

Literary Fiction



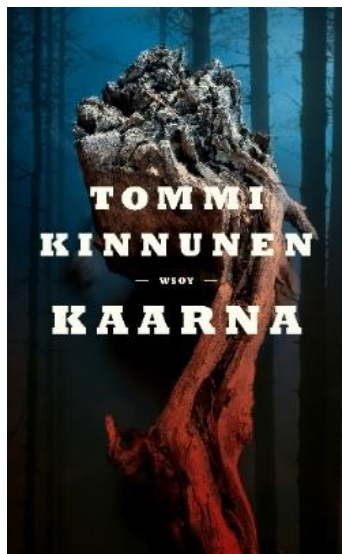
Saara Turunen: **HYENA DAYS**

(*Hyeenan päivät*, Tammi, March 2024, 281 pp.)

Is it possible to have a child and retain one's own identity?

- ✓ The fourth novel by the award-winning author, playwright and director!
- ✓ For readers of Rachel Cusk and Sheila Heti
- ✓ Saara Turunen's plays and novels have been translated into 16 languages! Novels published in Sweden, Estonia, and Lithuania!

Days of the Hyena is a precise and straightforward story about a 40-year-old artist, about childlessness and the contradictory nature of having a child. It depicts the hopes for a child and the unpredictability of procreation, the shame related to one's body, and the demands placed on the female body. The novel delves into the incompatible ideas **between artistry and motherhood** but, above all, it depicts the **physical dimension** of having a child. At childbirth, the atmosphere of suffocation gives birth to a **hyena** that lives within the woman and lives through the moments of animality for her. The novel explores physicality and empathy, how fragile a human being really is, and how important compassion is. The narration flows effortlessly and takes the reader to a fascinating world of both personal and universal questions.



Tommi Kinnunen: **PINE BARK**

(*Kaarna*, Wsoy, April 2024, 205pp.)

A densely atmospheric and arrestingly written novel about women's fates in times of war, the difficulty of giving up, and how the proximity of death can change a person.

- ✓ The sixth novel by one of Finland's most award-winning, bestselling and internationally acclaimed authors!
- ✓ Tommi Kinnunen has won the Giuseppe Acerbi Prize of 2023, the Minna Canth Prize of 2020, the Readers' Favorite of the Finlandia Prize of 2016, the Best Book of 2014 Prize by the Grand Finnish Journalism Prize
- ✓ Tommi Kinnunen's works have been nominated three times for the Finlandia Prize and nominated for the Europese Literatuurprijs!
- ✓ Novels by Tommi Kinnunen have been sold to 22 territories!

Tommi Kinnunen has been praised for giving a voice to people whose **stories have been kept untold**: **In 2001**, three elderly siblings, Martti and the twins Eeva and Marja, meet in a small village in **Northern Finland**. Their mother Laina, an old woman who has been through the Second World War, is dying. **In 1944**, Laina lives with her twin daughters in **Lapland**, right next to the eastern border. Her husband has been killed in the war. In the night, a Soviet partisan unit attacks the village. Laina hides the but is herself taken as a prisoner. The village is burned, the women are raped. Finnish soldiers catch up with the partisans, Laina manages to escape and grabs with her Vilma's terrified six-year-old son. When Laina finds her way back to her home village, she finds her daughters alive but is unable to tell the authorities about what she has experienced. The rescued boy is mistakenly marked down as her son.

Rights sold for Tommi Kinnunen works:

WHERE FOUR ROADS MEET (*Neljäntienristeys*, Wsoy 2014)

AZERBAIJAN: Agac LLC, CHINA: Chinese International Radio Press (simplified), CROATIA: Hena, CZECH REPUBLIC: Argo, DENMARK: Rosinante, NETHERLANDS: Prometheus, ESTONIA: Varrak, FRANCE: Albin Michel, GERMANY: DVA/Random House, GREECE: Utopia, HUNGARY: L'Harmattan, ICELAND: Bjartur, ITALY: Edizioni ETS, JAPAN: Shincho-sha, LATVIA: Zvaigzne ABC, LITHUANIA: Alma Littera, NORWAY: Pax, POLAND: W.A.B., SLOVENIA: Cankarjeva Založba, SWEDEN: Norstedts, TURKEY: Bencekitap

THE LIGHT BEHIND THE EYES (*Lopotti*, Wsoy 2016)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Argo, DENMARK: Rosinante, NETHERLANDS: Prometheus, ESTONIA: Varrak, GERMANY: Penguin Verlag/Random House, LITHUANIA: Alma Littera, NORWAY: Pax, POLAND: W.A.B., SWEDEN: Norstedts

THE GLASS RIVER (*Pintti*, Wsoy 2018)

LATVIA: Zvaigzne ABC, NORWAY: Pax

DEFIANCE (*Ei kertonut katuvansa*, Wsoy 2020)

CROATIA: Hena, DENMARK: Cicero, ESTONIA: Varrak, LATVIA: Zvaigzne ABC, LITHUANIA: Alma Littera, MACEDONIA: Antolog, NORWAY: PAX, POLAND: Poznańskie

DARK MOONS (*Pimeät kuut*, Wsoy 2022)

Finland: Wsoy (orig.)



