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Øverås' debut novel, "Tittelløs" ("Without title"), was published in 1993. In 2000 he left Norway and has lived the life of an intellectual nomad for the past ten years. In 2005 he published his essayistic, literary travelogue "Til: En litterær reise." ("Baltic: A literary journey") to wonderful and unison reviews. The book is based on his travel around the Baltic Sea, through the sea's nine bordering countries.

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