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THE LAST EEL



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The story of the eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) fascinates us. What seems to be the main source of fascination is how little we know about this slimy, snake-like and slivering fish. What we do know by now is that the eels are disappearing, European eels is said to have lost well over 90% of its numbers the last ten years. It is one of the species that may be extinct in our lifetime (like the Dodo, the Geir-bird or the Mammoth).

The Norwegian author, journalist and sports fisherman Torolf Kroglund tries to find out why - starting on an remote island in the middle of Norway - and then travels through Europe, and to the Sargasso sea to find answers, in a journey that is both a personal one and a quest for big answers. He not only finds the extraordinary tale of the eel but is also able to connect this unto a bigger and broader perspective. *The Last Eel* will show the close connection between culture and nature, between use and protection - and also how every living creature on earth, even the more unlikely and ugly, reflects man and mankind doings and undoing's. A book that combines personal storytelling with narrative nonfiction in a manner lastly seen in books like *The Sheperd's Life, H is for Hawk* and *The Sixt Extinction*.



It is essentially the consistent environmental perspective, combined with the close, personal writing style that makes the book an engaging experience.

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Torolf Kroglund is behind one of autumn's most exciting books within nature writing. *The Last eel* is a small artwork for us with heart for nature, and especially for fish and animals. (...)

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***The Last Eel* is like a perfect cocktail consisting of abundant facts (spirits), narrative (mixed water) and politics (a fresh lemon slice).**

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