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WHY DOES SORROW HAVE MORE IMAGINATION THAN JOY?

Life in 800 questions

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Interrogate yourself – with the ultimate book of questions.

Should you judge a person based on the questions they ask or the answers they give? Sven Michaelsen's reply is unambiguous. Asking ourselves and others the rights questions decides whether our life is successful or wasted. It isn't opinions and assertions that lead us to truth and understanding, it's the curvy question mark. This book shuns run-of-the-mill wisdoms proclaimed by self-professed life coaches to focus instead on the art of smart reflection – on love and happiness, money and a high-flying career or sex and beauty. Michaelsen's writing is at times entertaining and humorous, at times instructive and sombre. Reading Michaelsen's book of 800 questions will teach you more about yourself than ever before.

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