

**HOT LIST FALL 2024**



**Crime & Thrillers ENGLISH SAMPLE + SYNOPSIS**

**Johanna Holmström: WOLF CUB. "Wilderness Noir"**

*Vargens unge*, Albert Bonniers/Förlaget, Otava. August 2024, 428 pp.

**Wolf Cub is a relentless thriller set in Kuhmo, northern Finland, in a wilderness as wonderfully beautiful as it is terrifying. Instant bestseller in Sweden, 5300 copies sold in a few weeks!**

**✓ Johanna Holmström is the winner of the Karin Boye Literature Prize 2023, Svenska Dagbladet's Literature Prize 2009, The Svenska Yle's Literature Prize 2009, and nominated for the Runeberg Prize in 2018 and in 2023**

One day, a dirty little boy stands in Seija's tulip bed. Upon seeing his wide eyes, her motherly heart overflows, but the boy refuses to say a word – **only a memory card is found in his mouth.**

**Praise:** *Wolf Cub is an absolutely wonderful read that definitely stands out in the genre. Johanna Holmström succeeds in telling a strong story about lost and lonely men, about children who are both loved and hurt, about living both inside and outside society... she also writes a classic crime novel with police investigation, suspense and unexpected disputes.*

- Anna Lindblom, Skånska Dagbladet newspaper, Sweden

*Holmström has no problem with building suspense. But the strength of the novel is above all the depictions of people, nature and how the interaction works, along with its shortcomings.*

- Maria Näslund, Göteborgs-Postens newspaper, Sweden

**Bibliography (no options):** *Själarnas ö*. Croatia: VBZ, Germany: Ullstein, Italy: Neri Pozza, Poland: Sonia Draga, Serbia: Tréci Trg, Sweden: Norstedts. *Asfaltsänglar*. Czechia: Kniha Zlin, Croatia: VBZ, Denmark: Turbine, Germany: Ullstein, Netherlands: Atlas Contact, Norway: Schibsted, Sweden: Norstedts. *Hush Baby*. Germany: Ullstein, Danmark: Turbine



**Crime & Thrillers ENGLISH SAMPLE + SYNOPSES**

**Anne Hietanen & Michaela von Kügelgen: THE LAST WORD**

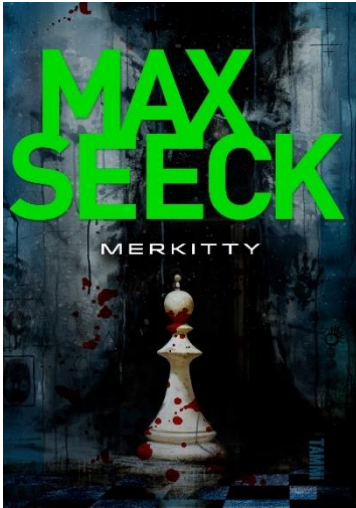
*Sista ordet*. **Swedish** original manuscript, 82,000 words.

**World rights available! Helsinki Noir! Danish 3-book-offer!**

**✓ A new Helsinki Noir crime trilogy by renowned journalist-writer team: For fans of Lars Kepler – with a softer twist**

**During the Helsinki Book Fair, an award-winning author David Berglund is found dead in the Helsinki harbour – the same day he was set to receive a literary prize.** His wife Aurora is almost due to have their first child, and the family idyll he always dreamed of would finally become a reality.

**Philip Koski**, a national hockey hero whose career was cut short by an injury, just joined the Helsinki Police Department and is assigned to the case. Cultural journalist **Tilde Björkqvist**, the last person to interview the author, digs into David's controversial story. Meanwhile, **Åsa Stråhle**, head of the Bohre Foundation, is beside herself with grief. After years of trying to conceive, she is still childless. David and his twin brother Adam are the closest thing to a family she has, but she lost contact with Adam after he immersed himself in society's dark underbelly. Åsa tries to keep up her façade while everything around her is falling apart.



