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The Fifth Sense. How your nose characterizes you, your past and your future

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The Fifth Sense is also your most important one. This book, teeming with a wealth of astonishing knowledge, will teach you all about how to use your sense of smell to the full.

In the West, we've long had a preference for what sight and sound tell us about the world. In *The Fifth Sense*, Margit Walsø shows us a different viewpoint, looking at how much of our history, experiences, and conditions are enriched and determined by another and often overlooked sense: the sense of smell. Smell surrounds us from the moment we're born and is one of the very first ways we connect with the people and things around us. The scents we breathe in are directly connected to memories and emotions, and one specific smell might even transport us back in time in a fraction of a second.

Walsø takes us on a scientific, cultural-historical, and personal journey through the world of scents and the sense of smell. How does our sense of smell work? How did Grasse become the perfume center of the world? Why does musk have a seductive effect? What did ancient Rome smell like?

By being more aware of smell and the qualities of our sense of smell, we can connect with the world, recognize those we love, and put a more personal touch on future memories.

Foreign rights

Sweden, Polaris Fakta

Warm, knowledgeable and enthralling about smell and the sense of smell. Highly recommended to anyone with a nose.

Professor Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson

Margit Walsø

Margit Walsø (b. 1968) had her literary debut in 2007 with the historical novel "Dear Voltaire", a story about the mathematician Emilie du Chatelet and her passionate relation with Voltaire. Walsø's writing reveals a sincere interest for European history, especially the century of the enlightenment.

Margit Walsø comes from a small industrial town in Western Norway called Sunndalsøra. She studied both Science and Literature before entering the publishing business. Today she lives in Oslo with her husband and two daughters.

Walsø has worked as publisher in Det norske Samlaget for many years as head of the literary department. She has published both Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's books and Academic books. Today Margit Walsø is director of NORLA, Norwegian Literature Abroad.

Other titles

The Perfumier (2018)
The Queen's Word (2013)
Dear Voltaire (2007)