

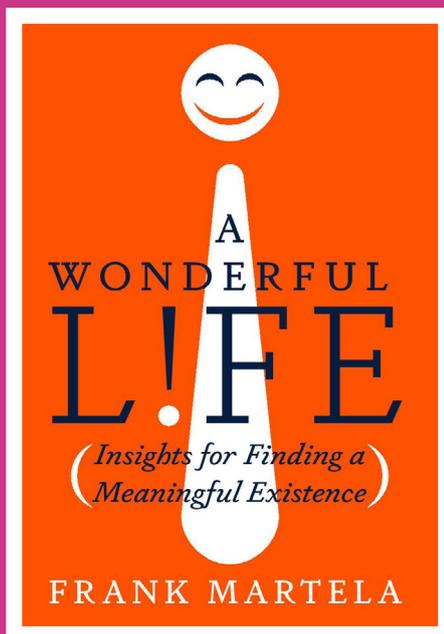
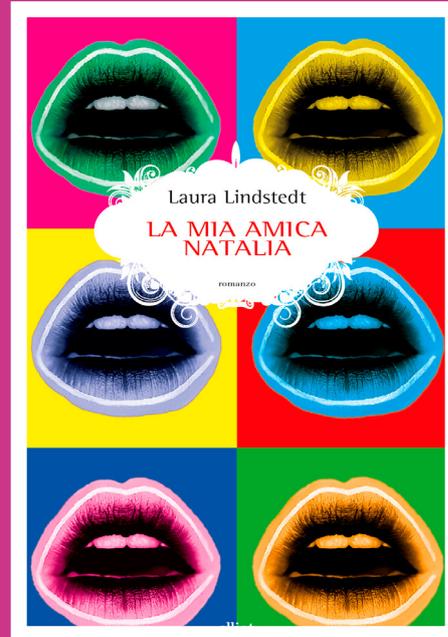
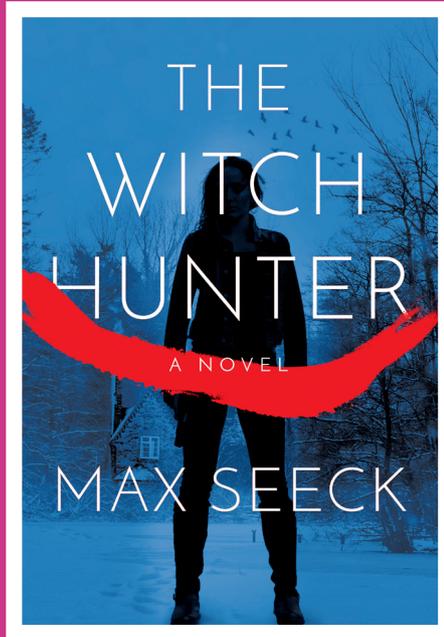
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We must believe that educating our hearts will bring results, success, and happiness. It's hard to know what you may want to do in the future, but it's even more difficult to say what you can do today to bring that about.

– Perttu Pölönen, one of 35 Innovators Under 35 in Europe, author of **The Curriculum of the Future (pg. 22)**.

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High-Rise (pg. 6), nominated for the Finlandia-prize is the fifth novel by award-winning author **Hanna-Riikka Kuisma** about the outcasts of the modern welfare society.

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Evil's Net

Jessica Niemi #2

by Max Seeck

Two Instagrammers go missing, leaving clues to their deaths in their last social media post. Standalone sequel to Faithful Reader - rights sold to 35 countries and Hollywood!

#thriller #nordicnoir #jessicaniemi #femaledetective #bloggers #influencers #mystery #murder #poem #island #Helsinki #snow

Jessica Niemi has another mystery on her hands: Two famous Instagram bloggers go missing, and a strange picture is uploaded on both of their accounts. It's a picture of an old lighthouse on a rocky island. And underneath there's a poem. A poem that describes their deaths...

Jessica starts to investigate the disappearances and soon she finds out that the two bloggers have been sharing a secret that got them involved in something very mystical and dark.

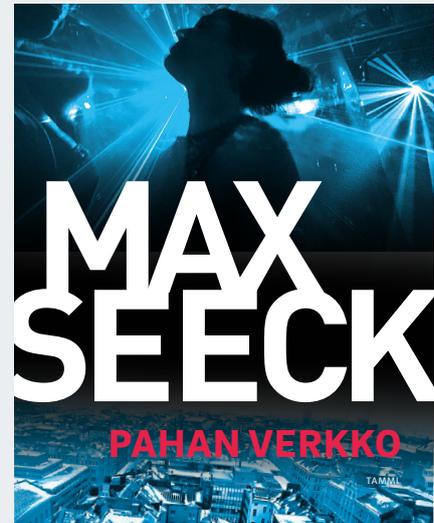
“ **I was convinced that Max did not just want to tell a dramatic story. I was certain that he had a vision. A vision to add something extraordinary to the world of thrillers and crime fiction, something that I have not seen in a suspense novel for many, many years. Bastei Lübbe is proud and honored to share Max's vision as his German publisher. And I wish I could read this story for the first time again.**

– Marco Schneiders, Publishing Director, Bastei Lübbe AG, Germany, on Faithful Reader



photo: Mikko Rasila

MAX SEECK has a background in sales and marketing. Increasingly, Seeck devotes his time to writing professionally fulltime. An avid reader of Nordic Noir for personal pleasure, he listens to film scores as he writes. His first novel was awarded with the Debut Thriller of the Year Award 2016. Seeck's fourth novel *The Faithful Reader* took the world by storm in Frankfurt 2019, with rights sold in record time to 35 territories and Hollywood. Max travels the world to promote his Jessica Niemi series. Seeck's books have sold over 60,000 copies in Finland.



PAHAN VERKKO

Tammi, September 2020



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Rights sold

FINLAND: Tammi (orig.)
 BELGIUM: A.W. Bruna (2-book deal)
 BULGARIA: EMAS (2-book deal)
 CANADA: Berkley/Penguin Random House (2-book deal)
 CZECH REPUBLIC: Grada (2-book deal)
 ESTONIA: Pegasus (2-book deal)
 FRANCE: Michel Lafon (2-book deal)
 GERMANY: Bastei Lübbe (2-book deal)
 GREECE: Livani (2-book deal)
 HUNGARY: Animus (2-book deal)
 LATVIA: Latvijas Mediji (2-book deal)
 MACEDONIA: Matica (2-book deal)
 NETHERLANDS: A.W. Bruna (2-book deal)
 NORWAY: Aschehoug (2-book deal)
 POLAND: Sonia Draga (2-book deal)
 PORTUGAL: Bertrand Editora (2-book deal)
 ROMANIA: Litera (2-book deal)
 SERBIA: Vulkan (2-book deal)
 SLOVENIA: Didakta (2-book deal)
 UNITED KINGDOM: Welbeck Publishing UK (2-book deal)
 UNITED STATES: Berkley/Penguin Random House (2-book deal)

Reading materials

Full English manuscript available in Fall 2020

Faithful Reader aka The Witch Hunter, Jessica Niemi #1

by Max Seeck

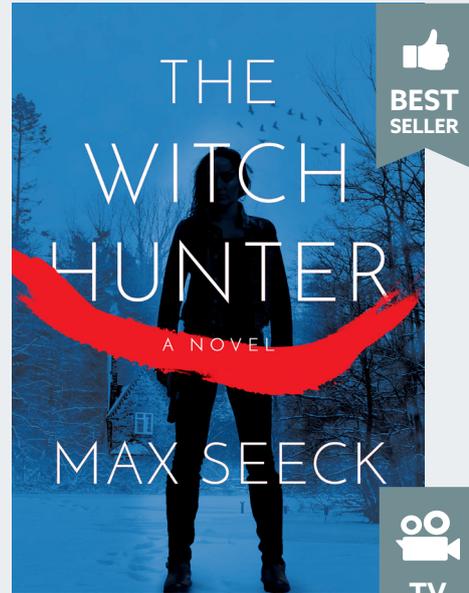
International sensation! Sold to 35 countries and Hollywood! A book-inspired serial killer is on the loose. Jessica Niemi – a detective with a mysterious past – steps up. A chase for the faithful reader has begun!

#serialkiller #rituals #occultism #copycat #femaleinvestigator
#catandmouse #nordicnoir #Helsinki #Venice

Detective Jessica Niemi is called to investigate a murder case that is unordinary. The wife of a famous writer, Roger Koponen, seems to have been killed in a bizarre ritual. As more ritual murders occur, it becomes obvious that Jessica is after a serial killer. But the murders are not random – they follow a pattern taken from Roger's bestselling trilogy. Has a fan gone mad, or is this case more personal?

“ Max is a true master of suspense and when we read THE FAITHFUL READER it was clear that this was meant to be a drama series full of sharp twists and surprises. He's drawn a dark and terrifying world with a mysterious lead in the center of the storm. This one will keep you up at night.

– JP Sarni, Stampede Ventures' Head of International Content and Worldwide Content Acquisitions, LA



USKOLLINEN LUKIJA

Tammi, August 2019

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 CANADA: Berkley/Penguin Random House (2-book deal)
 CROATIA: Fokus
 CZECH REPUBLIC: Grada (2-book deal)
 ESTONIA: Pegasus (2-book deal)
 ICELAND: Forlagid
 ISRAEL: Tchelet Books
 ITALY: Piemme/Mondadori
 FRANCE: Michel Lafon (2-book deal)
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Hollywood
TV rights sold to
Greg Silverman's
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High-Rise

by Hanna-Riikka Kuisma

***Trainspotting* meets *City of Gods* in a suburban apartment building. Critical success and Finlandia Prize nominee in 2019.**

#slum, #problems, #drugs, #poverty, #life, #society, #neighbors, #darkhumor, #internationalconspiracy, #organizedcrime, #gangs, #gangsters, #publichousing, #housingprojects, #violence, #dysfunctionalfamilies, #lostchildren, #jesusfreaks, #socialproblems, #bumfights, #24hourpartypeople

When the high-rise was new it was the pride of the city, an example of modern living, a beacon of a brighter future. But today you won't find happy homes, stylish decorations or successful people in this building. It has become the residence for those who struggle.

