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Joachim B. Schmidt
Kalmann and the Sleeping Mountain

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Kalmann is in hot water. More specifically, he's at the FBI Headquarters in Washington. All he wanted was to visit his American father – but his dad leaves him high and dry, and before Kalmann knows it, he's on a plane back to Iceland. Yet there's no rest to be found in the far north either. There's been a murder, and the clues lead back to America and the Cold War. Who is going to solve this explosive case? Correctamundo: Kalmann, the famed sheriff of Raufarhöfn.

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Bestseller

Swiss Bestseller

Awards

2024	›GLAUSER-Preis‹ in der Kategorie Roman für *Kalmann und der schlafende Berg*
2023	›Bündner Literaturpreis‹ für *Tell*
2022	*Tell* ist SBVV-›Lieblingsbuch 2022‹ des Deutschschweizer Buchhandels
2021	*Kalmann* auf dem 3. Platz des zum ersten Mal verliehenen ›Schweizer Krimipreises‹
2021	›Crime Cologne Award‹ für *Kalmann*

Praise

Kalmann and the Sleeping Mountain

The Kalmann books are full of quirky charm [...]. – Muireann Maguire / The Times Literary Supplement, London

»A modern Charlie Chaplin. Kalmann's naive view on the world makes readers marvel, too.« – Peer Teuwsen / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

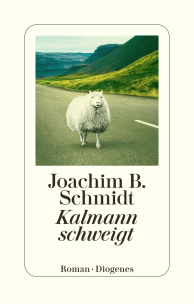
»Once more an extremely entertaining and kind book.« – Stefan Rammer / Passauer Neue Presse, Passau

»[...] Kalmann finds himself dragged into the aftermath of a Cold War mystery that once involved his grandfather, the Americans, and Russian spies – and what began as a gentle and amusing story finally changes pace and sails off to an explosive climax.« – James Russell / Shots Magazine UK, London

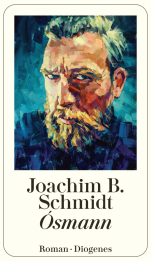


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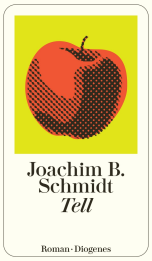
Joachim B. Schmidt, born in 1981, grew up in the Swiss canton of Grisons before emigrating to Iceland in 2007. His novels are bestsellers and have won numerous awards, including the ›Crime Cologne Award‹ and, most recently, the ›Glauser Prize‹. A dual citizen, Schmidt lives in Reykjavík with his wife and their two children.



Kalmann's Silence
320 pages
2026



Ósmann
288 pages
2025



Tell
288 pages
2022
Award winner
Bestseller



Kalmann
352 pages
2020
Award winner
Bestseller

Praise (cont'd)

»This book throws us right into the conflicts of the big wide world. Kalmann, the ›Sheriff of Raufarhöfn‹, involuntarily finds himself in the middle of the Capitol riots and in the FBI's hands. Joachim B. Schmidt draws the funniest and most remarkable connections in *Kalmann and the Sleeping Mountain*, with originality, with wit and eloquence. Kalmann never judges, he views things as they are. For this reason, he is in many ways wiser than we are. An absorbing, brilliant crime novel. Humorous. Never preachy.« – The Glauser Prize Jury

Joachim B. Schmidt

»An incredibly vivid sense of place, and a gifted storyteller.« – Welt am Sonntag, Berlin

»Schmidt reveals himself to be an incredibly empathetic and skilled narrator with a strong sense for light humour.« – Hanspeter Eggenberger / Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich

»Joachim B. Schmidt is a genius narrator and author who pulls his readers into the action, along with his characters and their complex inner lives.« – Lisa Wieser / Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung, Heidelberg

»A welcome addition to the Icelandic literary flora.« – Egill Helgason / RÚV, Reykjavík