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A PRAYER FOR JACOB JUUL



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Jacob Juul goes from being a retired, moonshine-selling priest to a widower, grandfather, and murderer in just a couple of days.

Now, he has a dead debt collector in the booze stash in his shed that he has to get rid of and a criminal conspiracy he must save himself and little Isabella Donnatina from. Luckily, a lifelong career in the Church of Norway has prepared him to face most situations with calmness and optimism. As Jacob himself says: "It's incredible what experiences through more than 40 years of visiting private homes to plan christenings, weddings, and funerals can teach you."

A tragicomic noir from deep in the Norwegian forest that went straight to the bestseller list when published.

The sequel, *Till Death Do Us Part* will be published Autumn 2024.



This is a humorous novel with clever dialogue, observations, and use of metaphors. It gives me associations to Arto Paasilinna's books, where hysterical and funny situations arise.

Bokbloggeren

Refractory novel about a retired priest who becomes a murderer on page one. If you've seen the Cohen brothers' movie "Fargo," you might have an idea of the solution to the priest's problems. Recommended.

NRK

Through this glorious chaos of literally bloody seriousness, the important things in life still emerge (....) about values and what one spends time on.

Bømlonytt

As soon as I started reading, I was captivated by the pace, characters, humor, and universe in general. "Now, here's a movie, I thought, and I want to make it." I was no less convinced when I got to the end, when I was both moved and emotional.

Producer Finn Gjerdrum, Paradox

Wintery action and solid portrayals [...] had me laughing out loud on several occasions...

Birøkteren

I've never read such an absurd Christmas story – and never been so thoroughly entertained.

Per Straarup, owner and publisher, Straarup & Co

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Anders Totland is an author, social scientist, cook, and journalist. He is an award-winning young adult- and children's book writer. He has also published several novels, including *A Prayer For Jacob Juul* and *Till Death Do Us Part*.

