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The Poet and The Dictator

The Story of Knut Hamsun and his Time

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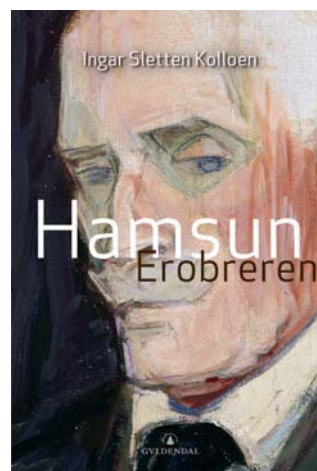
This is the story about one of the greatest authors in the history of literature, an extraordinary love story and a family drama. For his nearest and dearest, the price of living in the shadow of Hamsun's genius was high, but this book is not least an insightful account of the Hamsun family's road to Nazism. Hamsun's hatred of England and his equally strong love of Germany and German culture were visible at an early age, and reactionary attitudes were firmly established in his life and work. During the Second World War, the consequences of this ideology were to be dramatic. This is the story of a leader who betrayed his people and fell from grace.

Ingar Sletten Kolloen bases his book on rich, hitherto unknown source material, including Hamsun's private collection of letters and documents which was believed to have been lost, and the journal accompanying Hamsun's psycho-analytical treatment in the 1920s. This unique material forms the basis of this completely new close-up portrait of the literary genius and the man, Knut Hamsun.

Foreign Sales:

The first volume of the Norwegian edition of the Hamsun biography, *The Dreamer*, was published in 2003. The second volume of the biography, *The Conqueror*, was published in 2004. Gyldendal/DK and the author will cooperate in tailoring a special edition for the Danish market.

"...simply a monumental work. Dazzlingly well written ... Bravo, Kolloen!" Verdens Gang, daily morning



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