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Editorial Review

Review

“A funny and completely implausible farce about a woman, a bomb and a man’s frustrated ambition to overthrow the king of Sweden... The rest of the world will chuckle all the way through it.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

“In *The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden*, Jonas Jonasson unfurls a wide, whimsical net that readers will relish being caught up in.” (BookPage)

“A funny and improbable tale with characters from South Africa to Sweden demonstrates how even the most seemingly insignificant people can change the fate of the world.” (Denver Post)

From the Back Cover

A wildly picaresque new novel from Jonas Jonasson, the author of the internationally bestselling *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*

In a tiny shack in the largest township in South Africa, Nombeko Mayeki is born. Put to work at five years old and orphaned at ten, she quickly learns that the world expects nothing more from her than to die young, be it from drugs, alcohol, or just plain despair. But Nombeko has grander plans. She learns to read and write, and at just fifteen, using her cunning and fearlessness, she makes it out of Soweto with millions of smuggled diamonds in her possession. Then things take a turn for the worse....

Nombeko ends up the prisoner of an incompetent engineer in a research facility working on South Africa's secret nuclear arsenal. Yet the unstoppable Nombeko pulls off a daring escape to Sweden, where she meets twins named Holger One and Holger Two, who are carrying out a mission to bring down the Swedish monarchy...by any means necessary.

Nombeko's life ends up hopelessly intertwined with the lives of the twins, and when the twins arrange to kidnap the Swedish king and prime minister, it is up to our unlikely heroine to save the day—and possibly the world. In this wild romp, Jonasson tackles issues ranging from the pervasiveness of racism to the dangers of absolute power while telling a charming and hilarious story along the way. In the satirical voice that has earned him legions of fans the world over, Jonasson gives us another rollicking tale of how even the smallest of decisions can have sweeping—even global—consequences.

About the Author

Jonas Jonasson was a journalist for the *Expressen* newspaper for many years. He became a media consultant and later set up a company producing sports and events for Swedish television before selling it and moving abroad to work on his first novel. He is the author of the internationally bestselling novels *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* and *The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden*. He lives on the Swedish island Gotland in the Baltic Sea.

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