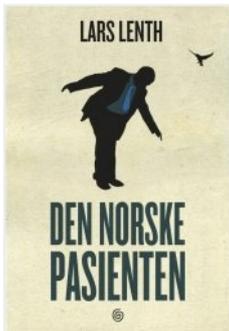


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## The Norwegian patient

Original title: Den norske pasienten  
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Fiction / Novel  
English sample material available

The once so promising law student, Leo Vangen, has placed himself on a small island called Goose Island, in Bærum - Norway's wealthiest area. Here he enjoys a safe, but limited life. When the trolling-enthusiast Trond Bast pulls up the corpse of a Pole outside the shore of Bærum, Leo Vangen is forced out of his bubble and into a world of corruption, murder, semi-successful criminals, rusty love and abused au pairs. For there's something rotten in Bærum - a place everyone loves to hate.

«The Norwegian patient» is a novel about a man who has lost his track, and about his way back. A story of five messed up guys who try to do their best -- and one sensible woman who brings it all together.

Lenth is inspired by writers such as Elmore Leonard and Carl Hiaasen and shows a passion for odd dialogues and the darker ironies of life. Half realism, half cartoon-like, Lenth's characters try to cope with the bigger and smaller challenges of life as best they can.

«The Norwegian patient» is a book that is bound to make you burst into laughter – and deep thoughts.

### Foreign rights

Limes Verlag, Germany  
Wydawnictwo Literackie, Poland

## Lars Lenth

Lars Lenth (b. 1966) is Norway's undisputed number one when it comes to fly fishing for trout. His literary debut came with the novel *The same river* in 2007, a fly fishing novel following a young man's experiences through a season of fishing. *The Norwegian patient* introduced the lawyer Leonard Vangen and the criminal Rino Gulliksen, two characters who readers have grown fond of. Leo and Rino reappear in Lenth's next novels, *The Vega Brothers*, *Men who hate wolves* and now in *Gimme Shelter*. In all four novels there's a deep felt tension between man and nature. Lenth names Elmore Leonard, James Lee Burke, Carl Hiassen, Nick Hornby, Knut Hamsun and the Coen-brothers as his main influences.

- \* 2008 The Flyfisherman's handbook
- \* 2008 Fly Patterns
- \* 2007 Trouthead
- \* 2003 Fishing Bliss
- \* 2001 Flow
- \* 1998 Looking for Mr. Trout

### Other titles

The King of Lofoten (2023)  
Gimme Shelter (2020)  
Men Who Hate Wolves (2017)  
The Vega Brothers (2015)  
The same river (2007)