

THE OLD MAN AND HIS SONS

These are the Faroe Islands as they were some fifty years ago: sea-washed and remote, with one generation still tied to the sea for sustenance, and a younger generation turning toward commerce and clerical work in the towns. At the post-hunt whale-meat auction, Ketil enthusiastically bids for more meat than he can afford. Thus when Ketil is seventy, he and his wife struggle to repay their debt. Heðin Brú (1901–1987), novelist and translator, was considered the most important Faroese writer of his generation and is known...



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I came across this book because I really want to go to the Faroe Islands and, as a result, I started looking for Faroese literature. This is an interesting little story about different generations, village mentality and the struggle to find enough money to pay off debts - he bites off more whale meat than he can chew/afford. I feel...