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Jo Nesbø

## *Midnight Sun*

In August 1977, a man gets off the bus in an isolated village in the extreme north of Norway. He says his name is Ulf, he has no luggage, and he claims to be there for the hunting. Among the native Sami and the Læstadians, adherents of an old-fashioned form of Christianity, he discovers a culture that is both hospitable and exclusive, helpful and unfamiliar. The village sexton, Lea, lends him a rifle and a hunting cabin, where the midnight sun keeps him awake as he restlessly keeps watch on the monotonous expanse of the Finnmark plain. Slowly it dawns on Lea and her son Knut that Ulf isn't a hunter but someone else's prey. And that the hunters are on their way.

Audiobook read by Kim Gordon.

*[An] excellent standalone... Immaculately plotted and perfectly paced, the book is also darkly funny and deadly serious. Scandinavian gloom notwithstanding, it has a neatly satisfying and surprisingly moving ending.*

- Publishers Weekly \*Starred Review\*, US

*This forcefully written story of personal defeat, despair and salvation, translated by Neil Smith, sends a man off to lose himself in the wilderness — where he finds himself instead.*

- New York Times, US

*[Midnight Sun is] a fun read, with a likable protagonist and a brisk, page-turning pace. Nesbø is a talented storyteller and his narrative intuition is on full display, even without the usual guns and guts.*

- Los Angeles Times, US

*Beautifully told in firm, spare prose, this is the poignant story of a man confronting the worst demons and yet the rehabilitation that love can bring.*

- Daily Mail, UK

US, Knopf

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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, 2009  
Shortlisted 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  
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## Jo Nesbø

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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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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  
The Snowman  
The Redeemer  
The Devil's Star  
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