

Vilhelm Moberg



- Aug. 20 1898 – Aug. 8, 1973
- Aspired to emigrate as youth
- Political involvement
- Adult studies
- Journalist
- Breakthrough
 - *Raskens: The Story of a Soldier's Family* (1927)
- Stockholm, in debates, critic
- WWII, criticized Hitler
 - *Ride this Night!* (1941)

The Emigrants Series

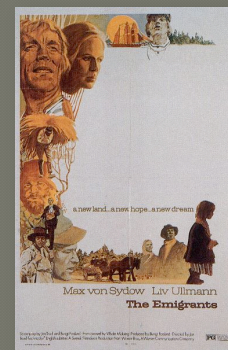
- Group of emigrants from Småland to Minnesota
- Four books
 - *The Emigrants from Utvandarna* (1949)
 - *Unto a Good Land from Invandrarna* (literally *Immigrants*, 1952)
 - *The Settlers from Nybyggarna* (1956)
 - *The Last Letter Home from Sista brevet till Sverige* (literally *The Last Letter to Sweden*, 1959)

The Journey



Småland to Minnesota

The Film



- 1971 filmatization
- Max von Sydow & Liv Ullman
- Academy Award Nominations
- Golden Globe & Guldbagge wins
- Influence on perception of Swedish emigration to the USA

The Literary Context

- ◉ proletarian literature, social realism
- ◉ 20s-50s, stories of the working class, urban and rural, farming laborers, etc.
- ◉ Other writers:
 - Harry Martinson (Nobel Prize, 1974)
 - Eyvind Johnson (Nobel Prize, 1974)
 - Moa Martinsson
 - Ivar-Lo Johansson

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