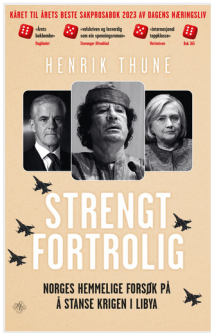


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The secret, sad and hopeful tale of how a novelist and the daughter of a dictator almost saved Europe from destroying Libya

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