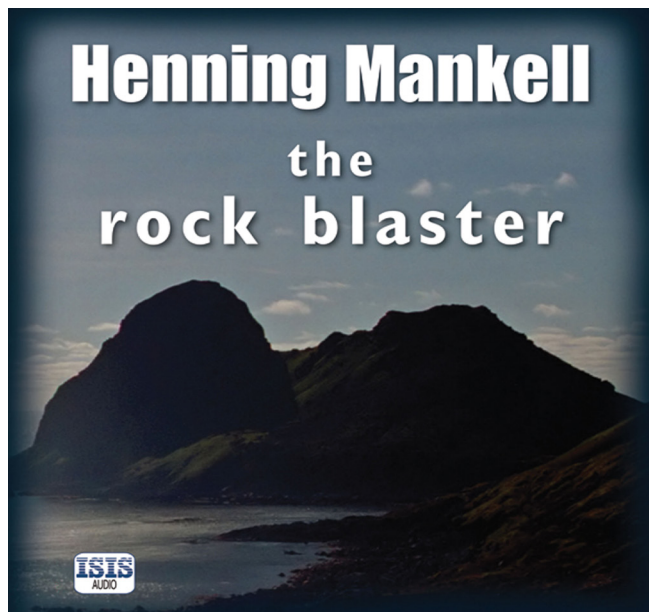




READING GUIDE

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The Rock Blaster HENNING MANKELL

Henning Mankell's first novel explores the reflections of a working-class man who has struggled against the constraints of his station for his entire life.

IN DETAIL

At 3p.m. on a Saturday afternoon in 1911, Oskar Johansson is caught in a blast in an industrial accident. The local newspaper reports him dead, but they are mistaken. Though crippled, Oskar finds the strength to go on living and working. *The Rock Blaster* charts his long professional life - his hopes and dreams, sorrows and joys. His relationship with the woman whose love saved him, with the labour movement that gave him a cause to believe in, and with his children, who do not share his ideals. Remarkably assured, Henning Mankell's debut is written with scalpel-like precision, at once poetic and insightful in its depiction of a true working-class hero.



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