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## Brief introduction to the author

Mikael Strömberg

Horror/Thriller

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After several years as a musician and about two hundred song lyrics to his credit, many of them featuring horror motifs, **Mikael Strömberg** made his literary debut in 2011 with the horror novel *Vätten* (The Gnome), an instant critical success. In the years to follow he has produced three more horror-themed novels where everyday realism is combined with the supernatural, something that has become Strömberg's hallmark. In 2016 *Sattyg* (Hellish play) was published, Strömberg's first book targeting a younger – middle school – audience. ***The Banished*** (De förjagade) is his latest piece that has gotten rave reviews and, at the moment, two production companies are developing screenplays for either a feature film or TV adaptation.

In addition to his novels, Strömberg also contributed his short story *Flockdjur* to the anthology *13 Svarta Sagor*, published by Swedish Zombie. And two of his horror short stories, *Stenfoster* and *Isadora Cordée*, have been read aloud in one of Sweden's most popular podcasts, *Creepypodden*, produced by Swedish public service outlet Sveriges Radio.

Mikael Strömberg (born in 1976) grew up in Norrtälje and lives in southern Stockholm with his wife and two children.

### Said about *The Banished*:

"Accomplished and claustrophobic." Lotta Olsson - Dagens Nyheter

"Strömberg has created an icy horror story." Margaretha Levin Blekastad - Norrtälje Tidning

"Ghastly!" - Dominique Lahovary, Bonniers Bokklubb

"The author has accomplished something as unusual as a historical horror thriller." Nisse Scherman - Dast Magazine

"Top picks from the horror genre in 2017 are most definitely *The Banished* by Mikael Strömberg, *Sleeping Beauties* by Owen and Stephen King and Mats Strandberg's *The Home*." – Helen Lindholm Lyssna & Läs

"Really good suspense, through and through." Tentakelmonster

"A very exciting story with a furious pace, clever settings and a great cast of characters." Le Bokklubb

### Bibliography:

***The Banished*** (De förjagade)

Lind & Co (SE)

*Hellish play* (Sattyg)

Andra världar (SE)

*Night play* (Vad gör dina barn när du sover?)

Eskapix Press/Lind & Co (SE)

*Cemented* (Inmurad)

Frank förlag/Lind & Co (SE)

*The Gnome* (Vätten)

Frank förlag/Lind & Co (SE)

