# Diogenes

# Hans Werner Kettenbach Aunt Joice and the Joy of Life

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An old man, dreadfully lonely, and a rejected will. A Porsche driver with a colourful past in an awkward situation. The god-like splendour of professors. Old age, growing old and being old. The notion of homeland and a West Germany which sprang from a strange act of creation. The convents and bridges of Cologne - and their role in history. Plus sharp-eyed portraits of such very different individuals as the newspaper publisher Alfred Neven DuMont, the radical feminist Alice Schwarzer, and Helmut Thoma - a media mogul and his rivals. Or a life »at the service of humour«, in honour of Willy Millowitsch on his 85th birthday. But also people who are not famous, like the >housekeeper«, for whom read >brothel madam<. And much more ...

#### Book factsheet

**General Fiction** 432 pages  $11.6 \times 18.4$  cm April 2010

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# Movie adaptations

#### 2002: Nancy & Frank - A Manhattan Love Story

Director: Wolf Gremm Screenplay: Jonathan Brett Cast: Hardy Krüger Jr., Frances Anderson, Gottfried John

#### 1998: Glatteis

Director: Michael Gutmann Cast: Günter Lamprecht, Hilde van Mieghem, Gottfried John, Elfriede Irrall

#### 1995: Davids Rache

Director: Hartmut Griesmayr

Cast: Habich Matthias, Roth Wolf, Reinhart

Christine

#### 1989: Tennessee Nights

Director: Nicolas Gessner

Cast: Julian Sands, Stacey Dash, Rod Steiger,

**Ned Beatty** 

## 1987: Im Jahr der Schildkröte

Director: Ute Wieland

Cast: Heinz Bennent, Karina Fallenstein, Anke

Tegtmeyer, Arpad Kraupa

# Der Feigenblattpflücker

Director: L. Niemeier

# Ein Fall für Onkel

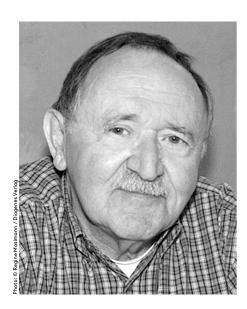
Director: Ulrich Stark

### Awards

2009 >Friedrich-Glauser-Ehrenpreis für seine Verdienste um die deutschsprachige Kriminalliteratur

1988 Deutscher Krimi-Preis für >Schmatz oder Die Sackgasse«

Jerry-Cotton-Preis für >Grand mit Vierena



Hans Werner Kettenbach (1928 - 2018) studied many things over the years in four universities; he has worked as an advertising salesman, a shorthand secretary for the football magazine >Kicker<, a radio editor and finally as the editor of a newspaper. He wrote his first novel at the age of fifty. He has written a total of fourteen, five of which have been filmed. Critics have compared them to the works of Sjöwall/Wahlöö (>Plärrer<), Simenon and Patricia Highsmith (>FAZ<). In 2009 Kettenbach was awarded the >Ehrenglauser< prize for crime writing for his life's work.



The Stronger Sex 448 pages 2009



A Visit to Dr. Buzzard 368 pages 2006



Small Town Affairs 512 pages 2004



The Rival 528 pages 2002



Black Ice 272 pages 2001 Movie Adaptation



Grand With Four 240 pages 2000



The Treasure-Hunters 544 pages 1998



David's Revenge
304 pages
1994
Movie Adaptation



Der Feigenblattpflücker 288 pages 1992



Behind the Horizon 304 pages 1986

Movie Adaptation

Schmatz 320 pages 1987 Award winner

Hans Werner Kettenbach Minnie oder Ein Fall von Geringfügigkeit

Minnie 320 pages 1984

Movie Adaptation

Pascha 368 pages 1987

Sterbetage 248 pages 1986

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