*“A golden touch for Finnish suspense fiction”*

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**Max Seeck: MILO.** *Merkitty*, Tammi, September 2024, 350 pp

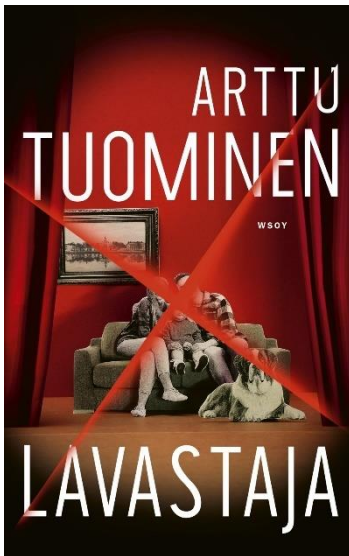
**#1 BESTSELLER: 30,000 copies sold! Latvian rights sold!**

From New York Times and Spiegel Bestseller Max Seeck, MILO begins a new crime series, with a complex and relatable main character, criminal profiler and art gallerist Milo Perho. Bodies with chess pieces in their mouth – Milo needs to understand the game of chess in order to catch a killer.

✓ **Solar Films adapts *Milo* to an international TV show for global distribution, development in 2024 and a release in 2025/2026!**

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

**Praise:** *Milo is a slightly different Seeck detective story and as such a quality piece of work. More than that, it's an outright masterpiece (...) Each new step has been an artistic success. Max Seeck, last year's winner of the Glass Key Award for best Nordic detective story, has a golden touch for Finnish suspense fiction.* - Kai Hirvasnoro, Kansan Uutiset newspaper



**Crime & Thrillers ENGLISH SYNOPSIS + SERIES INFO**

**Arttu Tuominen: THE STAGER.** *Lavastaja*, Wsoy, Aug. 2024. 320 pp

**#1 BESTSELLER in Finland! DELTA Series sold 200,000 copies!**

**Rights sold to Bastei Lübbe in Germany, Dramatization rights sold!**

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

**A serial killer wants to be a director.** You too can end up on stage. In Arttu Tuominen's chilling detective story, the curtain is a guillotine. A family – father, mother and primary school-age daughter – is watching TV together on a remote forest farm. The dog is lounging peacefully on the carpet at the family's feet. What could be more idyllic? Except that they have all been killed and embalmed.

**Praise:** *The Stager is set in the dark atmosphere of pure Nordic noir. And as a skilled detective story writer, Tuominen masters this genre, as well. His skilful writing is a pleasure to read. (...) He has built believable and human characters out of the policemen, and I, for one, will miss them.*

- Kirjojen Kuisketta book blog

*The Stager is the guaranteed, brilliant Tuominen. Admirably smooth storytelling, intensely gripping plot, and spine-chilling suspense. I wanted to devour the book in one sitting, but at the same time, I wanted to read it slowly, appreciating the words and awakening my imagination.*

- Luetut.net blog

**Rights sold to River Delta Series:** FINLAND: WSOY (orig.), DENMARK: Modtryk (6 books) FRANCE: La Martinière (4 books), GERMANY: Bastei Lübbe (6 books), ITALY: Piemme (2 books), NETHERLANDS: De Fontein (6 books), SLOVENIA: Litera (3 books), SWEDEN: Lind & Co (3 books), FILM & TV: Lucy Loves Drama

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**Literary Fiction** **ENGLISH SAMPLE + SYNOPSIS**

**Riikka Pulkkinen: OUR LAST GAME**

*Viimeinen yhteinen leikki*, Otava, August 2024, 411 pp.

