

Simo Hiltunen - In Sheep's Clothing

It's the usual story in Finland: a happy nuclear family, their finances in order, the parents employed, the children active and cheerful, always friendly - so the neighbors say. And yet on Christmas Eve the father kills the children in the wife's presence, then the wife, and finally himself.

Crime journalist Lauri Kivi isn't shocked by much, and although his hearing is damaged because of his own father's violence, he sees more than most. This is why he's the right man to write a major article about the rash of familicides plaguing Finland. Kivi personally finds the term "familicide" a grotesque affectation: these are murders. And he's absolutely right. But in a much more horrific sense than he could ever imagined.

A cross-country tour of the scenes of the tragedies takes Kivi on a journey into his own past, into a crushing childhood and into the life of the daughter he has abandoned. A bruising, black tale laced with biting humor, Simo Hiltunen's (b. 1977) debut thriller *In Sheep's Clothing* is about violence that is passed down from one generation to the next, but also about forgiveness. Exceptionally ambitious in both language and theme, this is one crime story that spares no one - least of all the reader.

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"Finland's gloomiest family novel." - HELSINGIN SANOMAT

"In Sheep's Clothing is another classic (!) Scandinavian thriller. This is a Stieg Larsson level Scandi thriller, really! It is a debut which gives us a new Scandinavian author, as you know, from Finland. Sweden and Norway, watch out, Finland is here!" - FIVE STARS OUT OF FIVE - THRILLZONE, THE NETHERLANDS

"In Sheep's Clothing is a chillingly exciting, well-built and handsomely grounded psychological thriller." - THRILLERS LEESTAFEL, THE NETHERLANDS