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Tidigt på morgonen den 23 september 2009 går larmet – en värdedepå i Västberga rånas.

Det är upptakten till ett av de mest spektakulära brotten någonsin i Sverige. Rånarna anländer via helikopter och polisen kan bara se på när de försvinner med närapå 40 miljoner kronor. Inte ett enda skott avlossas.

## **Helikopterrånet Details**

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### Ana says

Jag hade jättehöga förväntningar på denna boken ... dessvärre levde den inte riktigt upp till dem. Jag upplever handlingen som tuggummiseg och ganska platt. Slutet var väldigt oväntat och lite irriterande. En helt okej bok.

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### Lisa says

A gripping thriller inspired by a true-life crime

The Helicopter Heist is an epic thriller that kept me hooked until the very last page. Based on a true-life crime, the book starts slowly but quickly builds up pace to create suspense as the plot unravels and the heist draws nearer. The plot has all the ingredients of an entertaining story, including some laugh-out-loud moments and an epic twist that I did not see coming and still cannot stop thinking about. Jonas Bonnier's writing is confident and compelling throughout; it is hard to believe this is his debut suspense novel. The characters are skillfully drawn and their backgrounds and motives described in an intimate style that elicits unexpected empathy. I thoroughly enjoyed this excellent book and would highly recommend it.

I got this book free from Readers First and was not paid to write a review. All opinions expressed are my own.

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### meandermind says

The whole robbery was so spectacular it's hard to imagine a bad book written about it. This is fiction, and I don't know how much of it is made up, but I think the ending was definitely made up and also probably the weakest part of the book. The characters are very well thought-out and sort of caricatures, but helps the reader land their sympathy with the criminals. Maloofs "Absolut, absolut... Nej" is a fun quirk for example, and the police who doesn't even have a bed in her apartment because she doesn't sleep? Comedic gold.

All in all, a quite fun action comedy.

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### Wendy says

“The Helicopter Heist” is fast-paced and intriguing as four men in Sweden plan and execute a theft from the most secured cash depot in Stockholm. A story inspired by a true- life crime, a businessman, an adrenaline junkie, a new father and a visionary plot together in 2009 only to have the police track them down but never recover the millions they stole.

Skilfully Jonas Bonnier re-enacts a spectacular crime centered around the four men who concocted it rather than the investigation of the detectives trying to solve the case. Well-written and compelling each of the

thieves has a motive for getting involved including a bad investment, ambition, desire to be wealthy and a thirst for excitement and adventure. Intense and filled with suspense the action continually builds especially when the police get an inside tip and begin following Zoran Petrovic searching for clues to the place and time of a suspected heist. A page turner from beginning to end the excitement is heightened as the reader relives the heist moment by moment as improvisations are made to unplanned problems only to be outwitted by a mysterious woman and a diligent criminal investigator.

Sami Farlan a petty criminal, chef-in-training and new father who loves his family and is determined to change his life want a way to repay a debt after he's swindled in a deal. Loyal, good-natured and outgoing Michel Maloof a Lebanese immigrant has grown up in the poverty and criminal element of Stockholm's suburbs. Thwarted in a business venture that would have earned him millions Michel joins his friend money-hungry, Yugoslavian businessman Zoran Petrovic in planning the heist. Introverted and sullen Nikolas Nordgren who hungers for the thrill of adventure is the explosives expert who must figure out a way to get through the concrete on the roof of the building and delay the police helicopters. These characters as well as the aloof and dogged Criminal Investigator Caroline Thurn infuse high-energy and passion into a story that climaxes in a shocking ending.

I thoroughly enjoyed "The Helicopter Heist" and recommend it highly.

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### **Oko? w sieci says**

#### **BARDZO FILMOWA RECENZJA: [bit.ly/ukradli39](http://bit.ly/ukradli39)**

W pa?stwie prawa to niedopuszczalne, ale przy?apa?em si? na kibicowaniu g?wnym bohaterom tej ksi?ki. Przecie? s? takimi samymi lud?mi jak my.

Maj? problemy, maj? marzenia i maj? pewne predyspozycje.

