

Erik Fosnes Hansen

Psalm at Journey's End

Salme ved reizens slutt

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On April 10 1912, seven musicians board the "Titanic" to play on the maiden voyage of the world's largest passenger ship. During their five final days, their life stories unfold, each musician embodying a part of the mosaic that is Europe on the edge of the century.



'Skilled research and impressionistic prose are expertly mixed into a poetic, absorbing story (...) He writes with fierce energy, creating emotional landscapes that may make one think of the evocative scenes and brilliant colors of Turner paintings. In all, it's a brilliant piece of storytelling.'

Publishers Weekly

Erik Fosnes Hansen (b. in New York in 1965) made his debut at age twenty with the novel *Falketårnet*, an intense psychological and symbolic drama set in the German Empire of the Crusades around 1230 AD. The novel was praised by critics and audience alike as a debut far beyond the ordinary.

His best-known work is his second novel, *Psalm at Journey's End* (1990), was received as a sensation by the press and is one of the best selling Norwegian postwar novels, also outside Scandinavia. The novel about the musicians in the multinational orchestra onboard the "Titanic" in 1912 reached bestseller level and earned superlatives from critics in the nearly thirty countries where it has been published so far. Fosnes Hansen's third novel, *Tales of Protection* was published in 1998 and also became an international bestseller.

His novel *Løvkvinnen* from 2006 has been filmed by Filmkameratene and released internationally in 2016.

Foreign sales

Albania, Brazil, Catalan, Croatia, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, USA, USA, Yugoslavia

Film: Filmkameratene

Awards

The Norwegian Booksellers Prize 2006
The Norwegian Booksellers Prize 1998
The Norwegian Literary Award "Riksmålprisen" 1990

Nominations:

The Aristeion Prize 2000
The international IMPAC Award 1998

Previous titles

Selected:
Løvkvinnen (The Lion Woman), 2006
Beretninger om beskyttelse (Tales of Protection), 1998
Salme ved reizens slutt (Hymn at Journey's End), 1990
Falketårnet (The Falcon Tower), 1985

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