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AWARDS

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Literary Collection Literature Prize 1992
Havmann Prize 1999, For Through Glass
Aschehougprisen 2000
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Finnmark County Culture Prize 2014
Honorary doctorate at the University of Tromsø, Norway's Arctic University 2015
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Laila Stien

Across the River

A girl is looking for her brother, who has disappeared. An abandoned man is waiting for his life to begin. A woman looks back on a life lived between two cultures.

Every time Laila Stien publishes a short story collection is a special occasion. Like an Alice Munro or a Raymond Carver, she is able to create a rare presence in the most everyday occurrences. In seven different stories, she shows us human vulnerability, how we face life without any real protection.

If the short story is a balancing act in which every word and sentence counts, then Laila Stien, above anyone, is a tightrope walker.

«Short stories with a keen eye for moods, subtle shifts and a precarious humanity»

- Terje Eidsvåg, Adresseavisen

«At her best, she has an impressive sense of the psychological, an ability to completely undress her characters and present them so vulnerable and helpless as to give the reader chills of recognition and insight. Seven short stories, three of which are among the best she has produced.»

- Oddmund Hagen, Dag og Tid

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Laila Stien's (born 1946) debut came in 1979, and in 2000, she was awarded the Aschehoug Prize. *Across the River* is her ninth short story collection for adults.



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