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The Hiking Book From Hell

Original title: Hyttebok frå Helvete Publisher: Kagge Forlag 2018 Non Fiction / Narrative 93000 Words Full English manuscript available

Selected title by NORLA -- extensive translation grants available.

A comedian's reluctant attempt to learn to love nature

A blisteringly funny memoir about the call of the wild, from one of Scandinavia's biggest comedians.

Sometime around his forties, Are Kalvø starts losing his friends ... to the mountains. Friends who used to meet him at the pub are now hiking and skiing every weekend, and when they do show up, all they talk about is feeling at one with nature (without a hint of irony). When Are realizes he's the only person who hasn't posted a selfie on a mountain, he starts to wonder: does he have it all wrong? To find out, Are buys some ridiculously expensive gear and heads into the woods. The result of his sardonic trek is at once a smart and funny take-down of outdoors culture, and a reluctant surrender to nature's undeniable pull. An adventure, a comedy, and a tragedy, The Hiking Book from Hell is destined to become a nature writing (and nature hating) classic. Nr. 1. Best Seller. 150.000 copies sold in Norway

Foreign rights

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Are Kalvø

Are Kalvø is one of Norway's leading comedians and satire makers. He's been doing stand-up for over twenty five years. He's also made musicals, revues, an opera and eleven books about different themes such as religion, politics, football, vacationing and time usage. This has given him a large audience, lots of praise, many prizes and a bit of scolding. He often writes about things he doesn't know all that well. This is the first time he writes about something he doesn't understand.

Other titles

Only Countryfolk Long for Home (2024) The Meaning of Life. Or: Yes Sir, I Can Boogie (2021)

The Med, Enjoying a Place in the Sun with Sixty Thousand Others (2002 & 2021 (revised edition))