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In the year 1108, Sigurd the Crusader left Bergen with sixty ships and ten thousand men. They were going to Jerusalem to bring home a piece of the Cross of Christ. In Constantinople he meets a young Turkish woman. She has arrived as a refugee from Byzantium, he as a crusader. The meeting between Amina Arslan and King Sigurd ensures fatal consequences for the both of them.

Thorvald Steen's *Constantinople* is an intense and cunning story of a failed crusade and a distressing encounter between East and West. With this book, Steen renews the possibilities of historical novels.

Constantinople is a tremendous novel about Sigurd's failed crusade. He not only has given an exemplary story, but also given the genre a much needed salt water injection"

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The description of Sigurd the Crusader's journey and encounter with love is not only strongly and beautifully portrayed. It is innovative"

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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.