



# Scandinavian Mysteries



Most of these writers precede the Stieg Larsson Millennium trilogy but the popularity of this series is reason enough to re-visit the Scandinavian authors. “One reason for the sudden prominence of Scandinavian crime on U.S. shelves is the region’s newly found diversity since the break down of the Soviet Union and the resulting culture clash in a once very insular society. Henning Mankell’s Faceless Killers appeared in the U.S. in 1997, introducing readers to struggling police inspector Kurt Wallander who is so unlike the American hard-boiled hero and just as compelling. Mankell began the influx of Scandinavian authors who write about post-iron curtain crime and the new opportunities for corruption that occurs with the opening of borders.” (Ott, Bill. “A Hard-Boiled Gazetteer to Scandinavia,” Booklist, May 1, 2007, p.8-11).

Alvtegen, Karin. (Sweden)

James Benn. Bill Boyle (Norway)

Arnaldur, Indridason. Erlendur (Iceland)

K.O.Dahl. Frolick&Gunnarstranda  
(Norway)

Desmond Bagley. Alan Stewart (Iceland)

Edwardson, Ake. Erik Winter (Sweden)

Quentin Bates. Gunnhildur “Gunná”  
Gísladóttir (Iceland)

Ekman, Kerstin. Anna Raft Sweden,  
Constable Thorsson





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Eriksson, Kjell. (Ann Lindell) Sweden

Mankell, Henning. (Kurt Wallander)  
Sweden

Fossum, Karin. (Inspector Sejer) Norway

Marklund, Liza. (Annika Bengtzon)  
Sweden

Hoeg, Peter. Denmark

Holt, Anne. (Johanne Vik & Adam Stubo)  
Norway

Nesbo, Jo. (Harry Hole) Norway

Joensuu, Matti. (Dt. Sgt. Timor Harjunpaa)  
Finland

Nesser, Hakan. Chief Insp. Van Veeteren)  
Sweden (Earlier & later ones in series not  
translated.)

Jungstedt, Mari. (Detective Anders Knutas)  
Sweden

Persson, Leif G.W. (Trilogy) Sweden

Koch, Eric. Sweden

Roslund, Anders & Hellstrom, Borge .  
(Ewert Grens) Sweden

Lackberg, Camilla. (Patrik Hedstrom)  
Sweden

Yrsa Siguroardottir. (Thora  
Gudmundsdottir) Iceland

Larsen, Michael. Denmark

Sjowall, Maj & Per Wahloo. (Martin Beck)  
Sweden

Larsson, Asa. (Rebecka Martinsson)  
Sweden

Theorin, Johan. (Oland Quartet) Sweden

Larsson, Stieg. (Lisbeth Salander/Mikael  
Blomqvist) Sweden

Thompson, James. (Inspector Kari Vaara)  
Finland