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Jo Nesbø

The Cockroaches

A murder investigation takes Harry Hole of the Oslo police on a journey through the heart of darkness. Through the seedy strip bars, brothels, betting places and ex-pat clubs of Bangkok, Harry chases a merciless killer, confronting the shady underworlds of high finance, international espionage and paedophile networks. The writing of Jo Nesbø follows the palpitations of Harry's heart, racing faster and faster through the streets of Bangkok where mankind is debased, on a long and dark journey towards redemption.

The complex narrative and large dramatic personae are handled with steely authority, but what really makes the novel work is the fact that the picturesque seediness of Bangkok and Thailand turn out to be Harry Hole's natural element, with Nesbo plumping his hero down in a very non-Norwegian setting.

- The Independent, UK

A tight plot that keeps you guessing till the end and an intriguing collection of sidekicks and suspects and the result is an absolute treat.

- Sunday Mirror, UK

Another sure-fire hit"

- The Sun, UK

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.



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AWARDS

Nordic Noir Thriller of the Year Award,
Sweden, 2017
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Sweden, 2017
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Shortlisted for the Ark's Book of the Year
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(Best Crime & Thriller of 2015), Germany,
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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
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,
2009
Shortlisted for the CWA International Dagger,
UK, 2009



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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

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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

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