Kaj Korkea-aho: HOW WE MET YOUR MOTHER

(*Hur man möten en mamma*, Förlaget March 2024, Otava 2024)

An autobiographically inspired novel about a gay couple's journey to co-parenting

- ✓ The fifth novel by the award-winning author, playwright and columnist, the author of *Red Room*
- ✓ Kaj Korkea-aho's works translated into 7 languages and nominated for the Runeberg Prize and the Nordic Council Literature Prize!
- ✓ Feature film being developed of his novel *Red Room*!

After eight years together, Kaj and Niko, living in Helsinki, decide to try to become parents. They start dating women, but the search for a **co-parent** seems impossible at first. What has to be right so that one could dare trust a complete stranger? Whose sperm cells should be used? How do you plan the future of a family that is outside the norms, in a society that is still coded heterosexually?

Kaj Korkea-aho's autobiographical text about how three parents had a child is irresistibly touching, painful, and humorous. It bears traces of all forms of expression mastered by Korkea-aho - novel, podcast, blog, and drama - and can also be used as **a kind of handbook** for others in the same life situation. The book grabs the reader like a baby with its little hand and doesn't let go until the book has been finished and the wonder of life has become a fact.

HUONO TYTTÖ



SARA AL HUSAINI LIKE

Sara Al Husaini: A DISOBEDIENT GIRL

(*Huono tyttö*, Like/Otava June 2023, 298 pp.)

An honest and authentic debut novel by the winner of the *Refugee Woman of the Year Award* that shakes the reader to their core

- ✓ Winner of the BookBeat Newcomer of the Year Award!
- ✓ Nominated for the Helsingin Sanomat Literature Prize of 2023 and the Savonia Prize of 2023!
- ✓ More than 22,500 copies sold in Finland!
- ✓ A story of a fearless woman who wants to survive, change the world, and advance human rights of girls

A mother is escorting her daughter, trembling with fear, to the wedding suite door. This is what she's been raised for ever since she was little, kept in wrapping paper like a precious sweet. This is the reason why she was **brought back from Finland to Iraq**. "You shouldn't have abandoned the headscarf", her siblings say.

"He is your husband now", her mother says.

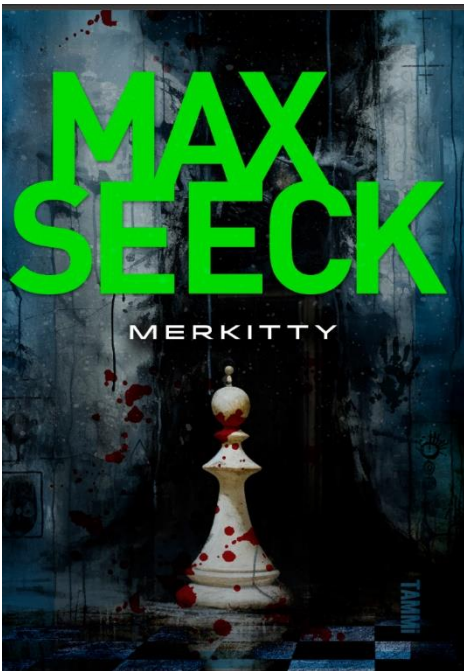
An honest and authentic story about a **fearless woman** who wants to survive and change the world: about the history of subjugating, silencing women, abandoning one's faith, forced marriage, Islamic morality, the price of freedom, and the desperate desire for the right to self-determination.

PRAISE:

Based on her own experiences, Sara Al Husaini's novel Bad Girl should be on the reading list of as many people as possible. It is an eye-opening and hopefully heart-opening story - or rather a document of sorts - about how the right to, among others, one's own body is not everyone's privilege.

- Kaisa Koski, Hämeen Sanomat newspaper, Finland

CRIME



Max Seeck: MILO

(Merkitty, Tammi September 2024, 350pp.)

Milo, a criminal profiler and art gallery owner struggling with sexual frustration needs to understand the game of chess better in order to catch a killer.

