

## Alfred Andersch *Leeward Islands*

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Above all, Alfred Andersch achieved literary fame as a storyteller: it was as a storyteller that he celebrated his greatest success, both with his readers and the critics, it was as a storyteller that he was awarded, and as a storyteller that he secured his place in the history of German post-war literature. This new volume collects the best of his realistic and fantastical stories – stories that contain entire life stories, ghost stories, snapshots in the tradition of the American short story, political stories, family stories – prose pieces in which Andersch devotes himself again and again to new literary forms.

## Book factsheet

General Fiction, Gift Books  
544 pages  
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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*

Director: Rainer Wolffhardt

Cast: Robert Graf, Beatrice Schweizer, Paul Dahlke

## Praise

Alfred Andersch

»A master of German prose.« – Max Frisch

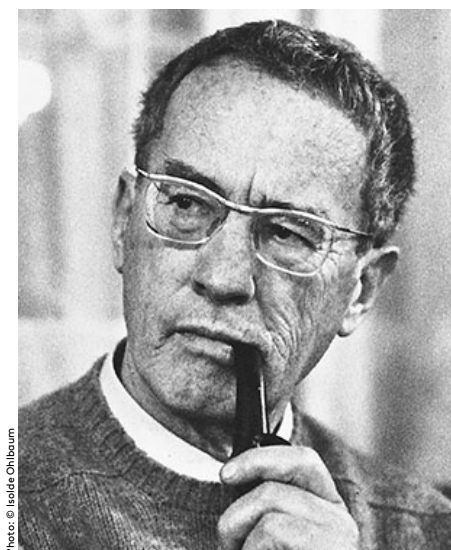
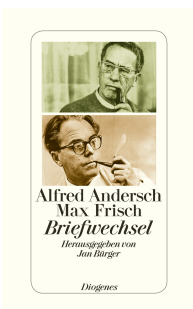
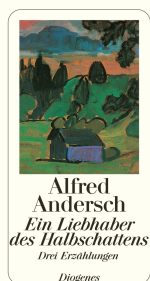


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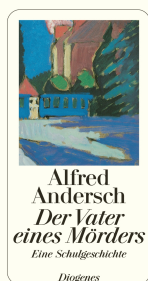
Born in 1914, Alfred Andersch attended a private Munich boys' school, which was in fact run by the father of Heinrich Himmler, as depicted in his last book ›The Father of a Murderer‹. In 1933 Alfred Andersch spent six months in Dachau concentration camp for his activities as a Communist youth leader. After deserting the Wehrmacht army in 1944, he spent over a year as a prisoner of war in America. After returning to Germany, he was the editor of several newspapers as well as a prominent novelist. A founder of ›Group 47‹, that distinguished company of German writers whose members included Heinrich Böll and Günter Grass, Andersch won the »Nelly Sachs Prize« (for ›Efraim's Book‹) in 1968. He died in 1980 in Berzona /Ticino.



Correspondence  
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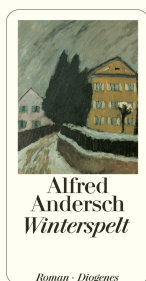


An Admirer of Half  
Shadows  
112 pages  
2006

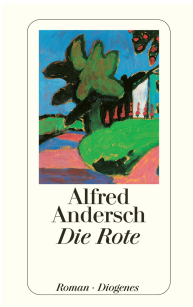


The Father of a Murderer  
144 pages  
1980

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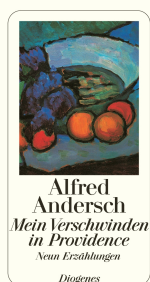


Winterspelt  
604 pages  
1974

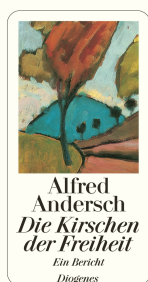


The Redhead  
272 pages  
1972

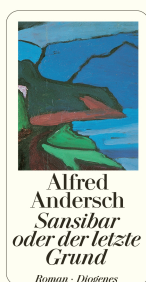
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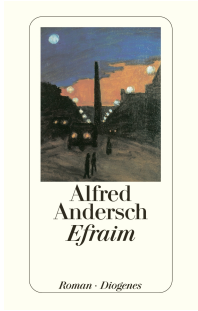
My Disappearance in  
Providence  
276 pages  
1971



Cherries of Freedom  
144 pages  
1971



Flight to Afar  
224 pages  
1970



Efraim's Book  
472 pages  
1967  
🏆 Award winner