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The Longest Leap

Original title: Det Lengste Svevet
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Fiction / Novel

A Norwegian historian in his mid-30s suffers from a rare muscular disease, which by all prognoses should have put him in a wheelchair years ago. One day his high school sweetheart Nina comes to visit him, and finds him lying on the floor, in a poor state. Despite his disability and initial reluctance, Nina persuades him to come travelling with her, to help prove her thesis that the British monk Bartholomew travelled from Norway to Constantinople in the early 13th Century. Thus, the young historians embark on a journey which turns out to pose far greater challenges – and rewards – than expected.

A free-standing sequel to *The Weight of Snow Crystals*, *The Longest Leap* is an unsentimental portrayal of a young man who defies his weaknesses to follow his passions in life. It is also a riveting historical tale, as well as a dramatic journey through Russia, Ukraine, The Black Sea and finally the Bosphorus Strait and Istanbul.

Once again, Steen combines his vast historical knowledge with a moving personal narrative, neatly interwoven with current political topics.

Foreign rights

MIC Publishing (Russia)
Norstedts (Sweden)
Ithaka (Turkey)

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)
Balance (2012)
Lionheart (2010)
The Weight of Snow Crystals (2006)
Kamelskyer (2004)
Den Lille Hesten (2002)
Konstantinopel (1999)
Don Carlos/Giovanni (1993)