



Johanna Sinisalo

Johanna Sinisalo (b. 1958) is one of Finland's most successful and internationally acclaimed authors. Praised by readers and critics alike, she has won several literary prizes, among them the Finlandia Prize and the James Tiptree, Jr. award. Rights to Sinisalo's debut novel *Not Before Sundown* have been sold in 15 languages!

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The Eusistocratic Republic of Finland in 2013.

The nation has taken heed of its historic mistakes.

Social stability and national health have become the most important values.

The Eusistocratic Republic of Finland has illegalised practically everything that might give you pleasure or cause addiction.

Well, almost everything. There are some exceptions that prove the rule.

Such as gambling and sex.

The Eusistocratic Republic of Finland wants the distribution of sex, an essential commodity of pleasure, to be as efficient as possible. In order to achieve this, the state science system has bred a new human sub-species: one that is receptive, submissive and always willing.

They used to be called women.

Vanna and Jare meet each other.

They join forces to get a ticket out here. They get involved in buying and selling a stimulant that is known to be extremely dangerous in the Eusistocratic Republic of Finland.

They start dealing chilli.

Then Jare comes across a strange religious cult, which holds the Core of the Sun.

The Core of the Sun is almost too hot to handle. Does this inhumanly pungent chilli have some effects that justify forbidding it?

Taking place in an alternative Finland, Johanna Sinisalo's thriller-like story of flight and fight is also between the lines a feisty social polemic. How did Finland turn into the North-Korea of Europe? Does someone else always know what is best for us? Is this really the kind of gender system that the sociologists calling for male empowerment want?

A chilli aficionado herself, Johanna Sinisalo has written a novel that, ablaze with the fire of the spice, is certain to make the reader's cheeks burn.



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Johanna Sinisalo has been nominated for the Prix Escapades 2012 and Nebula Awards 2008. She won the James Tiptree, Jr. Award in 2004 and the Finlandia Prize in 2000.