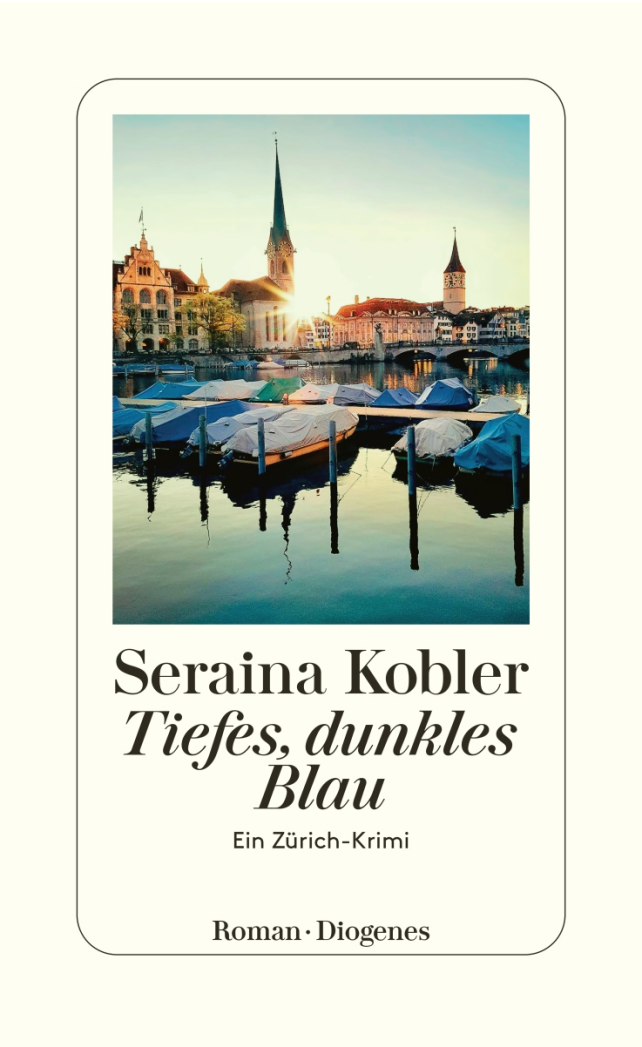
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Book factsheet

Seraina Kobler
Deep Dark Blue

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The new Zurich-based crime series from Diogenes, presenting a wonderfully warmhearted investigator who is also a keen gardener and cook: Rosa Zambrano, an officer with the water police.
Lake Zurich is Rosa's beat. When a body is recovered from its blue depths, she realises the man looks eerily familiar.
Shortly after Officer Rosa Zambrano has her eggs frozen at a fertility treatment centre on Lake Zurich, her doctor is found dead. Who might have wanted to get Dr Jansen – also a successful biotech entrepreneur – out of the way? The initial clues lead Rosa to a villa on the Goldcoast on Lake Zurich, to genetic research labs, deep into an alternative subculture and into the murky world of the sex trade – and to four women, each of whom in their own way reject the hand they have been dealt by biology or fate.

Contemporary Literature, Crime Fiction
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Awards

2023 *Nachtschein* auf der Shortlist des ›Zürcher Krimipreises‹
2022 ›1. Genuss Buch Award‹ im Rahmen des 8. Genuss Film Festivals, Zug, für *Tiefes, dunkles Blau*
2020 ›*Der Bund*-Essaypreis‹ für ihren Text zum Thema *Erbgut besser am besten: Willkommen im Menschenpark!*

Praise

Deep Dark Blue

»Seraina Kobler has written a compelling thriller which, fortunately, isn't too gory.« – Gaby van Whaden / WDR2, Cologne

»This is not a conventional police procedural. Seraina Kobler is, though, clearly following in the wake of Donna Leon [. . .] A highly intriguing debut.« – The Times, London

»Seraina Kobler knows how to build tension.« – Bernd Noack / Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Zurich

»In her crime novel, Seraina Kobler has found a calm and unhurried language.« – Kristian Teetz / Sonntag, Hanover

»A gripping crime novel that still makes a holiday in Zurich sound like fun.« – Martin Meyer / Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Essen

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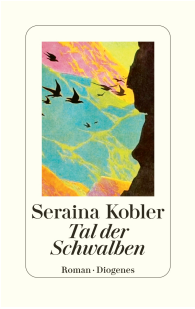
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»Seraina Kobler describes, observes and unmasks things in a stellar manner.« – Buchjournal, Frankfurt



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Seraina Kobler, born in Locarno in 1982 and grown up in Basel, studied linguistic and cultural studies before working as a journalist for publications including the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. Eventually setting up as a freelance author, in 2020 she published her debut novel, *Rain Shadow*. Her first Zurich-based crime novel featuring officer Rosa Zambrano, *Deep Dark Blue,* spent months on the Swiss bestseller list. Seraina Kobler lives with her family in Zurich.



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2026



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