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Amanda Prize 2006 for manuscript "Den brysomme mannen"

OTHER TITLES

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Execution by Elephant

A love story about unloveable people

Pia and Espen used to be a couple. Now, Espen is moving in with Cathrine, who until recently lived with Hallvard. Hallvard, on the other hand, is considering whether he should commit to a relationship with Marianne. Espen's father, Agnar, is a widower. He has a dog called Poppy, although it used to belong to Gerd, his now dead wife. He sometimes misses her, but not so often. Cathrine's parents, Ingrid and Morten, work as actors in plays Espen likes, but not quite understands. Cathrine neither likes nor understands them. Morten has dreams about elephants trampling him to death, but doesn't know what to make of them.

«Execution by Elephant is beautifully composed. The writing seems full, but effortless. Read it slowly, let the scenes sink in. Schreiner stops just in time, but the observant reader continues the story. When this happens, we know that the literature works as it should.»

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«The text is largely based on well-written, sharply observed dialogues which are carefully and logically connected to the inner thoughts of the characters. Schreiner's absurdly dark approach to modern life is still sharper around the edges.»

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Per Schreiner

Per Schreiner (born 1965) made his debut in 2015 with the short story collection *My Father's five bathrooms*. *Execution by Elephant* is his first novel.



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