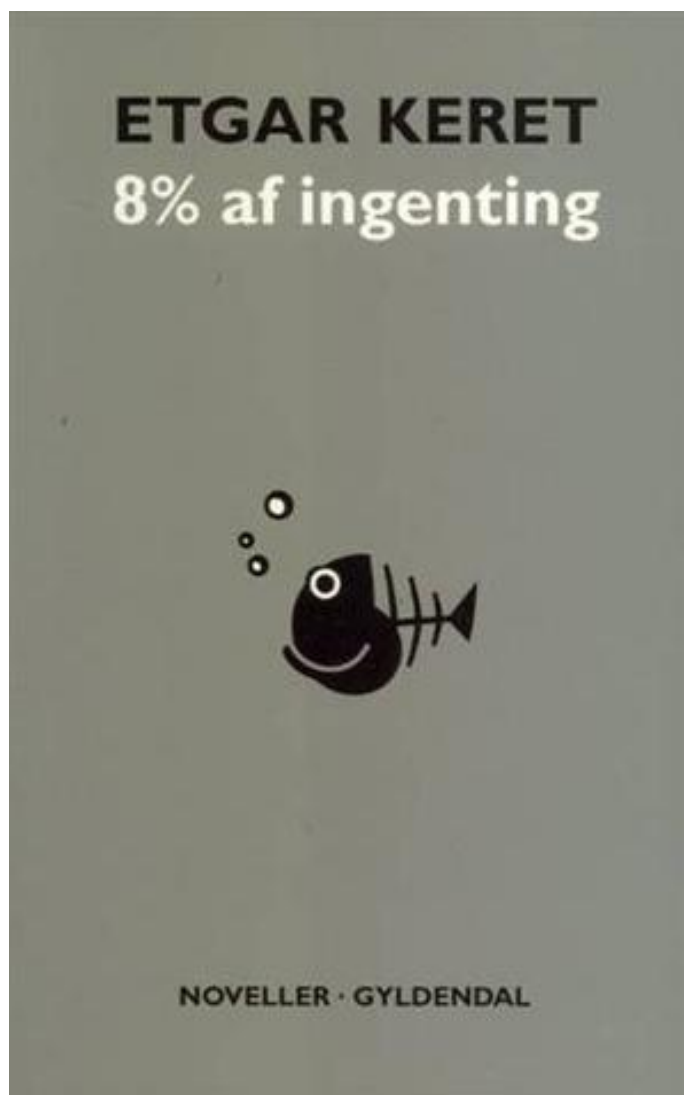


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## Description

I denne novellesamling støder man ind i manden, der mødte en pessimistisk, mellemøstlig talende fisk; den smukke kvinde, der hver aften forvandler sig til tyk fyr, der ser sport på tv og den trofaste hund, der nægter at forsvinde selv om den bliver skudt. Novellerne har både humor, lune og stof til eftertanke.

## Insightful reviews

**Nefariousbig:** This is most definitely a man's book. The simplicity of emotion, the gentle confusion, the way things that make no sense somehow make absolute sense. Keret is a gentle man. His emotions, friendship, love, family, life, all effortless. His writing is effortless. It's witty and calm, poignant but simple, pleasurable without being overwhelming. The kind of beautiful I imagine men feel when they feel the word "beautiful".

**Fear:** I felt the fear running through my body, from the hard part of my brain to the soft part of my bones.

**Jealousy** The point was somewhere else altogether -- three years ago, in Mombasa [...] Something about how, between every two people in the world, there's a kiss. [...] That isn't the point at all. Neither is that Dutch guy -- I have nothing to be jealous of there. He's probably dead already from an overdose or else he's lying drunk on some sidewalk in Amsterdam, or he went and got a master's degree in something, which sounds even worse. In any case, it's not about him at all, it's that time in Mombasa. For three months a person sits and looks at you, imagining a kiss.

**Trust** "It's your dog," Neeva added after a short silence. "He ran away." When a dog takes a thin little saw and saws through the bars on a bathroom window, then shimmies down some tied-together sheets, you can say, "The dog ran away." But when you're walking down the street with him and he's not on a leash, and an hour later you realize he's nowhere to be seen, then someone clearly fucked up.

**Grief** The husband asked to identify his wife by her foot. Most people identify their loved ones by their face. But he asked to identify her by her foot, because he thought that if he saw her dead face, the sight would haunt him [...] He had loved her and he knew her so well that he could identify her by each and every part of her body, and somehow her foot seemed the most remote, neutral, far removed.

**Love** He pressed up against her and said she had such a nice heart and he loved it. She cried like a princess and said she wanted him to love her, all of her, not just her organs. Their eyes were closing now, and the sea breeze cooled his face as he fell asleep beside her, curled into himself like a child, like a baby.

**Quiet** "Quiet is serenity, it's a bubble bath, it's grass growing, it's what happens in your refrigerator after you close the door and the little light goes out. In short, quiet is nothingness.

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And we'll have more than enough nothingness eventually, definitely, once we die."

**Sadness** "He let go of his tears the way a hot-air balloon jettisons another extra-heavy bag of sand, and as they lay there in each other's arms, he felt as though if only he'd let go of her, he'd start floating up toward the ceiling."

**Apathy** Buddha arrived to visit him, smiling and chubby as always, with the tip of a familiar scar showing on the underside of his potbelly, and Buddha even brought him a present – a wicker basket full of dandelions gone to seed. He blew on one of the dandelions, and the whole world disappeared.

