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Silent Night

An established author experiences writer's block, and his publisher nags him about the great adventure novel he has promised to write. But life writes itself. The author is on his way towards something new, both in his inner and outer life. This something is deeply connected to what happened to his brother many years ago and changed his life for ever — and the life of the entire family.

On a journey through a familiar Norwegian landscape and through the more unknown landscapes of his own dreams, the author is haunted by his past, persecuted by people he has met who now demand a room in his ongoing writing.

STILLE NATT (SILENT NIGHT) is a grande, beautiful novel on love, loss and dark family secrets.

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Ragnar Hovland (b. 1952) is one of the most unique voices of Norwegian literature. With a surplus of playful ideas, odd characters and popcultural references to film and music, his fiction writing is always full of surprises. Soon after making his literary debut he achieved a cult status among many readers and younger novelists. Several authors are clearly inspired by his use of humour, irony and intertextuality.



Hovland has won all prestigious literary prizes such as: The Brage Prize (A motorbike through the night), The Critics Prize (A winter's journey and Outlawed), Deutsche Jugendliteraturpreis and Aschehoug Prize last year (for his authorship).

Some of his novels have been translated into German, French, Italian and English.

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