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David's Revenge

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He had ticked his educational trip through beautiful Georgia off his list a long time ago. And also the hospitality offered by David Ninoschwili and his attractive partner, Matassi, who, however, had proved herself to be exceptionally obliging. He seems to remember that he had only just avoided great danger at that time. He, i.e. the committed senior teacher, Christian Kestner, happily married to a successful lawyer, the not so happy father of a son who recently has been fraternising with extreme right wing circles.

The past catches up with Kestner seven years later: In the meantime there is civil war in Georgia and Ninoschwili announces his arrival in the West. Where will he live? According to the rules of Georgian hospitality with the person that he had put up in his home at an earlier date: Kestner. The family's reaction is one of open rejection. Kestner assures them it will only be for two, three weeks - and is completely mistaken. Their Georgian guest takes up mysterious activities and develops a great liking for Kestner's wife. The senior teacher's vivid imagination is triggered off, he begins to shadow the foreigner and to plot and scheme against him ...

Book factsheet

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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 Feigenblattplücker

Director: L. Niemeier

Ein Fall für Onkel

Director: Ulrich Stark

Awards

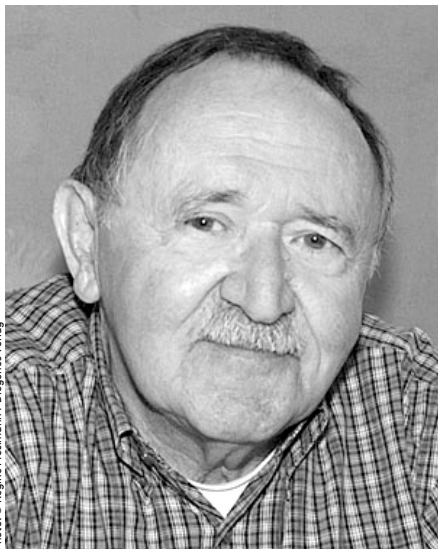
- 2009 »Friedrich-Glauser-Ehrenpreis« für seine Verdienste um die deutschsprachige Kriminalliteratur
- 1988 Deutscher Krimi-Preis für »Schmutz oder Die Sackgasse«
- 1977 Jerry-Cotton-Preis für »Grand mit Vieren«

Praise

David's Revenge

»Wonderfully terrifying novel from one of Europe's leading noir writers.« – Le Monde, Paris

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Praise (cont'd)

»Kettenbach's narrative is a distinctive mixture of aloofness and tenderness, of humour and melancholy, but it is always exciting without losing its credibility.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

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 »Ehrengläuser« prize for crime writing for his life's work.



Aunt Joice and the Joy of Life
432 pages
2010



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

Der Feigenblattpflücker
288 pages
1992
📺 **Movie Adaptation**

Schmatz
320 pages
1987
🏆 **Award winner**



Sterbetage
248 pages
1986
📺 **Movie Adaptation**



Minnie
320 pages
1984
📺 **Movie Adaptation**