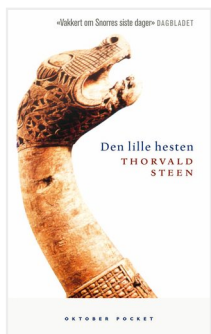


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Den Lille Hesten

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Snorri Sturluson was an Icelandic politician, writer, and historian living during the twelfth century. He was a man of great political influence, and his writings are still researched and valued today. Snorri was killed on September 22, 1241, in Reykholt, where he lived the last years of his life, and *The Little Horse* is a novel about his final five days.

Snorri, knowing his end is near, begins to write a saga of his own life. He wants to refute all those who oppose him in Norway and Iceland, and defend himself against rumors that he is power hungry and a deceitful womanizer. He is haunted by the fear that his son Orækja will turn against him, and waits to meet Margaret, the woman he loves, who challenges him in every possible way. Meanwhile, assassins in the distance prepare to carry out their orders to end his life.

This creative, beautifully constructed novel reimagines the final days of this Icelandic hero, providing a wonderful new perspective on the politics and culture of the period.

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 Longest Leap (2008)
The Weight of Snow Crystals (2006)
Kamelskyer (2004)
Konstantinopel (1999)
Don Carlos/Giovanni (1993)