



### The Idea Of An Uncomplicated Life With A Man

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Susanne lives with Kim who wants to be a writer and hence spends his time at home writing. A friend of theirs, nine months pregnant, leaves her boyfriend and asks for help. The young couple let her move into their small flat – and everything i Bokfös turned upside down.

*A through and through fascinating description of ordinary life which is never ordinary and of a woman who cannot find her place in it... An existential tale about being able to value life – about the small but exhausting frustration and certain people's ability to simply exist and be present."*

Kristeligt Dagblad

*A little masterpiece about three people's intense relationship.*

Jydske Vestkysten

*With an unmatched brutality, Helle Helle kickstarts her new novel and in the following flashbacks, the messy reality hurts and heals.*

Weekendavisen, Denmark

*Helle Helle has written an excellent novel and with the utmost discretion relieves the banality of daily life.*

Jyllands Posten, Denmark

### Helle Helle

Helle Helle is a graduate of the Danish Academy of Creative Writing and the author of a number of novels, as well as two collections of short fiction. She is one of Scandinavia's most original writers, with a career spanning almost three decades, from her debut *Example of Life* (1993) to her most recent novel, *BOB* (2020).

Helle Helle's breakthrough novel, *Rødby-Puttgarden*, was awarded the Danish Critics' Prize for Literature, since when she has received her native country's highest literary accolades, including the Per Olov Enquist Prize, the Golden Laurels of the Danish Booksellers' Association, the Grand Prize of the Danish Academy, and the Holberg Medal. Her books have been translated into 22 languages.