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Rolf Dobelli Thirty-five

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Wine and hors d'oeuvres reflect the lively atmosphere at the office as the company awaits the return of its brilliant head of marketing, Gehrer, from Harvard. And today is his 35th birthday! Gehrer has indeed arrived at Zurich airport, but he was not on the plane from Boston. He has been in India. And on this cold February day, he is not sitting in his office, but on a bench by the lake, taking stock, engaged in a monologue of disarming accuracy. What does life's zenith have in store? Who is he, at 35? And why does everything suddenly seem so different? Then the insight: there is nothing Gehrer would like more than to rid himself of Gehrer, to become someone else. And here his problem begins.

Rolf Dobelli's prose is racy and funny. His gift for observation and his discerning intellect –

at times poetic, ironic and sarcastic - are reminiscent of Max Frisch.

Book factsheet

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Praise

Thirty-five

»A modern novel, laconic and racy, full of jokes and insights into the existential chasm of the 35-year-old. Accurate, honest, entertaining.«– Welt am Sonntag, Berlin

»At times ironic, at times melancholy, but always imbued with a merciless talent for observation. A must read!« – Nike Vlacjos / Playboy, Munich

Rolf Dobelli

»The fact that Dobelli has mastered the art of precise expression can be readily gleaned from his novels – a more compact prose would be difficult to imagine.« – Kölnische Rundschau, Köln



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Rolf Dobelli Fragen	
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licher – was Sie sagen oder was Sie ver- schweigen?	Wie betet man mit vollen
Fühlt sich der Mann mit einer jungen Frau Jörger - oder älter, weil ihm sein Ab- ter eint socht bewant wisd?	Händen?
Wie spontan ist Br Verhältnis zur Ethik?	Würden Sie Dauer gegen Intensität von
Wichner Ihrer Gedankon oder als deren Gelangener?	Liebe eintauschen?

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