

Tormod Haugen (1945-2008)

The Nightbirds *Nattfuglene*

Gyldendal 1975
132 Pages

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Tormod Haugen (1945-2008) was one of Norway's most prominent authors for children and teenagers. Translated into 25 languages.

FOREIGN SALES

The Nightbirds (YA Novel, 1975)

China, China Times
Denmark, Jespersen & Pios
Faroe Islands, DROPIN
Finland, Otava
France, BORDAS
Greece, Patakis
Iceland, Idunn
Israel, Massada
Italy, Adriani Salani
Japan, Kawade Shobo
the Netherlands, Elsevier
Portugal, Caminho
Spain, Editorial Juventud
Sweden, Rabén & Sjögren
Switzerland, Benziger
UK, Collins
US, Dell
Yugoslavia, Mladost

AWARDS

1975: The Department of Culture's Prize
1979: Deutsche Jugenbuch Preis

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In *The Nightbirds* (1975) we meet Jake, who struggles to come to grips with terrors real and imagined, including his father's bouts of depression and his own nightmares.

Using low key, intense language packed into tight form, Tormod Haugen worked reality into the art of a well written novel. *The Night Birds*, which is his most frequently translated novel, is a good example of this. In this book he also combines, with poetic feeling and literary mastery, elements of fantasy into realism to portray the feelings of children when they are threatened by adult incomprehension and lack of insight. Haugen was awarded the Deutsche Jugenbuch Preis for this novel in 1979.

