

Frode Grytten

The Day that Nils Vik Died

Den dagen Nils Vik døde

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In the heart of Norway, a boat puts out from a pier. We follow Nils Vik on his final voyage. He is an ordinary man, with a simple job: to get people across the fjord with his boat, and to get them back home safely again. But what looks simple, often turns out to be more complicated.

The Day that Nils Vik Died is an elegy to the landscape of the fjords and to the people who cling to it. It's a novel about a life-long love and the joy of the common and the ordinary. Nils Vik fills his boat with life and stories, as well as a desire to be reunited with his wife, Marta.

Winner of the 2023 Brage Prize for Best Fiction



Photo: Helge Skodvin

Frode Grytten (b. 1960) made his debut in 1984 with the poetry collection *Start*. Since then he has written novels, short stories, poems and children's books. *Songs of the Beehive* won Norway's national book award, the Brage, and was shortlisted for the Nordic Council Literary Prize. *Floating Bear* (2005) won the Riverton Prize and *Rooms by the Ocean, Rooms by the Sea* (2007) won the New Norwegian Literary Prize and the Melsom Prize. In 2023, Grytten published his first novel in 10 years, *The Day That Nils Vik Died*. The book won great acclaim and went on to win the Brage Prize.

Foreign sales

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Awards

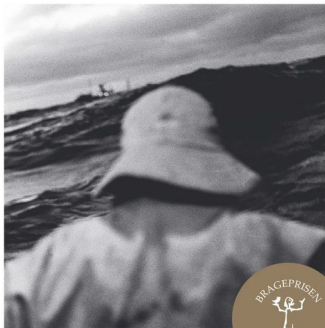
Winner of the Norwegian Book Prize (the Brage) 2023
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'Has a more beautiful Norwegian novel about death been written? No.'

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VG, 6/6 stars

'A beautiful journey towards death [...] an exceptionally beautiful portrait of love'

Dagbladet, 5/6 stars

'A warm and poignant declaration of love for a bygone era. For a lifetime, the main character has been a ferryman, bringing people and livestock across the fjord. A captivating novel about life, death, and a lifelong love affair.'

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