

Per Olov Enquist Bio

Per Olov Enquist was born in Hioggböle, Sweden, in 1934. Enquist's first novel, Kristallögat (1961), established his well-known journalistic approach to fiction, which has garnered comparisons to Truman Capote and Norman Mailer. Enquist has continued his "documentary-style" throughout his work as a novelist and playwright. He attended the University of Uppsala and graduated in 1964 with a M.A. in the history of literature. Legionärerna (1968) won the Nordic Council literary prize in 1968 and Livlakarens Besök (1999) received both the August Award and the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize 2003. From 1970-71 Enquist Lived in Berlin on a grant from the German Academic Exchange Services and in 1973 was a visiting professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.