In this concrete jungle, everything is connected and lives are fragmented, memories shattered by violence and substances.

“ **With multiple narrators, Hanna-Riikka Kuisma paints a hyperrealistic picture of a modern slum - mesmerizing the reader like the best kind of thriller. And not far from Dostoyevsky's nightmarish and dreamy basement writings.**

- Satakunnan Kansa newspaper



photo: Sami Kokko

HANNA-RIIKKA KUISMA has written five novels and one collection of short stories. Her works often focus on the dark side of the human mind and society, and they are written in a visually strong language that combines lyricism and concise prose. Kuisma graduated as a visual artist in 2001, but has been a full-time writer since 2005. Her latest novel *High-Rise* was nominated for the Finlandia Prize 2019 and awarded Satakunta Arts Council Art Award.



KERROSTALO

Like 2019, 333 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Like (orig.)

Reading materials

English sample & synopsis

“ **With this novel Kuisma has written herself onto the map of famous Finnish authors.**

- Kouvolan Sanomat newspaper

My Friend Natalia

by Laura Lindstedt

A brave novel about a young woman's sexuality, therapy, the power of narration and identity. This is a playful, brilliant, feministic and surprisingly funny novel by a Finlandia-award winner!

#literaryfiction #mystery #bestsellingauthor #therapy #irony #philosophy #art #sexuality #nymphomaniac #feminism

Natalia starts to see a therapist to help solve the problems in her sex life. It is clear from the beginning that she is not going to play by the rules of therapy. The weekly sessions combine art, philosophy, literature, childhood memories and erotic experiences as a method of treatment, and slowly they make Natalia lose all her inhibitions. She starts to enjoy her therapy – maybe too much? The novel takes a deconstructive approach to the self-help narratives of our time and drives the tools of autofiction into a dead end, asking what is concealed when everything is revealed?

“ **One of the most dynamic voices I've read in a long time; and I was blown away by the novel's sly examination of power and sexuality. Laura Lindstedt is a true literary talent, and we're honored to have her join our list!** ”

– Gina Iaquinta, Associate Editor, Liveright Publishing Corporation, W. W. Norton & Company, US

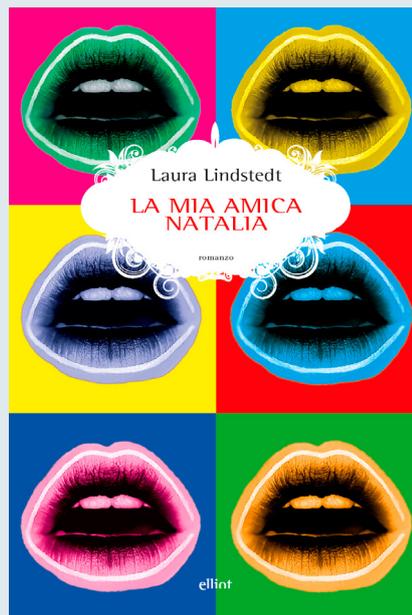


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LAURA LINDSTEDT is a Finlandia-award winner and one of the most celebrated young Finnish authors of recent years: her novels verge on the postmodern and experiment with form and language in an accessible style. She is currently revising her PhD thesis on French author Nathalie Sarraute and touring the world to promote her works. Her Finlandia-award winning novel *Oneiron* (2015) has been sold to 14 territories.



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YSTÄVÄNI NATALIA

Teos 2019, 240 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Teos (orig.)
BELGIUM: De Bezige Bij
ESTONIA: Rahva Raamat
FRANCE: Gallimard
GERMANY: dtv
HUNGARY: Scolar
ITALY: Elliot Edizioni
NETHERLANDS: De Bezige Bij
NORWAY: Oktober
ROMANIA: Humanitas Fiction
SWEDEN: Norstedts
UNITED STATES: W.W. Norton/Liveright



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Laura Lindstedt's books have been sold to 18 territories including the US.



Oneiron - Finlandia Winner 2015

Seven women meet in a white, undefined space seconds after their deaths. Time, as we understand it, has ceased to exist, and all bodily sensations seem to have disappeared.

Rights sold: FINLAND: Teos (orig.), WORLD ENGLISH: Oneworld, BULGARIA: Faber, CZECH REPUBLIC: Argo, DENMARK: Rosinante, FRANCE: Gallimard, HUNGARY: Scolar, ITALY: Elliot Edizioni, LITHUANIA: Versus Aureus, NORWAY: Forlaget Oktober, POLAND: Poznańskie, ROMANIA: Editura Paralela 45, SPAIN: Armaenia, SWEDEN: Norstedts

Hope Never Dies

by Minna Lindgren

A hilariously horrible story straight out of the school world. Finland has the best schools in the world - or does it?

#humor #education #school #teachers #youtube #radicalization #synergy

Marja Vehmarvarsi is a 62-year-old teacher, on the verge of retirement. The schools in Finland have been privatized at a brisk pace, and in order to get any work hours Marja has to come up with new learning games for phenomenon-based learning curriculum, and organize weekly meetings for cross-subject synergies.

Marja's parents Aina and Toivo are almost 100 years old, but nevertheless passionate YouTubers, whose goal is to save the Finnish school system - whatever it takes. Marja's popularity among the students grows as her parents' radical plans spread over the internet.

The Sunset Grove trilogy



Three 90-year-old ladies solving murders, moving house and defeating tech-geniuses? Turns out life in a retirement home is not boring at all! Rip-roaring, hilarious and poignant. For the fans of Alexander McCall Smith and Mma Ramotswa!

EHTOOLEHTO-TRILOGIA

Teos, 2013-2015

Rights sold: FINLAND, Teos (orig.)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Albatros Media

DENMARK: Jensen & Dalgaard

ESTONIA: Varrak

GERMANY: Kiepenheuer & Witsch

FRANCE: Calmann-Lévy

ITALY: Marsilio

SLOVAKIA: Albatros Media

SPAIN: Penguin Random House

SWEDEN: Norstedts

WORLD ENGLISH: Pan Macmillan



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AINA ON TOIVOVA

Teos, May 2020

Rights sold: FINLAND: Teos (orig.)

Reading material: English sample and synopsis

A Far Far Love



A story of longing, love and loss. For the fans of The Red Address Book - with a humorous twist.

KAUKORAKKAUS Teos 2019, 240 pp

Rights sold: FINLAND: Teos (orig.)

The Angry Widow



A Man Called Ove meets Sex and the City

VIHAINEN LESKI Teos 2018, 247 pp

Rights sold: FINLAND: Teos (orig.), CZECH REPUBLIC: XYZ, ESTONIA: Pegasus, GERMANY: Kiepenheuer & Witsch, ITALY: Marsilio, SLOVAKIA: XYZ, SPAIN: Suma/Penguin Random House

#humor #retirementhome #oldage
#technologyandelderly #dignity

MINNA LINDGREN is a renowned, award-winning journalist and classical music expert. In her fiction, she writes about the lives of elderly people with acerbic wit, which has been met with delight in many countries. Her *Sunset Grove Trilogy* (2015-2015) has been a great success in Finland and abroad, and her later novels *Angry Widow* and *A Far, Far Love* have both been bestsellers.

Facelift

by Miika Nousiainen

Tragicomic tale of life's biggest questions and their surprisingly simple answers.

#humor #fatherhood #childlessness #bikers #problems #wellbeing
#socialmedia #fake #facelift

Sami has a dream: he desperately wants to be a father. His biological clock has been ticking for the past 15 years so loudly that sometimes it's hard to hear his own thoughts. But it's not so easy to become a father, first of all, you need to find a suitable future mother candidate. But when Sami's latest future-mother-candidate rides off with a biker guy, he makes a series of bad choices that cause him to anger the local motorcycle gang. How to fix a life where everything seems to go wrong? Sanni, a wellbeing blogger with perfectly instagrammable life arrives to offer a solution.

“**Reading a novel by Nousiainen is like a scenic ride in a ropeway: a comfortable, entertaining spectacle while looking into deep abysses. I can't wait to read more, start laughing and at the same time having this awkward and thrilling feeling of facing existential questions.**

–Patrick Sielemann, Editor, Kein & Aber, Germany

Roots (Juurihoito, Otava 2016, 334 pp.)



Nousiainen is the master of Finnish comedy. *Roots* is a story of fathers, sons, road trips and teeth. "In life there are three big questions. Who are you? Where are you going? Do you want anesthesia? I can only answer the third. It is always better with anesthesia. Even for feelings." Onni Kirnuvaara left to get groceries when his son was just a child – and never returned. Years later, during a root canal treatment, the son finds out that in addition to his bad dental karma, he has a dentist brother, left behind as a child just like him. The brothers embark on a journey to find out the truth about their father.

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Raspberry Boat Refugee

(Vadelmavenepakolainen, Otava 2007, 270 pp.)



Mikko Virtanen has a problem. He does not want to be a Finnish man, the grumpy epitome of anxiety and low self-esteem. So he has decided to become Swedish instead, by any means necessary. The road to Swedishness is a long one, and the price to pay is high. But what wouldn't you do for a chance to live as a member of the most democratic society of the world, in the "folkhemmet" of ABBA, with mamma's meatballs and social democracy? Mikko Virtanen becomes Mikael Andersson – the empathic, loving and forever-patient father of two from Gothenburg, but when his lifetime wish is fulfilled, everything goes haywire.

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Reading materials: English sample and synopsis



MIIKA NOUSIAINEN writes sharp, gentle and often tragicomic novels about surprising themes like long-distance running, the desire to be Swedish and dentistry. He works as a journalist and also writes for television.

photo: Otava Publishing

Reading materials and rights enquiries: info@ahlbackagency.com

Charlotta

by Sara Medberg

Beginning of a new series about the Grand Duchy of Finland in the spirit of Jane Austen.

