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THE LOSER

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AWARDS

Nominated to The Book Seller Award 2024
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The Loser is a razor-sharp thriller from an Author who has spent his whole career confronting honor-based violence. This thriller tells the story of Jaro, an outsider torn between two cultures.

Jaro grows up in a Norwegian Iraqi family in Oslo, where his refusal to control his younger sister sets off a chain of conflicts that exile him from his family. Cast adrift, he finds belonging in a criminal network that soon extends deep into society's institutions.

Meanwhile, Kim Evensen and Assala Nabi are forced back to Europe to infiltrate both Jaro's organization and the Nabi clan, while detective Charlie Robertsen – the controversial investigator at the center of this acclaimed crime series – is offered one final chance through a secret international task force.

As loyalties break and violence escalates across borders, the question remains: can anyone find a way out before the spiral of revenge consumes them all?

The Loser is the sixth novel in the crime series featuring detective Charlie Robertsen. Through this series, the Author gives a voice to young people exposed to honor-based violence, bringing real-life experience into sharp, thrilling fiction.



One of the best and most relevant Norwegian crime novels I've read in a long time. [...] Engaging and gripping story – written in ice cold and controlled language. Bjøranger is a brilliant author who knows the art of building an intrigue.

VG, for *The One No One Sees*



Terje Bjøranger has delivered a very good thriller. It's the most political crime novel of the year. That makes it brave. And important.

Stavanger Aftenblad for *The One No One Sees*

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Terje Bjøranger has worked with honour crimes his whole professional life. First in child welfare services, then for many years in the police, and for ten years as a prosecutor in the The National Criminal Investigation Service. Bjøranger debuted in 2010 with *The Third Sister*. His series includes five other titles, all praised for their relevance and sharp social commentary.

