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One night, two thousand years ago, in a mountain village known as Nazareth. A carpenter's wife sits by the deathbed of her aged husband, and watches as her life drifts through her mind's eye, her turbulent and moving destiny, so closely intertwined with the mysterious destiny of her firstborn son. A son who, with the dawn, will no longer be under her protection.
This new perspective on an exceptional moment in the history of mankind, retold with great sincerity, full at once of humour, love and wisdom, restores a sense of the original humanity of the members of the holy family.



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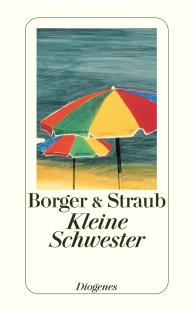

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