

# Diogenes

Leon de Winter  
*Geronimo*

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Original title: *Geronimo*



What if Osama bin Laden had not been shot during the spectacular raid on his house in Pakistan? Exciting like a thriller by Frederick Forsyth, this novel blurs the boundaries between reality and fantasy. *Geronimo* was the code word that the men of seal Team 6 were to use if they located Osama bin Laden. The commandos astonished the world with their spectacular operation. But did it really unfold as the official version would have us believe? In this novel, Leon de Winter plays a masterful game with that question.

*Geronimo* is also the story of Apana, an Afghan girl who develops a passion for Bach's Goldberg Variations, and the story of Jabbar, a Pakistani boy whose most precious possession is an old kitchen stool, a stool that could set the course of history off in a crucial new direction. Then there is the story of American excommander Tom Johnson, through whose compassionate eyes we view a world full of cunning and tragedy, a world that is at the same time magnificent. Leon de Winter is the first author to call into question the entire official version of Operation Neptune Spear – in which Osama bin Laden was eliminated – in a high wire act of the imagination. English sample translation and synopsis available. Featured title in *10 Books from Holland* (Dutch Foundation for Literature).

## Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature  
448 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
September 2016

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### Bestseller

# 13 Spiegel Bestseller List

### 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

#### *Geronimo*

»Leon de Winter has always been a virtuoso in the construction of thrilling intrigue.« – NRC Handelsblad, Amsterdam

»With a great conspiracy, the writer places the novel in the international political arena. The charm lies in its madness.« – NRC Handelsblad, Amsterdam



### Praise (cont'd)

»A novel with the momentum of a Tom Clancy thriller.« – Elsevier, Amsterdam

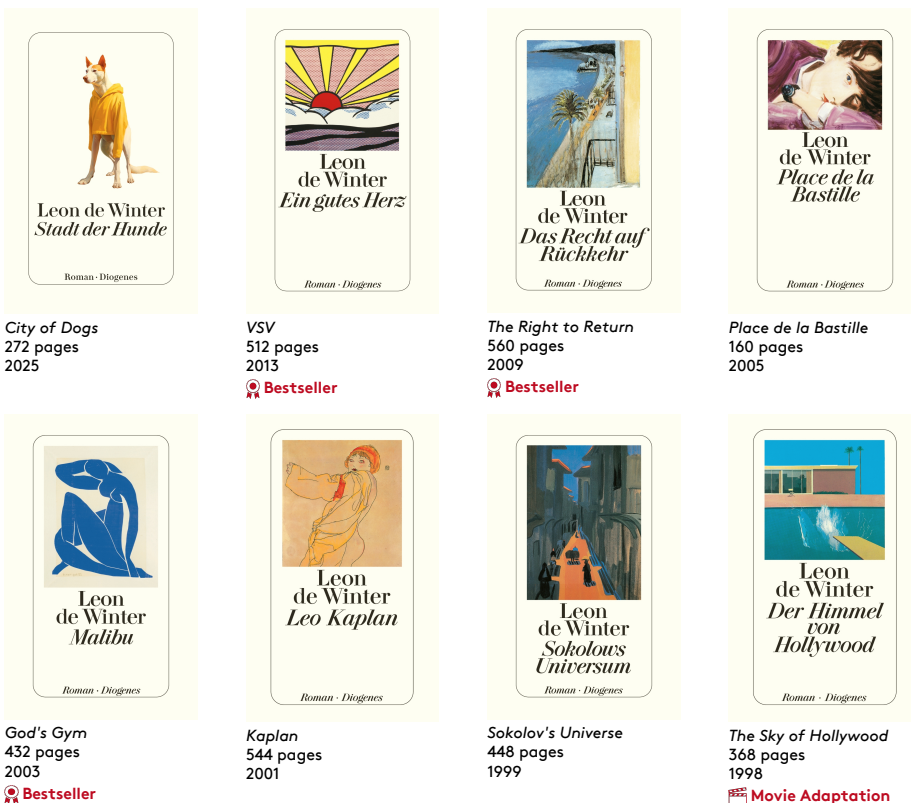
»Thrilling. A page-turner that will dispel any ounce of boredom.« – De Morgen, Brussels

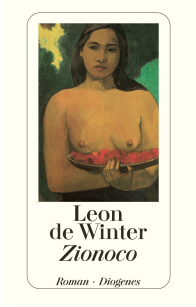
Leon de Winter

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

»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*.

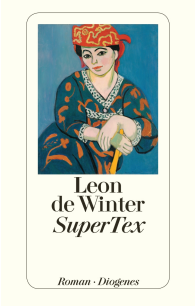




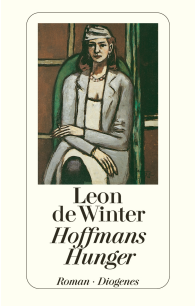
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416 pages  
1997



Serenade  
176 pages  
1996



SuperTex  
272 pages  
1994  
 **Movie Adaptation**



Hoffman's Hunger  
416 pages  
1994  
 **Movie Adaptation**