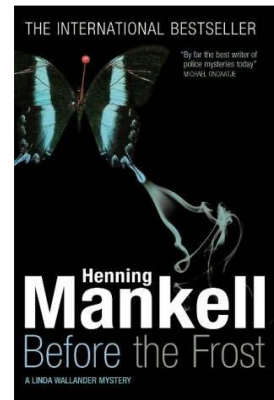


Nordic Noir

Since Steig Larrsen's tattooed hacker heroine, Lisbeth Salander, has hit the best-seller's lists, there has been a great deal of interest in Nordic noir mysteries. Some of the best European and American mysteries have been coming out of Scandinavian countries for years although many aren't translated into English yet. Here are some selections. We have at least one of these authors in our system and they can be obtained on interlibrary loan. Scandinavian mystery writers specialize in cold, dark settings, grizzled and world-weary detectives and contorted plot lines...

Mankell, Henning

Mankell's Wallender series falls well within the police procedural tradition. Through the series, we watch this detective deal with the breakdown of his marriage, the estrangement of his daughter and the dementia of his elderly father. Kurt Wallender and the supporting cast are fully developed characters. Mankell's knowledge of Africa also plays a part in many of the series. His novels are best sellers in Europe and have won numerous crime fiction awards.



Fossum, Karin

Fossum's Karl Sejer is similar to Wallender except the setting of her novels are Norway not Sweden. Fossum specializes in complex characters that although they commit evil sometimes evoke sympathy. Very noir...

Indridason, Arnaldur

Indridason's crime fiction is set in the foreboding and wintry landscape of Iceland. His character, Erlander, has a troubled personal life with a fascination for missing characters. A superb, and often blood-chilling series...



Nesbo, Jo

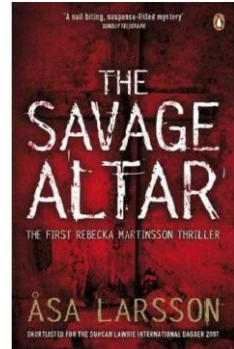
A Norwegian crime fiction writer who is receiving a lot of attention ...most critics consider the book "The Snowman" one of the best in this genre and his Harry Hole one of the most interesting detectives in Scandinavia. Critics have called Nesbo's novels masterpieces "pumping with adrenaline."

Alvtegan , Karin

A Swedish writer similar to Karin Fossum but without the detective. Her gripping psychological fiction has masterful plots full of lots of surprises.

Larsson, Asa

Larsson is a former tax attorney and so is her heroine, Rebecka. Her police detective character Anna-Maria Mella is a refreshing change from cynical male detectives. Good plotting and sombre rural settings are a speciality of Larsson.



Lackberg, Camilla

This author has received high praise from crime fiction masters such as Peter Robinson and Val McDermid. The author frequently turns her attention to isolated villages with buried secrets and complicated relationships. Some critics have called her the Swedish Agatha Christie.

For more Scandinavian crime fiction authors, try Ake Edwardson, Kerstin Eckman and Anne Holt and the husband-wife team of Sjowall-Wahlöö.