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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

Seraina Kobler

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

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

Switzerland in the near future: the cities have merged into a large metropolitan area and is flourishing, while extensive sections of the Alps are declared zones restricted for electricity production. Scientist Alesch returns to his native village of Pradetta, a remote locale in the shadow of a glacier. But strange weather phenomena appear on the mountain more and more often, and soon Alesch is torn back and forth between the primitive mountain landscape and the high-tech future. Because his research, as revolutionary as it is risky, could hold the answer to the energy crisis. And then there is his first love Annetta ...



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.



*Bright Night*  
288 pages  
2023  
🏆 Award winner  
📈 Bestseller



*Deep Dark Blue*  
272 pages  
2022  
🏆 Award winner  
📈 Bestseller