

Anders Totland

A Prayer for Jacob Juul Til jord skal du bli

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Jacob Juul goes from being a retired priest to a widower, grandfather, and murderer in just a couple of days. It all becomes too much to handle at once for Jacob Juul. In just a few days, he goes from being a retired priest with a good moonshine-business enjoying his retirement, to a widower and new grandfather to a 7-year-old girl. And if that wasn't enough, he also becomes a murderer. Now he has a dead debt collector in the booze stash in his shed that he has to get rid of and a criminal conspiracy he must save himself and grandchild Isabella Donnatina from. Luckily, a lifelong career in the Church of Norway has prepared him to face most situations with calmness and optimism. As Jacob himself says: "It is incredible what experiences through more than 40 years of visiting private homes to plan christenings, weddings, and funerals can teach you." A tragicomic noir from deep in the Norwegian forest.



'A Prayer for Jacob Juul is a wonderfully quirky, entertaining, and exciting story. This novel begs to be made into a movie!'

- Publisher Håkon Kolmannskog, Samlaget

'Through this glorious chaos of literally bloody seriousness, the important things in life still emerge (....) about values and what one spends time on.'

- Bømlonytt



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Anders Totland is an author, social scientist, cook, and journalist. He is an award-winning young adult writer. His first novel for adults, *Winter Tones*, was published in 2019. A *Prayer for Jacob Juul* is his second novel.

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