

## Marianne Marthinsen

### Significant Man Syndrome *Selveiersanger*

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Tonje is brilliantly intelligent. Raised by an inattentive single mother, she is only seen and recognized outside the four walls of her home.

When she starts university, she is seen – in more ways than one – by a married professor, which leads to both an academic and a sexual affair. But when that relationship breaks down, she is caught, or lets herself be caught, by another man: successful lawyer and recently divorced father, Jørgen. Suddenly, Tonje finds herself in a world inhabited by highly educated, perfect family members. She should feel happy, but something is gnawing away beneath the surface.

*Significant Man Syndrome* is a novel about social disobedience and strong unrest.

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Marianne Marthinsen (b. 1980) is a social economist, and has been a member of the Norwegian Parliament for the Labor Party since 2005, but did not go for re-election in 2021. *Significant Man Syndrome* is her first novel.

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