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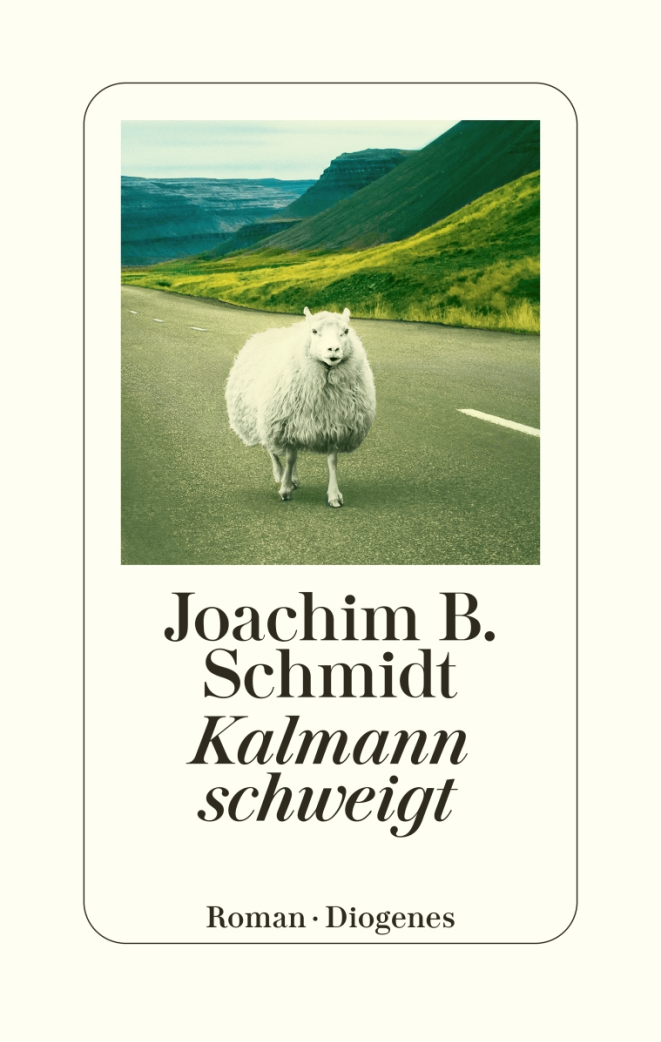

Kalmann is a lovable eccentric in the village of Raufarhöfn, high up in the rugged north of Iceland. Ever since his father gave him a sheriff's hat years ago, he has regarded himself as the village's sheriff. And in this role, once again, he has a lot on his plate: While the town is heatedly debating the salmon farm that the Norwegians are planning, he discovers an old tin box containing a huge amount of money. It awakens desires, and before long Kalmann is embroiled in a murky game.

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320 pages
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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

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

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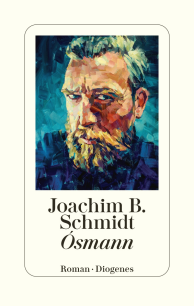
Joachim B. Schmidt, born in 1981, grew up in the Swiss canton of Grisons before emigrating to Iceland in 2007. His novels are bestsellers and have won numerous awards, including the ›Crime Cologne Award‹ and, most recently, the ›Glauser Prize‹. A dual citizen, Schmidt lives in Reykjavík with his wife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



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Kalmann and the Sleeping Mountain
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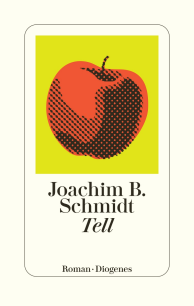

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