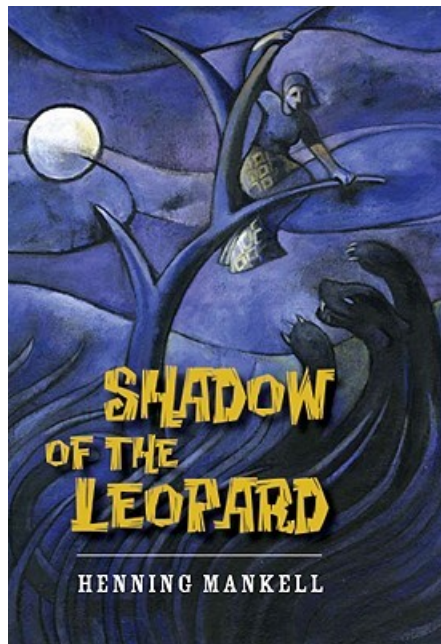




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A powerful, haunting story set in Mozambique by a world-renowned author.

Readers met Sofia previously in *Secrets in the Fire*, when, at the age of 9, she lost her legs in a land mine explosion in Mozambique.

Now Sofia is almost 20 and pregnant with her third child. Armando, the father of her children, travels to the city for work, coming home on weekends.

One Saturday Armando is very late, and as he stands in the shadows beyond the firelight, Sofia knows he is hiding something from her. She makes her way to town to find out what he is doing... and is devastated to discover that he is involved with another woman.

Sofia ends their relationship but suffers terribly in the face of Armando's rage. In a heart-rending conclusion Armando's life unravels, and Sofia must return to her village to raise her children without him.

"Shadow of the Leopard" is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal told with clear-eyed compassion and humane and strongly atmospheric insight.

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Rebecca Golden says

Also called "The Fury in the Fire"

Sofia says

Hilma

Emilie says

Den avslutande delen av Sofia var minst lika bra som de andra två... och lika många plot holes. But oh well...

Det var en kort och lättläst serie, men den berörde. Kändes lite som om jag besökte min barndom (although, jag hade bara läst första då). Saken är då den att det var ganska så tydligt att det inte fanns något slut. Sofia trampar på en mina, måste anpassa sig. Boom slut. Okej.

Några år senare, Sofias syster får aids. Boom slut. okej

Några år senare, Sofias man beter sig konstigt och farligt. Boom slut? Obviously not. Det må vara en trilogi men detta handlar om en verklig person. Om nu tre böcker släppts om Sofia som alla har väldigt tragiska handlingar, vad får mig då att tro att hennes liv helt plötsligt ska bli fint och lyckligt? När jag avslutade boken var min första tanke "what's next?"

Nu lät jag lite negativ. Jag tyckte verkligen om serien. Men det kändes inte riktigt som de hängde ihop som jag velat. Hence the plot holes. Aaah the plot holes. I denna bok störde jag mig på två stycken:

1) Sofias mamma Lydia har fött elva barn. Tre lever idag. Fyra har dött. Är min matte dålig eller har något blivit knasigt här?

2) Sofia har bott i sin by i hela sitt liv och aldrig lämnat den... Okej, i första boken flyr de sin by p g a banditer och de bosätter sig på ett nytt ställe. Jo men that makes sense... I guess.

I alla fall, trots de små sakerna så är serien helt klart läsvärd!

Lukasz says

To trzecia cz??? „afryka?skie trylogii” Mankella. Nie zosta?a nagrana w formie audiobooka. Tym razem si?gn??em po ebooka w j?zyku niemieckim. Ciekawe jest to, i? ksi??ki z tej trylogii jak na razie nie ukaza?y

si? w j?zyku polskim. Troch? czasu mi zaj??o sprawdzenie czy ksi??ka ukaza?a si? w j?zyku angielskim. Okazuje si? ?e tak i nosi tytu? „Shadow of The Leopard”.

Po pi?ciu latach przerwy od napisania drugiego tomu tej serii Mankell postanowi? napisa? trzeci? i ostatni? cz??? „Gniew ognia” czy „Cie? Leoparda” (tak odpowiednio brzmi? w polskim t?umaczeniu tytu?y tej ksi??ki w j?zyku niemieckim i angielskim) opatrzone jest kr?tkim wst?pem samego autora. We wst?pie autor wspomina, i? posta? g??wnej bohaterki oparta jest na prawdziwej postaci oraz jej prze?yciach. Ciekawe jest te? to, i? Mankell przed publikacj? udost?pni? „prawdziwej” Sofii ksi??k? do przeczytania i prosi? j? o opinie.

Ta ksi??ka to niesamowite ?wiadectwo z ?ycia zwyk?ej kobiety zamieszkuj?cej w przedmie?ciach du?ego miasta, prawdopodobnie Mozambiku. Jest to dok?adna kontynuacja drugiego i pierwszego tomu afryka?skiej trylogii. Podobnie jak w przypadku drugiego tomu, trzeci tom zaczyna si? mniej wi?cej pi?? lat po wydarzeniach opisanych w poprzednim tomie. Sofia ma oko?o 20 lat. Ma dw?jk? dzieci, spodziewa si? trzeciego dziecka. Prowadzi godne, ale skromne ?ycie u boku ukochanego m??czyzny, który w tygodniu pracuje w mie?cie w warsztacie samochodowym, w domu jest tylko na weekendy. Matka Sofii, Lydia nadal ?yje, pomaga Sofii w wychowywaniu jej dzieci.

