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Retirement is finally here for Alex. But instead of kicking back, she plans to venture into the unknown: in a tiny house on wheels, she plans to leave everything she knows behind her.
Johann, in his mid-fifties, is searching for an escape from a job that now feels questionable and a marriage that's grown cold – and an inherited stone house in Liguria seems a good place to do it.
Alex accepts Johann's invitation: two not-so-young and very different individuals start the next chapter of their lives in this place of longing.

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The Time of the Cicadas

»That is what this gentle, thoughtful, careful, and finely wrought novel is all about. It impressed me a lot.« – Jörg Magenau / Deutschlandfunk Kultur, Cologne

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»Linguistic craft is in every detail and Moritz Heger proves himself to be a sensitive, precise observer.« – Silke Arning / SWR 2, Stuttgart

»If there's such a thing as devout prose, then Moritz Heger is a master of the genre – an author who celebrates slowness, whose profundity unfurls bit by bit, page by page.« – Peter Mohr / Landshuter Zeitung



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Moritz Heger, born in Stuttgart in 1971, studied German, Protestant Theology and Theatre Studies in Mainz. He received the ›MDR Literature Prize‹ and its associated ›Audience Prize‹ in 2007. Alongside being an author, he is also a teacher at a Stuttgart high school. *From the Depth of the Lake* (2021) is his debut with Diogenes, and his second novel following *In the Snow* (2008).



From the Depth of the Lake
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