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Editorial Review

Review

"If you're up for an adventure, try reading *The Black Tongue* alone in a hotel room with one flickering light, like I did. I guarantee at least one nightmare" (**Leah Dearborn, LitReactor Magazine**).

"I was utterly pulled into this story and shocked at how it all came together. This is definitely an author to keep an eye on." (**2 Book Lovers blog**)

"The character of Granny Hatchet carries such a chill that thetemperature in the pit of a reader's stomach seems to go down a fewdegrees." (Antti Berg, Helsingin Sanomat newspaper, Finland).

"A tour de force ... The book startles, terrifies and makes the reader laugh" (Anssi Lehtimäki, Pohjalainen newspaper, Finland).

About the Author

Marko Hautala's unique blend of psychological thriller and realism has attracted readers of all genres, earning him a reputation as the Finnish Stephen King. His first novel, *Itsevalaisevat* (The self-illuminated ones), received the Tiiliskivi Prize, and *Käärinliinat* (Shrouds) received the Kalevi Jäntti Literary Prize for young authors in 2010. *Unikoira* (Seeing eyes) was nominated for the Young Aleksis Kivi Prize in 2013.

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