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Karl Ove Knausgaard, here at the free festival in Frankfurt on October 16th, joins the project "The Library of the Future" and writes a book that will not be read until 2114.

LITERATURE - Writing for readers not yet born, while his contemporaries will never read his work. This is now the challenge of the Norwegian author Karl Ove Knausgaard, known for his autobiography of six volumes, and who now writes a book that will not be published ... before 2114.

Karl Ove Knausgaard is indeed the latest recruit for "The Library of the Future", launched in 2014 by Scottish artist Katie Paterson. The concept? Publish unpublished manuscripts on paper from spruce trees planted in 2014, on the edge of Oslo, when the trees will have become centenarians .

Particularly well-known in his home country, he also won international <u>acclaim</u> with <u>his autobiography-river "My fight"</u>, whose title was controversial because directly-and ironically- inspired by the book of Adolf Hitler.

"It's a brilliant idea," Karl Ove Knausgaard told the <u>Guardian</u> about the Future Library. "I really like the idea that you will one day have readers who are not yet born - it's like sending them a little boat from our time to theirs," he says.