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Five novellas that play out in the south west of Berlin, and through which the Teltow Canal winds its way like a red thread, with its black crows, secluded villas and impenetrable forests. Above it, the sky is suddenly sealed off by an ash cloud.

After his wife's unexpected death, a man gives up everything that connects him to the past. But what can he cling to now? – An established politician suddenly becomes convinced that a crow is sitting on the back seat of his car like a crouching shadow. – A journalist is summoned to cold and damp London for a job and hopes his wife will follow him. But when an Icelandic volcano seals off the skies with its ash cloud, his imagination runs wild. – A man follows mysterious sounds of cello music in the woods and finds a famous cellist, but unfortunately she has already been dead for twenty-five years. – The fifth novella is about a hotel consultant, married and more and more away on business. Why can his wife, who loves him, only keep him with her as a shadow?

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Awards

- 2016 2016/2017 mit dem ›Rom-Preis‹
verbundenes Stipendiat in der
Deutschen Akademie Rom Villa
Massimo
- 2005 Drei Monate lang Stipendiat der
Hermann-Hesse-Stiftung in Calw
- 2004 ›Literatur-Nord-Preis‹ für *Leptis Magna*
- 2003 ›Italo-Svevo-Preis‹
- 2000 ›Kester-Häusler-Ehrengabe‹ der
Deutschen Schillerstiftung von 1859 für
das Lebenswerk
- 1998 ›Literaturpreis‹ der Konrad-Adenauer-
Stiftung
- 1995 Schnitzlers *Würgeengel* ›Buch des
Monats‹ Mai der Darmstädter Jury
- 1989 ›Prix de la littérature traduite‹ für *Die
Waldsteinsonate*
- 1968 ›Gerhart-Hauptmann-Preis‹
- 1966 ›Förderpreis‹ der Niedersächsischen
Landesregierung

Praise

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»Hartmut Lange's laconically beautiful storytelling also owes its immense suggestive power to an inner tension, arising from the way he clothes the unexpected in the plainest of sentences.« – Roman Bucheli / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

»Hartmut Lange's exquisite depictions of the uncanniness of human life as well as the nightmarish potential of suburbia seem ready-made for an art-house film.« – New Books in German, London

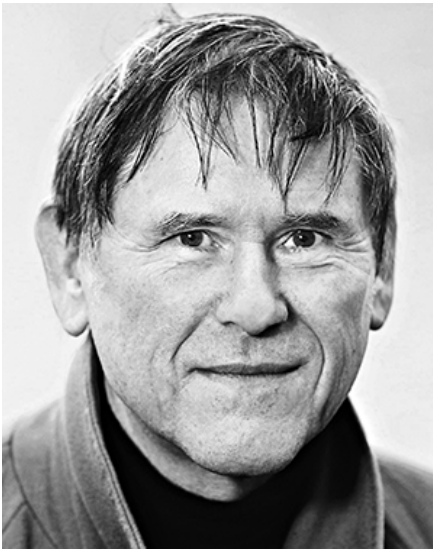
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»Hartmut Lange deserves being read with a very special attention because he clearly differs from loud drummers, such as Grass or Boll, on the other side of the Rhine. One feels reminded of the plays by Maeterlinck and Wedekind.« – Alain Bosquet / Le Figaro, Paris

»The master of linguistic stringency.« – Kristina Maidt-Zinke / Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich

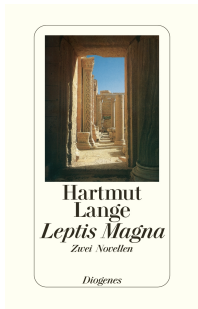
»His novellas are master narratives about the magical force of shadows creeping up unnoticed.« – Hans-Dieter Schütt / (German journalist)

»A minimalist with far-reaching effect.« – Hans-Christian Kosler / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

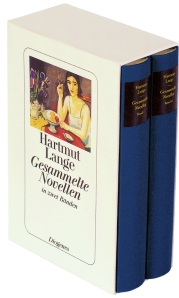


Hartmut Lange, born in Berlin in 1937, studied theatrical production. He has been honoured with several awards for his plays, essays and prose. His most recent publication is the novella collection *The Courtyard* (2020). He lives and writes in Berlin.

<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Am Osloer Fjord oder der Fremde</i> Diogenes</p> <p><i>At the Oslo Fjord or The Stranger</i> 112 pages 2022</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Der Lichthof</i> Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Courtyard</i> 96 pages 2020</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>An der Prorer Wiek und anderswo</i> Novellen · Diogenes</p> <p><i>On the Prorer Wiek and Elsewhere</i> 128 pages 2018</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Der Blick aus dem Fenster</i> Diogenes</p> <p><i>The View from the Window</i> 112 pages 2015</p>
<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Im Museum</i> Diogenes</p> <p><i>In the Museum</i> 128 pages 2011</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Der Abgrund des Endlichen</i> Drei Novellen Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Abyss of the Finite</i> 144 pages 2009</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Der Therapeut</i> Drei Novellen Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Therapist</i> 160 pages 2007</p>	<p>Hartmut Lange <i>Der Wanderer</i> Novelle · Diogenes</p> <p><i>The Wanderer</i> 128 pages 2005</p>



Leptis Magna
176 pages
2003
🏆 **Award winner**



Collected Novellas
1152 pages
2002



Knowledge from Error
208 pages
2002



The String Quartet
144 pages
2001



The Educational Trip
128 pages
2000



A Different Kind of Happiness
144 pages
1999



The »Waldstein« Sonata
112 pages
1984
🏆 **Award winner**