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In Mid-Air

Didrik is woken up by cries of distress from the living room. He gets up. Hesitates. Thinks about sea turtles. Feels the cold floor under his feet. Someone is crying out in pain downstairs. Didrik fetches his father's revolver, inching his way down the stairs. Then he fires a shot. His father dies, but what really happened?

Little by little, Arne Svingen reveals a suspenseful tale of a father whose shady activities put his life in danger, and a son trying to find out why. When the truth comes out, Didrik is forced to see his father in a new light.

In Mid-Air is a book about seizing the moment and living with the consequences, a story of one boy who must stand alone and take on more responsibility than a child ought to. But it is also a book about family, friends and sea turtles the world over.

A thriller that just keeps you reading until the very last page. This book offers great emotional depth as well as great tension [...] With IN MID-AIR Arne Svingen has achieved the combination of grief and joy, wonder and tension that the readers so often wish for. -NRK

Well put-together and intriguing about demanding loss. - Aftenposten

Arne Svingen

Arne Svingen (b. 1967) is one of our foremost writers for children and young adults. His production spans from easy reads for children, to novels for children and young adults.

He is deeply committed to encouraging children and adolescents to read, and he is a true wizard at using humor and suspense to ensnare his readers. Thematically, his books span from pure entertainment to novels on difficult topics. He has written several novels for adults, radio plays for



NRK and graphic novels. A number of Arne Svingens's books have been sold abroad, and he has been translated into fourteen languages. His breakthrough as a writer of thrillers came with *Silent Screams* (2001). He was awarded the Brage Prize for his novel *Black Ivory* in 2005 and was nomiated for the Brage Prize for his novel *A Sky Full of Clouds* in 2018.