**An ingeniously fascinating novel about the power of medicine, friendship and a person's desire to find a cure for life.**

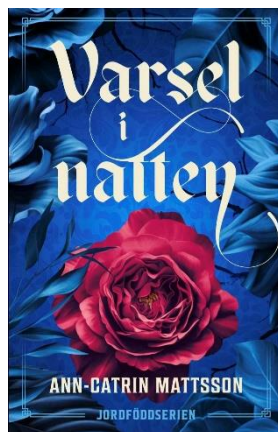
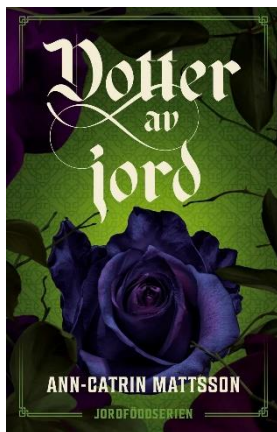
✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> printing! The eighth novel by Riikka Pulkkinen, an award-winning & bestselling author with publishers in 19 territories!**

✓ **World English rights Riikka Pulkkinen's earlier novel ENCHANTMENT sold to Scribe for publication in 2025!**

Eelis says he's going to the emergency room for dizziness, then disappears without a trace. His wife Mai is at wit's end until a young woman Nova, Eelis's first love, appears at the door. Nova is Mai's path to Eelis and a window into their shared past. Children spent time at a summer camp: they were part of a neurological study that was supposed to make them happier and more capable than anyone else...

**Praise:** *"The way the work is constructed, the linguistic expression used and the emotional impact of the rest of the novel are all polished and deliberate, finished. From the very first pages, the reader is drawn in. The clever structure is gripping, making you want to read to the end."*

– Kaisa Kurikka, Turun Sanomat newspaper



**Fantasy: ENGLISH MS.**

**An Epic Love Story about the Power of Destiny.**

A masterpiece in historical fantasy that blends the allure of Outlander's time-travelling romance and the dark fairy tale elements of **Brothers Grimm**.

**For fans of Rachel Griffin, Rebecca Ross, Alix E. Harrow**

**Ann-Catrin Mattsson: EARTHBORN #1: Daughter of Earth FULL ENGLISH MS**

*Dotter av jord*. World Audio Publishing International, 2021, 316 pp.

**EARTHBORN #2: Night of Omen. EARTHBORN #3: Legacy from the East**

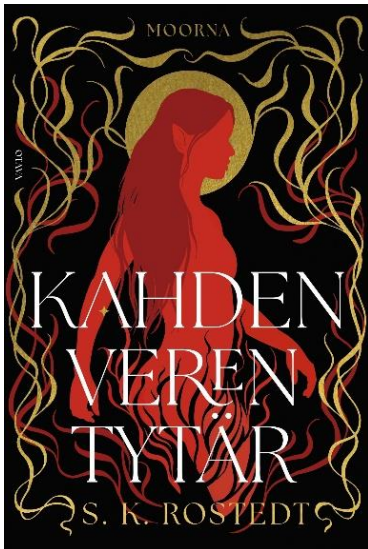
✓ **#1 on the Swedish Fantasy Council's top fantasy series 2024**

✓ **Awarded Series of the Year 2023 and Debut of the Year 2022 by Sweden's Fantasy Chamber!**

Embark on a journey to the turbulent Europe of the 17th century: Let yourself be enchanted by the endless and impossible love story between Ailea and Roderic, spanning centuries. A magnificent saga.

**Praise:** *The author draws us into a historical novel with elements of witchcraft. We encounter war, love, and magic in such a beautifully vivid and utterly captivating language.* – Fantasy Chamber Series of the Year Award jury motivation

**Rights sold:** SWEDEN (orig): World Audio Publishing International (WAPI), DENMARK (audio & e-book): WAPI, Books 1-3; POLAND (audio & e-book): WAPI, Books 1-2.



**Romantasy ENGLISH SAMPLE + SYNOPSIS**

**S. K. Rostedt: DAUGHTER OF TWO BLOODS**

orig. Otava, August 2024, 509 pp

**For fans of Sarah J. Maas with Nordic twist. A debut enemies-to-lovers romantasy novel oozing with fae, demons, and hot romance.**

✓ **For fans of Sarah J. Maas, Victoria Aveyard, Jennifer L. Armentrout**

✓ **The first Finnish romantasy novel, already in its 3<sup>rd</sup> printing**

✓ **Instant Bestseller & critical success!**

**Written by S.K. (Saara) Rostedt**, who has popular **Booktok** and **Bookstagram** social channels, where she talks about her writing and reading experiences, known as **@skrostedt**. This captivating novel has quickly become a sensation: the book shot to the top of local

bookstores' bestseller lists!