#historicalfiction #romance #feelgood #lady'smaid #love #janeausten

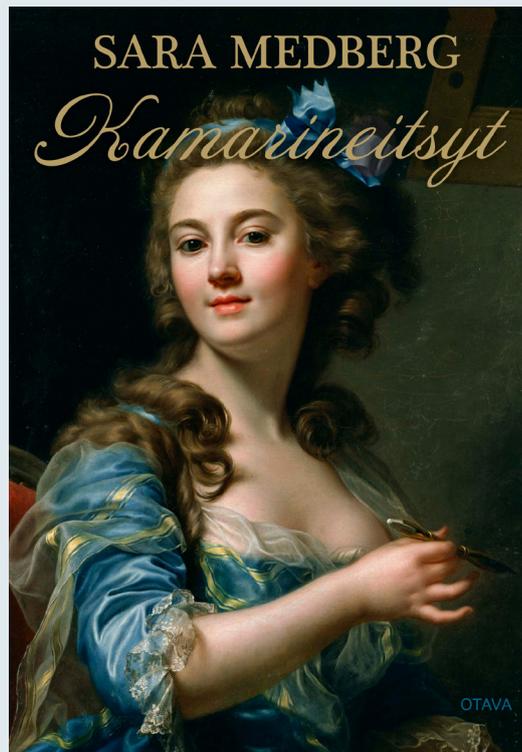
Strict class hierarchy and fabulous silk ruffles rule in 19th-century Turku where seamstress Charlotta is looking for her own Mr. Darcy.

When baron Ridderl ow of Starfire Manor hires seamstress Charlotta Silke as a lady's maid for her sister, their lives change for good.

Charlotta gets her hands on Jane Austen's newly published *Pride and Prejudice* and it alters the way she sees her role as a woman. But the book's ideas of modern love, marriage and early feminism are put to the test as the bitter war-torn baron Ridderl ow becomes romantically interested in Charlotta. Can an ordinary lady's maid have it all: a meaningful life and the man of her dreams?

“**A romantic entertainment lover will certainly not be bored or disappointed with the cheerful beauties of Gold Gate Manor.**

– Turun Sanomat on Kultaportin kaunottaret



KAMARINEITSYT

Otava, April 2020, 330 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Otava (orig.)

Reading materials

English sample & synopsis



SARA MEDBERG is a historian currently writing a doctoral dissertation about the education of highborn girls in the 18th century. The ideas for her novels are derived from her research. Medberg enjoys costume dramas, fashion from the past, castles, mansions, shopping and running. Her previous novel *Gold Gate Manor* (2018, Otava) has sold over 11,000 copies in Finland.

Strangers Inside

by Johanna Sinisalo

Modern horror story and family drama by a Finlandia-award winner! Based on the latest science with a sci-fi twist!

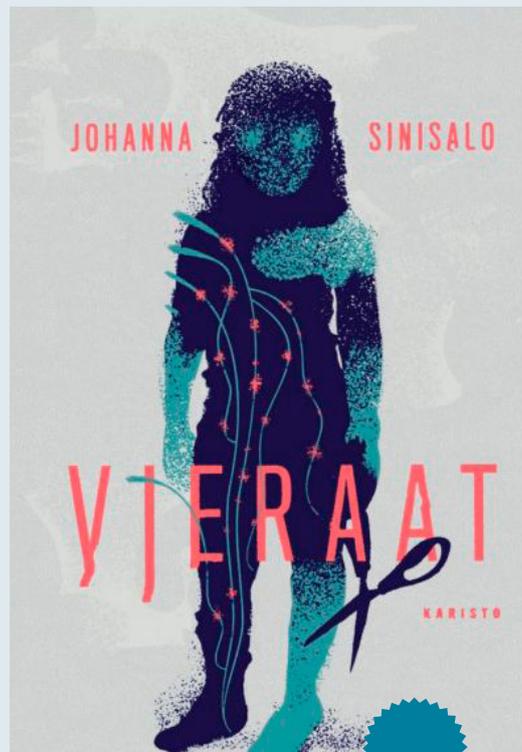
[#modernhorror](#) [#scifi](#) [#science](#) [#metabolism](#) [#bodyhorror](#) [#family](#)
[#drama](#) [#bestsellingauthor](#) [#society](#) [#hierarchy](#) [#feminism](#) [#fashion](#)

Siiri and Essi are shocked to find out that their 6-year-old daughter Sissi has been caught cutting herself with scissors. What could make such a young child do that? As Sissi's behavior becomes stranger and stranger, the two mothers start to look for an outside force that is trying to hurt the family. But what if the threat is something or someone from the inside the family?

Strangers Inside is a modern horror story, but also a frightening description of twisted family dynamics. The story is delivered by three different narrative voices, all of them having their limited points of view. What if the ultimate enemy, ripping the family slowly apart, is coming from the circle of people closest to you?

“ **Strangers Inside is classic horror updated! The tension grows beautifully and the horror seeps into the story nicely and slowly. It is a fresh and brilliant story that is both contemporary and timeless.** ”

– National Horror Competition Jury, Finland



VIERAAT

Karisto, March 2020, 350 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Karisto (orig)

Reading materials

English sample and synopsis



WINNER
of a major
National
Horror Novel
Competition
2019



photo: Katri Kallio

JOHANNA SINISALO is an internationally-acclaimed author, who categorizes her own works as “Finnish weird” as they defy any single genre. She has won numerous literary prizes, including the Finlandia Prize (2000), the James Tiptree Jr. Award (2004), Atorox (seven times), the Prometheus Award (2017), and been nominated for the Nebula Award (2009). Her works have been translated into over 20 languages. Her selected backlist includes *Renate's Story* (2018), *The Core of the Sun* (2013) and *Troll* (2000).

Moonday Letters

by Emmi Itäranta

Dystopian space opera meets sci-fi thriller somewhere between the Earth, Mars and the Moon!

#sci-fi #future #space #moon #earth #marriage #secrets #activism

Lumi is an Earth-born healer whose Mars-born spouse Sol disappears unexpectedly on a work trip. As Lumi begins her quest to find Sol, she delves gradually deeper into Sol's secrets – and her own.

While recalling her own path to becoming a healer under the guidance of her mysterious teacher Vivian, she discovers an underground environmental group called Stoneturners, which may have something to do with Sol's disappearance. Lumi's search takes her from the wealthy colonies of Mars to Earth that has been left a shadow of its former self due to vast environmental destruction. Gradually, she begins to understand that Sol's fate may have been connected to her own for much longer than she thought.

Part space-age epistolary, part eco-thriller, *The Moonday Letters* is also a love story between two individuals from very different worlds.

“ ***Itäranta's lyrical style makes a dystopian tale into a beautiful exploration of environmental ethics and the power of ritual.*** ”

–Washington Post Book World on *Memory of Water*



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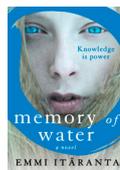
Teos, Fall 2020, 300 pp.

Rights sold

FINLAND: Teos (orig)



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AVAILABLE IN FALL 2020**



Memory Of Water

An amazing award-winning speculative fiction novel in the vein of Ursula K. Le Guin. International feature film in further development with Bufo Films and rights sold in 23 territories!

EMMI ITÄRANTA writes speculative fiction in Finnish and English, often using environmental and dystopian themes in her prose, which has been praised for its lyricism. Her award-winning debut *Memory of Water* is being developed into a feature film, and has been translated into 23 languages.

Her honors include the Young Aleksis Kivi Prize 2013, the Kalevi Jäntti Literary Prize 2012 and first place in the Teos Fantasy and Sci-Fi Literary Contest 2011. *Memory of Water* has also been nominated for the Philip K. Dick Award, the Arthur C. Clarke Award recognizing the best science fiction novel published in the UK in 2014, and the Golden Tentacle award. In addition, Itäranta has been included on the Honor List of the James Tiptree, Jr. Award.

The Bystander

by Saara Turunen

A sharp story of a woman with a looming fear of being invisible, the need to achieve and the relentless chase to be heard.

[#selfportrait](#) [#artcriticism](#) [#feminism](#) [#self-irony](#) [#shame](#) [#loneliness](#)
[#lifechoices](#) [#literaryprize](#) [#houseplants](#) [#bicycle](#) [#noodles](#)

The Bystander is a journey of one year in the life of its writer. When the narrator's debut novel is published, she feels like everything has changed. Strangely enough, no one else seems to notice this. Thus begins an intensive year of esteemed literary prizes, ambivalent reviews, strange interview questions and awkward marketing activities. All the while the narrator ponders the meaning of it all. Why are we here? What is behind the space? What if you are lonely? What if you were expecting something else, but there was just silence everywhere?

At the same time ironic and earnest, the novel burrows into the issues of art, identity and social norms. The text glows in the depiction of everyday details, it shifts between fiction and reality, mixing shame and self-contemptuous humor with sharp narration.

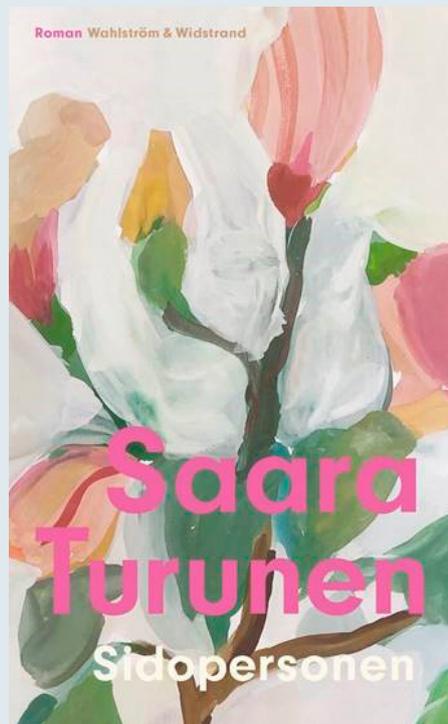
“ ***The Bystander is a chillingly ironic, crunching depiction of art and publicity in the 21st century.*** ”

–Aamulehti newspaper, Finland



photo: Carl Bergman

SAARA TURUNEN is an internationally acclaimed award-winning author, playwright and director. She is known for her bold and direct style and much of her work examines the themes of art, identity and social norms. Turunen has authored two highly acclaimed novels, *Love/Monster* 2015 and *The Bystander* 2018. Her debut novel *Love/Monster* won the Helsingin Sanomat Literature Prize in 2015. In addition to her work as a novelist, Turunen is also known for her plays. They have been translated into 13 languages and performed all around the world. Turunen was granted the Finland Prize in 2016, a high profile award given annually by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, and the City of Helsinki Artist Award of 2018.



