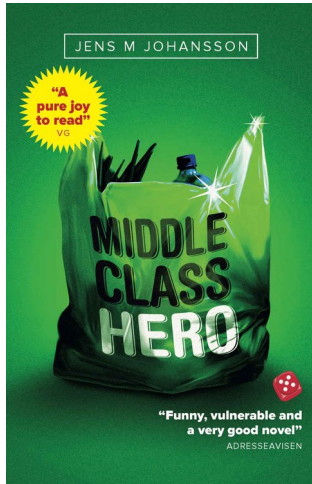


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## MIDDLE CLASS HERO



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Adam Bergs career is fading. Where is the promising author who was going to make a difference with his writing? The political, edgy and witty dude who married DJ Iris? Now, mid-life he is nothing but a sofa critic, cheated by his wife, left behind by his colleagues who flaunts their success (and therefore, his shame) for everyone to see in social media.

But there's a new era approaching. The world is out of joint, and Adam Berg decides to put it back in its socket. He is going to write a masterpiece. In his own words: "I am forty six, and I am damned mad!"

He wins a big literary grant and sets out to find and portray the working class, to find a way in to ordinary people.

*Middle Class Hero* is a true, angry and vulnerable novel about a desire to contribute to society, and also not quite handling it. Rivalry, daddy issues, management issues, selfesteem issues, diesel vs gas issues... Adam Berg is here for them all, and it just might be the funniest book you'll read this year.

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Anne Merethe K. Prinos, Aftenposten



**Funny, vulnerable and a very good novel about the great emptiness that can haunt our lives.**

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**Jens M. Johansson has written an extremely humorous novel that addresses several key issues and links them together in a highly original way. ... There are many ways to the political novel. But few are as entertaining as in *Middle Class Hero*.**

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