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My Next Life

Link text The “Clara” trilogy is finally complete!

What happens when your past catches up with you?

Clara Lofthus is enjoying a low-profile life with her partner Axel and twin sons in Nairobi, where she heads a humanitarian aid and education organisation. In the wake of a brutal terrorist attack during which she rescues a group of children, she becomes the focus of massive media attention and a heroine in her home country of Norway. She decides to exploit this to her own advantage.

When she is offered a come-back as Minister of Justice (in Norway), her quiet life in Kenya becomes a thing of the past. With time, the team behind an investigatory podcast gets wind of Clara and her dark secrets, and Clara realises that far too many people possess incriminating information about her. Lurking in the background are her mother, whom Clara has been claiming was dead for years, and her former bodyguard Stian, who became her close confidant.

My Next Life is a novel about old lies, original sin, attempts to build a new life, and what happens when the past comes back to haunt you, but you are still unwilling to give up.

My Next Life is the third volume in the “Clara-series”. Everything is Mine (Alt er mitt, 2018) and Blood Ties (Av mitt blod, 2021) were both huge successes nationally and internationally.

The mass murderer from Western Norway finally gets what she deserves. (...) Unlike a classic crime novel, the reader is not left wondering who the murderer is; the suspense lies in the very way Lillegraven has constructed the story.

- *Bergens Tidende*

With her series about Clara Lofthus, Ruth Lillegraven has created a formidable and fearsome heroine. This is suspense literature that holds up even from a literary standpoint, with dizzying psychological depths.

- *NRK*

...an unconventional psychological thriller. The successful and stunningly beautiful Clara stands out in a genre that consists mostly of miserable and antisocial losers. (...) Lillegraven's sharp and piercing style is a welcome addition to a genre badly in need of authors who can truly write well.

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Ruth Lillegraven was born in Hardanger, Norway, where she grew up on a small farm. She debuted as an author with a poetry collection in 2005. Since then, she has written seventeen books, including children's books, several poetry collections, two plays, and the prize-winning, internationally bestselling "Clara" trilogy. Among other prizes, Ruth has won both the Brage Prize and the Nynorsk Literature Prize for the poetry collections Urd and Sickle.



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