SIVUHENKILÖ

Tammi 2018, 233 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Tammi (orig.)

SWEDEN: Wahlström & Widstrand

Reading materials

English sample and synopsis

Swedish edition

Red Storm

by Elina Hirvonen

A heart-breaking story of an Iraqi family's long journey to Finland and of their dream of peace, with the potential to reach the same level of international readership as Murakami or Ferrante.

#refugee #war #peace #immigration #integration #growingup #hope

As a small boy grows up in Iraq ruled by Saddam Hussein, fear is always present. His father is part of an underground opposition movement that tries to overthrow the dictator. The father ends up spending years in prison, and the boy learns that just one wrong word can put his life in danger.

The family escapes to melancholy Finland, a country recovering from financial depression. It's a safe country, but the boy grows up with mixed feelings: can one be a good Muslim and a good Finnish boy? While ISIS is rising in Iraq, the boy returns to his home country as a peace negotiator, hoping to build a country where his children can safely travel to one day.

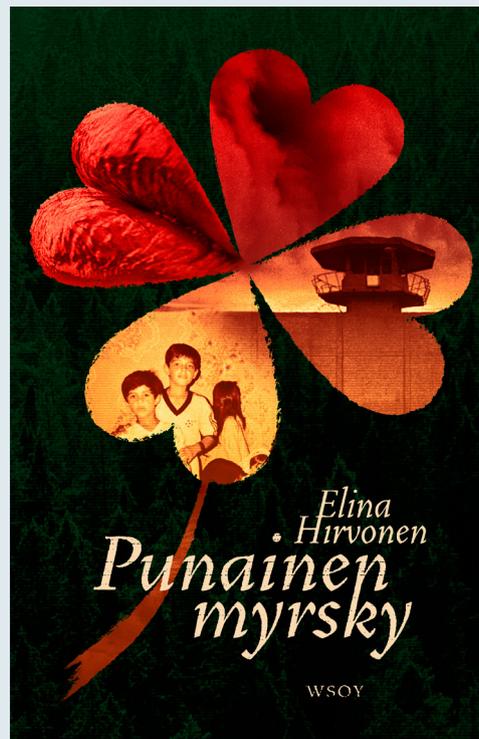
“ ***The Red Storm describes with excellence the boundaries of a child's consciousness, how imagination and dreams blend with reality, and how memories are shaped by the child's comprehension.*** ”

–Helsingin Sanomat newspaper



photo: Jarkko Virtanen

ELINA HIRVONEN, a journalist and documentary filmmaker, is the author of several books for both adults and children. She has written three internationally acclaimed novels: *When I Forgot*, *Farthest From Death* and *When Time Runs Out* and is also the author of three children's books. She has won several prestigious literary award. As an award-winning documentary filmmaker, Hirvonen explores the challenges faced by immigrants to Europe. She is also a skilled public speaker, fluent in English.



PUNAINEN MYRSKY

WSOY, September 2019, 300 pp.

Rights sold

FINLAND: Otava (orig.)

Reading materials

English sample and synopsis

On Sex and Mathematics

by Iida Rauma

The story of young people in the midst of a modern crisis, this is a visceral, whip-smart novel by a prize-winning talent from the Finnish literary scene. Ideal for those looking for a “queer-feminist Michel Houellebecq.”

#identity #intelligence #sex #mathematics #massextinction #ghosts #magic #feminism #family #dogs #stalkers #romanticcomedies #bodies #mucus #arrythmia #transpeople

Berlin-based Finnish mathematician Erika leads a controlled, ordered life trying to purge herself of superfluous emotions and needs. But when the worst thing imaginable happens, her world comes crashing down around her and she escapes back to her homeland. Meanwhile, in Helsinki, a young man named Tuovi is looking online for love in a desperate attempt to soothe his fears. These two lost souls find salvation in each other in unexpected ways.

Sex and Mathematics is a frighteningly intelligent and visceral novel about people in crisis, environmental disasters, a confusing and erratic life, and the beauty and logic of mathematics, while also exploring the agonies and ecstasies of sex. The novel tackles the big and timely questions of where to find meaning in life when the world as we know it is coming to an end.

“**Rauma examines humans as biological beings, for whom culture, science and sex are ways to create order into chaos. The cold beauty of Rauma’s language and the slimy fury of sex seem to be from two different worlds, but they both highlight the same thing: through language and mating we are looking for something that completes us, completes our built-in mathematical sequences.**

- Helsingin Sanomat newspaper, Finland



photo: Matias Riikonen

IIDA RAUMA is an author of two prize-winning novels. Her writing tackles notions of power, sexuality, violence, and the relationship between humans and nature. She holds a Masters in Political Science and lives in Turku, Finland.

She has received several literary awards for her work, for example the Literary Export Prize and Helmet Literature Prize in 2016 and Kalevi Jäntti Prize in 2015. In addition, she was nominated for the EU Literature Prize 2016, Toisinkoinen Prize in 2015, and Helsingin Sanomat Literature Prize in 2011.



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SEKSISTÄ JA MATEMATIIKASTA

Gummerus, 2015, 476 pp

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Rage

by Eeva Rohas

A story of relationships, courage, strength and strong emotions. Faith, hope, love... and rage! Nominated for an EU Literary Prize!

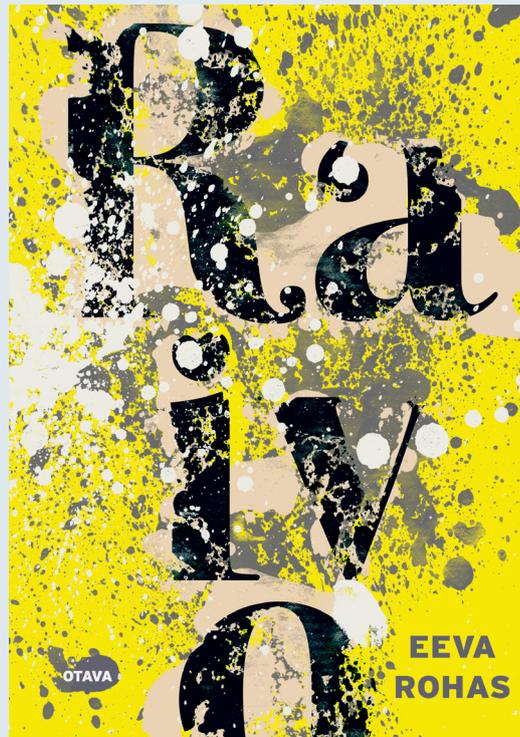
#marriage #divorce #alcoholism #familydrama #translation #language #love #attraction #competing #recovery #pet #lizard #queer #sleepparalysis #posthumanism #oil #love

Tuuli is a struggling translator and a mother of Luna, a four-year-old girl. When Tuuli leaves her heavily drinking husband Ilja, the lives of three people change for good.

Rage is a gripping story of divorce, alcoholism and attempts to recover. It's also a novel about motherhood, commitment, relationships and how people and literature are both just as tricky to translate. Three narrators paint a picture of one broken family, and one fragile lizard who seems to keep everything together

“ ***Raivo is a phenomenal work, it has the kind of emotional truth that one wishes to find from literature (...)***
This book has magical energy!

- Maria Säkö, Helsingin Sanomat newspaper



RAIVO

Otava 2018, 270 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: Otava (orig.)

BULGARIA: Perseus

Reading materials

English sample and synopsis



photo: Jouni Harala

EEVA ROHAS is a critically acclaimed author who writes about social misfits. Rohas received her doctoral degree in contemporary culture research in 2016 with her study of The Sylvia Plath Forum. *Raivo* is her third work of fiction. Her previous works include a collection of short stories (*Keltaiset tyypit*, 2010) and a novel *Syvä pää* (2012), both praised for their language and slightly morbid tone.

Blackbird

by Inka Nousiainen

An autopsy of sorrow, a heart-gripping story of loss, but most of all, a tale of hope and recovery.

#brothersandsisters #familytragedy #loss #memories #truestory #longing #sea #disappearance

In August 1989 a young man goes on a cruise boat with his friends, and disappears. The only thing that returns is a yellow backpack and endless sorrow. The tragedy changes the lives of the whole family. Uncertainty about her brother's fate makes his little sister ask even decades later, what happened on that night onboard the M/S Fennia? The sister, who has grown up with the trauma, returns to the memories of past with the hope of finally being able to say goodbye.

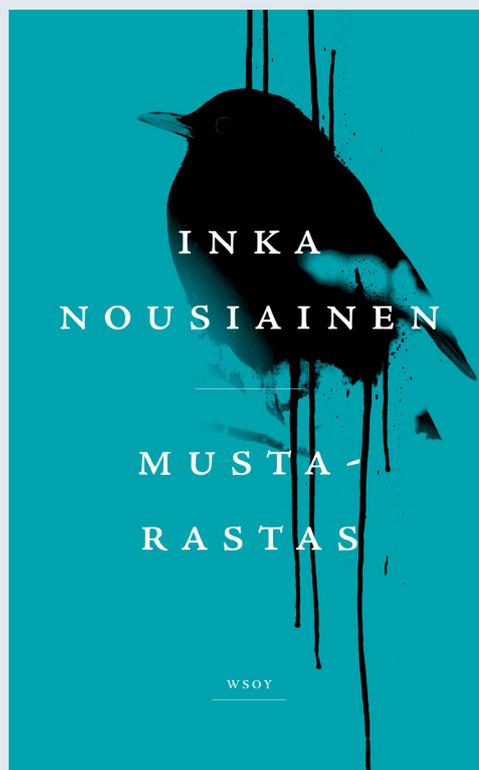
“ **Memories and the importance of stories are at the heart of this novel. Because as long as you are remembered you are still with us.**

-Etelä-Suomen Sanomat newspaper



photo: Otto Virtanen

INKA NOUSIAINEN is an award-winning author from Helsinki who writes fiction, children's books and lyrics for different musicians. She was only 17 years old when her first novel *Kivienkeli* was published and won the prestigious Topelius Prize in 1994. She has also been awarded Savonia Award in 1997, the City of Tampere Literature Award in 2012, the Tiiliskivi-prize in 2016, and was nominated for the Nordic Council's Children's Literature Award 2017.