Tylko tchnienie geniuszu i prawdziwa pasja mog?y doprowadzi? do tak brawurowego skoku. Nie przesadzam. Tak w?a?nie krzycza?y nag?ówki w 2009 roku w ca?ej Szwecji.

Czy mo?na wi?c tchn?? ?ycie w histori?, któr? znaj? ju? wszyscy? Bonnier da? rad?. Uwiarygodni? bohaterów, da? im solidne motywy i umie?ci? w energicznie post?puj?cej fabule. Nie nudzi?em si?, a i styl zbl?ony do relacji a? tak nie mierzi?. Historia mog?aby wyl?dowa? jako misja w GTA, ale jak si? okazuje pisany jest jej lepszy los. Ekranizacj? przyklepa? Netflix i je?li nie dadz? cia?a, to przewiduj? g?o?ny sukces.

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### **Dale says**

Too slow for my likings, abandoned at 29%

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### **Bee says**

Interesting to learn a bit more of what 'actually' happened (or not), but... this was also a liiittle bit boring. And that is a feat, since it's about one of the most movie-esque crimes in Swedish history.

You can tell that the author was slightly impressed by these guys while writing this, and that he let it color the story, since the majority of the book is painting portraits of the men behind the crime rather than talking about the crime itself.

While most of it, in the author's own words, is a mix of truth and fiction, let me hazard a wild guess that the ending is pure fiction. Because, come on.

I did find it fascinating, but in a way this book also contains so much wasted potential. Let's hope Netflix works some magic with the script.

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### **Reelika Raimet says**

<https://raamaturiulike.wordpress.com...>

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### **tampabay says**

They say never judge a book by the cover. However, this is called 'The Helicopter Heist' for a reason and is all about a real life robbery that occurred in Sweden back in 2009.

The start of the book is sedate and at times left me wondering when we would be getting to the heist action. It is like the start of a river that slowly meanders towards the final destination. There is enough here to keep the reader interested, setting the scene, and the first 100 pages or so can be summed up by one of the characters explaining

"What your saying is....that we need to find a helicopter. And a pilot. Then we're going to blow our way in through the roof and climb down a ladder to grab the money....."

The second part of the book moves onto the planning stage and there is a lightness of touch by the author that gives the characters depth and some funny moments ensue. There is also attention to detail and a pleasant non-sensationalist tone that gives the story a realistic feel. At this stage the river is moving faster and the end destination is over the top of a large waterfall.

The last part of the book deals with the heist itself and moves along at a cracking pace like the river cascading down the waterfall. This part is superb.

There is a surprise at the end that I did not see coming.

A book that is worth persevering with at the start that rewards the reader with a great story and a sense of satisfaction.

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### **Miriam Smith says**

"The Helicopter Heist" is billed as a fast paced, race against time thriller and it was definitely that! The amount of tension building up to the heist and then the actually robbery itself was so suspenseful I couldn't

put the book down until I knew whether or not it was executed successfully and whether the robbers got away or were caught. I wasn't aware myself of this crime in real life but I was intrigued enough to research it and was stunned by just how cunning and well planned this heist actually was. Knowing then that this story was based on incredible true events and created into a fabulous thriller made it all the more entertaining and in my opinion the author has done an excellent job in doing so, to a point the reader doesn't know what parts are fact and which are fiction. It's obvious a huge amount of research has been carried out to write this book and I can see it's a crime that the author has really taken a huge personal interest in.

Set in Västberga, Sweden in 2009, I did struggle a little with place names and locations but it didn't detract from the enjoyment of the story and was an interesting setting for an extraordinary crime.

What I particularly liked about how the author wrote this book is how we were introduced to each character in the book no matter how small their part was, giving us their background, current situations and ambitions to a point you really did get a clear picture of each person and their role in the story. I liked all of the four main characters especially Sami and although they were planning an unbelievable helicopter heist that could result in the theft of millions of kroner you couldn't help but root for the plan to succeed. The fabulous twist at the end was very unsuspecting and I loved how it fit in so well with the plot.