**Remena** is a land where humans and fae coexist, on equal terms. **The elves** who control magic live in their own territory in Keto under the authority of an elven ruler, even though the royalty of Remena is human. Since the fierce demons were banished to Tuoni at the end of the demon wars fought a thousand years ago, Remena has lived in peace ... but the stirrings of danger loom on the horizon.

**Moorna** is a 21-year-old half-breed whose life as an escort to the capital's aristocracy is harrowing. She wants to pay off her escort debt as quickly as possible and return home with her friend Malkra to live a life free from discrimination. When Moorna accidentally stumbles upon the handsome fae, Caidas, she is torn from all that is familiar and safe, and quickly learns that nothing is as it seems.

**Praise:** *It was lovely to read a Finnish romantasy. I was looking forward to this book for a long time as I followed its journey back in Tiktok. Thankfully, the book was definitely worth the wait!*  
- lukusumu bookstagram

*This is a fast-reading and engaging fantasy where the pages turn almost by themselves. The world, and especially its demons, are wonderfully imaginative and the description is adequate. There is just the right ratio of gloom and humor.* - Kirjahullun Päiväkirja book blog



**About author**

**S.K. Rostedt** aka Saara Rostedt (1993) is an author and marketing professional who grew up in Finland's book capital Sastamala. Now based in Helsinki, she is an avid romantasy reader who loves to spend time in nature and at her summer cabin.

She has popular **BookTok** and **Bookstagram** social channels, where she talks about her writing and reading experiences. S.K. Rostedt, who gave up reading as a teenager, rediscovered the world of books in her twenties with the help of **romantasy**, Saara is known in social media as **@skrostedt**.

**Target audience:** If you like ACOTAR, you will also like this. Comparison authors are Sarah J. Maas, Victoria Aveyard, Jennifer L. Armentrout. **Tags:** YA/adult, slow burn, enemies to lovers, multi-POV, spicy, elemental magic. Includes a moderate amount of sex.



**Non-Fiction** **ENGLISH SAMPLE + SYNOPSIS**  
**Tiina Raevaara: A SHORT HISTORY OF ETERNAL LIFE**  
 orig. Otava/Like, August 2024. 318 pp.

**The secret to longevity – why do we seek it?**

✓ **A narrative non-fiction title by the award-winning popular science author**

✓ **Author of *Me, My Dog and Humanity*, sold to Germany and the Netherlands!**

✓ **For readers Yuval Noah Harari and Rutger Bregman**

Science is developing at an even faster pace, and people are living longer and longer. With what methods has humanity over time fought against aging and death, and what methods will be used in the future? **Tiina Raevaara's book weaves together the beginnings of scientific history, vampire stories**, as well as the discoveries of stem cell treatment and gene editing. It dives into the cryotank and asks whether the vision of a lengthy life is still worth pursuing. If humanity accepted that they are part of all things organic – both living and dead – could we finally get rid of all the exhaustion, anxiety and need to rush?



**Non-Fiction** **ENGLISH SAMPLE**  
**Salla Vuorikoski: FINLAND'S YOUNG PRIME MINISTER**  
 orig. Wsoy, November 2024. 300pp

**Sanna Marin through the eyes of her inner circle**

✓ **The first book about Sanna Marin, to be published in Finland by WSOY in November 2024!**

✓ **This new book, written by the award-winning Finnish journalist Salla Vuorikoski, reveals what kind of leader Sanna Marin truly was!**

