



### Lionheart

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**Thorvald Steen**

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## *Lionheart*

At the age of fifteen he leads an army against his father. Fourteen years later he is the Pope's obvious choice in leading the third crusade and conquering Jerusalem. His main enemy is the Muslims' leader Saladin. But is it true that he is God's chosen one, like his mother says? And is Saladin really the Devil himself?

*Lionheart* is a concentrated novel about a man living in the shadow of his own myth, a fanatic general who wants to conquer the world's greatest sanctum and a king that is suddenly vulnerable. The novel is built on extensive research and paints a convincing literary portrait of a person that has engrossed historians, poets, novelists and readers for centuries.

*Lionheart is a fascinating read. ... Steen manages to give flesh and blood to a historical icon, and creates a story with energy, dressed in sober, yet sublime language...*

Dagsavisen

*A lion's heart holds more than strength with Thorvald Steen illuminating it.... Thorvald Steen is a master of soft-spoken prose*

Vårt Land

## **Thorvald Steen**

Thorvald Steen's (b. 1954) literary career began in 1983, and he has since produced a diverse body of work spanning a variety of genres. Translated into 30 languages so far, Steen has received praise and prizes for the quality of his authorship in Norway and abroad.