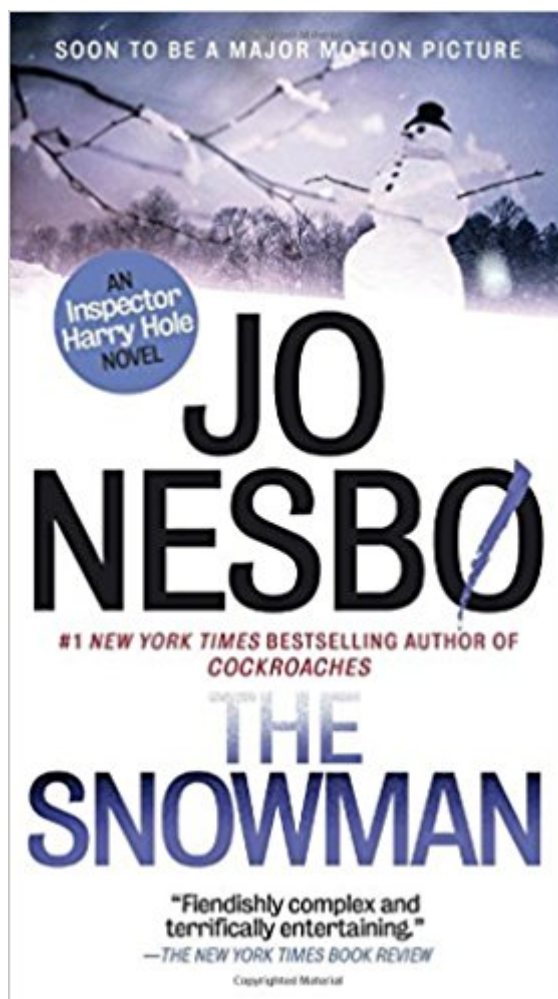


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# The Snowman (Harry Hole Series)



## Synopsis

Inspector Harry Hole tracks a Norwegian serial killer in this installment of Jo Nesb  's New York Times bestselling series. Soon to be a Major Motion Picture starring Michael Fassbender. One night, after the first snowfall of the year, a boy named Jonas wakes up and discovers that his mother has disappeared. Only one trace of her remains: a pink scarf, his Christmas gift to her, now worn by the snowman that inexplicably appeared in their yard earlier that day. Â Inspector Harry Hole suspects a link between the missing woman and a suspicious letter he   received. The case deepens when a pattern emerges: over the past decade, eleven women have vanished  all on the day of the first snow. But this is a killer who makes his own rules . . . and he  ll break his pattern just to keep the game interesting, as he draws Harry ever closer into his twisted web. With brilliantly realized characters and hair-raising suspense, international bestselling author Jo Nesb   presents his most chilling case yet  one that will test Harry Hole to the very limits of his sanity.

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## Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month, May 2011: The Snowman, Norwegian author Jo Nesb  's thriller, should please even the most die-hard Stieg Larsson fans. On the first day of snow, a child wakes up to find his mother has disappeared during the night. Outside, a snowman has appeared out of nowhere, the calling card of one of the most terrifying serial killers in recent fiction. A letter from the

