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Zu seinem 80. Geburtstag gibt Alois Brandstetter Lebenszeichen voller Witz, Weisheit und Frische.

From Austrian writer Adalbert Stifter to Rawlplugs, from Sebastian Brant's "Ship of Fools" to the alarm system that his wife would like for Christmas, from holy relics to unholy bigots: Alois Brandstetter addresses the minutiae of everyday existence and the big questions of life with equal measures of inquisitiveness, insight and irony. Encounters with curious contemporaries and contemporary concepts give rise to reflections that are full of knowledge and worldly wisdom. The "certification of existence" which Brandstetter has to provide to the German Pension Department every year inspires him to deliver one of the most assertive and meaningful "signs of life" in this wonderfully enjoyable book.

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