

# Leena Lehtolainen

Leena Lehtolainen is the bestselling female crime author in Finland. Her new titles head straight to #1 on the Finnish bestseller lists. Lehtolainen's books have sold over two million copies worldwide, and rights have been sold in 29 languages. In her free time, Lehtolainen enjoys all kinds of music from 70s punk to Bach – just like Maria Kallio, the heroine of her crime novel series. And just as events in the Bodyquard trilogy take Hilja Ilveskero all around Europe, Lehtolainen's own work takes her to book festivals and other events across the globe.

# Maria Kallio Series Iron Triangle

Book 12: Rautakolmio (TAMMI 2013, 360 pp.) An intense drama set in the Finnish archipelago.



Maria Kallio's Special Crimes Unit is assigned to solve the mystery of two corpses wrapped in plastic, found on the shore of tiny Brändö Island. As she investigates, alarming things float to the surface from Maria's past. A serious assault in the family of the hockey player further complicates the situation. Who will make it home alive?

"Leena Lehtolainen has a winner with her debut thriller. Detective Maria Kallio deserves a place alongside literature's best tough but vulnerable female detectives."

- Mystery Scene Magazine

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#### Translations also into:

Lithuanian, Slovak, Ukrainian.

#### **READING MATERIALS:**

FULL ENGLISH TEXTS: My First Murder, Her Enemy, Where Have All the Young Girls Gone

**FULL GERMAN TEXTS:** All Maria Kallio titles

FULL FRENCH TEXTS: My First Murder, Her Enemy, Copper Heart, Snow Woman



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Tokyo Sogensha 2013,

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France

Gaia Editions 2012. 2011, Germany

## Maria Kallio Series

#### Book 1: My First Murder (1993)

A student choir's practice sessions are cut short when the first bass is found dead at the water's edge. Behind the choir's jovial facade lie bitter passions, and ferreting them out is hardly helped by the discovery that some of Maria's old friends belong to the group. The case becomes a chance for police sergeant Maria Kallio to show what she can do, her career in the crime squad being burdened by the fact that she is both young and a woman – and a redhead to boot!

#### Book 2: **Her Enemy** (1994)

Maria has left the Helsinki crime squad to work for a law office in Espoo, headquarters of Nokia. Police work isn't her job now, but when a new acquaintance is found strangled in her home and the case is labelled a sex crime, Maria can't keep her hands off.

#### Book 3: Copper Heart (1995)

Maria has returned to enjoy some relaxed country living in her childhood hometown, a quiet mining city, as the temporary summer replacement for the local sheriff. But her peace is disturbed, first by her old flame and then by the body that is found at the base of the mine tower.

#### Book 4: Snow Woman (1996)

The director of a women's therapy centre disappears. The recently married Maria throws herself at the case, despite suffering from a strange case of fatigue and nausea. Snow Woman was awarded the Clue of the Year Award by the Finnish Detective Novel Society.

### Book 5: **Death Spiral** (1997)

When the 16-year-old skating sensation is found slain with her own skates, her trainers and parents' dreams are shattered. Maria is in her seventh month of pregnancy, but that isn't going to stop her from putting everything she has into solving the murder.

#### Book 6: **Upwind** (1998)

About to return to work from maternity leave, Maria spends her last free weekend on a fortress island. A year earlier a bird watcher died in a fall on the steep cliffs of the island. On the anniversary of the death, another man loses his life on the same rocks. It can't be a coincidence.

#### Book 7: **Before I Go** (2000)

Maria investigates a case that turns out to be unusually complicated: drugs, xenophobia, and municipal power politics are all thrown into the cauldron. In her own life, Maria is forced to weigh the significance of police work to herself and her family.

#### Book 8: The Rage (2003)

Maria has just returned to work from her second maternity leave when she is thrown into the center of a murder investigation. Events seem to be connected to the Soviet occupation of the Porkkala Peninsula, In addition, Maria suspects her colleague is leaking classified information to the press . . .

### Book 9: Indecent Nightingale (2005)

When a well-known prostitute is murdered during a live television broadcast, Maria's suspicions of a connection to the world of sex for money are confirmed. A dramatic, daring story about the night side of humanity and the world of sex for hire.

### Book 10: On the Wrong Track (2008)

Maria begins work with a domestic violence research project, safely behind a desk. But when an acquaintance of Maria's is attacked, she is forced back to her old workplace.

#### Book 11: Where Have All the Young Girls Gone (2010)

Maria is assigned to investigate the disappearance of three immigrant girls, the same age as her own daughter. An engrossing exploration of the collision between tradition and the new multicultural Europe.

## 20th Anniversary Book of Maria Kallio!



# The Maria Kallio Companion Maria Kallio –Extra

(TAMMI 2013, 212 pp.)

Fun trivia and interesting facts about the world-famous detective Maria Kallio. The book contains two previously unpublished Maria Kallio stories!