The author Jonas Bonnier was once the CEO and president of the publishing company Bonnier Group and to have a book published by the company must be both very exciting and fulfilling for him. Full of drama, tension and a really compelling plot this is a truly riveting read that will go down well with non fiction and fiction readers alike. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book over a weekend and would have no hesitation in recommending it.

5 stars

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### **Lou says**

I have to admit, my first thought when I saw the author's name was whether Jonas Bonnier was in some way related to the company who have published his book. Being me, I decided to look it up and I was correct in my assertion, Jonas Bonnier is the former CEO and president of the Bonnier Group. It makes sense for his book to be published under their guidance.

"The Helicopter Heist" is what I would call a non-fiction thriller. based on a true story it lacks none of the drama present in a fiction thriller. After all, the truth is stranger than fiction! The rights to it have already been purchased in 18 territories. The heist is not something I had any previous knowledge of, probably as it happened in Sweden.

At the beginning, the pace is pretty slow, it does soon pick up to a much quicker pace and becomes more enjoyable, as a result. What is unusual about this book is that it is based around the four Swedish men who masterminded the crime, rather than from the perspectives of the investigating detectives. I imagine this took a great deal of detailed research, moreso than may have been required had it been told from the opposite angle.

The theft takes place at the most secure cash depot in Stockholm on 23rd September 2009 and is known as the Västberga helicopter robbery. The four men involved each have a different motive for taking part - Sami, after a business deal goes sideways wonders how he is going to provide for his newborn daughter, Michel, who grew up surrounded by criminals and poverty can't seem to escape his past, Niklas, who craves excitement and the rush of adrenaline, and Zoran, wants to get rich by any means necessary. The men behind the daring robbery are now behind bars, but the \$6.5 million they stole has never been recovered.

Genuinely, one of the most engaging non-fiction outing i've experienced in recent times. Highly recommended to crime fiction/thriller fans and true crime fans alike. A riveting read!

Many thanks to Bonnier Zaffre for an ARC. I was not required to post a review and all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Jasmine says**

I have mixed feelings about this. On one hand, I love that plot twist at the end because I did not see *that* coming but on the other hand I'm feeling very sorry towards certain characters which I did not expect because I kept complaining throughout this that I did not care about any of the characters and to be fair that is true because their backstory didn't really interest me. The only reason I wanted to read this was because of the heist and I wanted to see if it would be successful or not and I wanted to see how it would be pulled off and I got that and I enjoyed it.

But I also want more from the ending, I want to know what exactly happens to some of the characters and I actually feel bad for them which I can't believe. Honestly, I just want a little more and I can't explain what exactly I want without spoiling anything.

Overall, I did enjoy this more than I thought I would and would recommend to people who are interested in the actual event. That being said, I wasn't and I still did enjoy this.

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### **Krist?ne L?cis says**

Fakts, ka sižets balst?ts uz patieš?m notikušu laup?šanu - Vikip?dij? var atrast ierakstu par "Västberga helicopter robbery" - gr?matu noteikti padara ?paši aizraujošu un pieš?ir tai ?pašu intrigu, v?lreiz apliecinot, ka "truth is stranger than fiction". Liela da?a d?vain?bas sl?pjelas deta??s - policijas darbiniece, kuras dz?vokl? nav gu?amistabas, *McDonald* komplekta ritu?ls "pirms nozieguma", ta?u t?s joproj?m ir ticamas, un t?d?? p?rliecinošas.

Proza ir lakoniska, pat skopa, grib?tos teikt - zieme?nieciski attur?ga, bet šis bezkaisl?gums ir visnota? piem?rots, lai aprakst?tu Gaja Ri?ija filmas cien?gu dr?mu, jo nenov?rš uzman?bu no pieaugoš?spriedzes un varo?u piedz?votaj?m peripetij?m. Vien?gi neesmu saj?sm?, ka darbojošos personu dažbr?d š?iet p?r?k daudz, tiek piesaukti gar?mejoši person?ži, kuru loma notikumu att?st?b? ir niec?ga, jo tas sižetu nedaudz sadrumstalo. Vis?di cit?di - lielisks trilleris.

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### **Natalie Mullan says**

An interesting and intriguing, but very long-winded true story of Sweden's largest cash heist.

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