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After the publication of *Winter's Tales* in 1942, fifteen years would go by before Karen Blixen again published a major, new collection of stories.

It was not only the German occupation of Denmark during the Second World War but also long periods of failing health that were the cause of this involuntary pause in her production. The consequences of the treatment of her disease, which she had received 25 years earlier, appeared for real around 1940, causing her unbearable pain and debilitating low spirits. Only by virtue of her unique strength of will and self-discipline was she able to write new tales and occasionally publish individual stories in Denmark - for example, "Babette's Feast" and "The Cardinal's Third Tale", both in 1952 - together with the Gothic crime novel The Angelic Avengers, published in 1944 under the pseudonym Pierre Andrézel.

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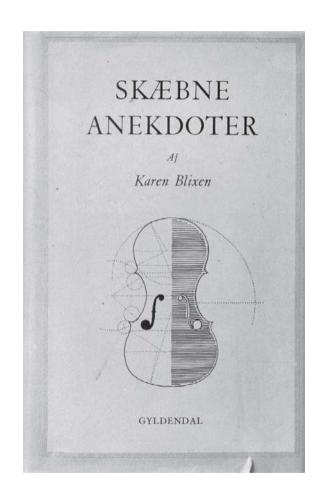
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SIDSTE FORTÆLLINGER Karen Blixen GYLDENDAL

Naturally, the reading world hoped but did not expect to see any more major collections from Karen Blixen's hand. Thus, it was even more surprising when, in 1957-58, she published two extensive volumes of stories: Last Tales and Anecdotes of Destiny, which focussed all the central themes of her authorship as if with a burning glass.

In these two books, you find a number of Karen Blixen's best stories; and, with their presentation, she was recognized in Scandinavia, the US, and England as Denmark's most significant living writer. In the years just before her death, she was mentioned several times as the leading candidate for the Nobel Prize for Literature.

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In November 1960, Karen Blixen helped establish the Danish Academy. Here, she is seen on the date of its foundation in the home of Professor Christian Elling along with author Tom Kristensen and literature scholar, Professor Hans Brix, two of the critics whose recognition of her writing had paved the way for her position in Denmark.

Two months after this meeting, Hans Brix, who was 90 years old, died.



The Parnassus of Danish women writers in 1951. From the left: Lise Munk, widow of dramatist Kaj Munk, Karen Blixen, Agnes Henningsen, Edith Rode, Thit Jensen and the far younger Tove Ditlevsen.

ISAK DINESEN BABETTES GÆSTEBUD FOLKEBIBLIOTEK FREMADS

"Babette's Feast" - perhaps, Karen Blixen's most read story - was published in Denmark as a promotional book for the newly-formed Fremads Folkebibliotek.

A bound copy of the tale came with every new subscription.

In 1987, "Babette's Feast" was made into a film by Gabriel Axel and, a year later, the film won an Oscar in the US as best foreign film.

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In the autumn of 1957, Karen Blixen visited Rome at the invitation of good friends. Here, Clara Selborn photographed her in a happy moment at Caffè Greco near the Spanish Steps.