

Here are some other Scandinavian crime writers to try.....

Kerstin Ekman

Anne Holt

Peter Hoeg

Asa Larsson

Hakan Nesser

Gunnar Staalesen

Johan Theorin

Helene Tursten

Jan Costin Wagner

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Crime in a Cold Climate

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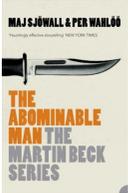
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With bleak plot lines, forbidding locations and angst-ridden characters, Scandinavian crime writing has become one of the most popular fiction genres of recent years. Here are a few writers to try:

[Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahloo](#)



This husband and wife team are regarded as the founders of modern Scandinavian crime fiction. Their series of novels published in the 1960s and 70s featuring melancholic detective Martin Beck are true classics of Swedish crime.

[Jo Nesbo](#)



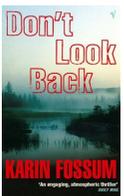
This Norwegian writer took six months off work, came back with the manuscript of his first novel and went on to write a series of bestsellers. His riveting thrillers, set in Oslo, feature troubled investigator Harry Hole.

[Henning Mankell](#)



Mankell wrote plays and literary novels before hitting the big time in the 1990s with the series featuring the hard drinking, lonely, angry detective Kurt Wallander. The books have been made into successful TV series in Sweden and in the UK.

[Karin Fossum](#)



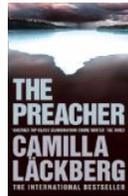
She began her writing life as a poet, but has since been dubbed the "Norwegian Queen of Crime." Her successful Inspector Sejer series has been translated into 15 languages.

[Stieg Larsson](#)



A publishing phenomenon, Stieg Larsson's Millennium trilogy made him the second best selling author in the world in 2008. A former journalist and political activist, his sudden death in 2004 meant that he didn't get to see his novels in print.

[Camilla Lackberg](#)



A former economist, her books, set in her tiny home town of Fjällbacker have all been number one bestsellers in Sweden. She is now Sweden's top-selling author and her first two novels have been dramatised for Swedish TV.

[Arnaldur Indriðason](#)



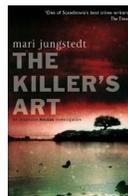
This award winning author is the most widely read writer in his native Iceland. In 2004, seven of his books appeared in the top ten most popular titles borrowed from Reykjavik City Library. His acclaimed series of novels feature Detective Erlendur.

[Karin Alvtegen](#)



A writer of psychological thrillers, generally set in Sweden, Karin Alvtegen is one of Scandinavia's most widely read and appreciated authors. She has won numerous awards including the Glass Key for Best Nordic Crime Novel.

[Mari Jungstedt](#)



Mari Jungstedt is a Swedish journalist and crime fiction writer. Her first three novels are set on the island of Gotland and feature Detective Superintendent Anders Kuntas and journalist Johan Berg.