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The same river

Original title: Den samme elva
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Fiction / Novel

A fly-fisher-novel -- that would perhaps be the most precise label to put on Lars Lenth's beautiful literary debut from 2007. «The same river» tells the story of a young man who runs off from his girl friend, his student life to go fishing in a river called Skrukkedalsrenna in Skrapdalen. His friend Biff has told him a secret. This river is possibly the best for trout fishing in the whole country. The young man is obsessed with the thought of the river, and decides to spend a whole season – from May till October – all by himself and to try to unveil the twists and codes of the mystic river.

A slow novel, many would think, but the narrator's many subtle confessions and new insights during the months by the river, tells of a deeper understanding of himself and his surroundings, and makes this both an amusing and challenging story to read.

Foreign rights

Gyldendal Forlag, Denmark

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 Norwegian patient (2011)