

Jo Nesbo



Jo Nesbø is a Norwegian writer, musician, economist, and former soccer player and reporter.

Genre: Crime, thriller, mystery

Born: 29 March, Oslo, Norway

Movies and TV shows: The Snowman, Headhunters, MORE

Awards: Riverton Prize, Peer Gynt Prize, Glass Key award, Norwegian Booksellers' Prize, Mads Wiel Nygaard's Endowment

Nominations: Edgar Award for Best Novel, MORE

Jo Nesbo is one of the world's bestselling crime writers, with *The Leopard*, *Phantom*, *Police*, *The Son* and *The Thirst*, all topping the Sunday Times bestseller charts. He's an international number one bestseller and his books are published in 50 languages, selling over 50 million copies world-wide.

Before becoming a crime writer, Nesbo played football for Norway's premier league team Molde, but his dream of playing professionally for Spurs was dashed when he tore ligaments in his knee at the age of eighteen. After three years military service he attended business school and formed the band Di derre ('Them There'). They topped the charts in Norway, but Nesbo continued working as a financial analyst, crunching numbers during the day and gigging at night. When commissioned by a publisher to write a memoir about life on the road with his band, he instead came up with the plot for his first Harry Hole crime novel, *The Bat*.

Read his autobiography here: <https://jonesbo.com/jo-nesbo/biography/>

His books in order: <https://bit.ly/3wR1oJ2>

A mainstay of contemporary Scandinavian noir, Jo Nesbo's Harry Hole thrillers are amongst the bestselling crime novels in the world. A complex character, chain-smoking, hard-drinking and uncompromising, Harry Hole is for many readers the ultimate detective; a fascinating anti-hero as conflicted as he is brilliant. Taking readers from Hole's home territory of Oslo to Australia and Thailand, this is a truly transnational series that is worth sampling from the very beginning.