

Klaus Cäsar Zehrer
The Terrible Zebra

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Praise

The Terrible Zebra

»Klaus Caesar Zehrer resists the temptation of becoming scornful by making imaginative digressions in the style of his hero Robert Gernhardt.« – Rolf Hürzeler / Die Weltwoche, Zurich

Old photos that inspire the imagination of the contemporary viewer in a captivating way. Veering from strange to touching, they continually pose the question: What on earth was going on? Klaus Cäsar Zehrer was inspired by pictures like these to create short stories, scenes and poems – from tender to ruthless, from poetic to unreservedly silly. And Shakespeare's 155th love sonnet is in there too.



Klaus Cäsar Zehrer, born in Schwabach in 1969, lives in Berlin as a freelance writer, editor and translator. His first book with Diogenes Verlag, *The Genius*, was named the best debut novel of 2017 by the literary blogging collective *Das Debüt*. Klaus Cäsar Zehrer has a doctorate in Cultural Studies, and edited, together with Robert Gernhard, the classic work of comic verse *Hell und Schnell*. He also plays for the German national writers' football team.



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