

Geir Tangen

The Movements Maestro

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The Movements is the first installment featuring journalist Viljar Ravn Gudmundsson and Investigator Lotte Skeisvoll. Geir Tangen's debut novel was first self-published in January 2016. One month later, after a rave reception, one of Norway's biggest and most prestigious publishers, Gyldendal, pre-empted the rights to *The Movements* and the next book in the series featuring Viljar Ravn Gudmundsson and Lotte Skeisvoll.

When journalist Viljar Ravn Gudmundsson receives a strange email from someone claiming to take on the role of judge and executioner for a local woman, he first dismisses it as a sick joke – it seems too much like something out of a bad crime novel. He forwards the email to the police and then tries to forget all about it. But the letter keeps eating away at him, and when a woman is found murdered the next day, Viljar realizes he should have listened to his instincts. While the police question Viljar, he receives a new email from the killer with yet another premonition of death. And so begins the hunt for a singularly sick serial killer.

The Movements surprises, chills, and delights at every unexpected turn. Debut novelist Geir Tangen toys with the conventions of the genre, playing a game with the reader while introducing a rich and compelling cast of characters. In this compulsive page-turner, a dizzyingly smart and sick murderer uses our heroes as pawns for the completion of the movements of his brutal masterpiece.

Geir Tangen (b. 1970) runs Norway's biggest crime book blog – Bokbloggeir.com, with over 170,000 readers – where he's reviewed crime novels and thrillers since 2012. Tangen holds a degree in Political Science and ICT, and has worked as a journalist, and as a freelance editor for several Norwegian publishers. He currently works as a secondary school teacher. He lives and works in Haugesund, Norway, with his wife and three children.

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'Thrilling, humorous, and playful. (...) Tangen knows crime.'

Dagbladet, 5 stars

'The suspense is creeping down my neck. Geir Tangen has written a riveting novel.'

Haugesunds Avis

'A magnificent crime debut from Norway's biggest crime blogger. (...) Well-composed, well-written, funny, and brutal. In short: a great crime novel, with a few bold, unexpected twists at the end.'

BOK, Five stars