in the daily Dagbladet.

### Foreign sales

Titles in the series so far sold to: Albanian, American English, Arabic, British English, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Georgian, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Macedonian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish

### Awards

European Union Prize for Literature 2009  
Gyldendal's Hunger Prize (Sultprisen) 2008  
Brage Prize 2007 (for *Encircling*)  
Literary Critics' Prize 2007 (for *Encircling*)  
Tarjei Vesaas' Debut Fiction Prize 2001 (for *The Slope*)  
P2 Listeners' Best Novel Prize 2001 (for *The Slope*)

### Previous titles

*Bipersonar* (*Minor Characters*), novel 2003  
*Skråninga* (*The Slope*), novel 2001

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