



The Dog Manuscripts

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The Dog Manuscripts is a collection of three short stories written by Fosse in the late 90s. The texts read beautifully with the quirky, light, and humorous flow quintessential to Fosse's style of writing. The three individual books, *Nei å nei* (*No, oh no*), *Du å du* (*My oh my*), and *Fy å fy* (*Dear oh dear*) is reprinted in a new beautiful collection after high demand. A modern cult book?

Nei å nei, is a chronicle about Websterr the Dog. He lives a calm and sheltered life with the old Oline. Websterr spends his life day dreaming of being Websterr the drifter, wandering through the world alone. One day, when Oline is inattentive he sees his chance and runs off in pursuit of adventures.

The second, *Du å du*, is the story of Olav, an elderly dog in a boathouse deep in the fjord. He has one friend, a bachelor as himself, living further up the mountain. But one day, when Olav is on his way to visit his only friend, he meets the most beautiful lady dog from the city. A lifechanging meeting?

The final story, *Fy å fy* takes place on a freighter, transporting sand and gravel between villages and towns. On board lives the skipper Moreld, with his shipdog Haktor, and not to mention the tramp, Einar. Haktor has learned how to accept Einar's dislike of him...

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 has currently finishing a major seven-volume work of what he calls "slow prose". *Septology* consists of three volumes: *The Other Name: Septology I - II* was published in 2019 to international praise and longlisted for the *Booker International Prize*. *I Is Another: Septology III - V* was published autumn 2020 and *A New Name: Septology VI - VII* in September 2021.