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“Delicately crafted, and supremely atmospheric – it is little wonder that the film rights have been sold.”

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“The best Danish crime fiction in years.”

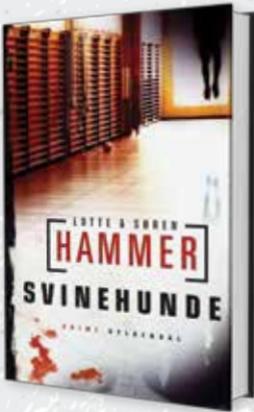
– Lars Kepler

THE KONRAD SIMONSON THRILLER SERIES

**Nerve-wrenching and spectacular crime tales
straight from the heart of Scandinavia.**

Lotte and Søren Hammer are brother and sister. They debuted in 2010 with the bestselling crime novel *THE HANGING*, which is the first volume in the series about Detective Chief Superintendent Konrad Simonsen and his team from the Murder Squat in Copenhagen.

Published in 23 countries around the world, with more than 200,000 copies sold in Denmark alone, the Konrad Simonsen series have taken the thriller world by storm. Fast-paced, suspenseful, and brilliantly written; a stunning crime series from two Danish authors whose international fame has exploded.



THE HANGING

Gyldendal 2010, 400 pages

On a cold Monday morning before school begins, two children make a gruesome discovery. Hanging from the roof of the school gymnasium are the bodies of five naked and heavily disfigured men. Detective Chief Superintendent Konrad Simonsen and his team from the Murder Squad in Copenhagen are called in to investigate this horrific case - the men hanging in a geometric pattern; the scene so closely resembling a public execution. When the identities of the five victims and the disturbing link between them is leaked to the press, the sinister motivation behind the killings quickly becomes apparent to the police. Up against a building internet campaign and even members of his own team, Simonsen finds that he must battle public opinion and vigilante groups in his mission to catch the killers.



THE GIRL IN THE ICE

Gyldendal 2010, 400 pages

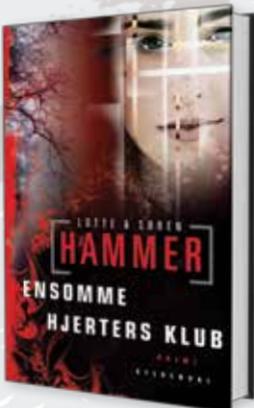
Under the heartless vault of the Greenland's arctic sky the body of a girl is discovered. Half-naked and tied up, buried hundreds of miles from any signs of life, she has lain alone, hidden in the ice cap, for twenty-five years. Now an ice melt has revealed her. When Detective Chief Superintendent Konrad Simonsen is flown in to investigate this horrific murder and he sees how she was attacked, it triggers a dark memory and he realises this was not the killer's only victim. As Simonsen's team work to discover evidence that has long since been buried, they unearth truths that certain people would rather stayed forgotten, disturbing details about the moral standing of some of Denmark's political figures are revealed and powerful individuals are suddenly working against them. But the pressure is on as it becomes clear that the killer chooses victims who all look unsettlingly similar, a similarity that may be used to the investigators' advantage, just so long as they can keep the suspect in their sights...



THE OUTCASTS

Gyldendal 2011, 400 pages

Detective Chief Superintendent Konrad Simonsen returns to the Murder Squad in Copenhagen after a severe heart attack. Due to his health, he gets assigned a low priority case concerning a postman, Jørgen Kramer Nielsen, whose death at first sight seems to be an accident, but soon points towards murder. Konrad Simonsen finds a link to an English girl who disappeared during six Danish high school students' reading period back in 1969. The event has left deep traces in the students, including the postman, who converted to Catholicism. This problematizes the investigation as Nielsen's pastor, bound to confidentiality, knows a lot more about the young girl's disappearance than he is telling. While Konrad Simonsen's colleagues are trying to pull together the threads after a violent shooting at a Copenhagen school it quickly becomes evident that the two cases might be connected.





THE LAKE

Gyldendal 2012, 400 pages

A young African prostitute is being punished by a group of people in a remote hunting cottage in a forest north of Copenhagen. But the brutal punishment goes terribly wrong, and when the woman dies, her body is hidden in a nearby lake. Only by coincidence her remains are found by a straying hunting dog. No one knows who she is and no one has reported her missing. The case is handed over to Konrad Simonsen, and it soon turns out that she is the key to a world of trafficking, prostitution and violence. A world where everything comes with a price and no mistakes go unpunished. A world where the upper class is deeply connected to human trafficking. And where everyone knows how to keep a secret.

THE LAKE is the fourth novel in the series by Hammer & Hammer, and is a story about ice-cold cynicism and contempt of human life.

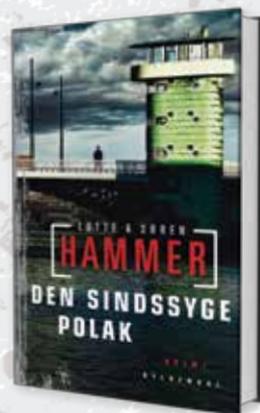
THE NIGHT FERRY

Gyldendal 2014, 400 pages

On a hot summer day a Copenhagen canal tour boat catastrophically collides with the Oslo ferry in the harbour of Copenhagen. During the rescue of the many dead bodies it soon turns out that not everyone died from drowning. Four of the passengers were murdered.

Konrad Simonsen and his team are put on the spectacular case, which hits the very core of the group. The crime is quickly linked to a young woman's death a few years earlier. A death which no one in the police found suspicious, except for the young detective Pauline Berg who determinedly tried to solve it – with fatal consequences.

The investigation of the case tracks back to a secret mission in Bosnia in 1995, in which Danish UN soldiers were involved. To solve the case it is crucial that the Murder Squad gets help from the Danish veterans, but many of them only want to forget and have their own demons to fight. Konrad Simonsen sees only one solution. He himself must travel to Bosnia in hope of finding an answer. However others have a whole different agenda for his trip.



THE REVENGE

Gyldendal 2015, 430 pages

One cold February day, a four-year girl is kidnapped from a kindergarten. The girl is the granddaughter of the Deputy National Commissioner of Police and Konrad Simonsen reluctantly takes on the case. Two days later the girl is found murdered – strangled – in an elevator shaft in a block of flats in the suburb of Bellahøj. Three days after the first murder, two teenagers are kidnapped; one of them is the daughter of a police officer. A disturbing pattern begins to emerge: someone is deliberately, and exclusively, harming police employees and their families. Konrad Simonsen has nothing to go on. No one can predict when the perpetrator will strike next and fear is spreading like wildfire among his closest colleagues. In the meantime, the Man and his assistant are planning their next move ...

THE REVENGE is a well-turned, intense and dramatic page turner about revenge and vigilantism, and about how far we will go to protect ourselves and our own.

THE REVENGE is the sixth book in the Hammer duo's successful series about Chief Inspector Konrad Simonsen and his investigative team from the Murder Squad in Copenhagen.



“Serious, complex novel by a Danish brother and sister raises disturbing issues.”

The Times

“Terrific piece of Nordic noir. A rattle-paced, twisty thriller. I can’t wait for the next in the series.”

Saga

“Outstanding crime thriller. Everything works in this dark Scandinavian procedural – the intelligent and complex plot, the fallible lead, and the atmospheric prose.”

Publisher’s Weekly

“Enough twists and turns for even the most fervent of thriller fans ... A fine first effort which has already proved an international bestseller.”

Irish Examiner

“An intricate, pacy read.”

Woman & Home

“A spine-tingling plot.”

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