



LITERARY FORAYS  
**Swedish writer  
 Henning Mankell  
 at Abu Dhabi  
 Bookfair**

**T**HE ABU DHABI Book Fair held March had a prominent Swedish participation. Well-known Swedish writer Henning Mankell was among the fair's most prominent guests, and his meetings with the visitors to the fair - young and old - were highly impressive. Mankell met with school children to discuss his writings. He talked to them about how he became a writer, and answered many of their questions. He said he was happy to see the large presence of young people at the fair, at a time when Internet and Television are taking large sections of the younger generation away from books. Henning Mankell signed two new translations (to the Arabic) of his books. They were translated by a Swedish publisher. The translator was of Jordanian origin, Mona Henning. Mona has, during the past two decades, worked tirelessly to translate into Arabic many works of Sweden's famous Authors of childrens books. She, and her publishing company, Dar al Muna, were a major fixture at the recent years' book fairs in Abu Dhabi. **What was new this year at the fair was the Swedish culinary participation, with Bo Masser, Vice President of Gourmand World Cook Book Awards, and KC Wallberg, well-known Swedish chef.** To read more about Henning Mankell, please click here ([www.henningmankell.com](http://www.henningmankell.com)). To know more about Mona Henning and Dar Al Muna, please click here (<http://www.daralmuna.com/index.htm>) ■



**Films**

Lasse Hallström



Lukas Moodysson

**SWEDISH** 20th-century culture is marked by pioneering works in the early days of cinema, with films coming from worthies like Mauritz Stiller and Victor Sjöström. In the 1920s-1980s, the filmmaker Ingmar Bergman and actors Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman became international celebrities. More recently, the films of Lukas Moodysson and Lasse Hallström have received international appreciation. ■

**Fashion**

**INTEREST IN** fashion is big in Sweden and the country is headquartering famous brands like Hennes & Mauritz (operating as H&M), J. Lindeberg (operating as JL), Acne, Gina Tricot, Tiger of Sweden, Odd Molly, Dagmar, Cheap Monday, Gant, Lexington, Svea, Resteröds, Nudie Jeans, WESC and Filippa K within its borders.

These companies, however, are comprised largely of buyers who import fashionable goods from around Europe and America. ■

