## **INL Reads! Book Club**

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## HALLDÓR LAXNESS WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE INDEPENDENT PEOPLE

"I love this book. It is an unfolding wonder of artistic vision and skillone of the best books of the twentieth century. I can't imagine any greater delight than coming to *Independent People* for the first time." — Jane Smiley

## 2019 Book Selection Independent People By Halldor Laxness

In an epic set in Iceland in the early twentieth century, Gudbjartur Jonsson buys his own croft after eighteen years of service to the local bailiff, and brings his wife and his small flock of sheep there to build a new, independent life for himself.

About the Author: Halldór Kiljan Laxness (23 April 1902 – 8 February 1998) was born Halldór Guðjónsson in Reykjavik Iceland. Laxness started reading and writing stories at an early age, publishing his first book in 1919 at the age of 17. Over his lifetime he wrote 22 novels as well as numerous works of poetry, newspaper articles, essays, plays, travelogues and short stories. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1955 "for his vivid epic power which has renewed the great narrative art of Iceland."

## Book Club is free and open to the public Readers of all ages welcome

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