MUSTARASTAS

WSOY 2019, 170 pp

Rights sold

FINLAND: WSOY (orig.)

Reading materials

English sample and synopsis

Pulse

by Pauliina Susi

Don't trust anyone. Don't panic.
A suspenseful mystery set in the darkness of Lapland. For the fans of Liane Moriarty, Paula Hawkins and A.J.Finn

#AI #technology #conspiracy #suspense

New layers are added to the relationship between passionate world-improver Leia and hacker Timo, when Leia is left alone as a hostage in a cottage in the middle of winter. Has the man gone mad or are they both in danger? The idyllic Northern Lights dance in the sky outside, but inside the cabin things are getting more dangerous. The Hitchcockian suspense deepens, when the AI in the cottage suddenly starts to talk to Leia. But the biggest surprise is yet to come.... A standalone sequel to the award-winning *Rear Window* and *Siren*.

“ **A skillfully-woven claustrophobic thriller**

- Helsingin Sanomat, on *Siren*

Rear Window

(Takaikkuna, 2015, Tammi, 560 pp.)

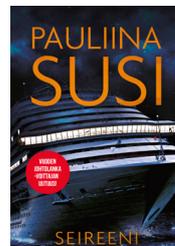


Single mom Leia Laine becomes entangled in much more than she bargained for when she takes on a project whose aim is to provide support to men who frequent prostitutes. It feels as if half of Finland has become furious with her. Among Leia's new enemies are the new, sharp-tongued Justice Minister whose career is in danger thanks to some unseemly interactions online, and an online troll whose greatest thrill is crossing virtual boundaries.

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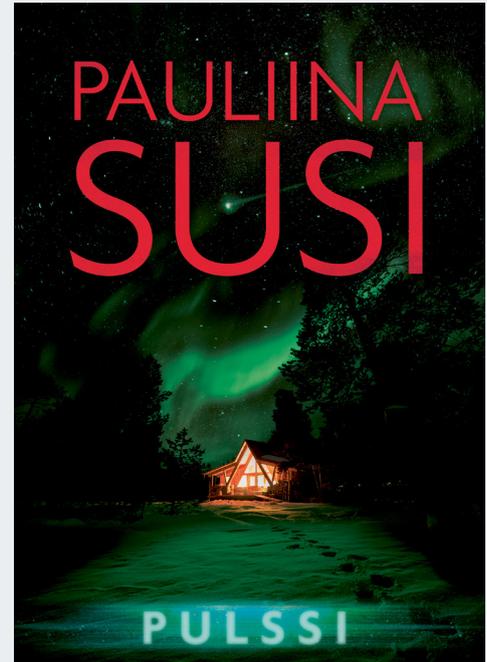
Siren

(Seireeni, 2017, Tammi, 520 pp.)



Security at the port of Barcelona is already tight when Leia Laine and her sister embark on a luxury cruise of the Mediterranean aboard the *Siren*, a new, luxury cruise ship. Soon, the relaxing holiday onboard the vessel turns into a living nightmare as Leia witnesses firsthand the injustices of global inequality, a terror threat and the face of a ghost from her past.

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PULSSI

Tammi, April 2020, 300pp

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Reading materials

English sample & synopsis



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PAULIINA SUSI has worked as a journalist and editor at several well-known Finnish magazines. She has a Master's Degree in Political Science, and is known for her ability to incorporate current themes into her prose. Her debut novel was nominated for the prestigious Helsingin Sanomat Literature Prize and *Rear Window* was awarded as the Best Crime Novel of the Year.

The Daniel Kuisma Trilogy by Max Seeck

“Max Seeck’s trilogy’s third book *The Call of Hades* is a breakneck race against time that flows as smoothly as a movie. Seeck writes well and fast, you better read it in one go: a breathless ride between London, Zagreb, Arlanda and Helsinki. Three books. All quite different from one another. Even if each volume is complete in itself, one story links them all and only one man can make the journey. Guess who?”

– Triin Aimla-Laid, translator for Pegasus, Estonia

Book 1: Angels of Hammurabi



Debut Prize



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An action-packed page-turner about revenge, war, international crime – and love. For fans of Jo Nesbø and James Bond! Jare Westerlund, an employee of the Finnish Embassy in Zagreb goes missing. The local police have no leads, except for the anonymous threats Westerlund received before his disappearance. Daniel Kuisma from the Finnish Defence Forces is sent to investigate, along with Annika Lehto from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The investigation gets unexpectedly complicated when the mysteries of the past start to unravel on the stony shores of the Adriatic Sea.

HAMMURABIN ENKELIT

Tammi 2016, 416 pp

Reading materials:

Full English ms and synopsis

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Pegasus, GERMANY: Blanvalet (Book 1), ICELAND:

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Book 2: The Mephisto Touch



Missing-presumed-dead Finnish diplomat Jare Westerlund has fled from Croatia on a forged passport, leaving behind a decapitated body and his trail goes cold at Stockholm airport. When Interpol officer Annika Lehto hears of his escape, she abandons her sick leave to go off in pursuit of Westerlund, with the aid of special forces specialist Daniel Kuisma. What follows is a dramatic chain of events, unfolding from northern Norway to San Francisco and The Hague, as the pair continue the chase.

MEFISTON KOSKETUS

Tammi 2017, 408 pp

Reading materials:

English sample and synopsis

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Book 3: The Call of Hades



Book 3 of the series! Kuisma trilogy’s final installment begins with four executed men found in a Zagreb apartment. The place is owned by the U.K. government, but no one seems to know anything about the case. When Daniel Kuisma receives an unexpected guest from Southern Europe he hears something that makes him board the next plane to Zagreb: the lives of thousands of people might be at risk. Meanwhile Annika Lehto is recovering from an assault, but offers him all the help she can from her sickbed.

HAADEKSEN KUTSU

Tammi 2018, 400 pp

Reading materials:

English sample and synopsis

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Sphere of Distortion

Maria Kallio series #15

by Leena Lehtolainen

Maria Kallio Series has sold over 2 million copies worldwide and been translated into 30 languages. The 15th book will surely catch one's ear!

#crime #policedetective #femaledetective #some #trolls
#murder #immigration

Maria Kallio is getting ready for her daughter's graduation when her cat brings her a human ear. She takes it to the forensic lab and doesn't think any more of it. Maria and her team are assigned to investigate a rape of a young woman when things start to heat up. The accused rapist is a young man with an immigrant background, which causes a lot of racism and heated discussions in the papers and media. Angry fathers are organizing a street patrol to keep their daughters safe, and when Rahim is released from the police station, his safety is not guaranteed.

Maria and her team are working to solve a new case, but online trolls are targeting them and doing everything to distract them. But when Maria is almost killed by an earless driver, it makes her wonder if all the harassment is related to the case, or could it be something more personal?

“ **Lehtolainen's crime series has already reached cult status.**

- Bunte magazine, Germany



photo: Ville Juurikkala

LEENA LEHTOLAINEN published her first book, a young adult novel, at the age of 12 in 1976. The 1993 book *My First Murder* kicked off Lehtolainen's first and on-going crime novel series: The bestselling *Maria Kallio Series*, which has brought an enthusiastically-received female perspective to the male-dominated detective genre through its distinctively down-to-earth heroine Maria Kallio. Lehtolainen has been Finland's bestselling female crime writer for over 30 years with over 2 million copies of her work sold worldwide! In the US, 11 Maria Kallio novels have been published so far and her work has been published in 30 languages.



JÄLKIKAIKU

Tammi, September 2020

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Reading materials

English sample and synopsis



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Maria Kallio series has over 2 million copies sold worldwide



TV

Maria Kallio TV Series in development!

Maria Kallio Series



#1 MY FIRST MURDER

(Ensimmäinen murhani, Tammi 1993, 251 pp.)

When a member of a student choir is found dead, young police sergeant Maria Kallio is given the opportunity to prove herself.



#2 HER ENEMY

(Harmin paikka, Tammi 1994, 244 pp.)

Maria Kallio has left the Helsinki police force to work for a law office. When a new acquaintance is found strangled in her home, Maria is pulled back into the world of criminal investigation.



#3 COPPER HEART

(Kuparisydän, Tammi 1995, 248 pp.)

Maria has returned to her old home town to serve as the summer replacement for the local sheriff. But her peace is disturbed, first by her old flame, and then by the discovery of a body.



#4 SNOW WOMAN

(Luminainen, Tammi 1996, 352 pp.)

Elna Rosberg, the director of a women's therapy center disappears. Clues point to murder, and the list of suspects includes participants of the current therapy group.



#5 DEATH SPIRAL

(Kuolemanspiraali, Tammi 1997, 359 pp.)

A 16-year-old skating sensation is found slain with her own skates.



#6 FATAL HEADWIND

(Tuulen puolella, Tammi 1998, 348 pp.)

Maria Kallio spends a weekend on the island of Rödskär, where one of her former boyfriends fell to his death. Soon another man loses his life.



#7 BEFORE I GO

(Ennen lähtöä, Tammi 2000, 375 pp.)

An openly homosexual Green Party politician is savagely beaten: was this a personal grudge, a random act of violence or a hate crime?

#8 BELOW THE SURFACE

(Veren vimma, Tammi, 2003, 314 pp.)

When a woman's body turns up in a lake—with a bullet to the back of her head—Violent Crime Unit commander Maria Kallio, freshly back from maternity leave, is fast to get on the case.

