

Bio

Kristín Marja Baldursdóttir was born on January 21, 1949 in Hafnarfjörður. She graduated from Iceland's Teacher Training College in 1970 and received a B.A. degree in German and Icelandic from the University of Iceland in 1991. Kristín studied German at the Goethe Institut in Bremen in Germany from 1979 – 1980, took courses in education in Denmark 1985 – 1986 and a journalist course in Germany in 1992. She taught at the primary schools in Reykjavík from 1975 – 1988. In 1988 Kristín Marja switched jobs and started working as a journalist for the daily Morgunblaðið until 1995.

Kristín Marja's first novel, *Mávahlátur* (Seagull's Laughter) was published in 1995. The book was adapted for the stage and shown in the Reykjavík City Theatre in 1998. The novel was also filmed by Ágúst Guðmundsson in 2001 and received many awards at the Icelandic Edda-festival that year (The Icelandic film and television prize). Kristín Marja has since published other novels, a short story collection and written the biography of writer Vilborg Dagbjartsdóttir, *Mynd af konu* (Picture of a Woman), published in 2001.

Kristín Marja Baldursdóttir lives in Reykjavík. She is married with three grown daughters.

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