

Stilton Literary Agency



Balance

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Fiction / Novel

He is the youngest person at the nursing home. He is writing a letter to his daughter in Cape Town, who is expecting a child. After his wife's death, they rarely meet. A serious disease makes it impossible for him to carry his own weight. Even so, he tries to stand up.

In the day room people talk about the lukewarm dinners, bed time routines and the staff's annoying attempts to raise the mood. The situation is almost unbearable, but gradually he learns to appreciate people around him, especially the war veteran and the former ballerina with whom he eats dinner every day. When his roommate dies and leaves the three friends a small sum of money, they decide to spend them in a spectacular way.

BALANCE is a warm, humouros and lifeaffirming novel about finding hopeeven in the bleakest of situations.

Foreign rights

MIC (Russia)

Thorvald Steen

Thorvald Steen is one of Scandinavia's leading authors, translated into 26 languages. His international breakthrough came with the novel *Don Carlos* (about Charles Darwin). This and other novels have been critically acclaimed bestsellers. *Camel Clouds* had 22 print runs in Turkey. *Constantinople* and *The Weight of Snow Crystals* were bestsellers in Norway. The same applies to *The Little Horse*, about Snorri Sturluson, bestsellers in Iceland and Russia.

Thorvald Steen has received numerous prizes including the Swedish Academy's Doubloug Prize, the Saga Prize (Iceland), the Ján Hollý Prize and the Comenius Medal (Slovakia). Steen was chairman of NORLA and the Norwegian Authors' Union for many years, and a board member for PEN International.

Other titles

Sometimes you're absolutely correct (2015)
The Invisible Library (2015)
Lionheart (2010)
The Longest Leap (2008)
The Weight of Snow Crystals (2006)
Kamelskyer (2004)
Den Lille Hesten (2002)
Konstantinopel (1999)
Don Carlos/Giovanni (1993)