

Introduction of BJ Novak

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When you read a good book, there is always that odd moment when you turn the book over to look at the photo at the back. You look at the writer and try to imagine how the story you are reading evolved from that person. With *One More Thing*, it was the other way around. I knew the face, and what I felt did not translate into English. "Afgunst". The closest would be envy, with spite. "And now he also thinks he can write a book," was the first thing that came to mind. But what a book it is. So playfully written that, as a reader, you are surprised to find yourself thinking more and more about all the stories. Most stories start out as very funny setups, but BJ Novak then takes the story to places that you never knew were there, but yet feel so obvious that you feel as if you always knew they existed. "One more Thing" fools you in the sense that most of his stories stay with you much longer than you would have thought when you have finished them. BJ Novak is a great entertainer and like a reverse pickpocket he leaves you with all sorts of little jams that you can't remember receiving. So when I finished *One More Thing* - after having gone back to a few stories to read them again - I turned the book over, looked at the photo and smiled back at the picture, my "afgunst" replaced by curiosity to meet this very special writer.