

THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE CRUISE ALONG THE COAST OF NORWAY JULY 8 TO JULY 26, 2014

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Books and magazines read

Daniel Silva, *The Kill Artist* (Kindle); Ben Fountain, *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*; Matt Taibbi, *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap* (Kindle); Sarah Paretsky, *Deadlock* (Kindle); Alan Lightman, *The Accidental Universe: The World You Thought You Knew*; Jo Nesbø, *The Leopard* (Kindle); also several issues of *TIME*, *The New Yorker*, *The Progressive*, *Yale Alumni Magazine*