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#### Jo Nesbø

# The Redeemer

A mixture of religion, urban misery, modern European history and grisly horror, *The Redeemer* takes the crime writing of Jo Nesbø to yet another level, establishing him firmly as one of the international top names in crime fiction. Through a snow-swept Oslo decked for Christmas, Inspector Harry Hole chases a faceless contract killer from former Yugoslavia. A chase that has the troubled detective sift through depraved vagrants and Salvationists, eagerly awaiting a new saviour to deliver them from misery – whether it be through resurrection or demise.

The international bestseller, *The Redeemer*, is the best selling book ever in hardback for Aschehoug (est. 1872). (Aschehoug is one of Norway's leading publishing houses.)

Written in Nesbø's distinctive fast-and-furious style, The Redeemer offers insight to the surly attitude that defines Harry Hole, Nesbø's abbrasive Oslo detective, who functions best when he's flying solo. ... The plot is nice and tricky.

- New York Times, US

The deeply flawed Hole is his familiar self: difficult and disrespectful, brilliant and intuitive. ... The primary narrative, told in powerful prose, never fails to grip.

- Publishers Weekly, US

Nesbø has been gradually climbing up the competitive league of Nordic crime writers. With The Redeemer he's touching the summit, and his hero, the stubborn, insubordinate Oslo detective Harry Hole, has become my favorite copper from those parts... Terrific shocks, tension and atmosphere.

- The Times, UK

The killer's boyhood in the war-torn Balkans gives added depth to a complex story, impossible to second-guess, which proves that greed, lust and a desire for revenge lurk within the saintliest of folk.

- Daily Telegraph, UK

Poland, Dolnoslaskie
Portugal, Dom Quixote
Russia, Inostranka
Serbia, Laguna
Slovakia, Ikar
Slovenia, Didakta
Spain, Mondadori
Sweden, Albert Bonniers
Taiwan, Azoth (Complex Chinese)
Thailand, WeLearn
Turkey, Dogan Egmont
UK & Commonwealth, Harvill
Ukraine, Folio
US, Knopf
Vietnam, Nha Nam

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#### **AWARDS**

Nordic Noir Thriller of the Year Award, Sweden, 2017 Shortlisted for the Book of the Year Award, Sweden, 2017 Shortlisted for The European Crime Fiction Star Award, Germany, 2016 The Riverton Honor Prize, Norway, 2016 The IcePick Award (Best Translated Crime Novel), Iceland, 2015 Boréales Honorary Award (for his entire literary work), France, 2017 Shortlisted for the Ark's Book of the Year Award, Norway, 2015 Shortlisted for LovelyBooks' Der Leserpreis (Best Crime & Thriller of 2015), Germany, Shortlisted for the Brage Prize (Best Crime Novel), Norway, 2017 St. Petersburg Reads Award (Best International Author of the Year), Russia, 2014

Shortlisted for The IcePick Award (Best Translated Crime Novel of the Year), Iceland, 2014 Martinus Readers' Choice Award (Best

Foreign Author of the Year), Slovakia, 2014
Martinus Readers' Choice Award (Best Novel
of the Year), Slovakia, 2014
The Peer Gynt Prize (for his international
success and for putting Norway on the map of
international literature), Norway, 2013
Shortlisted for the Specsavers Crime Thriller
Awards (The Bestseller Dagger), UK, 2012
Shortlisted for the CWA International Dagger
(Best Translated Crime Novel of the Year), UK,
2012

Shortlisted for the Edgar Award (Best Novel of the Year), US, 2010 Shortlisted for the Macavity Awards (Best Mystery Novel), US, 2010



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## Jo Nesbø

Jo Nesbø (b. 1960) is a musician, songwriter, and economist, as well as one of the leading crime writers in the world. He is recognized for having widened the scope of the thriller with his unusual literary qualities and ambitions, his psychological insights and his in-depth knowledge of life in a modern, globalized world. His books have garnered countless international awards, sold 36 million copies, and been translated into 50 languages. In addition to the Harry Hole series he is the author of stand-alone novels *Headhunters, The Son, Blood on Snow* and *Midnight Sun*, as



well as several children's books in the Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder series.

The Great Caliber Award of Honour (for his entire authorship), Poland, 2010

The Danish Academy of Crime Writers' Award (Best Crime Novel of the Year), Denmark,

 $Short listed for the CWA\ International\ Dagger,$ UK, 2009

The Norwegian Book Club Prize (Best Novel of the Year), Norway, 2008

Shortlisted for the Ark's Children's Book

Award (Best Children's Book), Norway, 2008

The Norwegian Booksellers' Prize (Best Novel of the Year), Norway, 2007

The Norwegian Book Club Prize (Best Novel of

the Year), Norway, 2007

Shortlisted for the CWA International Dagger, UK. 2007

The Finnish Academy of Crime Writers'

Special Commendation (Excellence in Foreign

Crime Writing), Finland, 2007

Shortlisted for the Ark's Children's Book

Award (Best Children's Book), Norway, 2007

Best Norwegian Crime Novel Ever Written

(Awarded by the Norwegian Book Clubs),

Norway, 2004

William Nygaard Bursary, Norway, 2002

The Norwegian Booksellers' Prize (Best Novel of the Year), Norway, 2000

The Glass Key (Best Nordic Crime Novel of the

Year), The Nordic Countries, 1998

The Riverton Prize (Best Norwegian Crime

Novel of the Year), Norway, 1997

#### OTHER TITLES

The Thirst

Police

Phantom The Leopard

The Snowman

The Devil's Star

Nemesis

The Redbreast

The Cockroaches

The Bat

Blood on Snow

Midnight Sun

The Son

Headhunters

A.Y.W.D.N.E (Animals You Wish Did Not Exist)

Can Doctor Proctor Save Christmas?

Doctor Proctor and the Great Gold Robbery

Doctor Proctor and the End of the World.

Maybe

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