

The Oxen Trilogy:

Hangdogs

De hængte hunde

by Jens Henrik Jensen



The most highly decorated soldier in Denmark's history, Niels Oxen, scrapes through life in a gritty neighbourhood of Copenhagen. The traumatised war veteran makes ends meet by collecting bottles for change during the day and dumpster diving by night. Hoping to escape his inner demons, the retired Elite Soldier relocates to Northern Jutland together with his dog, setting up camp deep in Rold Forest in a bid to live the simple life.

But the dream turns into a nightmare for Niels Oxen. After a night-time visit to a medieval castle on the edge of the forest, he is suddenly suspected of the murder of the castle's owner, a former ambassador and founder of an influential think tank. The Danish Security and Intelligence Service appears remarkably quickly, and before the pressured war veteran has time to blink, he has been sucked into the investigation of a string of mysterious murders. Murders that seemingly only have one thing in common: hanged dogs...

The unorthodox Intelligence agent Margrethe Franck assist Oxen. Deliberate omissions of the truth and a general mistrust makes their partnership extremely difficult, but slowly they fall into step in the hunt for the murderers, even as the motive for the crime remains completely in the dark.

Hangdogs is the first volume in a series featuring the traumatised war veteran Niels Oxen. The first three volumes in the series have individual story lines – but are tied together by an overarching plot: the veteran's struggle for rehabilitation, and his battle with a secret power elite that have roots stretching all the way back to the Danes Court, the medieval Danish parliament.

Frozen Flames, the third book, will be published in Denmark in September 2016.

Jens Henrik Jensen, writer and journalist, entered the literary scene with his trilogy *The Hag From Krakow* (1997), *The Jester In Murmansk* (1999) and *The Wolf From Banja Luka* (2002). Following his breakthrough, Jens Henrik Jensen embarked on his much acclaimed trilogy about DI Nina Portland featuring *The Axe Ship* (2004), *The Coal Man* (2007) and *The Ghost Prisoner* (2010).

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There has probably never been written a Danish thriller in the level that Jens Henrik Jensen delivers with "Hangdogs"



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