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Solomonica de Winter
Over the Rainbow

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Original title: *Over the Rainbow*



Revenge fantasies, first love, and the omnipotence of the imagination.

This is the story of thirteen-year-old Blue, who lost her father early in life, whose mother lives in her own world, and who falls in love with someone obsessed with the same book as her: ›The Wizard of Oz‹. Like Dorothy in the book, Blue sets out to find some new kind of home on the other side of the rainbow – as well as her father's murderer. A search that leads us to a completely different place than we expected.

Contemporary Literature
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12.5 × 19.5 cm
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Praise

Over the Rainbow

»The fact that she has begun writing when she was 14, is almost unbelievable when reading this incredibly impressive book. […] Really well done, so beautifully written.« – Matthijs van Nieuwkerk

»*Over the Rainbow* transcends the young adult novel. The portrayal of Blue is too sophisticated and the structure too ingenious for that genre. To what extent Blue lives in her imagination shows after 190 pages, in the novel's second part. Then suddenly we have to adjust the idea that we had formed. It is as if Solomonica throws a glass of cold water in our faces: the turn comes unexpectedly, though it is refreshing. For the sixteen year old that she is, she is remarkably experienced. She writes cinematic and evocative, and uses beautiful metaphors.« – Annick Vandorpe / de Morgen, Amsterdam

»I have read *Over the Rainbow* with great admiration.« – Ronald Ockhuysen / Het Parool, Amsterdam

»Smashing novel. Read this!« – Marie Claire, Amsterdam

»*Over the Rainbow* is incredibly cool, pure and solidly told stylistically seen. It is barely imaginable that this is written by a sixteen year old.« – Melina Savvidou / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

»The debut novel by the sixteen year old Solomonica de Winter stands out. Not only because of the double murder that is committed in it or the writer's ancestry, but mostly because of its literary quality.« – Gabriele Flossmann / Illustrierte Neue Welt, Vienna

»With strong images and a lot of imagination, Solomonica de Winter tells us the story of an unhappy girl. The gripping debut of a young author.« – Main-Post, Würzburg

»A most impressive debut.« – Daniel Arnet / SonntagsZeitung, Zurich



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Solomonica de Winter was born in 1997 in Bloemendaal, the Netherlands. Raised bilingually, she grew up both there and in Los Angeles, California. She has lived in Israel, Italy, and the USA and graduated with a Masters Degree of Fine Arts in Fiction Writing at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She currently resides in the Netherlands. Solomonica de Winter writes in English.



Natural Law
608 pages
2022

Praise (cont'd)

»Solomonica de Winter surprises us with her debut *Over the Rainbow* – a powerfully eloquent story with more than one twist.« – Anne Holbach / Kieler Nachrichten

»Solomonica de Winter is a genuinely good writer who has already found her own voice and her own pictorial language.« – Verena Specks-Ludwig / Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Cologne