

Eva Fretheim

# The Crow's Throne

## Kråketronen

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A couple of eggs are smashed against a windowpane. A teenage girl walks out onto a frozen pond.

The night the young woman falls through the ice changes everything; the pond where she drowns is on the mayor's property. And police investigator Vigdis Malmstrøm gradually discovers that this is not the first time a young person has lost their life in exactly this way — right here.

Which stories do we cling to in order to survive? And how far back do we have to go to unravel all the lies that make up a life?

In *The Crow's Throne*, the political power struggle is every bit as transgressive as the all-consuming games of childhood. And with her masterful psychological insight, Eva Fretheim once again shows why she has taken Norwegian crime readers by storm.



'A rare gem in Norwegian crime fiction! [...] It's not often that I read a Norwegian crime writer who is as linguistically precise and structured as Eva Fretheim. She establishes unease and tension in the story right away. [...] Not only is she structured and precise, but she also manages to steer clear of the worst clichés that so many of her crime-writing colleagues fall back on. [...] This is quality all the way through!'

VG, 5/6 stars

'This is a sophisticated crime novel that leans toward what, for lack of a better word, we must call "literary fiction." [...] Right now, I can't think of anyone writing better crime novels in Norway than Eva Fretheim.'

NRK, 5/6 stars

'She IS our new queen of crime [...]'

Dagbladet, 5/6 stars



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Eva Fretheim (b. 1967) lives in Moss and works as a journalist. She holds a master's degree in journalism and previously published the novel *Pink Cotton Candy*. In 2022, she made her crime fiction debut with *Queenland*, for which she received the Maurits Hansen Award – New Blood. The critically acclaimed sequel, *The Bird King*, was released in 2024 and was awarded both the Riverton Prize and the Glass Key Award. *The Paper Dolls*, the third crime novel featuring police investigator Vigdis Malmstrøm in the lead role, came out in early 2025 to rave reviews.

#### Previous titles

*The Paper Dolls* (2025)  
*The Bird King* (2024)  
*Queenland* (2022)

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