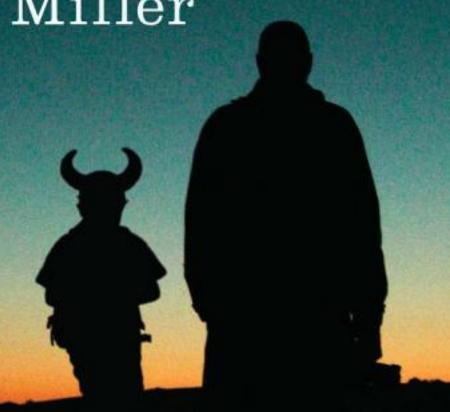
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## Norwegian by Night

A NOVEL

Derek B. Miller



Norwegian by Night, Derek Miller, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013, 0547934882, 9780547934884, 288 pages. A luminous novel, a police thriller, and the funniest book about war crimes and dementia you are likely to read Sheldon HorowitzĐ²Đ,―widowed, impatient, impertinentĐ²Đ,―has grudgingly agreed to leave New York and move in with his granddaughter, Rhea, and her new husband, Lars, in Norway: a country of blue and ice with one thousand Jews, not one of them a former Marine sniper in the Korean War turned watch repairman, who failed his only son by sending him to Vietnam to die. Not until now, anyway. Home alone one morning, Sheldon witnesses a dispute between the woman who lives upstairs and an aggressive stranger. When events turn dire, Sheldon seizes and shields the neighborĐ2Đ,â,¢s young son from the violence, and they flee the scene. But old age and circumstances are altering Sheldon D2D, â, ¢s experience of time and memory. He is haunted by dreams of his son SaulD2D,â,,¢s life and by guilt over his death. As Sheldon and the boy look for a haven in an alien world, reality and fantasy, past and present, weave together, forcing them ever forward to a wrenching moment of truth. Norwegian by Night introduces an ensemble of unforgettable charactersĐ²Đ,―Sheldon and the boy, Rhea and Lars, a Balkan war criminal named Enver, and Sigrid and Petter, the brilliantly dry-witted investigating officersĐ²Đ,―as they chase one another, and their own demons, through the wilderness at the end of the world..

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