


**FRODE GRYTTE**  
**Den dagen Nils Vik døde**

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## *The Day that Nils Vik Died*



In the heart of Norway, a boat puts out from a pier. We follow Nils Vik on his final voyage. He is an ordinary man, with a simple job: to get people across the fjord with his boat, and to get them back home safely again. But what looks simple, often turns out to be more complicated.

*The Day that Nils Vik Died* is an elegy to the landscape of the fjords and to the people who cling to it. It's a novel about a life-long love and the joy of the common and the ordinary. Nils Vik fills his boat with life and stories, as well as a desire to be reunited with his wife, Marta.

*'The Day That Nils Vik Died is a beautiful, warm, and touching story about the simple and intimate aspects that life consists of, while also offering significant portrayals of friendship, love, and death. It is also a tribute to small communities in transition and sheds light on people who are rarely celebrated. It is a novel about old age and death, but also about what makes life worth living.'*

- Brage Jury, nomination announcement

*'A warm and poignant declaration of love for a bygone era. For a lifetime, the main character has been a ferryman, bringing people and livestock across the fjord. A captivating novel about life, death, and a lifelong love affair.'*

- Aftenposten

*'Has a more beautiful Norwegian novel about death been written? No.'*

- Adresseavisen

## Frode Grytten

Frode Grytten (b. 1960) made his debut in 1984 with the poetry collection *Start*. Since then he has written novels, short stories, poems and children's books. *Songs of the Beehive* won Norway's national book award, the Brage, and was shortlisted for the Nordic Council Literary Prize.

*Floating Bear* (2005) won the Riverton Prize and *Rooms by the Ocean*, *Rooms by the Sea* (2007) won the New Norwegian Literary Prize and the Melsom Prize. In 2023, Grytten published his first novel in 10 years, *The Day That Nils Vik Died*. The book won great acclaim and went on to win the Brage Prize.



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