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Shortlisted for the 2019 Petrona Award for the Best Scandinavian Crime Novel of the Year

OTHER TITLES

The Courier (2015) The Sister (2018) Kjell Ola Dahl

The Ice Swimmer

Dark, complex and nail-bitingly tense, *The Ice Swimmer* is the latest and most unforgettable instalment in the critically acclaimed Oslo Detective series, by the godfather of Nordic Noir.

When a dead man is lifted from the freezing waters of Oslo Harbour just before Christmas, Detective Lena Stigersand's stressful life suddenly becomes even more complicated. Not only is she dealing with a cancer scare, a stalker and an untrustworthy boyfriend, but it seems both a politician and Norway's security services might be involved in the murder. With her trusted colleagues, Gunnarstranda and Frølich, at her side, Lena digs deep into the case and finds that it not only goes to the heart of the Norwegian establishment, but it might be rather to close to her personal life for comfort.

Don Bartlett's translation, as powerful as Dahl's writing, makes The Ice Swimmer a real treat for all those who want intrigue, a dark and complex story, and convincing characters presented in excellent prose. - Crime Review

Fans of Scandinavian noir will be eager for Dahl's next book. - Publishers Weekly

Although the crimes and their locations are dark, Dahl's detectives arrive with force of character and are willing to share a bit of wisdom with each other. - New York Journal of Books

Kjell Ola Dahl

One of the fathers of the Nordic Noir genre, Kjell Ola Dahl was born in 1958 in Gjøvik. He made his debut in 1993, and has since published eleven novels, the most prominent of which is a series of police procedurals cum psychological thrillers (Oslo Detectives series) featuring investigators Gunnarstranda and Frølich. In 2000 he won the Riverton Prize for *The Last Fix* and he won both the prestigious Brage and Riverton Prizes for *The Courier* in 2015. His work has been published in 14 countries, and he lives in Oslo.



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