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Blood Cries from the Earth

Tallak Nybuen wounds a reindeer buck, and collapses in the pursuit that follows. To survive the night, he seeks refuge in the lodge his father has rented out to a hunter from the coast. The next day, the two men head into the mountains to find the buck together. The hike brings back memories from Tallak's own upbringing, his mother unexplained absence, him and his father alone on the farm, the feeling of being trapped in the narrow valley, the never ending labour. The night falls and snow makes the hike difficult, and as the two men search the open plain, it becomes clear that there is more than the wounded animal bringing them together.

Blood Cries from the Earth is an abundant novel, full of love. Through a small and vibrant set of characters, a large story is told – about family and inheritance, truth and lies, and about the stories that shape our lives, and how everything could have been different.

When Birger Emanuelson made his debut with the short story collection *For Thine is the Kingdom* in 2012, the book was highlighted by critics as one of the best of the year. His first novel is also inspired by the large and fundamental narratives.

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