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Leipzig, A. (2013). How to know your life purpose in 5 minutes: TEDxMalibu. Retrieved from <http://youtu.be/vVsXO9brK7M>.*Adam Leipzig has overseen more than 25 movies as a producer, executive and distributor. and has produced more than 300 stage plays and live events, and he was one of the founders of the Los Angeles Theatre Center. AdamLeipzig.com.*

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