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## *The Katharina Code*

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It's that time of the year. For the twenty-fourth time, William Wisting gets out the papers from when Katharina Haugen disappeared. The case was never solved, and every year since Wisting has called on Katharina's husband, Martin Haugen. The steady contact between the police inspector and the bereaved husband has over the years developed into a friendship. But this year, Haugen's house stands empty and dark when Wisting arrives. On the anniversary of his wife's disappearance, Martin Haugen has gone missing.

The same day, Kripas investigator Adrian Stiller comes to see Wisting. A young cold case investigator for the National Criminal Investigation Service (Kripas), Stiller has uncovered a connection between Katharina's disappearance and the missing person case he's working on. The two must join efforts, but the collaboration with the complex Stiller will be a challenge for the experienced Wisting. The two driven investigators must all the same find a starting point they can agree on, and use their combined capabilities to solve the case.

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## Jørn Lier Horst

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Jørn Lier Horst (b. 1970) has with his award-winning novels about William Wisting joined the elite of Nordic crime fiction writers. Having worked as a head of investigations before becoming a full-time author, Horst brings a unique brand of suspense and realism to the table. Besides his novels for grown readers, Horst has gained recognition for his unparalleled ability to thrill also young readers with charming mysteries. His standing as the Norwegian king of crime fiction for all ages was cemented when he created the Detective Agency No. 2 and CLUE series, both the most popular children's book series in their respective age categories.



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