



### Trilogy

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### Foreign rights

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### Awards

Some few prizes:  
 2014 European Prize for Literature  
 2015 Nordic Council's Literature Award, for Trilogien  
 2016 Willy Brandt Prize  
 2017 European Poetry Prize of the City of Münster, Germany



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*Andvake*, *Olavs draumar* and *Kveldsvævd* start with Alida and Asle who come to Bjørgvin to find work and a place to live. Alida is in the advanced stages of pregnancy, but nobody is willing to give her and her boyfriend shelter. They become more and more discouraged as they walk around in the rain. They carry with them memories of a happier time, from when the two of them met and understood immediately that they were meant for each other. But painful memories also interfere and the echo of the Bible story is strong throughout.

The sequel *Olavs draumar* gives us a brilliant portrait of the love that the two young people share, rendered in a simple and potent language. It is a dreamlike, disturbing and claustrophobic story, similar to a Biblical allegory. They decide to leave Bjørgvin, but in *Kveldsvævd* Asle, who now decides to change his name to Olav, returns to Bjørgvin to purchase a gift for Alida. It does not turn out as he had hoped.

*"Fosse is one of our most distinctive authors, a mystic whose language allows nature to live, a poet who with his voice makes prose sing."*

Dagbladet

*"This author has managed, like few others, to carve out a literary form of his own."*

From the citation for the Nordic Council Literary Prize, 2015

*"Prizewinning books that will still be read in five hundred years."*

Jes Stein Pedersen, Danske Politiken

## Jon Fosse

Jon Fosse is widely considered one of the world's most important living writers. Born in 1959 in Strandebarm, a small village in the western part of Norway, he lives today in the Grotten, an honorary residence, as well as in Hainburg, Austria, and Frekhaug, Norway.

Fosse has received numerous prizes, both in Norway and internationally, and he is mentioned increasingly often as a likely contender for the Nobel Prize. He is currently finishing a major seven-volume work of what he calls "slow prose": *Septology (Septologien)*: <http://winjeagency.com/books/13-jon-fosse-septology>, to be published in three volumes in 2019, 2021, and 2023.