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#HAPPYxCOOL

Happiness in relationships and at work

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Keyline

An illustrated stimulant for cool people to get happy

Description

#HAPPYxCOOL is not one of the usual guidebooks that pretends to know the ultimate way to happiness. The work is not fixated on the personal gathering of as many feelings of happiness as possible and does not deal with happiness or the way to happiness per se. In contrast to the conventional guidebook literature, the authors rather concentrate pragmatically on the many subjective and objective obstacles that usually stand in the way of happiness. They want to motivate and assist the reader to work actively and pro-actively on themselves.

In #HAPPYxCOOL the authors don't shy away from discussing many unconventional topics such as the important issue of sexuality and happiness, adultery, bad or no sex, or a partner's obsession with pornographic movies. In a separate section, another influential aspects is discussed in some detail: the conditions at a person's workplace. This includes, amongst others, career unhappiness, unhappiness caused by toxic co-workers or a disliked boss, excessive work burden, a lack of recognition and being underpaid.

The authors give great importance to the "freedom of mind" and the concept of "being cool", thus inspiring the reader to free themselves from the constraints of happiness in a way that could be called "cool".

Sales Points

- There are numerous real-life examples to help him/her discover for him/herself the obstacles he/she faces in the pursuit of happiness. Dealing with these obstacles is also made easier by the numerous practical tips that allow the reader to do what suits him/her best and which can help him/her to become happier.
- The authors do not resort to the usual spongy means such as esotericism, self-discovery techniques, relaxation exercises, yoga, smelling sticks, and New Age philosophies, but remain refreshingly down to earth and pragmatic throughout.
- The authors are aware that the reading habits, especially of the younger public, have changed. They have therefore made their work particularly easy to read. This is achieved through short texts, many paragraphs, capitalization of key parts to facilitate "cross-reading", many text-interrupting examples and tips and, last but not least, through the numerous ironic illustrations hand-drawn by the author Rudolf Beger. The illustrations in particular give the work an additional entertainment value beyond the content.

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