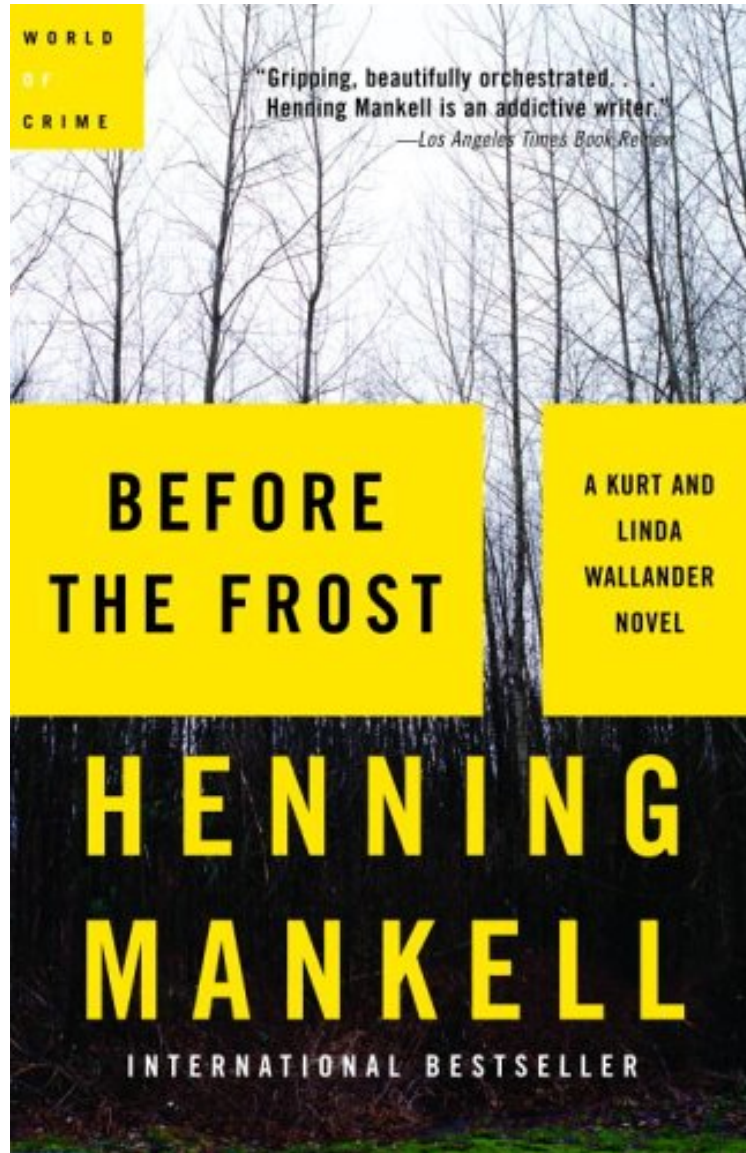


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**Henning Mankell : Before the Frost** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Before the Frost:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Father-daughter reunion is only an argument away - 3+By Blue in Washington  
Henning Mankell's Wallander series is very fine overall, and I'm reading my way through the older books. That said, I found "Before the Frost" less satisfying than others of its kind. This novel has a twofold purpose, I think: the first to tell the story of a religiously-motivated series of killings that is as intense and bone-chilling as anything

Mankell has written about previously or since and, to bring the character of Linda Wallander fully into the crime-solving picture as a rookie copper. It is in the latter context that I think this book has some weakness. So much time is spent on providing background on the complicated nature of Linda's relationship with her father and her own inter-character elements, that the storyline spins out way beyond what is necessary to support the main substance. The book could have been cut by 25% to its benefit. Very few books by Henning Mankell are NOT worth reading. This one has its merits and should be included in any reading of the series, even with the caveats mentioned above. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I did not find it got any better up to and including the very last page - ...By Dolphin Totem This story is about Kurt's daughter, Linda, becoming a police recruit and getting involved w/ her first murder investigation. The book has little substance and little interest. I did not find it got any better up to and including the very last page - a big disappointment from an author I have liked. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thoroughly enjoyable. More like four and a half stars! By Froda This time it's Linda Wallander (Kurt's daughter) who does the detective work. She is in limbo in the weeks before she takes up her position as a police officer in the Ystad Police Force. She becomes worried when her friend, Anna says she thinks she's seen her father who's been absent since she was very young. Very soon after this she finds that Anna is missing and the leads she follows don't make sense. Linda's father, meantime is investigating the brutal murder of an elderly woman in a remote part of a forest. There are one or two features in the murder that seem to connect the woman with Linda's friend. It is, as usual, a gripping mystery. The story takes us into the mind of a religious fanatic who has participated in the Jones Cult. (Jim Jones was an American religious leader and community organizer. Jones was the founder and the leader of the Peoples Temple, best known for the mass suicide in November 1978 of 909 of its members in Jonestown, Guyana.)

Sweden's bestselling and award-winning author Henning Mankell joins Vintage Canada with the first Kurt and Linda Wallander Mystery. Linda Wallander is bored. Having just graduated from the police academy, she is waiting to start work at the Ystad police station and move into her own apartment. In the meantime, she is living with her father, and like fathers and daughters everywhere, they are driving each other crazy. Nor will they be able to escape each other when she moves out. Her father is Inspector Kurt Wallander, a veteran of the Ystad police force, whom she will have to work alongside. Linda's boredom doesn't last long. Soon she is embroiled in the case of her childhood friend Anna, who has inexplicably disappeared. A few rookie mistakes result in life-threatening scenarios. And as the case her father is working on dovetails with her own, something far more calculated and dangerous than either could have imagined begins to emerge.