

THE TWILIGHT GROVE TRILOGY
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Minna Lindgren (b. 1963) is a freelance journalist and columnist known for her whimsical writing style and fearless approach to topics as varied and strange as opera and death. In addition to novels, she has authored nonfiction books on classical music. In 2009 Lindgren won the Bonnier Journalism Prize for her article entitled "Father's Death" ("Isän kuolema"). The fictional *Twilight Grove Trilogy* takes a sharp and satirical look at life inside a retirement home; the first two entries in the series have been critical and commercial successes, and the final book is due for a 2015 publication. Well-known British-born Finnish director Neil Hardwick is currently working on a film adaptation.



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IF YOU LIKE AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MISS MARPLE, YOU WILL LOVE THE TWILIGHT GROVE TRILOGY

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"Witty and funny, and despite its serious topic, a page turner. It's a candidate for topping bestseller lists and still has a serious message: that dignity is not negotiable."

- HELGA FRESE-RESCH, KIEPENHEUER & WITSCH, GERMANY

#3 COMING IN 2015!

#1 DEATH IN TWILIGHT GROVE

(*Kuolema ehtoolehdossa*, Teos 2013, 302 pp.)

#2 ESCAPE FROM TWILIGHT GROVE

(*Ehtoolehdon pakolaiset*, Teos 2014, 335 pp.)

THE END OF TWILIGHT GROVE

(*Ehtoolehdon tuho*, Teos, May 2015)

"Main character Siiri Kettunen calls into question everything from the culture of overmedication and tattoos to the absence of compound nouns. Crimes are solved through questions posed by these elderly women. Siiri is the kindred spirit of classic literary lady detectives who take power into their own hands."

- RUUMIIN KULTTUURI, THE FINNISH WHODUNNIT SOCIETY'S QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

"[*Death in Twilight Grove*] is a clever mystery novel that brilliantly combines thriller with comedy. There's suspense in it, and there's warmth. By reading you will hear echoes of Jonas Jonasson's *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*, and much more than this."

- FRANCESCA VAROTTO, MARSILIO, ITALY

"The *Twilight Grove Trilogy* presents a unique blend of charm, mystery, heartache and wit: Minna Lindgren has created a group of endearing, unforgettable characters, in the company of whom we feel comfortable enough to dwell on the hardest subjects – ageing, illness, death – and this is no mean feat! She is a keen observer of our time, a hilarious one to boot, and she will make you long for things past that you had completely forgotten about."

- DEBORAH KAUFMANN, CALMANN-LÉVY, FRANCE

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#1 DEATH IN TWILIGHT GROVE: THE LIVES OF Siiri, Irma, and other 90-something Twilight Grove inhabitants are filled mostly with card games, tram rides and funerals. The ladies' curiosity is sparked by the sudden death of a Twilight Grove chef and the assault of a fellow resident, and suddenly they have far more interesting pastimes on their hands.

#2 ESCAPE FROM TWILIGHT GROVE: WHEN A MAJOR renovation at Twilight Grove turns the retirement community into a kind of hell, Siiri, Irma and Anna-Liisa move to an apartment in the Hakaniemi neighbourhood as roommates – one in which a pole in the living room and mirrors on ceilings are met with some confusion. As the ladies settle into new routines, unexpected visitors and rumours of illegal labour at Twilight Grove evoke suspicions of more criminal activity. As the mystery unfolds, our heroes begin to find out that few people in this world have a fully clean record.

#3 THE END OF TWILIGHT GROVE: AFTER LARGE-SCALE RENOVATIONS, Twilight Grove has been turned into a state-funded, technology-driven pilot project in elderly care. The conclusion brings together characters lost along the way, and murky details are brought to light. A natural, long-awaited death finally collects some, but still not all, of our main characters.

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"Minna Lindgren's *Death in Twilight Grove* opens with a brilliant sentence reminiscent of Franz Kafka: "Every morning Siiri Kettunen woke up and realised she still was not dead."

- HELSINGIN SANOMAT NEWSPAPER, FINLAND

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