

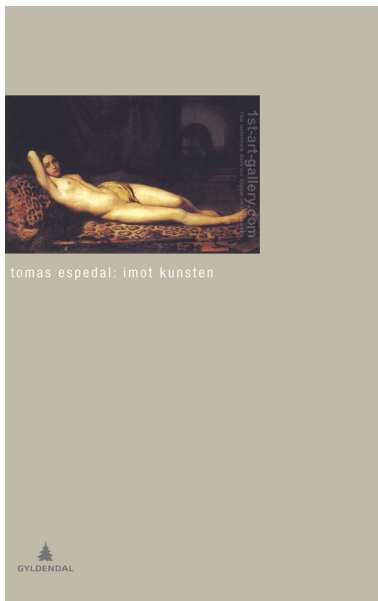
Tomas Espedal

Against Art

Imot kunsten

Genre: Fiction
Category: Novel
Publisher: Gyldendal
Year: 2009
Pages: 176

In contemporary Norwegian fiction Tomas Espedal's work stands out as uniquely bound up with the author's personal experiences. His last book, the prize nominee *Tramp*, introduced us to the wanderer Tomas. *Against Art* is a novel that focuses on the author; on how a boy approaches art and eventually becomes a writer. It is about the profession of writing, about routines, responsibility and obstacles. But it is also a story about being a father, a son and a grandson; it is about a family and a family's stories and about how preceding generations mark their successors. And it is a story about choices and changes, about motion and rest, about moving to a new place and about living.



"Tomas Espedal has a personally centred literary project that he pursues and expands with fascinating force and consistency."

Stavanger Aftenblad

"A lyrical style that captures both fleeting and enduring moments of happiness, but dwells to an even greater extent on the loss and grief that will and must follow. Espedal's writing sparkles, some of his lines shine out, rich in association."

Aftenposten

Tomas Espedal made his debut in 1988. He has published short prose and novels alike, and was a prize-winner in 1991 of the joint Radio P2/Book Club Novelists' competition. His previous book *TRAMP* (Or the art of living a wild and poetic life), 2006 was shortlisted for the Nordic Council Literature Prize.

Foreign sales

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, UK/USA/India

Awards

The Gyldendal Award, 2009
The Literary Critic's Award, 2009
The Bergen Award, 2006

Previous titles

(SELECTED)

GÅ, eller kunsten å leve et vilt og poetisk liv, short prose, 2006
Brev (et forsøk), novel, 2005
Dagbok (epitafer), novel, 2003
Biografi (glemsel), novel, 1999
Blond (erindring), novel, 1996
Hotell Norge, novel, 1995
Hun og jeg, novel, 1991
Jeg vil bo i mitt navn, novel, 1990
En vill flukt av parfymer, novel, 1988

Rightsholder

Gyldendal Agency
P.O. Box 6860 St. Olavs plass
NO-0130 Oslo
Tel: +47 22 03 43 87
Fax: +47 22 03 42 10
anne.cathrine.eng@gyldendal.no
www.gyldendal.no