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The Vega Brothers

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Having blown up a fish farm in Nordland, a young, angry eco-terrorist hides at the innermost point of a deserted fjord. There he encounters an eccentric hermit, Rino Gulliksen, who has felt the environmental consequences of the salmon farm on his physical health, and together they go to war against the world's largest fish farming company, NorFish AS. The local fish farm barons, the brothers Torvald, Einar and Gunnar Vega, have earned a fortune by cutting a swathe through the landscape and inhabitants of Brønnøy municipality, and they have no immediate plans to waive their rights to what they have built up. One of the chief shareholders in NorFish engages his childhood friend Leo Vangen to locate the eco-terrorist and escort him from the area before the vengeful and extremely dangerous Vega brothers sink their claws into him and inflict unwanted attention on their parent company. Before the melancholic trainee lawyer knows anything about it, he finds himself in the crossfire between the hot-tempered and self-righteous environmentalists on the one hand and the unscrupulous salmon farmers on the other.

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He constructs his colourful, baroque gallery of characters and social setting with precision and consistency to make a unique, entertaining eco-plot.

From The Brage Jury, shortlisted for best Norwegian crime novel 2015

Lars Lenth

Lars Lenth (b. 1966) is Norway's undisputed number one when it comes to fly fishing for trout. His literary debut came with the novel The same river in 2007, a fly fishing novel following a young man's experiences through a season of fishing. The Norwegian patient introduced the lawyer Leonard Vangen and the criminal Rino Gulliksen, two characters who readers have grown fond of. Leo and Rino reappear in Lenth's next novels, The Vega Brothers, Men who hate wolves and now in Gimme Shelter. In all four novels there's a deep felt tension between man and nature. Lenth names Elmore Leonard, James Lee Burke, Carl Hiassen, Nick Hornby, Knut Hamsun and the Coen-brothers as his main influences.

- * 2008 The Flyfisherman's handbook
- * 2008 Fly Patterns
- * 2007 Trouthead
- * 2003 Fishing Bliss
- * 2001 Flow
- * 1998 Looking for Mr. Trout

Other titles

The King of Lofoten (2023) Gimme Shelter (2020) Men Who Hate Wolves (2017) The Norwegian patient (2011) The same river (2007)