

FICTION

A small change with massive consequences

A Sleepless Summer

BRAM DEHOUCK

With the arrival of a wind farm, a new wind literally begins to blow through the village of Blaashoek. The continuous humming keeps Herman Bracke, a butcher, awake for nights on end. Slowly, the sleep deprivation begins to take its toll. Herman is not alone – the wind turbines are a nuisance to other villagers too. Tensions grow, and what began as a little change snowballs into a tumult of highly-strung emotions, rancour, and even murder. Life in Blaashoek will never be the same.

What an intense, intriguing drama!

KNACK

In this minimalistic and unconventional crime novel, an apparently trivial event trips an unstoppable chain reaction that culminates in a furious apotheosis, leaving few characters unscathed. 'A Sleepless Summer' is a tragicomic thriller with a strong narrative and everyday, yet unforgettable, characters. In a deceptively simple style with witty imagery, Dehouck creates a melancholic and wistful atmosphere in a world dominated by dark egocentrism. Uncanny, original and haunting.

The blackest version of Midsomer Murders, infused with the dark, psychological tinge of the finest Scandinavian crime fiction

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AUTHOR



Bram Dehouck (b. 1978) is best known as a thriller writer. His debut did not go unnoticed: he won several major prizes, something no other crime fiction author had done before him. Dehouck is not afraid to step off the well-trodden paths of crime fiction in Dutch and has updated the genre with a dose of gallows humour. He often places his characters in everyday, unspectacular settings and doesn't need much to create haunting suspense. *Photo © Liesbeth Kuipers*

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