These stories tell themselves. They are ripe with feeling. They don't need to shout meaning or purpose; they are plain and simple and good. Beautiful. These are men's stories. They smell of sweet amber, sandalwood, and sunshine. With only the tiniest hint of patchouli.

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Imogen: Maybe this just got too built up for me or something, but... I get it, the tone sounds flippant but it really isn't. That gets kind of samey. Shrug.

Edward Rathke: this is often an totally remarkable collection. i have lengthy been aspiring to learn a few Keret and am so happy that i have eventually gotten here. he is able to doing probably the most tough issues in writing with marvelous ease and agility: humor. and never only a smile, yet natural laughter, emerging on accident, regardless of suppression and embarrassment at being in public with a bus jam-packed with those who do not converse your language.He will get there via situations. it is not a unmarried sentence that makes you laugh, no longer a one liner type of thing, yet those absurd situations and occasions that extend this aspect the place not anything can carry again the laughter, specifically no longer the disappointment of the characters. And this, I think, is what makes his writing so impressive. he is not the type of author who blows you away with an elegant sentence or maybe with a unique second of surprising insight, yet he knocks you over laughing, continuously at the razor, tightroping among tragedy and comedy.While those are definitely humorous stories, there is much more to them than humorous moments. And notwithstanding he by no means attempts to trap a existence in one sentence the best way such a lot of others do, he displays existence in all its absurd surreality with nearly disgusting ease and insight. i feel that every one writers have whatever small within them that is the impetus in the back of the art. it can be a scene or a sentence or a moment, yet it truly is there, I think, always, the center beating within the floor. The humor here, to me, isn't a mask, yet a lens. it is the prism in which Keret involves comprehend the world, in all its bizarreness. notwithstanding the tales are really short, the characters are the sort that tumble off the page, sit down beside you in the event you put out of your mind to look. and there is a deep disappointment in these types of stories, characters near to existential crises, imbued with ennui, lost, aimless. those characters are drifters with out the drift, locked in stasis. it's this insufferable lightness of being, to scouse borrow a word and misappropriate it, that is on the center of those stories, and why the humor is so essential. those characters aren't picking to maintain going, to maintain jogging regardless of the discomfort and

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the suffering, yet simply hold going since it turns out simply as not easy to stop, even perhaps harder. They settle for things, no longer via rationalisation or via choice, yet just because this new factor is there and to alter it truly is tougher than to form of shrug at make room for it. There's this sense that ennui comes and is going with younger adulthood, yet those characters persist at this degree in life, even if they are thirty or fifty. they're caught, blind to even the trap, and somehow the humor piles round them while they sink deeper into the mire. those characters are usually not humorous people. they don't make each other laugh, and, I think, it truly is what makes their absurd lives so funny, even if it surprises you ways humorous you are discovering it. Along with that, there are actual gentle moments of beauty. the affection of a dog, the lifetime of a house, and my favorite: telling a narrative in simple terms to arrive a unmarried moment. That final one is summarised by means of a line inside of it:--For 3 months, an individual sits and appears at you, imagining a kiss.--It's as though he wrote the total of the tale simply to arrive that line, and, as soon as reached, the tale needed to end. And it really is appealing in its simplicity, in its purity, in its longing. I wrote this tale for you simply because I imagined your kiss, simply because the personality watches the opposite for 3 months in basic terms imagining a unmarried kiss. But, yes, off to trace off every thing he is written. hugely recommended.--A dream is not anything yet a robust wish. So robust that you simply cannot even placed it into words.--

Oriana: after reading: Right, this is the item approximately brief stories: I simply do not like them. And here is why: brief tales (like lengthy stories) are both stable -- and also you ask yourself why the author did not simply continue writing simply because now you're quite drawn to those characters/this scenario/the voice/whatever -- or they don't seem to be good, and also you ask yourself why you wasted your time. I certainly placed Etgar within the former category. a lot of those tales are fairly good! large good! yet this can be the thing: if Etgar can write 100 tiny tales approximately love and intercourse and infidelity and canine and the military and imprecise overseas enterprise dealings and Israel and taxis and dying and those that are burdened and unhappy and having plenty of intercourse and betrayed and betraying and another way simply fucked up -- if Etgar can write one million of those tiny stories, why cannot he in its place (or also) write one giant story? Or a couple of medium-sized stories? simply because throughout this book, simply while i used to be beginning to sink my enamel in, falling backward right into a cool new tale, fairly giving myself over to a brand new story-world -- it used to be over. after which i might need to get myself all re-worked again in, settling down into one other cool and fascinating state of affairs with rather comparable characters and kind of a similar emotional content, and by the point i might gotten into that one, well, the remainder does not have to be stated again. mid-read: this is not the booklet i am speculated to be interpreting next, yet I simply sorta grabbed it on my approach out the door to smoke, and spotted that the tales are large brief (about cigarette-length, because it happens), and so I learn "Glittery Eyes" (because who can withstand a identify like that?) and jeez. It was once quite sad! and very fairly affecting, particularly for only a four-page-long little wisp of a story. feels like me and Etgar are going to get alongside swimmingly. before reading: whilst all of the cool little ones are speaking in regards to the related bizarre publication with an identical weird and wonderful identify and mildly traumatic cover, a woman has to pay attention.

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