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*The Fish Can Sing* is one of Nobel Prize winner Halldór Laxness's most beloved novels, a poignant coming-of-age tale marked with his peculiar blend of light irony and dark humor.

The orphan Alfgrímur has spent an idyllic childhood sheltered in the simple turf cottage of a generous and eccentric elderly couple. Alfgrímur dreams only of becoming a fisherman like his adoptive grandfather, until he meets Iceland's biggest celebrity. The opera singer Gardar Holm's international fame is a source of tremendous pride to tiny, insecure Iceland, though no one there has ever heard him sing. A mysterious man who mostly avoids his homeland and repeatedly fails to perform for his adoring countrymen, Gardar takes a particular interest in Alfgrímur's budding musical talent and urges him to seek out the world beyond the one he knows and loves. But as Alfgrímur discovers that Gardar is not what he seems, he begins to confront the challenge of finding his own path without turning his back on where he came from.

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