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Awards

2016 2016/2017 mit dem ›Rom-Preis‹
verbundenes Stipendiat in der
Deutschen Akademie Rom Villa
Massimo

2005 Drei Monate lang Stipendiat der Hermann-Hesse-Stiftung in Calw

2004 >Literatur-Nord-Preis< für Leptis Magna

2003 >Italo-Svevo-Preisc

2000 ›Kester-Häusler-Ehrengabe‹ der Deutschen Schillerstiftung von 1859 für das Lebenswerk

1998 ›Literaturpreis‹ der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftuna

1995 Schnitzlers Würgeengel >Buch des Monats (Mai der Darmstädter Jury

1989 »Prix de la littérature traduite« für *Die Waldsteinsonate*

1968 >Gerhart-Hauptmann-Preisc

1966 ›Förderpreis‹ der Niedersächsischen Landesregierung

Praise

Hartmut Lange

»His novellas are master narratives about the magical force of shadows creeping up unnoticed.« – Hans-Dieter Schütt / (German journalist)

»The master of linguistic stringency.« – Kristina Maidt-Zinke / Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich

»A minimalist with far-reaching effect.« – Hans-Christian Kosler / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

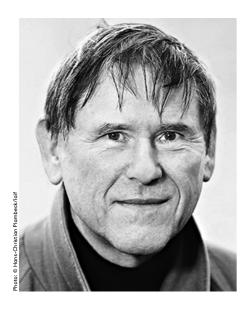
»Hartmut Lange deserves being read with particular attention because he clearly differs from loud drummers, such as Grass or Boll, on the other side of the Rhine. One feels reminded of the plays by Maeterlinck and Wedekind.« – Alain Bosquet / Le Figaro, Paris

»The fragile elegance of his style is unmatched in contemporary literature.« – Werner Fuld / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»The master among the fantastical rationalists.« – Edelgard Abenstein / Deutschlandradio Kultur, Berlin Professor Bodewig wanted to discover new territory, and it seemed as though his wish might just be fulfilled. Bodewig, a political scientist at Dahlem University, has unexpectedly inherited a property in Vienna. He asks his wife to take a look at the house and to get the renovations underway. Although it is highly unlikely that he will be able to transfer his job, he seems to be considering a move to Vienna. His apartment in Berlin is almost empty, the furniture in storage, the house in Vienna is ready – but still Bodewig does not arrive. Something seems to prevent him from leaving his old lodgings.

Van der Velde promised to marry Sybille. They have been together for so long now, but the computer specialist keeps delaying this last formality. Instead he wants Sybille to fly with him to Leptis Magna in Libya, to see the famous ruins. Meanwhile he keeps disappearing, with ever-increasing haste, on secret journeys of his own. Sybille has no idea what he is up to, but does get one little hint: when he comes home, she finds fine, red sand trickling out of his suitcase.

Two masterful novellas about human crises and grand delusions, about the balance between clinging to the known and the loss of the self, about the fear of involvement and the maelstrom of self-disintegration. Novellas of irritating beauty and almost metaphysical transparency.



Hartmut Lange, born in Berlin in 1937, studied theatrical production. He has been honoured with several awards for his plays, essays and prose. His most recent publication is the volume of novellas *At the Oslo Fjord or The Stranger*. He is now a freelance writer and lives in Berlin.



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The Courtyard 96 pages 2020



On the Prorer Wiek and Elsewhere 128 pages 2018



The View from the Window 112 pages 2015



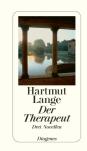
The House on Dorothea Street 128 pages 2013



In the Museum 128 pages 2011



The Abyss of the Finite 144 pages 2009



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