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Desperate to avoid his 100th birthday party, Allan Karlsson climbs out the window of his room at the nursing home and heads to the nearest bus station, intending to travel as far as his pocket money will take him. But a spur-of-the-moment decision to steal a suitcase from a fellow passenger sends Allan on a strange and unforeseen journey involving, among other things, some nasty criminals, a very large pile of cash, and an elephant named Sonya. It's just another chapter in a life full of adventures for Allan, who has become entangled in the major events of the twentieth century, including the Spanish Civil War and the Manhattan Project. As Allan's colorful and complex history merges with his present-day escapades, readers will be treated to a new and charmingly funny version of world history and get to know a very youthful old man whose global influence knows no age limit. An international best-seller, this is an engaging tale of one man's life lived to the fullest. --Carol Gladstein

Review

"[A] witty caper. ***1/2" *People*

"[A] silly and wonderful novel. [The scenes] will just keep readers amused almost non-stop, and that's a feat few writers achieve. A great cure for the blues, especially for anyone who might feel bad about growing older." *Kirkus Reviews, Starred*

"The anti *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*. . . Jonasson's lighthearted novel shows the softer side of Sweden. . . . hilarious." *Marie Claire*

"Scandi-crime's signature darkness is here dispelled by Allan Karlsson, the eponymous centenarian, who with unlikely sprightliness hops out of the window of his old people's home one afternoon . . . Fast-moving and relentlessly sunny . . . Like Allan, the plot is pleasingly nimble and the book's endearing charm offers a happy alternative to the more familiar Nordic noir." *The Guardian*

"[A] laugh-out-loud debut . . . Historical figures like Mao's third wife, Vice President Truman, and Stalin appear, to great comic effect. Other characters-most notably Albert Einstein's hapless half-brother-are cleverly spun into the raucous yarn, and all help drive this gentle lampoon of procedurals and thrillers." *Publishers Weekly, Starred*

"A mordantly funny and loopily freewheeling debut novel about ageing disgracefully." *The Sunday Times*

"Eccentric, unusual and far-fetched in the best possible way." *The Bookseller*

"This quirky novel is a sly, satirical look back at international relations in the 20th century through the eyes of an old man who has seen it all." *Library Journal*

"Imaginative, laugh-out-loud . . . a brilliant satire on the foibles of mankind." *The Telegraph*

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