#9 THE NIGHTINGALE MURDER

(Rivo Satakieli, Tammi, 2005, 346 pp.)

When well-known prostitute Lulu Nightingale is murdered on live television, Maria dives into the convolutions of sex for hire and politics.

#10 DERAILED

(Väärän jäljillä, Tammi, 2008, 378 pp.)

Maria Kallio is called back to investigate the murder of a sports official. The case appears to connect to recent threats against a journalist and a track-and-field doping scandal. A new house and an opportunity to play bass in a rock band with some other cops add some light to Maria's life.

#11 WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG GIRLS GONE

(Minne tytöt kadonneet, Tammi, 2010, 342 pp.)

After returning from Afghanistan with a heavy heart, Maria Kallio starts investigating the mystery of several missing immigrant girls, and one of them turns up dead.

#12 THE IRON TRIANGLE

(Rautakolmio, Tammi 2013, 352 pp.)

Two bodies turn up wrapped in plastic out in the archipelago: the man was shot and the woman drowned.

#13 A STROKE OF SADNESS

(Surunpotku, Tammi 2015, 432 pp.)

The dead body of a diamond dealer is found at a church. The murderer appears to also have stolen a set of diamonds. The hunt leads the police into an international web of crime.

#14 THE END OF INNOCENCE

(Viattomuuden loppu, Tammi, August 2017, 457 pp.)

Maria begins work in a new unit investigating crimes committed by and affecting minors and youths. When the body of a recently-released serial sex crimes offender is found in an abandoned traffic park in Espoo, Maria has a homicide investigation on her hands.

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Reading materials: Maria Kallio series

English editions of books 1-11, English samples & synopses of books 12-15

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Future Skills

by Perttu Pölönen

Imagination is the most important tool for anticipating the future!

#future #skills #technology #imagination #compassion #love #openmind
#selfimprovement #motivation

Will machines, robots and artificial intelligence outperform us in the future? It raises the question: what kinds of skills will we need, what will become valuable? Courage, compassion and curiosity, to name a few, according to Perttu Pölönen, a 24-year-old genius, composer, inventor, entrepreneur and an inspirational speaker.

Future Skills brings together the skills that will help you succeed in an unprecedented and uncertain future. It is a book for those of you who want to look into the near future from different perspectives, challenge your own thinking and discover new ideas. The more technological we become, the more human we will have to become as well. The future needs a human revolution.

This positive outlook gives hope, of which you can never have too much. Pölönen's personal experiences and stories make it lively, engaging and credible. He is a bright young mind who writes in an insightful and thought-provoking way about the challenges and possibilities of the future. When nothing is certain, everything is possible.

“ **We must believe that educating our hearts will bring results, success, and happiness. It's hard to know what you may want to do in the future, but it's even more difficult to say what you can do today to bring that about.**

- Perttu Pölönen



TULEVAISUUDEN LUKUJÄRJESTYS

Otava, January 2020, 192 pp

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Reading materials

English sample & synopsis

“ **Pölönen was nominated as one of the 35 Innovators Under 35 by the MIT Technology Review in 2018.**

- Helsingin Sanomat newspaper, Finland

PERTTU PÖLÖNEN is an inventor, author and composer. He has won the EU's biggest science competition for youth and studied exponential technologies at Singularity University, based at NASA Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley. The MIT Tech Review has named him as one of 35 Innovators Under 35 in Europe. In the Finnish media, Perttu has been called a gentle highbrow and fearless inventor. *Future Skills* has been an instant bestseller in Finland!



FULL ENGLISH MANUSCRIPT AVAILABLE

A Wonderful Life:

Insights for Finding a Meaningful Existence

by Frank Martela

What is the meaning of life? Why doesn't happiness work as a life goal? Don't worry, philosopher Frank Martela has got you covered on these questions.

#meaningoflife #searchforhappiness #selfhelp #meaningfullife

Is happiness a worthy goal? What is the foundation for meaning in a secular society? Is life an existential void?

Frank Martela answers these questions and more in a relaxed, conversational tone and with a wry sense of humor, placing some of life's greatest philosophical concerns and quandaries into a modern-day context.

Martela quickly and concisely gets to the heart of the matter: your place in the world and how to find meaning in life, yet the emphasis here is on what we do with the life we have and how we can make it more meaningful.

The search for life's meaning is perhaps the most important quest we can undertake. And for any quest, it's essential to have a guide. Philosophically probing yet eminently readable, *A Wonderful Life* is a book you can refer to again and again on your journey toward purpose.

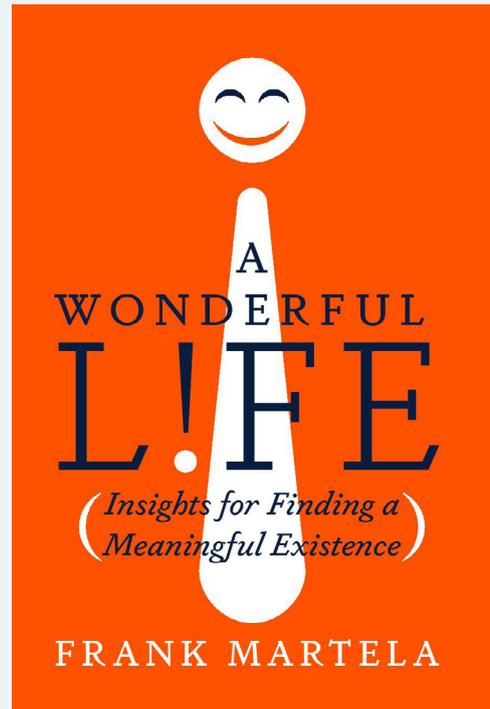
“ A brilliant and charming book that tackles the grandest questions of life in plain terms, with humor and insight... full of anecdotes, history, thoughtfulness, perspective, and entertaining discourse.

– Roy F. Baumeister, Author of New York Times bestseller *Willpower*, *The Power of Bad*, and *Meanings of Life*



photo: Marek Saboga

FRANK MARTELA, PhD, is an academic researcher who is a leading expert in the topics of the meaning in life, happiness and human wellbeing. He has collaborated with key experts on these topics and presented his research in numerous academic conferences as well as been invited to lecture at universities on four continents, including Stanford University, Harvard University and the University of Edinburgh. Martela is also a well-known columnist, and he has given interviews to media such as the New York Times.



A WONDERFUL LIFE

HarperCollins/Harper Design, March 2020, 200 pp

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UK & COMMONWEALTH: HarperCollins

Reading materials English edition

FICTION

CRIME

NON-FICTION

Putin's Trolls

by Jessikka Aro

True stories from the frontlines of the Russian information warfare

#informationwarfare, #trolls, #trollfactory, #russia, #freedomofspeech, #narrativenonfiction

Journalistic non-fiction reads like a real-life spy thriller and reveals the methods of the Kremlin's modern information warfare.

Russia wages war against civilians online. Every critical voice is an enemy. Award-winning journalist Jessikka Aro's book presents criminal smearing campaigns, launched and approved by the Kremlin against private individuals around Western countries.

Putin's Trolls, praised by critics in Finland, brings together recent international and illegal filth operations to silence and smear the critics of the Kremlin. The book zooms into the destinies of the author Jessikka Aro, financier Bill Browder, Bellingcat investigator Eliot Higgins, journalist Liz Wahl and many more.

Well documented and shocking true stories show that Russia does not shy away from the darkest means of eliminating its opponents through cyber-espionage, social media trolls, fake news, cyber-attacks, death threats and hate campaigns by PR professionals.

“ Valuable insight into Russian troll operations worldwide.

– Helsingin Sanomat newspaper, Finland



JESSIKKA ARO (born 1980) is a Finnish journalist working for Finland's public service broadcaster Yle. In September 2014, she began to investigate pro-Russian Internet trolls, but became a victim of their activities herself. In 2019 she was notified that she was to receive an International Women of Courage Award but this was mysteriously rescinded just before the awards ceremony in the US.



PUTININ TROLLIT

Johnny Kniga, October 2019,
453 pp.

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Wild East

by Aapo Roselius & Oula Silvennoinen

In 1919, David meets Goliath in Northeastern Europe. By internationally acclaimed historians - nominated for the Finlandia Prize 2019!

#history #war #aftertheworldwar1 #kindrednationswar #1919

The First World War did not end in November 1918. With the collapse of the Russian Empire and the Bolshevik revolution, warfare in Eastern Europe continued for years. Revolutionary, counter-revolutionary and national armies of new nations struggled for the remnants of the destroyed empire. The war lottery attracted the Finns to carry out the greatest dream of Finnish nationalism: Greater Finland.

The Wild East is a story of the year 1919 and the events known as the kindred nation wars that broke out in order to extend Finland's borders far to the east. It is the story of Finland and the Finns in a violent, sad and almost tragicomic adventure where, for a moment, anything seemed possible.

“ **The researcher duo makes a convincing, sometimes shocking, impression on the reader. The connection to the general turmoil of the era deepens the horizons, and warfare in its outrageousness and nonsense is portrayed well in dense prose.**

–Helsingin Sanomat newspaper, Finland



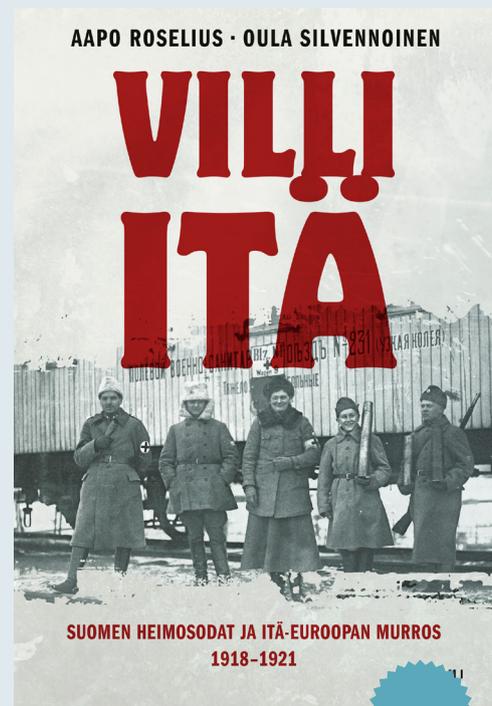
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AAPO ROSELIUS, a researcher and nonfiction author, has extensively studied the Finnish Civil War and the history of the 1920s and 1930s.



photo: Pertti Nisonen

OULA SILVENNOINEN PhD is a historian and an author of narrative non-fiction who specializes on the upheavals of the modern era within the Nordic and Baltic sphere.



