

Leon de Winter
The Sky of Hollywood

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When the once-promising actor Tom Green returns to Hollywood after serving a prison sentence, he has only two hundred dollars in his pocket and virtually no prospects. By chance, he meets two acting colleagues who, like himself, have known better days: the sixty-year-old Jimmy Kage, and the seventy-year-old Oscar Award winner Floyd Benson who is now earning his living installing burglar alarms.

During a nocturnal pub crawl, the three men come across a horribly mutilated corpse whom one of them knows. Floyd Benson suspects that the death of Tino, the petty gangster, has something to do with the Mafia and huge sums of money. The three likeable Losers plan the coup of their lives – which involves acting in all seriousness, this time without textbook or camera.

Book factsheet

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Movie adaptations

2003: SuperTex

Director: Jan Schütt
Cast: Stephen Mangan, Jan Declair

2001: The Hollywood Sign

Director: Sönke Wortmann
Cast: Burt Reynolds, Rod Steiger, Tom Berenger

1993: Hoffman's hunger

Director: Leon de Winter
Cast: Jacqueline Bisset, Elliot Gould, Thom
Hoffman, Huub Stapel

Awards

- 2009 Literaturpreis der Provinz Brabant
(›Schrijversprijs der Brabantse
Letteren‹) für *Das Recht auf Rückkehr*
- 2006 Buber-Rosenzweig-Medaille
- 2002 WELT-Literaturpreis für sein
Gesamtwerk
- 2002 ›Welt-Literaturpreis‹ für Leon de
Winter: »Die Jury ehrt Leon de Winter
für seine so komplex wie spannend
angelegten Romane, die am Beispiel
meist jüdischer Protagonisten
hochkomisch und psychologisch
einfühlsam vom Getriebensein des
modernen Menschen erzählen. Sein
Schreiben zeichnet sich durch einen
souveränen Wechsel von Nähe und
Distanz im Hinblick auf seine Figuren
aus, durch ein meisterliches Gespür für
pointierte Dialoge, durch die gekonnte
Verknüpfung verschiedener Haupt- und
Nebenhandlungen, die seine Bücher so
komplex wie spannend machen. Er wird
für sein Gesamtwerk geehrt.«
- 1978 ›Reina Prinsen Geerlings-Preis‹ für *De
(ver)wording van de jongere Dürer*

Praise

Leon de Winter

»Ingenious, entertaining, funny – always to the
surprise and delight of the reader.« – Volker
Hage / Der Spiegel, Hamburg









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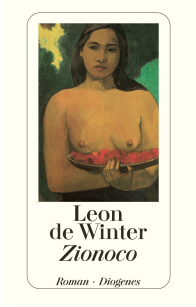


Praise (cont'd)

»Leon de Winter stokes the fires of imagination until the pages are ablaze. It's an approach that makes him unique.« – De Volkskrant, Amsterdam

Leon de Winter was born in 's-Hertogenbosch in 1954, the son of Dutch Jews. He has worked as a freelance writer and filmmaker since 1976, and lives in the Netherlands. In 2002, he was awarded the ›Welt Literature Prize‹; in 2006, the ›Buber-Rosenzweig Medal‹ for his fight against Antisemitism; and in 2009, the ›Brabant Literature Prize‹ for *The Right of Return*.

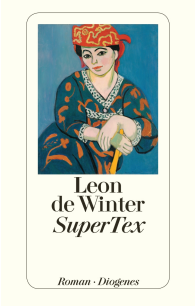
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<p><i>City of Dogs</i> 272 pages 2025</p>	<p><i>Geronimo</i> 448 pages 2016 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>VSV</i> 512 pages 2013 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>The Right to Return</i> 560 pages 2009 Bestseller</p>
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<p><i>Place de la Bastille</i> 160 pages 2005</p>	<p><i>God's Gym</i> 432 pages 2003 Bestseller</p>	<p><i>Kaplan</i> 544 pages 2001</p>	<p><i>Sokolov's Universe</i> 448 pages 1999</p>



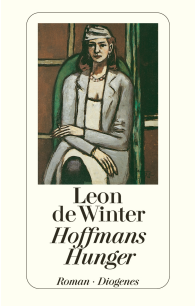
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Serenade
176 pages
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SuperTex
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