

Frode Grytten

Men No One Needs

Menn som ingen treng

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Men driving away. Men who stay. Men crashing new cars. Men with too much debt. Men with unusual genitalia. Lonely men. Peaceful men. Violent men. Honest men. Criminal men. Men somewhere in between. Men from Rjukan. Men from Lillestrøm. Men from Warsaw. Men in a new, twisted Norway. Men who need women. Men who need men. Men nobody needs.

It's been nine years since Frode Grytten last published a short story collection, the genre in which he first created a name for himself, and which is possibly closest to his heart. Drawing up a map of Norway and Europe, the stories of *Men No One Needs* are full of desperation, love, hopelessness and comedy.

Nominated for the Norwegian Bookseller's Prize 2016.



"Frode Grytten has written an incredibly good short story collection ... In Grytten stories there is poetry in each word, in each sentence ... Each story keeps me in its grip until the very end: I want to finish it, I want to see where Grytten takes me"

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"Grytten writes brilliantly and with empathy about men on the verge of a breakdown...His mastery of the form has an overwhelming impact..."

Aftenposten



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Frode Grytten was born in 1960, and made his debut in 1984 with the poetry collection *Start*. Since then he has written novels, short stories, poems and children's books. *Songs of the Beehive* won Norway's national book award, the Brage, and was shortlisted for the Nordic Council Literary Prize. *Floating Bear* (2005) won the Riverton Prize and *Rooms by the Ocean, Rooms by the Sea* (2007) won the New Norwegian Literary Prize and the Melsom Prize.

Awards

The Riverton Prize / The Golden Gun (the prize for the best Norwegian crime) for *Floating Bear*, 2005

The Brage Prize for *Beehive Song*, 1999

Previous titles

Selected previous titles:

2013 *Burn Down the House*

2011 *Saga Night. The Lunde Trilogy*

2007 *Rooms by the Sea, Rooms in the City*

2004 *Beehive Song*

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