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Why do the Russians vote for Putin? (Hvorfor stemmer russerne på Putin?)

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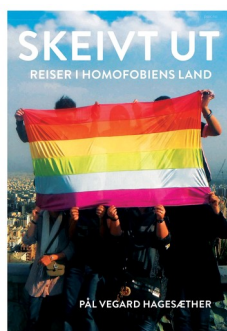


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In 2006, Bernhard L. Mohr moved to Moscow – a lone Norwegian in a Russian workplace, in a time when many still considered a democratic development in Russia to be both possible and likely. Ten years later he returns to meet his old colleagues to get the answer to that major question: Why do the Russians vote for Putin? Why do they keep up the support of what with Western eyes may seem as an increasingly repressive regime?

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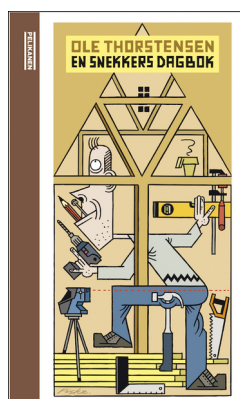
Pål Vegard Hagesæther

Out there. Travels in Homophobic Nations (Skeivt ut. Reiser i homofobiens land)

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In recent decades the living conditions and rights of homosexuals have improved radically on a worldwide basis, but there are countries where the development is moving in the opposite direction. The result is a global gap, as the difference between liberal and restrictive nations is only growing. Journalist and sociologist Pål Vegard Hagesæther has visited Russia, India, Uganda, Iran, Turkey and Jamaica to gain insight on why homophobia is flourishing in some parts of the world.

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Ole Thorstensen

Diary of a Carpenter (En snekkers dagbok)

Diary | Pelikanen forlag | 2015 | 220 pages

Diary of a Carpenter is the story of a loft. Simple but brilliant. Following the moment from when the carpenter receives the first phone call asking to submit tenders, to when the attic is ready for occupation. It is heavy lifts, tiles in the fingers and blood, sweat and frustration. But the book is also full of joy and pride towards craftsmanship.

At the same time, this is a book about work and identity. It is a story told from the other side of consumerism, here we have the producers view on the customer.

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Travelogue | Kagge | 2014 | 495 pages

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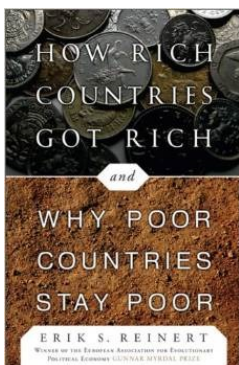
Bluff (Bløff. Hvordan jukes og selvbedrag gjør oss til ekte mennesker)

Cultural History | Cappelen Damm | 2014 | 400 pages

Can a forgery be real art? How do you recognize a liar? What is honest in war and politics? *Bluff* examines what we consider true and false, and why we are so busy keeping them apart. Bår Stenvik reviews immediate and ancient history, visits a defense research institute and attends seduction classes, interviews art historians and neuroscientists, and ties it all together into an entertaining story about what repels, fascinates, and defines us: lies, deceit, and self-deception.

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Economy | Spartacus | 2005 | 250 pages

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