

Erik Fosnes Hansen

A Lobster Life

Et hummerliv

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English sample translation available

FICTION
NOVEL



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A Lobster Life is the many-faceted story, alternating between tragedy and comedy. It is about coming of age, about reaching a bit further than you thought you could, about understanding what you do not understand, and about the distance that can occur between people who love each other. Through exquisitely drawn characters Fosnes Hansen shows how self-deceit can be a means of survival and how we lie to ourselves and to others because being honest is more difficult. In this epic story the author gives us a unique portrayal of the time and a horrifying presentation of an unusual family.

A Lobster Life is about Sedd, a boy on the verge of adulthood, and about the hotel in the Norwegian mountains that is his home.

Erik Fosnes Hansen (b. in New York in 1965) made his debut at age twenty with the novel *Falketårnet*. The novel was praised by critics and audience alike as a debut far beyond the ordinary. His best-known work is his second novel, *Psalm at Journey's End* (1990), was received as a sensation by the press and is one of the best selling Norwegian postwar novels, also outside Scandinavia. The novel about the musicians in the multinational orchestra onboard the "Titanic" in 1912 reached bestseller level and earned superlatives from critics in the nearly thirty countries where it has been published so far. Fosnes Hansen's third novel, *Beretninger om beskyttelse* was published in 1998 and also became an international bestseller. His novel *Løkvinnen* from 2006 has been filmed by Filmkameratene and was released internationally in 2016.

FOREIGN SALES

Denmark (Gyldendal), France (Gallimard), Germany (Kiepenheuer & Witsch), World English rights (Norvik Press)

AWARDS

The Norwegian Booksellers Prize 2006
The Norwegian Booksellers Prize 1998
The Norwegian Literary Award
"Riksmålprisen" 1990

Nominations:

The Aristeion Prize 2000
The international IMPAC Award 1998

PREVIOUS TITLES

Selected:

Løkvinnen (The Lion Woman), 2006
Beretninger om beskyttelse (Tales of Protection), 1998
Salme ved reisens slutt (Hymn at Journey's End), 1990
Falketårnet (The Falcon Tower), 1985

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