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## Hans Werner Kettenbach *Der Feigenblattpflücker*

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Such shockingly realistic words can only flow from the pen of someone who knows what he is talking about: Hans Werner Kettenbach, for many years the political editor of a large Cologne daily, takes aim at provincial German politics. Faber is a freelance feature journalist. Yet secretly he yearns to make political headlines. He also works as an editor for a small publisher. One day, he gets his hands on a manuscript that looks a lot like a roman à clef: Someone, a political insider, has much to tell about scandals in highest government circles. Faber starts researching the matter, tentatively at first, becoming more audacious with increasing self-confidence. Prominent politicians, of course, don't remain passive for long...

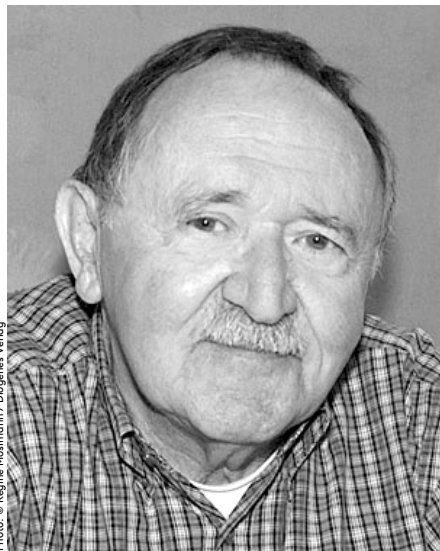


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Hans Werner Kettenbach (1928 - 2018) studied many things over the years in four universities; he has worked as an advertising salesman, a shorthand secretary for the football magazine ›Kicker‹, a radio editor and finally as the editor of a newspaper. 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 ›Ehregläuser‹ prize for crime writing for his life's work.

## Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature  
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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: *Glattéis*

Director: Michael Gutmann  
Cast: Günter Lamprecht, Hilde van Mieghem,  
Gottfried John, Elfriede Irrall

#### 1995: *Dauids 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 Feigenblattpflücker*

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 ›Schmatz oder Die Sackgasse‹
- 1977 Jerry-Cotton-Preis für ›Grand mit Vieren‹



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Tante Joice und die Lust am Leben*  
*Geschichten und anderes*  
Diogenes

*Aunt Joice and the Joy of Life*  
432 pages  
2010



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Das starke Geschlecht*  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Stronger Sex*  
448 pages  
2009



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Zu Gast bei Dr. Buzzard*  
Roman · Diogenes

*A Visit to Dr. Buzzard*  
368 pages  
2006



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Kleinstadt-affäre*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Small Town Affairs*  
512 pages  
2004



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Die Konkurrentin*  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Rival*  
528 pages  
2002



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Glatteis*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Black Ice*  
272 pages  
2001

 **Movie Adaptation**



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Grand mit vieren*  
Roman · Diogenes

*Grand With Four*  
240 pages  
2000



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Die Schatzgräber*  
Roman · Diogenes

*The Treasure-Hunters*  
544 pages  
1998



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Davids Rache*  
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*David's Revenge*  
304 pages  
1994

 **Movie Adaptation**



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Sterbetage*  
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*Sterbetage*  
248 pages  
1986

 **Movie Adaptation**



Hans Werner Kettenbach  
*Minnie oder Ein Fall von Geringfügigkeit*  
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*Minnie*  
320 pages  
1984

 **Movie Adaptation**

*Schmatz*  
320 pages  
1987

 **Award winner**