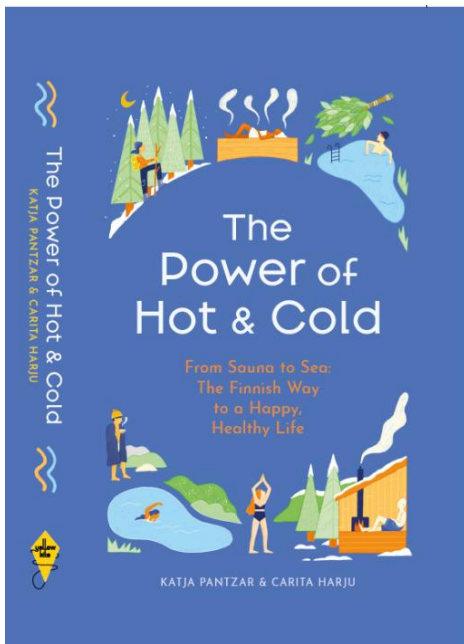
**This book tells the story of what happened behind closed doors. What kind of leader was Sanna Marin? How did she change during her tumultuous ministerial years, and how did she become an**

**international superstar?**

This biography details how Marin became a liberal symbol, an opponent of right-wing populism, and **a role model for the world's young women**. Readers learn in-depth about her passionate support of Ukraine, along with a dive into the history of Finland's former prime minister who joined a group of former leading politicians turned global consultants and speakers as part of an international network of leadership.

**Author Salla Vuorikoski**, a team lead of the investigative journalism unit at Finland's largest newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, has amassed an extensive amount of information and interviewed dozens of political insiders and individuals close to Marin.

**FULL ENGLISH MANUSCRIPTS AVAILABLE!**



**FINAL ENGLISH PDF**

**Katja Pantzar and Carita Harju:**

**THE POWER OF HOT & COLD:** From Sauna to Sea: The Finnish Way to a Happy, Healthy Life. 192 pp.

**orig. Yellow Kite / Hodder & Stoughton, November 2024**

**Dive into the unique world of hot and cold via Finland, where a good steam and an icy dip in a lake or the sea are the foundations of wellbeing for mind, body and soul.**

This definitive guide by two experts takes you on a journey into the transformative powers of hot and cold by pairing the sauna, that quintessential Finnish hot steam bath, with a cold-water plunge. Along the way, it serves up the inspiration and practical tools for creating a wellness retreat at home using the Nordic contrast

bathing philosophy wherever you are in the world.

The Finnish method of alternating hot and cold increases wellbeing by boosting happiness and connecting with nature. It's the secret to how the world's happiest nation keeps calm and carries on – no matter what life throws their way.



**FULL ENGLISH MS.**

**Frank Martela: STOP CHASING HAPPINESS:**

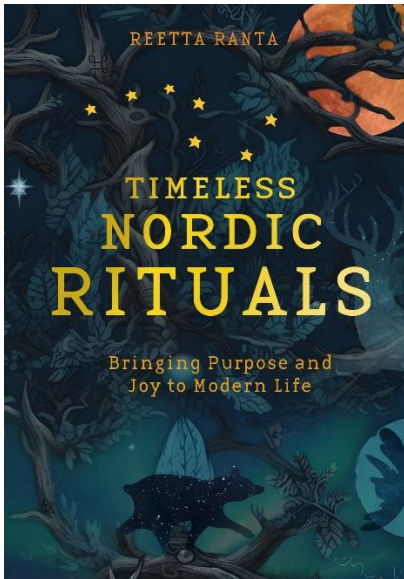
Counterintuitive Life Advice From the World's Happiest Country. 40,000 words. **orig. Allen & Unwin, March 2025.**

**Rights sold:** Germany: Knesebeck, Finland: Gummerus

✓ Frank Martela, PhD, is Finland's #1 internationally bestselling non-fiction author – his previous title, *A Wonderful Life*, has been sold to 30 countries!

Want to be happier? Stop searching for happiness. Obsessing about happiness is, paradoxically, one of the key obstacles for a happier life. For seven years in a row, Finland has been the world's happiest country and the wisdom emerging from this land of darkness and heavy metal teaches you to stop caring about happiness, about what others think, and about what happens next. This liberates you to take life as it is.

