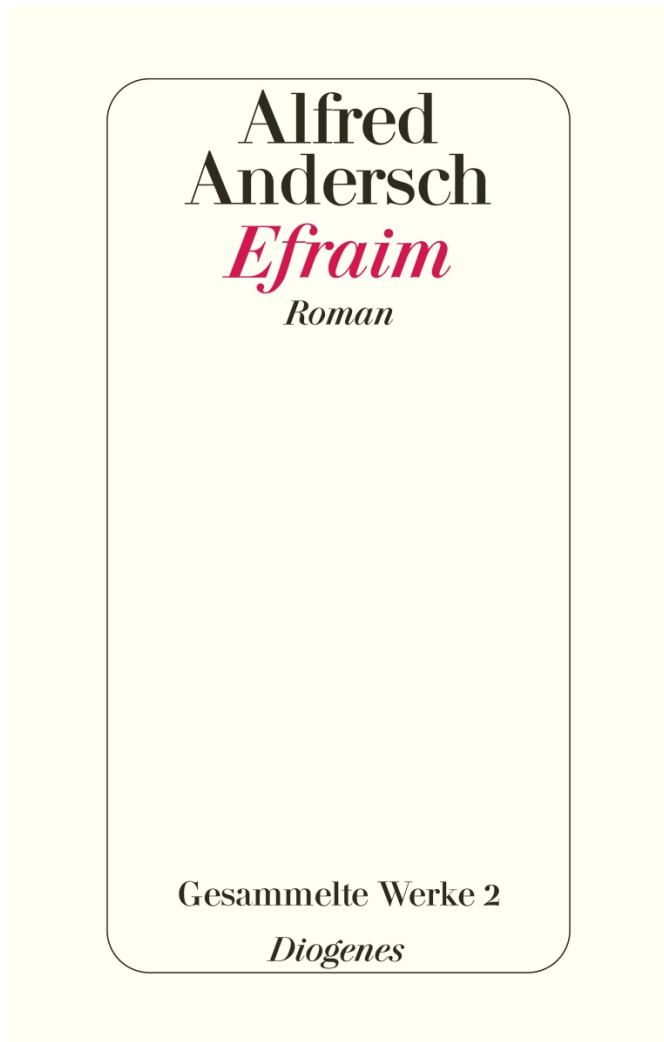


# Diogenes

## Alfred Andersch *Efraim's Book*

Published by Diogenes as *Efraim*  
Original title: *Efraim*



Efraim, a German Jew by birth, is sent as an adolescent to live with his wealthy uncle in England. In 1962 he returns to Berlin for the first time in twenty-seven years; his assignment to trace the abandoned, illegitimate daughter of his corpulent employer. Appalled by a city whose present decencies only serve to remind him of his past atrocities, and stimulated by his affair with a Maoist actress, Efraim, in search of identity and salvation, begins his fragmented autobiography...

## Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature  
464 pages  
11.6 x 18.4 cm  
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### Movie adaptations

#### 1993: Tochter

Cast: Rudin Denise, Fölnbacher Helmut

#### 1988: Die Kirschen der Freiheit

Director: Stephan Reinhardt

#### 1987: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

Director: Bernhard Wicki

Screenplay: Karin Hagen

Cast: Peter Kremer, Cornelia Schmaus, Gisela Stein

#### 1985: Vater eines Mörders

Director: Carl-Heinz Caspari

#### 1977: Winterspelt 1944

Director: Eberhard Fechner

Cast: Ulrich von Dobschütz, Katharina Thalbach, Hans-Christian Blech

#### 1965: Haakons Hosentaschen

Director: Martin Bosboom

Cast: Filmmessay/Dokumentation (HR) von Alfred Andersch, aus der das Buch »Hohe Breitengrade« entstand.

#### 1962: La rossa

Director: Helmut Käutner

Cast: Ruth Leuwerik, Rossanzo Brazzi, Gert Fröbe

#### 1961: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

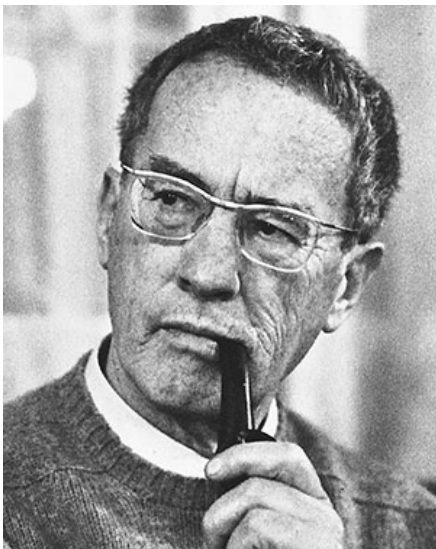
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Cast: Robert Graf, Beatrice Schweizer, Paul Dahlke

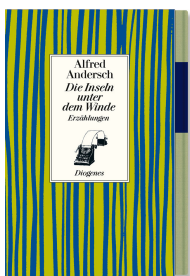
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Alfred Andersch

»A master of German prose.« – Max Frisch



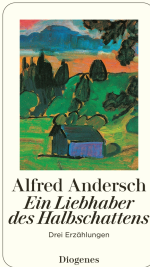
Alfred Andersch (1914 – 1980) was sent to Dachau concentration camp in 1933. After deserting from the Wehrmacht in 1944, he became an American prisoner of war. After his return to Germany, he worked as a journalist and publicist, and was one of the founders of German radio. Andersch is one of Germany's most important post-war authors, and his books are on school reading lists. Alfred Andersch died in Berzona / Ticino in 1980.



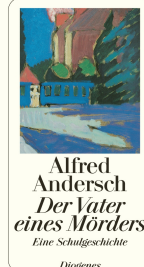
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544 pages  
2014



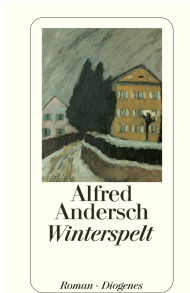
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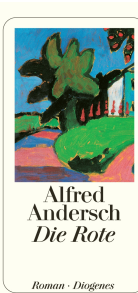
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2006



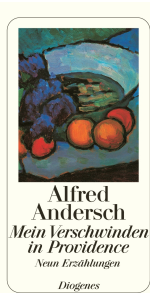
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1980  
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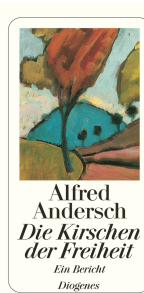
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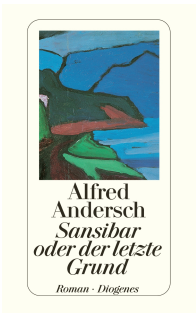
**The Redhead**  
272 pages  
1972  
 **Movie Adaptation**



**My Disappearance in Providence**  
276 pages  
1971



**Cherries of Freedom**  
144 pages  
1971



*Flight to Afar*  
224 pages  
1970