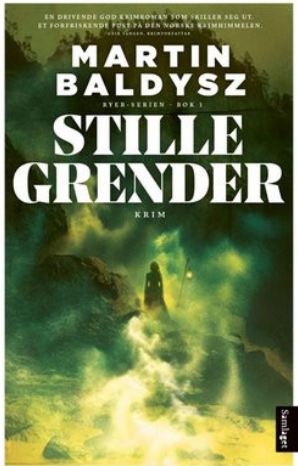


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THE SILENCE BENEATH



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Sunnmøre, Autumn 1902. The body of Hedda Fosen — the daughter of a wealthy landowner — is found brutally murdered in the remote valley of Mardalen.

Johan Ryer, a newly appointed senior constable from Ålesund, is sent to investigate. His unlikely assistant? His outspoken and fiercely independent sister, Sonja.

Cradled between fjords and mountains lies a tight-lipped village where what goes unsaid weighs heavier than what's spoken. Powerful forces clash beneath the surface — and something dark has been set loose. We follow the unconventional investigator duo Johan and Sonja Ryer — he precise, gentle and detail-oriented; she intuitive, bold, and unimpressed by authority. A classic murder mystery in a historical setting — featuring strong characters, quiet suspense, and the peculiar unease that only a remote Norwegian fjord village can hold.

This is the gripping start to a new historical mystery series, introducing brother-and-sister sleuths Johan and Sonja Ryer.

The author depicts nature masterfully (...) It is a joy that this is the first book in a series about the siblings Ryer!

Øyblikk

A gripping crime novel that stands out for its setting, plot, characters and prose. A refreshing new voice in Norwegian crime fiction.

Geir Tangen

What a cast of characters. What descriptions of nature. [...] This is the creepiest book I've read in a long time. And that is a big compliment.

Trude B. Lien

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