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Dead Joker is the fifth installment in the Hanne Wilhelmsen series.

*Nuanced characters and a strong sense of place make for an immersive tale that packs an emotional punch and offers incisive commentary on the failings of the criminal justice system.*

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*The pacing is leisurely, especially for a Scandinavian thriller, but the character development is the main appeal here. This latest in Holt's long-running series remains an ideal read-alike for fans of Jo Nesbø's Harry Hole and Karin Fossum's Inspector Sejer.*

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## Anne Holt

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Anne Holt (b. 1958) is one of Scandinavia's most successful crime writers with 7 million copies sold around the world. Holt is a former Minister of Justice, Police Attorney, lawyer running her own firm, journalist, and TV news editor and anchor. Her novels are intelligent, accessible and suspenseful, with engaging and intriguing protagonists. Tight-knit crime plots are paired with a focus on relational drama. Anne Holt is the author of two extremely successful crime series: the Inger Johanne Vik series (five installments) and the Hanne Wilhelmsen series (nine installments to date).



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