

Agnes Ravatn

## THE WORLD IS A SCANDAL

### A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE



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*Ei bok om livet på landet*

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**After a hectic decade in the capital, the author Agnes Ravatn with husband and baby temporarily settles in the small and sparsely populated Valevåg in the western part of Norway, to spend some calm months together during the maternity leave.**

In a dilapidated little farm without internet connection, surrounded by forests, mountains and sheep, miles away from the cultural elite of the capital, days are slowly passing by for the little family. The evenings are spent in conversation with the nearest neighbor; the older and wise friend and author Einar Økland.

*The World is a Scandal* are small reflections and insights from the six months in Valevåg, a temporary move that took an unexpected turn for the family. And it's also about happiness, writing, the easy life and the hunt for the perfect crispy bread.

The book went directly to the bestseller list and sold out its two first print runs.



**Playful and entertaining about life in the countryside.**

Marius Wulfsberg, Dagbladet, 5 out of 6.

**Well-written, entertaining and wise book.**

Silje S. Norevik, Bergens Tidende

**The World is a scandal could just as well have been a self-help book as essays. Many of Ravatn's essays are to be understood as chapters in the author's own life. Not in the sense that the text is just about how we should live, it is also about how we consider ourselves while we try to live.**

Knut Hoem, NRK

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Agnes Ravatn is an author and columnist, chosen as one of the ten most promising authors under 35 in Norway. Her novel *The Bird Tribunal* are sold to 16 countries, and is also made into a successful play.

