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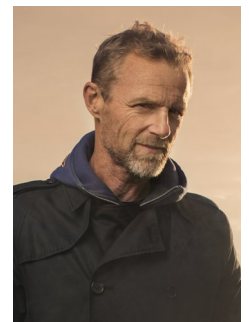
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## AWARDS

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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,  
2017  
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,



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2009

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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

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The Thirst

Police

Phantom

The Leopard

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