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Viktorija Tokarjewa A Lifelong Love

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How many great loves can one have in a lifetime? One, according to Irina – if you're lucky. Just as, after two children and a failed marriage, she expects nothing more from life, she meets Kjamal. He is Azerbaijani, young, handsome – and smells of strawberries, black currant leaves and fresh hay. Kjamal lives with Irina, but cannot marry her – after all, she is not of his religion.

Years later, as civil war erupts in Azerbaijan and the hunt for Russians begins, Irina returns to Moscow, hoping to stay with her children. But they now have their own lives – tinged with dashed hopes, alcohol and bitterness. Irina battles on, as one illusion after another is destroyed. Until the day that Kjamal arrives in Moscow.

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Movie adaptations

1999: Schwiegermutter
Director: Dagmar Hirtz
Cast: Christiane Hörbiger

1993: Ich bin. Du bist. Er ist.
Director: Stephan Polomski
Cast: Rosemarie Fendel, Mathias Hermann

Awards

- ka 1. Preis beim 10. Internationalen Moskauer Filmfestival für den Film »Mimino«.
- ka 1. Preis beim 11. Internationalen Moskauer Filmfestival für den Jugendfilm »Es ging ein Hund übers Klavier« (»Sla sobaka po rojale«).
- 1981 1. Preis beim Internationalen Dokumentarfilmfestival für den Film »Reden wir mal in meiner Sprache« (»Pogovorim na moem jazyke«).

Praise

Viktorija Tokarjewa

»As focused as Chekhov. Great art painted with a light hand, superb.« – Harald Ries / Westfalenpost, Hagen

»Viktorija Tokarjewa's short stories are X-rays of the soul.« – Literaturnaja Gaveta, Moscow

»Viktorija Tokarjewa writes like the Trans-Siberian Railway on ecstasy – full steam ahead to total catastrophe!« – Doris Dörrie



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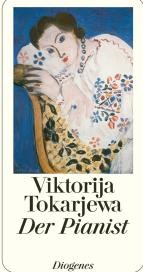
Viktorija Tokarjewa, born in St. Petersburg in 1937, worked as a music teacher before studying scriptwriting at the Institute of Cinematography in Moscow. 15 films have been made from her scripts. She published her first story in 1964 and since then has devoted herself entirely to writing. Today she is one of Russia's most popular and bestselling authors. She now lives near Moscow.





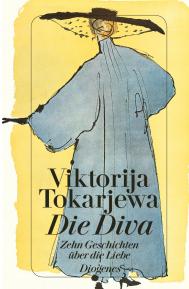
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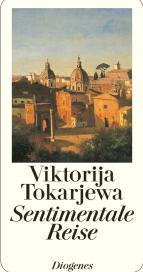
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Der Pianist

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Tokarjewa
Die Diva

Diva
352 pages
1995



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*Sentimentale
Reise*

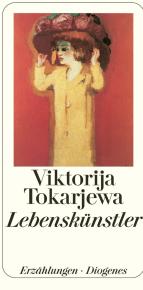
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Sentimental Journey
192 pages
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*Sag ich's
oder
sag ich's nicht?*

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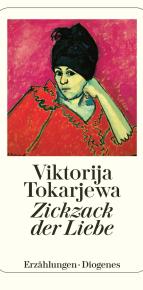
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Viktorija
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Mara

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120 pages
1991



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*Zickzack
der Liebe*

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The Zigzag of Love
352 pages
1990

Movie Adaptation