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An earthquake in Switzerland, nestled safely in the centre of a continental plate »as rigid as a five franc piece?« But the earthquake does indeed come, and its name is Recession. One of its victims is Gehrler, marketing director at the international company SolutionsUniverse, who is approaching his fortieth birthday. It's a long way to fall. And Gehrler has to pass through every stage of hell before he can come to terms with his new redundant status. But there is one thing that he just cannot bring himself to do – to admit his dismissal to his wife, Jeannette, who is currently relentlessly pursuing her career.

This is slapstick at the highest of levels, the kind of comedy where the laughter gets stuck in your throat. Dobelli describes with intense realism and subtle powers of observation the various stages of this life reorientation process – a roller-coaster ride between resignation and furious optimism – which ultimately takes an unexpected and personal turn.



Rolf Dobelli, born in Lucerne in 1966, studied philosophy and business management, worked for Swissair, founded a company and lived in Australia, Hong Kong, England and in the USA. He has published six books with Diogenes, most recently ›Massimo Marini‹, and with Carl Hanser Verlag his two non-fiction bestsellers ›The Art of Thinking Clearly‹ and ›The Art of Acting Clearly‹. Rolf Dobelli lives with his family in Berne.



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