✓ Solar Films will adapt *Milo* to an international TV series for global distribution, development starting in 2024, planned release in 2025!

✓ **Rights to *Milo* sold pre-publication to Bastei Lübbe in Germany, Aschehoug in Norway, and Mera Éditions in France!**

✓ Publication in Finland in September 2024!

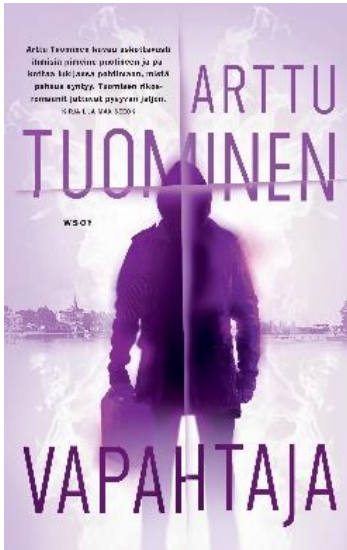
✓ Max Seeck won the [Glass Key Award 2023](#) for *The Last Grudge!*

✓ Max Seeck's books have sold over 400,000 copies in Finland!

MILO - Stalemate is a psychological suspense novel with surprising twists and interesting facts about the game of chess. It's also a story of complex human relationships, sex and issues people are facing when they approach the middle-age. The novel covers a lot of art and cultural references, maintaining the **erotic vibe** that stems from Milo's and Ronja's sexual adventures.

Milo, a 38-year-old art enthusiast, gallery owner and criminal profiler struggles with sexual frustration that are both the cause and consequence for his marital problems. **A body** of a young woman is found **painted in all-white representing a piece of chess**. The chief inspector receives an anonymous letter with a short message: **dx5**. This indicates a chess move and along the location where the body was found the investigators feel that more chess moves might be on the way.

Milo struggles to form a clear picture of the killer. He soon understands that in order to help the police force to catch the killer he needs to understand the game of chess better. He decides to face the ghost of the past: her mother's former partner Stanislav who happens to be a European champion in chess... ***The development and writing process for the series begins in 2024 with the real production starting in 2025. The timing will become clearer as the project progresses. We at Solar are very happy to continue our cooperation with Max.*** – Jukka Helle, CEO, Solar Films, Finland



Arttu Tuominen: THE LIBERATOR, River Delta #5

(*Vapahtaja*, Wsoy August 2023, 366 pp.)

Henning Mankell meets Stephen King! Arttu Tuominen's unique human touch and excellence in depicting characters combined with shocking horror elements brings originality to Nordic Noir.

Rights sold to the Delta River series:

- GERMANY: Bastei Lubbe: First 5 books
- FRANCE: Éditions de La Martinière: First 4 books
- DENMARK: Modtryk: All 6 books
- NETHERLANDS: De Fontein: First 3 books
- ITALY: Edizione Piemme: First 2 books
- SWEDEN: Lind & Co.: First 3 books
- SLOVENIA: Litera: First 3 books
- FILM & TV: Lucy Loves Drama

- ✓ Arttu Tuominen is a Palle Rosenkrantz Prize-winning and a *Spiegel* bestselling author!
- ✓ Shortlisted for the Glass Key Awards 2021
- ✓ Nominated for the Book Beat Finland's Best Finnish Crime Author 2021-2023
- ✓ Winner of the 'Clue of the Year' Crime Novel of the Year Award 2020
- ✓ International success - River Delta series has sold to 7 territories!

THE LIBERATOR is the fifth book in the acclaimed '**River Delta**' series, which has seen commercial success and garnered praise from readers and critics alike, both at home and abroad. Set in the city of **Pori by the Gulf of Bothnia**, a Finnish police unit has to solve crimes that force them to consider their own acts and values. In turn, each of the officers of the unit is centered in the narration, having to face their own ghosts from the past. **Each novel can be read as a standalone.**

Internationally bestselling author Arttu Tuominen delivers a new crime novel with a **strong social conscience**, taking readers into the Pori night in all its colourful lights and inhabitants: The charred body of a man is discovered on a sports field. The victim had been doused with petrol and set on fire. When a second arson attack is caught on CCTV, the Pori police are forced to take the attacks seriously as rumours on the street talk of a '**liberator**' offering the wretched eternal life and freedom from pain.

