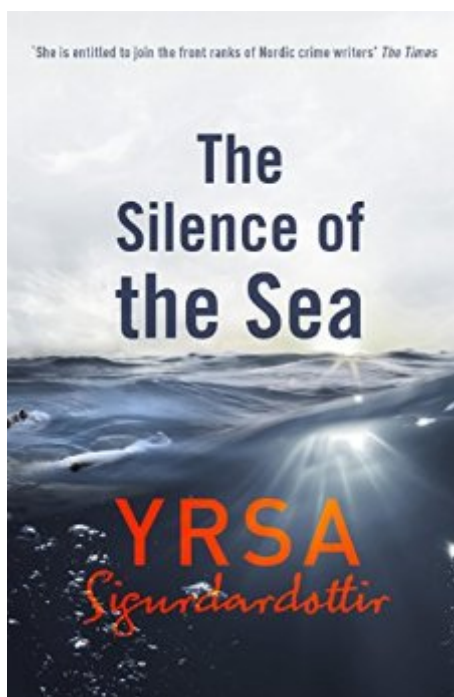


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Synopsis

WINNER OF THE 2015 PETRONA AWARDThe most chilling novel yet from the Queen of Nordic Noir, not to be missed for fans of Jo Nesbo and Stieg Larsson. 'Mummy dead.' The child's pure treble was uncomfortably clear. It was the last thing Brynjar - and doubtless the others - wanted to hear at that moment. 'Daddy dead.' It got worse. 'Adda dead. Bygga dead.' The child sighed and clutched her grandmother's leg. 'All dead.' A luxury yacht arrives in Reykjavik harbour with nobody on board. What has happened to the crew, and to the family who were on board when it left Lisbon? Thora Gudmundsdottir is hired by the young father's parents to investigate, and is soon drawn deeper into the mystery. What should she make of the rumours saying that the vessel was cursed, especially given that when she boards the yacht she thinks she sees one of the missing twins? Where is Karitas, the glamorous young wife of the yacht's former owner? And whose is the body that has washed up further along the shore?

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Customer Reviews

Ms. (Her last name) is clearly a spectacularly talented writer. This book is almost overwhelming in how compelling and involving it is. Clear, entertaining and informative prose. Vivid characters. AND,

a story so OVERFLOWING with surprises that, just when I thought I'd solved the mystery, someone I thought was dead entered the room. The guy I assumed was the "mastermind"? Washed up on shore. This bravely unique novel consists of two intertwined narratives. 1) What happened on a luxurious yacht from which every crew member and passenger mysteriously vanished, and 2) The investigation into WHY, when the vessel arrived in port, it was a "ghost ship". I found one of the two narratives more compelling than the other, and just when a fascinating event occurred in the more compelling narrative, I'd turn the page and be back in the less compelling narrative. This made me want to skim, so I could get back to the other thread, but such is the nature of this book that, skipping even ONE SENTENCE could leave one or ALL of your questions unanswered. My one, not terribly important "complaint", is that Ms. (Her last name) provides the answers to her story's mysteries in a character's end-of-book monologue, delivered by the book's primary investigator (who is not an actual detective). This technique, the sum-up-monologue, is oft-used, and COULD indicate an author's laziness. "Explaining rather than showing". But, THIS author? Laziness? IMPOSSIBLE. It was just... her choice. What her artist's mind, heart, and soul told her, either consciously or "un", to do. I WAS left wondering, however, how this particular character suddenly knew EVERYTHING. THOUSANDS of details. It felt to me as if the "how she found OUT about everything" chapter was missing.

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