

# ARNALDUR INDRIDASON

ARNALDUR INDRIDASON (b. 1961) has the rare distinction of having won the Nordic Crime Novel Prize two years running. He is also the winner of the highly respected and word famous CWA Gold Dagger Award for the top crime novel of the year in the English language, *Silence Of the Grave*. Indridason's novels have sold in more than five million copies.



Indridason is a historian and former journalist and film critic. Indridason specialized in writing on films and bestsellers and mainly worked for Morgunbladið, the biggest newspaper in Iceland, for 20 years.

When finishing his degree in history at the University of Iceland his dissertation was on Icelandic films. In 1991 he was one of two authors of an Icelandic movie guide where 2,000 films were reviewed. He has also written articles on Icelandic films for Eurimages and The International Film Guide.

Indridason has through his work studied the narrative technique of films and bestsellers, and the methods used to keep the reader/viewer interested throughout. When his first book was published he said on TV: "You learn a lot from bad movies – how one should not tell a story!"

His father, Indridi G. Thorsteinsson was one of the most prominent Icelandic writers in the twentieth century so one might say that it was quite natural for Indridason to follow his father's example, although their writings are very different.

Arnaldur lives in Reykjavik with his wife and three children.

## NOVELS BY ARNALDUR INDRIDASON:

- **Sons of Earth** (Synir duftsins): 1997
- **Silent Kill** (Dauðarósir): 1998
- **Operation Napoleon** (Napóleonskjölin): 1999
- **Jar City** (Mýrin): 2000
- **Silence of the Grave** (Grafarþögn): 2001
- **The Voice** (Röddin): 2002
- **Betty** (Betty): 2003
- **The Draining Lake** (Kleifarvatn): 2004
- **Arctic Chill** (Vetrarborgin): 2005
- **The King's Book** (Konungsbók): 2006
- **Hypothermia** (Harðskafi): 2007
- **Outrage** (Myrká): 2008

## INDRIDASON'S PUBLISHERS WORLDWIDE:

- UK/Australia/New Zealand/South-Africa (Random House/Harvill Press)
- USA /Philippines (St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books)
- Germany/Switzerland/Austria (Verlagsgruppe Lübbe)
- The Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg (Querido)
- France/Monaco/Switzerland/Luxembourg/Belgium/Canada/Andorra/Mexico/Brazil, Israel/Italy/Spain/Martinique/Algeria/Benin/Burkina Faso/Le Caillou/Cameroun/Central African Republic/Chad/Congo/ Comor Islands/Cote d'Ivoire/Dakar/Djibouti/Guinea/Guadalupe/Gabon/Madagaskar/Mali/Marocco/Mauritania/Mayonette/Niger/Réunion/Senegal/Togo/Tunis (Éditions Métaillé)
- Italy, San Marione (Longanesi/Ugo Guanda)

- Spain/Andorra/Argentina/Bolivia/Mexico/Chile/Columbia/Costa Rica/Cuba/El Salvador/Guiana/Honduras/Nicaragua/Panama/Puerto Rico/Surinam/Uruguay/Venezuela/USA (RBA)
- Brazil (Editora Record)
- Portugal (Livraria Civilizaçao Editora)
- Finland (Blue Moon Kirjat Oy)
- Denmark (Rosinante)
- Sweden (Norstedts/Prisma)
- Norway (Cappelen)
- Faroe Islands (Sprotin)
- Bulgaria (Infodar)
- Croatia (Edicije Bozicevic)
- Czech Republic (MOBA)
- Hungary (Animus)
- Poland (WAB)
- Rumania (Editura Historia)
- Slovenia (Didakta)
- Israel (Keter)
- Greece/Cyprus (Livani Publishing)
- Turkey (Sinemis Yayinlari)
- Estonia (Nynorden)
- Japan (Sony Magazine)
- Russia (Corpus)
- China, Hong Kong, Singapore (People's Literature Publishing House)
- Taiwan (Crown)
- Korea (Younglim Cardinal Inc.)

A motion picture based on Mýrin (Jar City) has won prizes at several international film festivals. Producer: Blueeyes Productions.