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Book factsheet

Stefanie vor Schulte
Snakes in the Garden

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A mother dies, and her family are accused of wallowing in their grief. Life must go on, say the Mohns' neighbours, and the Mourning Bureau agrees. But they don't want to move on – not her partner Adam. Nor Linne, furious with the world. Nor Steve, a student who has come back home. Nor Micha, the youngest. They want to hold onto Johanne – not just in their own memories, but through countless stories that may not be entirely true to life … »Summer in the city is surprising yet fundamentally to be expected. Rather like death.«
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Awards

2022 *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn* auf der Longlist ›Deutscher Hörbuchpreis‹ in der Kategorie Bester Interpret (Robert Stadlober)
2022 *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn* auf der Shortlist für den ›Rauriser Literaturpreis‹
2021 *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn* auf der Longlist des ›Magic, Pop und Ewigkeit‹ Literaturpreises des Literaturhauses Augsburg
2021 ›Mara-Cassens-Preis‹ des Literaturhauses Hamburg für das Debüt *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn*
2021 *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn* im Rahmen des Harbour Front Literaturfestivals Hamburg für ›Klaus-Michael Kühne-Preis‹ nominiert für das beste Romandebüt
2021 *Junge mit schwarzem Hahn* auf der Shortlist Bloggerpreis ›Das Debüt‹

Praise

Snakes in the Garden

»With her magical sentences, Stefanie vor Schulte draws the reader into an ever more surreal world.« – Doris Emonts / Aachener Zeitung, Aachen

»And this is the fascinating thing about this book: How do people stay alive? Through us thinking about and remembering them.« – Margarete von Schwarzkopf / NDR 1 Niedersachsen, Hannover

»Comforting, subtle and endearingly crazy.« – Petra Schulte / emotion, Hamburg



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Stefanie vor Schulte, born in Hanover in 1974, studied Theatre and Costume Design. She lives in Marburg with her husband and four children. Her first novel *Boy with a Black Rooster* was awarded the 2021 ›Mara Cassens Prize‹ for the best German-language debut. Her second novel *Snakes in the Garden* was published in September 2022.



The Thin Horse
256 pages
2024



Boy with a Black Rooster
224 pages
2021
Award winner