**Cover**

Guide for women in their 40's

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No, it is not a cliché. Life really does start at forty. **You are on top of your game now!**

This book is about the joy of being 40+. With the latest news and insights on the most complete time of your life.

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 Young enough to still do it

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**Foreword**

I rather liked it, becoming forty. Forty was still a bit sort of hip. An age whereby you can gallantly parade on the street. So people will stare at you with big eyes and say: 'Whaaat? You are forty year ooold?!

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**Foreword**

As one of the few people turning forty, I did not throw a big party. But I did get a baby just before, and I did casually turn my life upside down on the last minute. I said the wage labour life goodbye, and became what I had always wanted to be: a writer. But the down side of being forty is that it does not stay that way forever. After forty comes 41, and 42, and soon even 43. And when that happens you are too far gone. You officially do not belong to the youngsters anymore. In addition, you will in the mornings be confronted with all the effects of being forty-something. It takes more time and more effort to get everything in the right shape again. You worry about dangling forearms when swinging them. Suddenly you are not the promising newcomer, but are you the one giving wise advise. That is confronting. It is a new phase that arrives out of the blue. And I was expected to just write funny books about this. Well, that did not happen as planned. This book was serious business. It includes all the things we will walk into the next following years. But fortunately we forties grew older and wiser so we can laugh at all the miseries we face. A few wrinkles do not get us down anymore. We proudly made it to forty. Whether 'life begins at forty' for me is doubtful, without the last forty years I would not be the person I now am. But that are still many great things ahead in life I do not question. Especially after writing this book. At least I will face the coming forty years with a big smile.

**Elsbeth Teeling**

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You know you turned forty when:

You can laugh, sneeze, cough and pee in your pants...

all at the same time!

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