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Crux

NATIONALTHEATER SUBWAY STATION: Norway's newly appointed Minister of Development is seriously injured in what could be a terrorist attack.

A few weeks later, Liv Eriksson is called in for a confidential meeting at the central police station. She learns that Dawit, a young friend and refugee from Eritrea, has been drawn into a criminal gang. When the minister was attacked, Dawit was nearby, together with the charismatic gang leader Yonas.

The attack on the minister remains a mystery for the investigators. Does the solution lie in what the media is calling the 'gang connection'? Liv is in a race against time to prove Dawit's innocence and rescue him from Yonas's grip. A suspicion leads Liv to travel to Haiti in search of answers. Too late, she realizes she is also reopening old wounds, and she is forced to mobilize all her resources to save herself and others.

"Simonsen has a strong grip on his material. The action scenes are many, and they drive the story forward with great energy."

- Leif Ekle. NRK

"I've long considered quitting crime novels because nothing is exciting enough anymore, but then I read the sequel to Risiko, and put that resolution on the shelf." [6/6]

- Tine Sundal book blog

"This is simply fabulous." [6/6]

- Lillasjel book blog

"There are wild scenes here, entertaining to the max." [5/6]

- Artemisias Verden

"Fast-paced, believable dialogues, a crackling language, and intense suspense shape the nerve-racking crime novel Crux."

- Litteraturviteren (Joakim Tjøstheim)

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Sven G. Simonsen is an author, journalist, researcher, and aid worker.

He holds a Dr. Philos degree (Political Science, University of Oslo) and an MA in International Journalism (City University, London).

Simonsen has worked as a journalist for several publications, including VG and Dagens Næringsliv. He spent 14 years as a researcher at PRIO (the Peace Research Institute Oslo) and has been involved in multiple expert



missions for the United Nations in Africa and Asia. He has also served as an international election observer, and published *Over sperregrensen* [Above the Threshold] (2019), an introduction to electoral systems.

His debut thriller, *Risiko* [*Risk*] (2020), was nominated for the Best Crime Fiction Debut of the Year award – the Nytt Blod Prize. In 2022, the sequel *Crux* was released, followed by *Mørkefall* [*Darkfall*] in 2024. In all three books, psychologist Liv Eriksson is the main character.



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