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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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#### AWARDS

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Nordic Noir Thriller of the Year Award,  
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Novel), Iceland, 2015  
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Shortlisted for the Ark's Book of the Year  
Award, Norway, 2015  
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(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

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the Year), Norway, 2008  
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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

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