"They are fierce, these Finns, and this year, one of their best crime writers, Arttu Tuominen is awarded the Rosenkrantz Prize for Sendebuddet (Jeopardy) [...] Tuominen's writing is like moonshine when writing about brutally bitter souls." – Palle Rosenkrantz Prize jury statement, Denmark

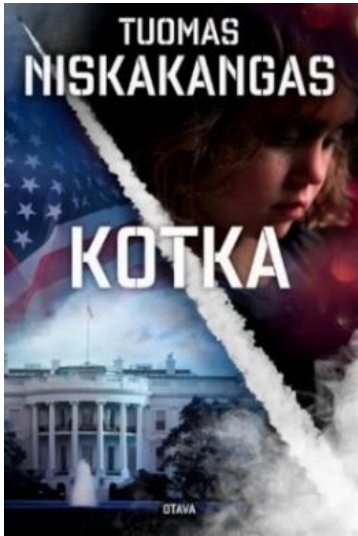
River Delta #1: The Oath: A Touching crime novel about secrets and guilt. Commissioner Jari Paloviita works on a murder case where the prime suspect is an old friend he feels indebted to.

River Delta #2: Jeopardy: The grenade attack on the restaurant claims casualties - and at the same time threatens to expose Chief Commissioner Herik Oksman's life-long secret.

River Delta #3: Silenced: Pori police detectives Jari Paloviita, Linda Toivonen and Henrik Oksman are faced with an exceptionally cruel series of international crimes against elderly citizens.

River Delta #4: Shamed: An investigation into a girl's murder takes the police into the world of predators on the Internet and becomes personal for Linda Toivonen, whose daughter knew the victim.

*"With The Liberator, Tuominen has written his **best detective novel** so far. This is a great achievement, as the level has been excellent since the beginning of the Delta series" - Taika Dahlbom, HS newspaper*



Tuomas Oskari (aka Niskakangas):
THE EAGLE, Leo Koski #3
(*Kotka*, Otava April 2024, 363 pp.)

A desperate father, an unhinged president, and a conspiracy to change the world. Independent book starring former Finnish prime minister.

- ✓ For fans of Dan Brown and David Baldacci
- ✓ A fast-paced thriller, with a murder mystery in the White House.
- ✓ Inspired by the author's years in Washington, D.C. as the US correspondent for the largest newspaper in Finland
- ✓ Book #1 was chosen as Book Beat Newcomer of the Year 2021!
- ✓ Book #1 and #2 published in Germany by Bastei Lübbe!

Former prime minister of Finland Leo Koski is a 39-year-old single dad, done with politics and traumatized by the murder of his true love. As the populist US president Chester Tyler is withdrawing the United States from NATO, Koski is forced to return to the White House for one more meeting. Things unravel when the president is poisoned. Koski is faced with a horrible choice between his daughter's life and the security of Europe. With the New York Times reporter Ashley Pegula by his side, Koski has only a few hours to find out who poisoned the president. And why?

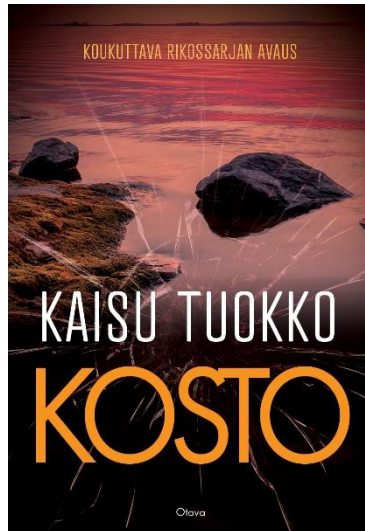
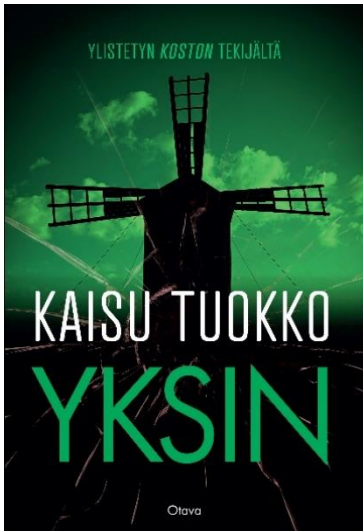
Perfect for anyone looking for a smart and fast-paced thriller, *The Eagle* is the third, independent book in the Leo Koski series. The previous titles *Their Turn to Burn* and *The Act of Gladius* have been published by Bastei Lübbe in Germany. Book #1 was the BookBeat Newcomer of the Year for 2021!

Leo Koski #1: Their Turn to Burn

A fast-paced political thriller taking place over the course of 25 hours. An economic crisis is dividing Finland and young Prime Minister Leo Koski is caught in a dangerous power play where the stakes couldn't be higher.

Leo Koski #2: The Act of Gladius

The refugee crisis following the economic collapse is pushing tensions in Europe to the extreme. Former Finnish Prime Minister Leo Koski thinks he is an insignificant pensioner at the age of 36, but soon finds himself in the center of a dangerous undercover mission to stop a far-rights extremist group - but who is pulling the strings?



