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#### **AWARDS**

The Riverton Prize (2007)

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Autumn Shoot (2007)

## Jørgen Gunnerud

# Seven Days in September

An intense war drama set in the vast fjords of Northern Norway.

Seven Days in September takes place during World War II. Three separate story lines cross each other at the end of a deep fjord in western Finnmark. A German aircrew takes off from France to join the attack on the Russian convoy PQ 18 in Finnmark. We become acquainted with the members of the crew, their personalities, desires and hopes for the future. The second story is about the local fisherman Gustav Henriksen, a war hero from the battle of Narvik, about his family, his work and the society he lives in. The third person to stumble into the novel is Kristian Kolseth, a young ethnography student from Oslo's wealthier quarters, who has travelled north in order to document building customs among the coast Sami in Finnmark.

The novel is packed with suspense, and the outcome is uncertain all the way to the final page. Characters and environments are drawn with great realism. This is a powerful story about how the war affected people's daily lives, their work and their social relations.

# Jørgen Gunnerud

Jørgen Gunnerud, born 1948, lives in Oslo. His first published work of fiction was the crime novel *Raymond Isaksen's Exit* (1994). Since then he has published a number of highly acclaimed crime novels. He was awarded the Riverton Prize for *Autumn Shoot* (2007). *Seven Days in September* is a historical drama and represents a new turn in Gunnerud's writing.



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