VILLI ITÄ

Tammi 2019, 366 pp

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SWEDEN: Lind & Co.

Reading materials

English sample & synopsis



**Finlandia
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2019!**

Daily Sisu:

How to tap into Finnish fortitude for a more resilient (and greener) life

by Katja Pantzar

What can we do with our daily lifestyle choices to be more resilient whatever challenges we face while lessening our impact on the environment?

#sisu #wellbeing #resilience #staystrong #sustainability #climatechange #climateoptimism #lifestyle #thefinnishway #communities #actions #community #Nordiclifestyle

Inspired by the unique form of Finnish strength and courage, journalist Katja Pantzar embarks on a journey to uncover practical ways to deal with the issues facing us from personal, wellbeing, and work problems to big picture environmental concerns.

What can we do as individuals and communities with our daily lifestyle choices to lessen our impact on climate change?

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English proposal & sample chapters

“ **...It was with delight that I chanced upon Katja Pantzar's *The Finnish Way*, a self-help book promoting the joy and restorative power of sisu.** – Vogue, US

KATJA PANTZAR works as a writer, editor and broadcast journalist. Raised in Canada, with stints in the UK and New Zealand, she is currently based in Helsinki, where she swims in the sea almost every day year round. Her first book about sisu and wellbeing sold to 22 different territories and has been featured in the world's media from *Le Figaro*, *El Pais* and *Corriere della Sera* to *Vogue*, *Real Simple*, NBC, CNN Travel and Maria Shriver's Sunday Paper.

The Finnish Way

by Katja Pantzar

Finding Courage, Wellness and Happiness Through the Power of Sisu

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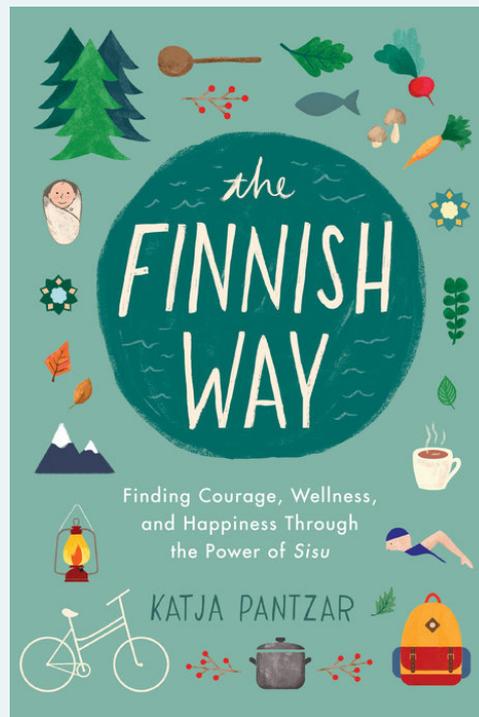
Journalist Katja Pantzar took a huge leap to move from North America to the remote Nordic country of Finland. What she discovered there transformed her body, mind and spirit.

In this engaging and practical guide, she shows readers how to embrace the “keep it simple and sensible” daily practices with the power of sisu that makes Finns one of the happiest populations in the world, year after year.

Topics include winter swimming, movement as medicine, forest therapy, healthy eating and the Nordic diet, and the gift of sisu: Why Finns embrace a special form of courage, grit and determination as a national virtue – and how anyone can dig deeper to survive and thrive through tough times.

“**What really appealed to me was sisu – the idea of something that encourages you to be a bit ballsy and a bit punchy as well as buy the candles and the blankets. The idea that there’s actually a word for it. Instead of ‘I can’t’, or ‘I won’t’, how about, ‘how can I?’**

–Bestselling Shopaholic series author Sophie Kinsella



THE FINNISH WAY

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Little Book of Bad Moods at Work

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New adult activity book by Lotta Sonninen and Piia Aho focuses on the dark side of every workplace! Fill this book with your struggles with open office space, infuriating clients and all the needless meetings. List the worst managers, the most frustrating tasks and the idiotic organizational changes or policies. The perfect book for office rats and other invisible people behind the screen!

“ **This book caught me in a bad mood. It immediately helped me to both deepen and expand my mood. So we had to take it.**

– Frode Molven, editor-in-chief of non-fiction, Vigmostad & Bjørke, Norway on The Little Book of Bad Moods

“ **I am delighted that Bloomsbury will be publishing The Little Book of Bad Moods for Mothers. It's funny, smart and cathartic – and it promises to be the most outrageous parenting book of 2020.**

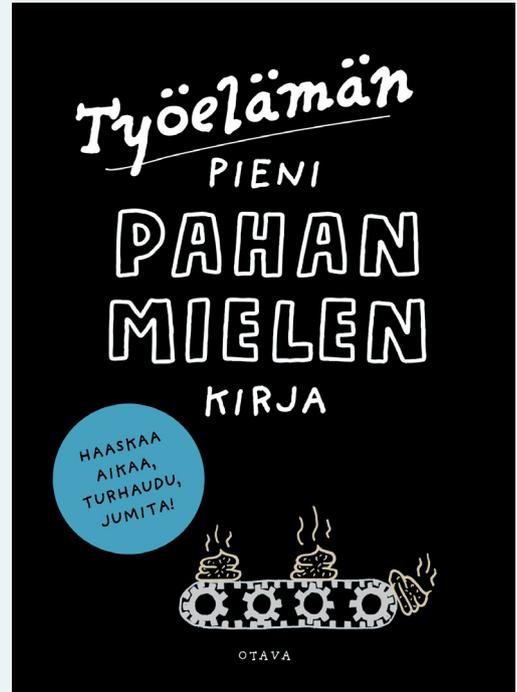
– Xa Shaw Stewart, commissioning editor, Bloomsbury, UK



photo: Päivi Puustinen

LOTTA SONNINEN works as an editor of Finnish fiction and has also translated a lot of nonfiction. She got the idea for The Little Book of Bad Moods when working on yet another book on positivity. In her free time, she plays in a band and has also tried to be funny on a stand-up comedy stage.

PIIA AHO is a graphic designer who loves book design more than anything. She always makes an effort to find the perfect visual tone for each book - whether it is crazy wild, toned-down or anything in between.



**TYÖELÄMÄN PIENI
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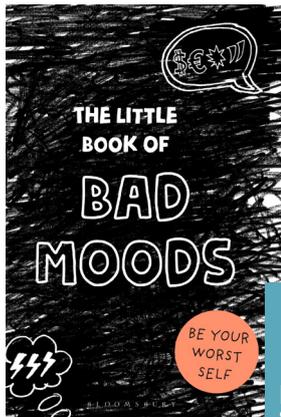
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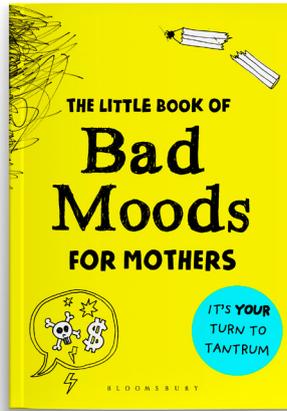


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Little Book of Bad Moods for Mothers

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A global phenomenon being published in 32 countries

Are you done and over with positivity and wellbeing? Here's an activity book for adults of negativity and ill-being! List your enemies, vent the rage and hide the book from your spouse, children and colleagues.

The Little Book of Bad Moods parodies the positivity trend and activity books for adults in a hilarious way and is suitable for everyone who has ever held a grudge and looked for a safe way to let it all out.

PIENI PAHAN MIELEN KIRJA, Otava 2018, 112 pp

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#badmoods #beyourworstself #adultactivitybook
#angermanagement #antimindfulness #humor

Let's face it: motherhood, in all its glory, gives you so many reasons for bad moods. From stretch marks to all-consuming guilt, from toddler tantrums to teenage sulks – sometimes you wish you could just press pause and put it all on hold, but you can't. This taboo-breaking adult activity book encourages all mothers to vent safely, continuing the cranky path of the international bestseller *The Little Book of Bad Moods*.

Suitable for all mothers, from those with screaming babies to those with intolerable grown-up children. List the dumbest parenting advice you've been given, the most useless purchases, and reveal your biggest mistakes as a mother!

ÄIDIN PIENI PAHAN MIELEN KIRJA

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#mother #activitybook #badmother #badmoods

The Women I Think About at Night

by Mia Kankimäki

What can a 40-something, childless woman do with her life? Hop on a plane and follow the footsteps of the historical female heroes of their time!

#travel #history #explorers #artists #writers #bravery #strongwomen

Have you heard about Artemisia Gentilleschi, Lavinia Fontana or Nellie Bly? What about Karen Blixen? *The Women I Think About at Night* follows in the footsteps of 10 historical women, who did what was impossible for women to do in their own times: travel the world or create a career as an artist. And these women were quite successful: some of them actually became celebrities of their own time! So why have they been forgotten by the history books?

Finnish writer Mia Kankimäki sold her house, packed her suitcase and traveled the world to find out. Part biography, part travelogue, this book takes you from Karen Blixen's farm in Kenya to Renaissance artists' Florence and modern-day Japan. Warning: May cause strong case of wanderlust!

