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Haunted by Death

On an inter-county bus ride headed for Bergen, Varg Veum happens to notice three people at a remote intersection. A few days later, he recognizes one of them under the headline YOUNG MAN MISSING.

The three were due to take part in a demonstration against a fish-farming facility in the tiny village of Solvik north of Bergen. Veum's natural curiosity leads him to Solvik and the chance discovery of a body in the sea. Is there any connection between the discovery of the body and the death of a journalist who was digging into the fish farm's operations two years earlier?

How many secrets lay hidden in Solvik, a place where two families are contending for salmon fortunes, and where rumours spread like wildfire?

This is the twentieth novel in the Varg Veum series.

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A new crime novel from the experienced hand of Staalesen is always an event in Norway – where he is one of the masters of the genre.



Gunnar Staalesen was born in 1947 in the historical city of Bergen on the west coast of Norway. He took his M.A. at the Bergen University, studying English and French language and literature as well as comparative literature.

When he was 22 years old, he published his first novel, *Times of Innocence*, in 1969. However, it is first and foremost as a crime story writer that Gunnar Staalesen's name is known and loved. His books about the private eye Varg Veum are published in several countries, among them UK, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Russia. During 1997–2000 he wrote a trilogy, offering a wide scope focus on the city of Bergen during the 20th century, mirroring also the history of these 100 years. The series was extremely successful and was dramatised (by the author) and staged at Den Nationale Scene in Bergen.

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