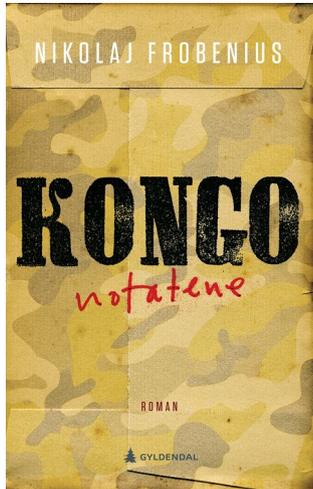


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Notes from Congo is a novel about a country in crisis. But it is just as much a gripping story about what truth and trust are. As the novel's protagonist tries to find out what is real and what is not, a darker, more brutal reality unfolds before him. Its shadow soon reaches his own life, changing even his understanding of his own background and the role he has to play as a writer in the foggy territory between fiction and questionable truths.

I would say that no Norwegian writer – or critic – has a better grasp of the relationship between fact and fiction than Frobenius. He sees the dangers and the nuances, and he sees them from different and sometimes surprising angles. So also this time.

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Notes from Congo is a mix of Barton Fink's writer's block and the brutality in *Apocalypse Now*.

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[Notes from Congo has] drive and suspense and Frobenius writes extremely well. ...It is interesting, credible and scary.

Fædrelandsvennen

Notes from Congo is an incredibly reflective and intelligent novel about a difficult and infamous case.

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Nikolaj Frobenius (b. 1965) is a highly merited novelist and screenwriter. He has been nominated multiple times for the Brage Prize and has won international and national honors and awards. His work has been translated into 20 languages.

Frobenius is also a successful screenwriter. He wrote the thriller *Insomnia*, produced by Christopher Nolan and starring Al Pacino.