“ ***This is exactly what we need – an author like Mia Kankimäki who travels, explores and writes about brave and inspiring women in history. About women we can consult when we lack belief in ourselves and when we need guidance, when we don't know whom to ask, when we find that our own parents, sisters or best friends cannot inspire us to lift our heads and look further. Beautifully written and clever.***

– Gunhild Gursli-Berg, Owner/Publisher, Gursli Berg, Norway



MIA KANKIMÄKI has worked as an editor and copywriter. She has been enthusiastic about Japanese culture for years, and is a qualified ikebana teacher of the Sogetsu school. Her first book took her to Kyoto in search of Sei Shonagon, a Japanese court lady and writer who lived a thousand years ago. Since then Mia has spent long periods of time in Kyoto writing and collecting materials for her next works.



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THE WOMEN I THINK
ABOUT AT NIGHT

TRAVELING THE
PATHS OF MY HEROES

MIA KANKIMÄKI

TRANSLATED BY DOUGLAS ROBINSON

**NAISET JOITA
AJATTELEN ÖISIN**

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Things That Make One's Heart Beat Faster

by Mia Kankimäki

A narrative non-fiction about a Finnish writer's trip to Japan to look for her soul mate – who lived over 1,000 years ago.

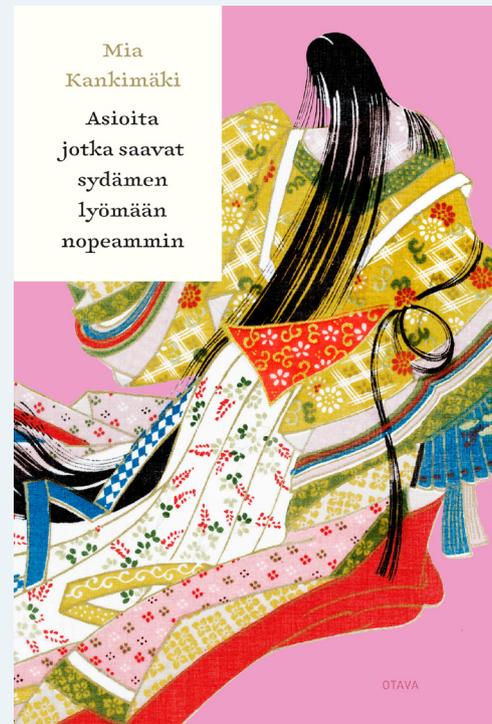
#Japan #Kyoto #travel #history #traveljournal #seishonagon #pillowbook #soulmate #autobiography #inspirational #lifechange

Mia Kankimäki quits her job and embarks on an adventure. She travels to Kyoto to research Sei Shonagon, a Japanese writer and lady-in-waiting who wrote about her life in the court of Heian-era Japan. Mia doesn't speak a word of Japanese, and isn't quite accustomed to scientific research, but her endeavor produces the most wonderful book about Japan, Sei Shonagon and a middle-aged woman's solo travels.

Despite her struggles and initial culture shock, Mia finds herself mesmerized by temples, cherry blossoms, kabuki theater, Zen meditation and tearooms. She reads the *Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon* and finds a soul sister: a modern woman who loves making lists of all things charming, annoying, elegant and things that make one's heart beat faster.

“**Thank you very much for allowing us to introduce such an intriguing book to Japanese readers. I am pleasantly surprised that Mia Kankimäki, the author born in Finland, took an interest in a female Japanese author from 1,000 years ago and decided to travel all the way to this country. Readers here will be more than excited to discover how Japan appeared in Kankimäki's eyes.**

–Hiroshi Fujita, Chief Editor, Soshisha



**ASIOITA JOTKA
SAAVAT SYDÄMEN
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Otava 2013, 380 pp

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Will-power, Determination, Self-esteem.

Turn your child's anger into an asset

by Raisa Cacciatore and Erja Korteniemi-Poikela

Harnessing anger with world-famous Finnish parenting.

How do you turn attitude, strong will and anger into independence and self-esteem? How can you empower your child to manage challenging emotions, overcome disappointments and fight productively? Aggression can be a positive driving force: all emotions are great resources if one learns to use them right.

The book offers guidance and tips on how to prevent harm and to reinforce essential life skills and wellbeing. It features a comprehensive step-by-step model of a child's character development, and lots of exercises which you can do together with your child.

SISU, TAHTO, ITSETUNTO. PORTAAT ITKUPOTKURAIVAREISTA AGGRESSION HALLINTAAN.

Minerva, Fall 2019, 260 pp.

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Reading material: English sample, English synopsis

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Love, Joy and Courage.

Steps Toward Sexual Maturity

by Raisa Cacciatore and Erja Korteniemi-Poikela

How to talk to children about love and sexuality with warm empathy.

What if my kid has a crush or falls in love? What is normal development? Curiosity, playfulness, and sensitivity are all parts of sexual development. Expressing emotions and appreciating your body and experiences are bases for building good health and self-esteem. Respect in relationships, trust, love, and enjoyment are skills that can be supported from early on.

This book provides easy tools for guiding children on their path towards well-being, intimacy and happiness. It features a comprehensive step-by-step model of a child's psychosexual development based on years of experience and research in Finland. All chapters include practical exercises.

RAKKAUS, ILO, ROHKEUS. SEKSUAALISUUDEN PORTAAT

Minerva 2019, 200 pp.

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The Soul of Sauna

by Carita Harju

What do David Beckham, Guy Ritchie and Gordon Ramsay have in common? They are all recent converts to the phenomenon of sauna! This coffee table book will help you convert as well!

#soulofsauna #saunabook #sauna #health #wellbeing #mindfulness #relaxation #happiness #saunafromfinland #saunarituals

The sauna was recently ranked the no.1 global wellness trend by the Global Wellness Summit. But why is the sauna so important for physical and mental health? This book by Carita Harju talks about "the soul of sauna." It pays attention to both the physical and mental health benefits of sauna bathing. It's recommended for anyone interested in their health and wellness and can be used as a practical guide for an enjoyable sauna experience.

Some of the themes include:

- Sauna as a source of happiness
- Nature and the sauna experience
- The health effects of sauna
- How to have an authentic Finnish sauna experience

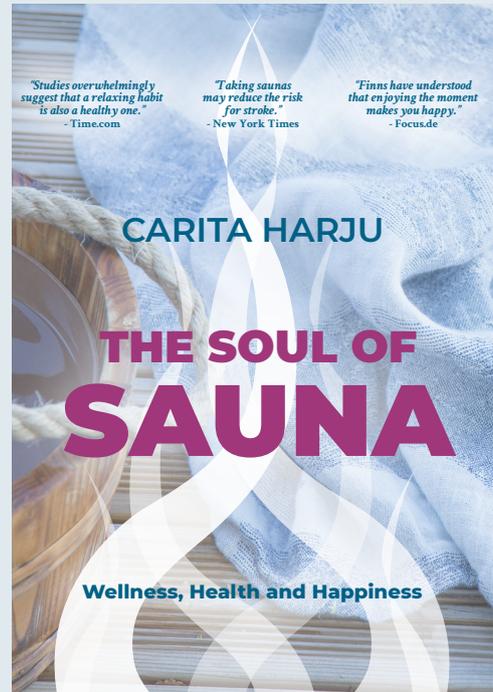
“ **This book will be the Sauna Bible in Japan!** ”

–Toyo Keizai Publishing, Japan



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CARITA HARJU has always enjoyed saunas, and takes a sauna to relax nearly every day. In 2010, she founded Sauna from Finland, because she felt that there was simply not enough discussion about saunas, especially from the perspective of health and wellness. Saunas had acquired a "macho" reputation, and that they were not being discussed from perspectives that would interest women.



SOUL OF SAUNA
224 pp

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The Peace Machine

by Timo Honkela

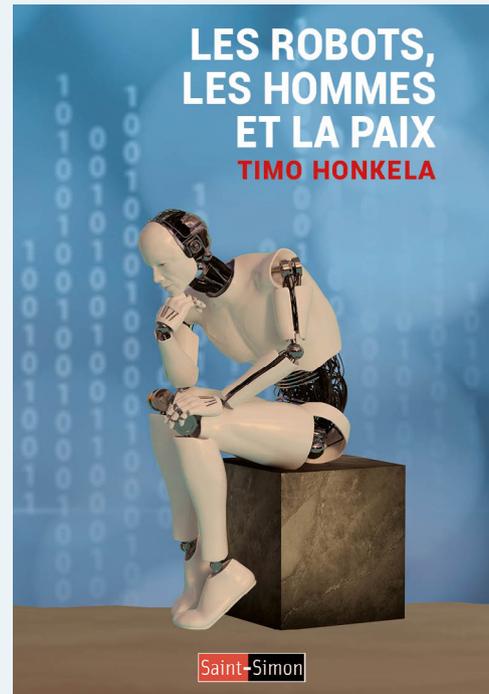
Is world peace possible – or even inevitable? This brainy book explains how artificial intelligence and machine learning can be used to build a more peaceful and prosperous future for all of humanity.

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#culture #society

Written by a renowned professor Timo Honkela, *The Peace Machine* is a proposal for the application of AI, machine learning, language technology and pattern recognition to promote peace in the world. The book and Timo Honkela's ideas have a following around the world.

Finland's Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto has said this about this book: "In the future, the peace machine might give advice to the UN Security Council to advance global security. But it can also be an app on our phones, solving and advising us in everyday conflicts."

In the book, Professor Honkela explains how to leverage advances in artificial intelligence to promote mutual understanding between people, provide insights on our emotions and foster justice for all. He strongly believes that positive uses for artificial intelligence exist, but whether individuals and societies take advantage of them is a matter of choice.



RAUHANKONE

Gaudeamus 2017,
285 pp

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FRANCE: Éditions Saint-Simon

“ In *The Peace Machine* Professor Honkela offers a very personal approach to a subject so technical and scientific. The autobiographical perspective creates an immediate proximity with the reader and helps the reader to get to the heart of the subject. It adds real value to the text, and opens the subject to the wide audience. A brilliant book. – France Roque, Publisher, Éditions Saint-Simon



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TIMO HONKELA has researched artificial intelligence and machine learning for over 30 years, and served as a professor at three universities, including his current post as Professor of Digital Information Research at Helsinki University. *The Peace Machine* is his testament, in which he talks about his life's work in hopes of inspiring other people to continue the important work: to promote Peace in the World.

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