



March News

WNO RECOMMENDS:

The Book

The Solitaire Mystery, By Jostein Gaarder

Hans Thomas, a twelve-years-old boy begins with his father, a long and reflexive journey, looking for his mother, who left them 8 years ago, to “find herself”.

The trip along the Atenas road enables Hans not only to give us extraordinary thoughts about family and the human being as individual, but also transport us to a fantasy world, that he discovers through a tiny book that a baker provides him inside a bread and that he could only read with a loupe that the dwarf gives him in a petrol station.

Little by little, Hans makes ours, the magic adventures of a sailor on an island where only he and his imagination lived, generating life, breaking the solitariness, up to a deck of cards that shared with him a life with no time.

The Solitaire Mystery will shake and emotion us, while remembering us the real meaning of being alive.

WNO RECOMMENDS:

The Author

Jostein Gaarder (1952-)

Jostein Gaarder was born on August 1952 in Oslo, Norway.

J. Gaarder studied in the University of Oslo, Scandinavian Philology and History of the Ideas and Religion.

In 1974, he started teaching, like his father. His first book was released in 1986 *The Diagnosis*, followed by many others.

In 1991 he wrote *The Solitaire Mystery* and won prizes like The Critic Prize and the Literary Prize from the Minister of Social and Science, in Norway.

In 1991, *Sophie's World* converted him in one of the most successful writers of Europe. *Sophie's World* is an international best seller that has been translated in more than 15 languages.

J. Gaarder won the European Prize for Juvenile Literature with *The Christmas Mystery* in 1992. *The Orange Girl* is his latest book, released in 2003.