



# The Girl Who Played With Fire

Volume II of the Millennium Trilogy

By Stieg Larsson

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## SALANDER AND BLOMKVIST ARE BACK

The highly anticipated sequel to *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* sees Salander wanted for a triple murder while Blomkvist tries desperately to clear her name

Lisbeth Salander is a wanted woman. Two *Millennium* journalists about to expose the truth about the sex trafficking trade are murdered and Salander's prints are on the weapon. Her history of unpredictable and vengeful behaviour makes her an official danger to society – but no-one can find her.

Mikael Blomkvist, editor-in-chief of *Millennium*, does not believe the police. Using all his magazine staff and resources to prove Salander's innocence, Blomkvist also uncovers her terrible past, spent in criminally corrupt institutions. Yet Salander is more avenging angel than helpless victim. She may be an expert at staying out of sight – but she has ways of tracking down her most elusive enemies.

The Millennium Trilogy began in Stieg Larsson's home country of Sweden, with record breaking sales of over 2.9 million copies (that's 2 books for every 5 Swedish adults)

*The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* has sold over 33,000 copies in Australia

**The Millennium Trilogy has sold over 5 million copies worldwide**

Stieg Larsson, born in 1954, was a journalist. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine *Expo* from 1999, and had previously worked at a major news agency for many years. He was one of the world's leading experts on anti-democratic, right-wing extremists and Nazi organisations, and was often consulted on that account. He died suddenly and unexpectedly in November 2004, soon after delivering the manuscripts for three crime novels to his Swedish publisher. These novels make up the Millennium Trilogy, which has gone on to sell more than 5 million copies across the globe. Tragically, Larsson did not live to see the worldwide phenomenon his work has become.

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Book III in the Millennium Trilogy, *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* will be published in English in January 2010



**Praise for *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, the first volume in the Millennium Trilogy:**

'*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 total detective novel...Larsson's prose is bright and functional...the plotting and pacing are masterful. No wonder Europe has gone wild over Blomkvist and his riveting sidekick'

– **Robert Dessaix** in *The Sydney Morning Herald*

'*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* is an utterly fresh political and journalistic thriller that is also intimate and moral. In spite of its dark unearthings Stieg Larsson has written a feast of a book, with central characters you will not forget' – **Michael Ondaatje**

'Like ivy inching across a yard, Larsson sends out tendrils of plot, until the tales become one ... Larsson adeptly weaves in ... diversions and subplots that heighten the intrigue' - **The Age**

'More than a book, a drug' - **Nouvel Observateur, France**



'The Ballyhoo is justified...the novel scores on every front' –**The Times**

'I haven't read such a stunning thriller debut for years. Brilliantly written and totally gripping'

– **Minette Walters**

'(Lisbeth Salander) is a wonderful creation' – **The Daily Telegraph**

'The style is leisurely and detailed, the plot interesting and credible but above all the heroine is splendidly original ... an extraordinary book' – **Literary Review**

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The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo will be published in B format in January 2009, RRP \$22.95

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