

Nikolaj Frobenius

Swan Song / Extinction

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English sample translation and synopsis available

Swan Song is a psychological thriller where a world of wealth and harmony is transformed into nerve-racking horror. After an enormous celebration for his 70th birthday, real estate baron Adrian Swan disappears on a hike in the mountains while his friend and colleague is found brutally killed in the same area. Adrian's three grown children are all left in despair and disbelief. The youngest son – journalist Jonathan – starts digging into the family's history in the hope of finding answers. He soon discovers that his father is not who he appeared to be. Jonathan's world falls apart, the discoveries call into questions not only of his family but also his own identity. As he gets closer to an answer, it gets even more dangerous for the people he loves the most.

Extinction is the sequel to *Swan Song*, delving even deeper into the theme in this compelling and emotional psychological thriller. Jonathan is numb with grief and guilt and wants to find the truth about the fire and get justice for his son. He works as an investigative journalist and as part of his job Jonathan travels to Marbella to investigate what happened to Norwegian investor Ove Lekmann. He disappeared from the "Costa del Sol" without a trace only to reappear six months later, distraught and with an alleged amnesia. Interviewing him, Jonathan finds that Lekman's story has many improbabilities. Slowly he realizes that Lekman's disappearance might be connected to the long series of events that ended in the fire that killed Eden, his son.



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Nikolaj Frobenius (b.1965) is a highly merited novelist and screenwriter. His books are sold to more than twenty languages. Frobenius has also written several film scripts, including the thriller *Insomnia* (1997), which was subsequently produced by Christopher Nolan in a new Hollywood version, starring Al Pacino, Hilary Swank and Robin Williams.

Foreign sales

The first book in the series, *Swan Song*, has been sold to Denmark (Straarup)

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Interview

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"(...) *Extinction* addresses themes of hatred, the thirst for revenge, and attitudes toward violence as a solution – all through a well-constructed narrative. (...) The novel is a thrilling page-turner with believable characters and actions."

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