



### Cars and Animals

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Quite ordinary situations in everyday life quietly evolve in an increasingly disturbing – or, to put it bluntly – terrifying direction.

The difficulty of saying what you want to say is a reoccurring motif for the characters of this collection of short stories. Helle Helle writes dialogue with shivering certainty and can transform even the saddest emotion into a joke.

*Everything about this book – including the title – is filled with delightful undertones ... Her gift for language qualifies her for The Danish Mother Tongue Award. At least.*

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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).

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