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Alf R. Jacobsen is one of Norway's leading authors of war documentary, and throughout his career he has written more than 40 books and movie manuscripts. He is considered a pioneer within Norwegian investigative journalism, and has worked for major newspapers and TV channels, such as VG and NRK. His work has earned him several awards, such as the Riverton Price, the SKUP Price and the Petter Dass Medal. Alf R. Jacobsen was born in Northern Norway, and now lives partly in Norway and partly in Spain.