Kaisu Tuokko: ALONE Kristinestad Murders #2

The praised and bestselling crime series continues!

✓ Kaisu Tuokko's debut REVENGE has sold more than 12,000 copies in Finland!

✓ REVENGE was nominated for the BookBeat Newcomer of the Year award of 2023 and is nominated for the Storytel Award of 2023!

An elderly woman is found dead in Kristinestad, malnourished, dirty, and abused. She's wearing the socks of the local nursing home, but the people there don't recognise her. Mats, the local police officer, starts investigating the case with his team, but establishing the identity of the murder victim proves tricky. Mats has issues in his personal life, and same goes for the journalist Eevi, who struggles to get pregnant. While Eevi uncovers harsh truths about the treatment of the elderly in Kristinestad, Mats and his team find another body - and it seems Mats' brother is involved in the crime.

The Kristinestad Murders is a new, atmospheric crime series set in a coastal town in Finland, with intriguing main characters and interpersonal relationships. The author Kaisu Tuokko combines the thrilling crime plots with societal issues. The first installment in the series, REVENGE, sold over 12,000 copies within the first months, and the series is planned to have six installments.

The Kristinestad Murders #1: REVENGE

The body of a young man is discovered in the sea, and the criminal investigator Mats Bergholm is responsible for the case. At the same time, journalist Eevi Manner is sent to dig out a scoop of the event for the local newspaper. Both are surprised to find each other on the grim beach: the two have a past together – a past which they now need to set aside to solve the case.

Praise: *“Will Kaisu Tuokko’s Kristinestad be Finland’s equivalent to Camilla Läckberg’s Fjällbacka or Mari Jungstedt’s Visby? Tuokko has taken a model from another classic author, namely Agatha Christie. The reader has no real chance to identify the killer, although clearly the most important question is “who dunnit”. The key thing is that Tuokko succeeds in creating excitement and suspense by bringing up current social phenomena against an idyllic setting.”*

– Taika Dahlbom in Helsingin Sanomat newspaper about REVENGE.

Non-Fiction



**Helena Åhman: EMOTIONAL COURAGE:
How to Speak Directly and Meet Resistance**

(*Tunne-rohkeus*, Otava April 2024, 250 pp.)

Groundbreaking book by a three time winner of the best business book in Finland, Professor of Practice in Turku University

How to succeed in demanding situations? This book will help you discover the secret of meeting emotions and resistance - served with the addition of Finnish rock lyrics on emotional courage.

✓ Åhman is a professor of practice, public speaker, and consultant focusing on conversational intelligence - demanding discussions, negotiations, and conflicts, and understanding the human mind

✓ Åhman is the only three-time prize winner for best business book in Finland and has been recognized as one of Finland’s best speakers four times!

Finland’s leading business writer Helena Åhman, Ph. describes her encounters with **NASA’s astronauts, Ivy League professors** and **Finnish leaders from the dark north** who have succeeded from New York City to Dubai’s deserts. The stories span from Nobel Peace Prize laureate’s wisdom and from excelling in the world-renowned Finnish school system to heading the Finnish Air Force.

You’ll get answers to three questions that define emotional courage:

- 1) What kind of counterintuitive thinking is useful when you meet resistance and opposing views?
- 2) Why is it useful to speak boldly, and most importantly, how? It might not be what you think.
- 3) How do you get rid of disturbing emotions, and when should you absolutely not let them go?



Jessikka Aro: PUTIN’S WORLD WAR:

Russia’s covert operations to destroy the west

(*Putinin maailmansota*, Wsoy/Johnny Kniga May 2024, 350 pp.)

A highly topical book featuring horrifying true stories about the secret operations of Putin’s intelligence services. Read if you dare.

✓ Sold to Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Sweden pre-publication!
 ✓ Jessikka Aro is the winner of the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Courage of Journalism Award and her previous book, *Putin’s Trolls*, has been sold to 16 territories and will be turned into a TV series!

Russia is threatening the West with World War III, even though it has been waging it for years. As its weapons, the Kremlin uses agents of chaos, a covert operation, fake priests spreading hate speech, hackers

recruited from prison, and the gullibility of people.

Jessikka Aro’s new book about the Kremlin’s world war presents the secret operations of Putin’s intelligence services. It takes the reader on a breath-taking journey from the lobby of the Helsinki Courts of Appeal to the controversial Bronze Soldier statue in Tallinn, from the media center run by the Russian military intelligence from Berlin to the Russian troll factory that operated in Ghana.