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### **RED DUST**

## BOOK 2



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# When everything burns and falls, where can one turn? When defeat is at the door, what is left to fight for?

In Red Dust, Lieutenant General John Arnhem and his elite soldiers fought a losing battle in a war that has raged for 17 years. Now, as the enemy advances, Arnhem no longer believes victory is possible. Disillusioned, he embarks on one final mission—to evacuate his grandparents and the remnants of his past life from the Tanami Desert.

Brett Hammersley, once an idealist in Arnhem's regiment, is also desperate to escape. But even in the vast desert, the war is inescapable. Meanwhile, Australia's leader, Foreign Minister Eden Elenia Caitleen, faces an impossible choice—one she must make alone, with time running out.



#### An unusually vivid and beautiful novel.

Fædrelandsvennen, About Red Dust I



Kvæven has an exceptionally vivid and vibrant language; he engages the reader's senses from the very first sentence, effortlessly alternating between the disturbingly grotesque and the poetically dreamlike. His depictions of landscapes, animals, and nature are captivating and beautiful, evoking a sense of awe and gratitude.

Stavanger Aftenblad, about Red Dust I



Here are unusually sensuous and almost introspective descriptions of animals and landscapes. Beautiful in all its horror.

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Tore Kvæven (b. 1969) made his debut in 2011 with *Hard Is the Law of My Land*. He received the most prestigious literary award Brageprisen in 2018 for his novel *When the land darkens*. Kvæven works as a school teacher and sheep farmer. In 2022, he received the prestigious Stig Sæterbakken Memorial Award.