perpetrator draws Detective Hole further and further into the case, and together with his new partner, Katrine Bratt, he hunts the Snowman through twists and turns that become increasingly personal and may drive Hole to the brink of insanity. Brilliantly crafted, this credible and dark page-turner fully fleshes out the characters, especially Hole, a hardened detective with sharp instincts and real heart. What is the link between the victims? Is the Snowman a suspicious doctor, a notorious playboy, or one of Hole's peers on the force? The police keep thinking they've caught the criminal, but Hole's astute observations may steer him around the red herrings and right into the hands of the cold-as-ice killer. --Miriam Landis --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Praise for Jo Nesb  and The Snowman   Jo Nesb  is my new favorite thriller writer and Harry Hole my new hero.     "Michael Connelly   Fiendishly complex and terrifically entertaining.     "The New York Times Book Review   If you don't know Nesb , it's time to get with it.     "USA Today   Nesb  explores the darkest criminal minds with grim delight and puts his killers where you least expect to find them. . . . His novels are maddeningly addictive.     "Vanity Fair     A superb thriller   smart, stylish, beautifully paced and meticulously plotted.     "Newsday     The Snowman   is strung together with great care, playful in certain stretches, grisly in others, all of it highly readable.     "Newsweek     The writer most likely to take the ice-cold crown in the critically acclaimed   and now bestselling   category of Nordic noir.     "Los Angeles Times     Nesb 's books have a serious, socially significant heft, as well as a confident (even cocky) narrative stride that is unmatched. These aren't mere investigatory trifles to be enjoyed and forgotten; their unnerving horrors linger.     "Richmond Times-Dispatch     Nesb 's pace is unerring, and the way he builds up suspense will incite Pavlovian page-turning.     "Time Out New York     This is reading as you experienced it in childhood, without any gap between eye and mind, but with the added pleasures that adult plots and adult characters can bring. . . . Unputdownable.   The Snowman   is probably the most terrifying and certainly the most addictive book in the whole series.     "Slate     This is crime writing of the highest order, in which the characters are as strong as the story, where an atmosphere of evil permeates, and the tension begins in the first chapter and never lets up.     "The Times (London)     Spine-chilling. . . . This most ambitious of Nesb 's crime novels banishes any fears that the omniscient serial killer scenario has been exhausted.     "The Independent (London)     Macabre and disturbing. . . . Deft plotting, strong characterization, adrenaline-fuelled action sequences and a whole raft of social issues raised along the way make this book a spectacularly good example of how a tried and tested (and often tired) formula can be

made exhilarating and fresh. • "The Guardian" (London) "Hole is all a fictional detective should be. • "Times Literary Supplement" "If you're still grieving the loss of Stieg Larsson, it's time to move on. Nesbø's waiting for you. • "Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Kept me wanting more at every turn. Harry Hole is a Findlandish version of Harry Bosch. Both, flawed detectives, but very capable. I plan on comparing the book to its movie version this October. Highly recommended to mystery aficionados.

It's this guy. No, wait, it's this guy. Hold on, maybe it's this other guy. By the time you find out who it is you're so exhausted you don't care. The trailer for the movie is exponentially more compelling than the book.

I read a lot of mysteries and crime novels. The structure is defined by the genre and I was struck by how unique the Snowman was. Excellent story by a favorite author.

All of the Harry Hole series are action filled and mind twisters, The Snowman is no exception. Honestly I am amazed one person has so much talent for building characters, plots and pulse pounding stories. Once again Harry is involved in a serial murder case with ties to the past and involving people in his life. I liked he didn't fall into the bottle so much. Is our Inspector growing up?

Suspenseful, great characters and lots of plot twists. Will keep you guessing and on the edge of your seat. Movie coming out in October

One of the best of Jo Nesbo's Harry Hole series that kept me wanting to rush through the book, but so craftily plotted and written that I wanted to savor every paragraph. A great read.

A real old fashioned thriller that keeps you turning pages and thinking you have it figured out. Not quite sure why the famous detective in all this genre are alcoholic, neurotic, somewhat disturbed but supposedly brilliant men with serious women and self loathing issues, but it works. They are more than heroes. They and their neuroses become an integral part of the drama played out. Harry Hole attracts or is it is attracted to the bizarre and clearly the most psychotic bad guys. He reads them almost as if he has been there. His brilliance and at times almost brilliance as he tries to piece together the puzzles keeps you turning pages trying to assist him. Or keeping trying to figure it out

yourself. But Nesbo is the master of the surprise..The Bat led me to the Snowman. Both compellingNot sure if a third book might not be too much of the same. We shall see. Worth exploring.

Really well done and different. A few cool twists and a murder motive most unique.

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