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Headhunters

Headhunters introduces the charming villain Roger Brown, a man who seems to have it all: he is Norway's most successful headhunter, married to the beautiful gallery owner Diana, owns a magnificent house, and is living larger than he should. Meanwhile, he is playing at the dangerous game of art theft. At a gallery opening, his wife introduces him to the Dutchman Clas Greve. Not only is Greve the perfect candidate for the CEO position of the GPS company Pathfinder for which Brown is recruiting – he is also in possession of "The Calydonian Boar Hunt" by Peter Paul Rubens, one of the most sought-after paintings in modern art history. Roger sees his chance to become financially independent, and starts planning his biggest hit ever. However, he soon runs into trouble – and this time around it's not financial problems that are threatening to knock him over...

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Nesbo is a master storyteller, gripping the reader from the first page and ratcheting up the suspense in a thrilling finale with several satisfying twists.

- Daily Express, UK

The result is a masterclass in obfuscation and psychological parrying. /.../ Nesbo has that rare talent for turning the tables on readers, confounding expectations and revealing only what is intended.

- The Independent, UK

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AWARDS

Nordic Noir Thriller of the Year Award,
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Star Award, Germany, 2016
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Shortlisted for the Ark's Book of the Year
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Shortlisted for LovelyBooks' Der Leserpreis
(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
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2014
Martinus Readers' Choice Award (Best
Foreign Author of the Year), Slovakia, 2014
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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

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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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