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The Meaning of Life. Or: Yes Sir, I Can Boogie

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English sample available

A book that will make you want to dance!

The Meaning of Life. Or: Yes Sir, I Can Boogie is Are Kalvø's sincere attempt to understand the times we live in: Who we are, what shapes our lives, what the point of the whole thing is. Yes, the meaning of life itself. And where does one find the meaning of life? In pop music, of course.

Kalvø is convinced that everyone who has searched for the meaning of life, has been looking in the wrong place. Kalvø believes the meaning can be found in the most popular songs that surround us every day and follow us through life: the songs that have topped Norway's official music chart, VG-lista. A number-one song on VG-lista is more than just a number-one song on VG-lista; it's also a bottomless reservoir of complex symbols that, together, provide us with new insights into ourselves, who we are, who we were, what we dreamed of becoming, and how it turned out. Along the way, Are Kalvø takes several detours into his own story to really hammer home a point or two. Turn up the volume, put on your dancing shoes, get to know your inner Britney Spears, and be whisked away into Kalvø's stories from the 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, and 10s.

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 Hiking Book From Hell (2018)
The Med, Enjoying a Place in the Sun with
Sixty Thousand Others (2002 & 2021
(revised edition))