

Geir Gulliksen

The Story of a Marriage *Historie om et ekteskap*

Aschehoug 2015
168 Pages
Full English translation available

FICTION
NOVEL



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A modern love story, a tale of a contemporary relationship. It's about She and He and the life they share together. All goes well, until it suddenly doesn't work anymore, what really happened?

The novel examines whether it is possible to understand love and what it does to us. A man tries to figure out how his marriage could break, when he and his wife loved each other so strongly. He's trying to comprehend what went wrong by investigating all the years they had together as if he were her.

Nominated for the Norwegian Critics' Prize for Literature 2015
Nominated for the Norwegian Literary Award: P2 Listeners Novel Prize 2015

Also nominated for the Nordic Council Literature Prize 2016

Part of Jury's motivation: "Geir Gulliksen has as a poet, novelist, essayist and editor left his mark on Norwegian literature for decades. With his latest novels, he has been responsible for a consistent and original exploration of the living conditions in a contemporary Scandinavian social democracy, often with gender roles, family life and sexuality as a focal point. (...) The novel provides a rare and finely tuned portrait of the dynamics of a lasting relationship, of proximity, community and intimacy but also of a distance that is growing in the middle of safety and freedom."



"Gulliksen writes honestly and brilliantly, avoiding all common clichés."

Adressavisen

"The Story of a Marriage is the author at his very, very best."

Morgenbladet

"Agonising emotional truth. [Gulliksen] deserves recognition far beyond Scandinavia as the author of this intimately compelling novel"

The Observer

Geir Gulliksen (b. 1963) is a writer and publishing editor. He debuted in 1986 and has written poems, essays, plays, novels and children's books. In 2014 Gulliksen received the Aschehoug Award for his overall authorship.

FOREIGN SALES

Catalan (Les Hores), Croatia (Fraktura d.o.o.), Denmark (C&K), Finland (Siltala), France (Buchet Castel), Germany (btb/Random House), Greece (Potamos Publishers), Hungary (Typotex), Iceland (Benedikt Bókauþgáfa), Korea (Sam & Parkers Co.), The Netherlands (Ambo Anthos), Poland (Czarna Owca), Sweden (Svante Weyler), UK (Hogarth/Chatto & Windus)/USA (Hogarth/Crown Publishing)

AWARDS

The Aschehoug Award 2014 (for overall authorship)

Previous nominations:

The Ibsen Award in 2013 (for the play *En kropp*)
Nordic Council's Children's and Youth Literature Prize 2015 (for *Joel og Io*, illustrated by Anna Fiske)
The Brage Award 2012 (for the children's book *Iben og forvandlingen*, illustrated by Anna Fiske)

PREVIOUS TITLES

Selected fiction:

Bøyde knær, 2012
Førenkling, 2010
Tjuendedagen, 2009

Selected books for children/young adults:

Joel og Io, 2015 (ill. by Anna Fiske)
Iben og forvandlingen, 2012 (ill. by Anna Fiske)

Drama:

Demoner, 2014
En kropp, 2012

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