

Jan-Erik Fjell

The Fortune Hunter

Lykkejegeren

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The Fortune Hunter is the fifth book in Jan-Erik Fjell's prize-winning and much talked-about crime series following the brusque and sometimes heavy-handed Anton Brekke, a detective with the Norwegian Kripos elite investigations team in Oslo.

In autumnal Fredrikstad in Norway, the remains of a human hand are recovered from a 1978 Cadillac. At the same time a woman is found murdered at a local rubbish dump.

Anton Brekke is sent to Fredrikstad to work out what links the two events.

In glittering and grand 70s Vegas, where anything is possible if you have the money, a young Norwegian woman encounters the casino mogul Elliot Appelbaum. When she one day sees something she shouldn't have she is forced to flee to stay alive.

The Fortune Hunter alternates between today and the 1970s, and between the grey everyday of Fredrikstad and the allure of Las Vegas. The two are expertly interwoven into one thrilling story, with a conclusion that will surprise everyone.



'My goodness what a good crime novel Jan-Erik Fjell has written (...)
The easiest crime recommendation I'll give this year!'

Geir Tangen, crime writer who runs Norway's biggest book blog, bokblogger.com. *Throw of the dice*: 6

'elegantly written'

Fredrikstad Blad, *Throw of the dice*: 5



Jan-Erik Fjell (b. 1982) was brought up in Gressvik, outside Fredrikstad on the west side of Oslofjord. He made his crime debut in 2010 with *Tysteren*, which won the Norwegian Booksellers' Award. At the age of 28 he was the youngest recipient of the prestigious prize, and the first installment of the Anton Brekke-series was highly praised among both critics and readers. *Tysteren* was the fifth best selling Norwegian crime novel from 2006 to 2011 (the first four were all by Jo Nesbø).

Jan-Erik Fjell has been writing full time since, and has written five titles in the series about the Norwegian superintendent Anton Brekke. The first four books in the series have sold over 350,000 copies in Norway alone.

Foreign sales

Titles in the series are sold to: Denmark (Peoples), Finland (Harper Collins Nordic), Germany (Rowohlt), Polen (Czarna Owca), Sweden (Harper Collins Nordic)

Awards

Frederikprisen 2011
The Norwegian Booksellers' Award 2010

Previous titles

Rovdyret, 2014
Hevneren, 2013
Skyggerom, 2012
Tysteren, 2010

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