***As a Finn living in the UK, one of the questions I'm most often asked is "why are Finnish people so happy?" – and now I have an answer to give in the form of Frank's wonderful book! I'm beyond excited to be bringing Frank's wit and insight on happiness and life satisfaction to an English-speaking audience, and for Frank to have found the perfect home at Allen & Unwin. – Erika Koljonen, Non-Fiction Editor, Allen & Unwin, UK***



**FULL ENGLISH MS.**

**Reetta Ranta: TIMELESS NORDIC RITUALS\*:**

Bringing Purpose and Joy to Modern Life.  
orig. *Rituaalikirja*. SKS, August 2023. 348pp.

**Rights sold:** Germany: Goldmann, Finland: SKS

**Rediscover your lost connection to nature by applying Nordic rituals in your own everyday life. \*Optional title:**

**“Little Book of Summering” + “Little Book of Wintering”**

✓ Full English manuscript available! German rights sold!

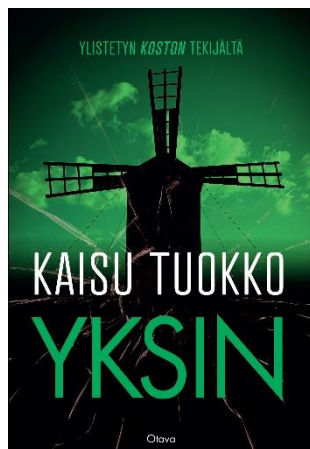
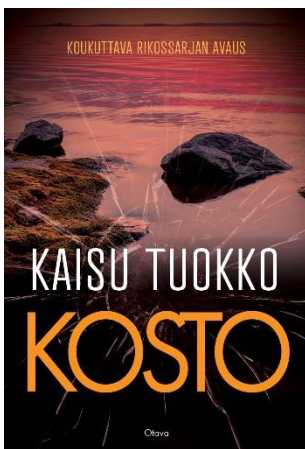
✓ Ancient and modern Nordic rituals as medicine for our hectic, disconnected, and urban lives

✓ A guide connecting with yourself, nature, and ancient roots

✓ What can we learn from the ancestors of the “happiest people on Earth”?

Can people who live their lives in cities, often more connected to technology than the world around us, benefit from ancient rituals and discover a life in rhythm with nature?

*Timeless Nordic Rituals* is a book that invites us to take inspiration from long-forgotten and living traditions of the Finno-Ugric people, and to create rituals that strengthen our connection with nature, the cycle of life, and with our inner selves.



**ENGLISH MANUSCRIPT Book #1**

**Crime & Thrillers**

**Kaisu Tuokko: THE KRISTINESTAD**

**MURDERS #1: Revenge** orig. *Kosto*, Otava, June 2023, 298 pp. **#2: Alone** orig. *Yksin*, Otava, June 2024, 300 pp.

**Rights sold:** FINLAND: Otava (orig.), Förlaget (Finnish-Swedish), SWEDEN: Förlaget, GERMANY: Aufbau

✓ **Swedish and German rights sold!**

**The peace of the idyllic seaside town Kristinestad is broken in the first installment of an addictive new crime series. Bestselling & award-winning series: over 30,000 copies sold!**

✓ For fans of Viveca Sten’s *The Sandhamn Murders*, Camilla Läckberg, Mari Jungstedt and Åsa Larsson!

✓ A perfect mix of Nordic crime, love triangle drama, and the beautiful surroundings of the old coastal town of Kristinestad, Western Finland.

**GERMAN PUBLISHER’S PRAISE:** *Kaisu Tuokko perfectly balances the combination of a gorgeous, atmospheric setting and the aftermath of a terrible crime that exposes the eerie underbelly below the shiny surface of lovely Kristinestad. Mats and Eevi, a police investigator and a journalist, complement each other so well because one of them can always keep digging where the other one reaches their limits. And she proves that is no need for the character of the grumpy police officer. Her investigative team is capable and likeable – what more could you ask for?*

- **Sarah Mainke, Editor, Aufbau Verlage**