

The Girl Hits Back

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNETS' NEST

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FOUR YEARS AGO...



Four years ago, an unknown Swedish journalist delivered three manuscripts to his publishers in Stockholm. These supremely exciting, page-turning thrillers featuring crusading liberal journalist Mikael Blomkvist and disturbing punk heroine Lisbeth Salander came to be known as the Millennium Trilogy.

The unknown journalist was Stieg Larsson, and his books went on to sell more than 3 million copies in Sweden alone. Tragically, a few months before the publication of volume 1, Larsson died suddenly, aged fifty. He never saw the worldwide phenomenon his work would become.

After his death, the Millennium Trilogy swept through Europe, collecting awards and gathering rave reviews.



STIEG LARSSON GLOBAL BESTSELLER

Stieg Larsson was identified as the number two global bestselling fiction author in 2008, from analysis conducted on the fiction best-seller lists from across the world, as published in book trade magazines. Stieg Larsson is the Swedish author most loved by European readers with books from his Millennium Trilogy appearing in the top 10 charts of five of the seven countries measured ■

'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo is a striking novel. Just when I was thinking there wasn't anything new on the horizon, along comes Stieg Larsson with this wonderfully unique story. I was completely absorbed'

- Michael Connelly

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO WINS AT THE GALAXY BRITISH BOOK AWARDS

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson, the first book in the Millennium Trilogy, was awarded Crime Thriller of the Year at the Galaxy British Book Awards. It has also been nominated for 3 Anthony Awards in the USA - Best Novel, Best First Novel and Best Cover Art. Winners announced on 17 October 2009. ■

Stieg Larsson Website: Visit www.stieglarsson.com.au to learn more about the Millennium Trilogy and its author. Read review quotes from around the world for the first two books in the Trilogy, obtain reading group notes and read extracts ■



By the time the first volume of the Millennium Trilogy, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, was translated into English in February 2008, France had sold 1,113,039 copies, Norway 746,958 copies, and Germany 400,000, while in Denmark the books were being outsold only by the Bible.

Now sales are at more than 13 million copies in 35 countries.

Irrespective of the nation, people were captured by Larsson's stories: new, engaging and gripping, they were lauded everywhere as a complex and genuinely unique contribution to crime fiction.

Now the last of the three books in the Millennium Trilogy is coming to the English speaking world. This release is eagerly awaited after the gripping conclusion to *The Girl Who Played with Fire*.

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest will be published in English on 1st October 2009. ■

New in August

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Special Edition and *The Girl Who Played with Fire B* format, publishing 1st August 2009



'The total detective novel . . . Larsson's prose is bright and functional, like Sweden . . . the plotting and pacing are masterful. No wonder Europe has gone wild over Blomkvist and his riveting sidekick - in Denmark, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* has sold more copies than any book except the Bible . . . Will Larsson catch up with God? It's not out of the question . . . Less horrifyingly violent than the Bible, with a simpler plot line, Larsson's tale is much more believable and vastly more fun'

- Robert Dessaix in *The Sydney Morning Herald*

'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' film



'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' stars one of Sweden's best known actors Michael Nyqvist, in the lead role as the disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist. Noomi Rapace plays the young tattooed and ruthless computer hacker Lisbeth Salander. The film is directed by Niels Arden Oplev. It premiered in Scandinavia on screens in Denmark and Sweden in February 2009. 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' was on general release in Finnish and

Norwegian cinemas in March 2009 and will appear on French and Italian cinema screens later in 2009. Rialto Distribution has the distribution rights to the Millennium Trilogy Films for Australia and New Zealand, and the first film is scheduled for release in late 2009. ■