?ycie Sofii nie jest do ko?ca sielank?. W tym tomie dowiadujemy si? o jej problemach, których do?wiadcza jako doros?a kobieta. Nie b?d? zdradza? zbyt wiele, ale bardzo wzruszaj?ca jest ta historia i uczy nas sporo pokory. Mankell napisa? ?wietn? ksi??k? o ?yciu kobiety, o problemach z jakim? borykaj? si? kobiety w krajach trzeciego ?wiata. Mimo wielkiej tragedii jaka opisana jest w ksi??ce czerpa?em sporo pozytywnej energii z tej lektury. Chwilami by?o mi bardzo ?al Sofii. Z jednej strony ksi??ka ma happy end, zale?y jednak z jakiej perspektywy si? spojrz? na to, bo mimo wszystko dochodzi pod koniec do tragedii. Chcia?bym aby by?a czwarta cze?? tej serii, bardzo ciekaw jestem dalszych los?w Sofii oraz jej rodziny. Mankell jednak na tym tomie zamyka opowie??, jedynie mo?emy sami si? domy?le? jak potoczy?y si? losy naszej bohaterki.

Szukaj?c informacji na temat tej ksi??ki natrafi? na podr?niczy blog który zawiera? fotorelacje z Mozambiku. Dzi?ki temu jeszcze lepiej potrafi?em sobie wyobrazi? miejsca w których ?y?a Sofia. Ciekawe dla mnie jest te? t?umaczenie tytu?u na j?zyk angielski. Tytu?owy Leopard pojawia, lub nie pojawia si? w dw?ch miejscach, jest tylko pobie?nie wspomniany. To wielka abstrakcja dla nas Europejczyk?w obawia? si? tego dzielonego zwierz?cia które ?yje na wolno?ci w pobli?u domostw wiejskich w Mozambiku. W takich realia ?y?a Sofia oraz jej dzieci. W pewnym momencie musia?a te? ukry? si? przed tym zwierz?ciem i t? w?a?nie scen? angielskoj?zyczny wydawca postanowi? wykorzysta? nadaj?c tytu? w tym j?zyku.

Bardzo dobrze wspominam chwile sp?dzone na czytaniu tej ksi??ki. Mam nadzieje ?e ukarze si? polskie t?umaczenie.

Mariana says

A great simple book about the anguish of poverty + disability in Mozambique.

Jesus Flores says

Wow, this book is something incredible, I have read Mankell because of Wallander (a book series I greatly enjoy) and his other detective books are great too. But this is a different Mankell, who writes about the lives of those displaced by war and poverty in Africa. He gives us a little glimpse in the life of Sofia, via 3 stories

of decisive moments in her life. The first one where she has to flee her town-home because is being reided and everyone murdered, to find refuge on a scant town where maybe life can happen again just to step on a landmine, losing her sister and legs, the way Mankell writes about it it really makes you sad, to think so many lives can just go to hell in a moment for such a thing in the ground. And yet for Sofia it is not a path to selfdestruction, but to take life into her hands. The second another sad story where Sofia is to experience the suffering of AIDS via her sister. And on the third story the betrayal of her husband, yet Sofia is one to find a way to live. This book will make you cry, get angry, and find that happiness can be in so many little things around us. And the way Mankell writes this shows his command of storytelling, of character development. It does sucks you into this world, into Sofia's life. Truly a great book.

Chantelle21 says

Fantastic book

Josue Olvera says

Es muy mala. No se la deseo a nadie.

Erica says

After Armando having an affair and spending money on new clothes while their family's struggling with money, she's had enough. Sofia is kicking him out. But this choice has a bigger impact than she could imagine.

This is the last book in Henning Mankell's trilogy about Sofia. Yet again, this book would have gotten a better grade if it was written better. Sometimes it is hard to follow, and some scenes and situations are very poor in details, and could have been worked with more to give the book some more life. But however, it is a great story and I would recommend the trilogy to anyone who's interested.

Mayte Sánchez says

Llegue por casualidad a esta novedad de Mankell (novedad porque no es su estilo) y me asombró la capacidad para cambiar de estilo y desarrollar esta historia: una niña que vive en Mozambique, como tantas tiene que haber allí, con sus penurias y sus innumerables dificultades, pero sin caer en la dramatización. Un bonito hallazgo.

P5kristinat says

Shadow of the Leopard by Henning Mankell is a continuous journey of the story, Secrets in the Fire. Sofia, once a young girl, was split from her family after being in war-torn Mozambique. She lost her father and sister during this battle, and not to mention her legs in an explosion. Ten years later, Sofia is now 20 and already has two children, with a third one on the way. She continues her journey of living in poverty throughout this story. Even with Sofia being so strong, she still has horrible problems that come her way. She struggles to figure out what her husband is doing after fleeing their town. Will she forgive him or move on?

I enjoyed reading this novel because of how true and inspiring Sofia's story is. This story really shows how much we take for granted. I can not imagine putting myself in Sophia's shoes, especially when she has lost family members. However, she remains strong which is incredible. I like how she puts her family first and never lets anything stop her from supporting her kids. There is so many people in this world today living in poverty and Sofia is just one of them. Her story continues to fascinate me after reading these novels. Her story put many things into perspective and I would recommend it to anyone who is living in poverty. Sofia's story really emphasizes on the fact that things will get better, you just have to believe in what is to come.

Robyn says

There is preface in this book where Mankell states: *"In the books about Sophia I mix truths and invention. What I describe has happened in reality, but not exactly in that way."* I wonder if, in particular, the ending is one of Sophie's realities. I would hope that it wasn't. Nevertheless, it remains someone's, maybe many someone's. Such a sad thought.
