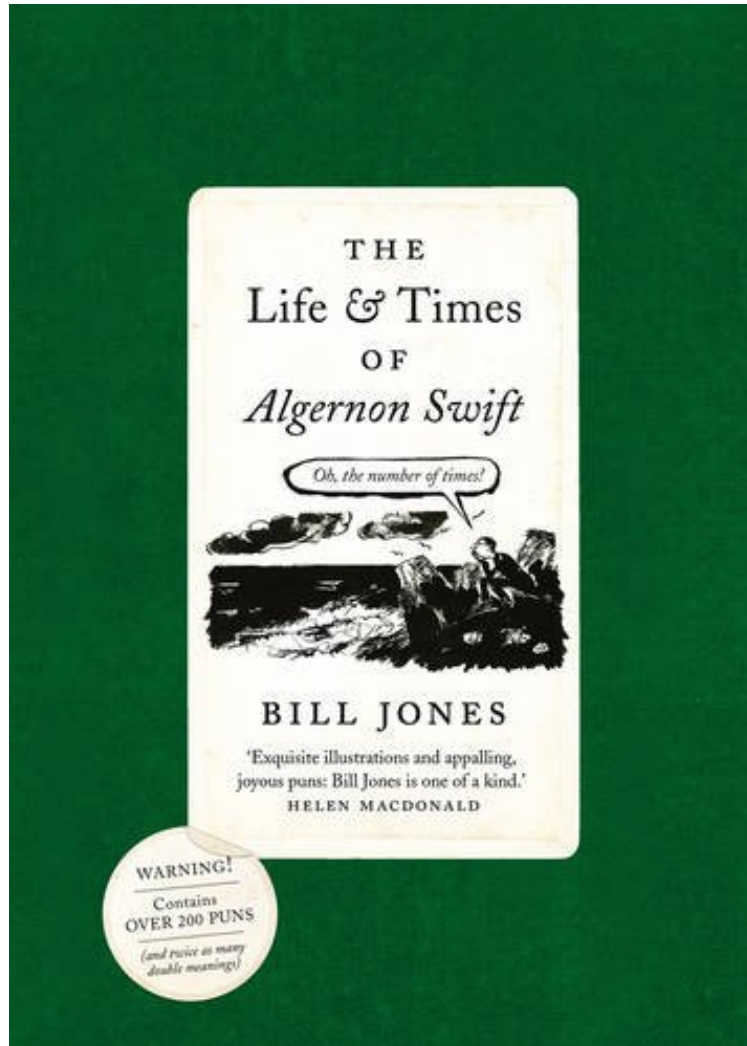


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This book tells the story of the young and earnest Algernon Swift, who is perplexed by life and all the ambiguities that language throw at him. By contrast, his elderly uncle Reverend Hawker revels in them, and, eventually, Algernon learns to feel joy amidst all the confusion. The Life and Times of Algernon Swift started out as a blog in 2009 and then developed into a series of postcards of cartoons. Some of the jokes in the book took a long time—sometimes years—to

make up. The result is a clever and ingenious take on puns and the many, often puzzling, ambiguities of language

'The discerning many will come to this pleasantly racing-green volume for the gimmick of it, and stay for Jones's sheer relentless glee and his charming drawings of the bespectacled Algernon and the rest' TLS. 'Readers of a delicate disposition need to be aware of the dangers. I hurt myself reading this book - my sides, mostly' *Druid Life*. 'As a hater of puns, this collection of comic tiny tales and illustrations revelling in smart wordplay should by rights be anathema to me. Instead I find myself laughing out loud page after page at the brio in its unashamedly silly (and simultaneously very clever) humour ... Rich with delightful references to high and popular culture, from Shakespeare and Schopenhauer to the Rolling Stones. It is, I am loath to admit, a complete joy' *Big Issue*. 'Lavishly illustrated' *Good On Paper*. 'Highly amusing ... an absolute gem ... Full of awful puns and delivered with Jones's particular brand of dry sardonic humour, this is quite brilliant' *Cotswold Life*. About the Author Bill Jones is a writer, illustrator, and performer. Since 2009 he has written a regular blog of jokes and cartoons. He also performs stand-up as Miserable Malcolm, a depressed poet.