

Hugo Loetscher
Inventing Discovery

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Unterwegs in meinem Brasilien

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Hugo Loetscher first travelled to Brazil in 1965. Thus began a love that never let the cosmopolitan Swiss writer out of its grip. Hugo Loetscher returned again and again, writing travelogues about Brazil for various newspapers, as well as the novel *Wonder World*. Eventually, he went beyond the seductions of the exotic to explore the contradictions of the land of his desires.

A timelessly contemporary portrait of a country which, in Hugo Loetscher's words, is still »condemned to the future«.

»Brazil was also a form of travelling in my consciousness. The adventure. The fascination of the unfamiliar. The lure of the unknown. But then, behind all the exotic and the tropical, the discovery of the country's social reality. The encounter with another world that has more to do with ours than we are generally willing to accept.«

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 **Movie adaptation**

Mittwoch

Director: Markus Silberschmidt

 **Awards**

- 2006 Erster Preis des Lyrikwettbewerbs des Festival Rilke in Sierre für *Es war einmal die Welt*
- 2004 Ehrenbürger der Gemeinde Escholzmatt (Kanton Luzern)
- 2000 Werkbeitrag des Kantons Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1999 Ehrengabe des Kantons Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1999 Ehrengabe der Stadt Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1996 Literaturpreis der Brasserie Lipp für *Die Fliege und die Suppe*: Auszeichnung für Hugo Loetscher sowie für die Übersetzung ins Französische von Jean-Claude Capèle
- 1994 Kreuz des Südens (Orden für Verdienste um die brasilianische Kultur)
- 1992 Großer Schiller-Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung
- 1989 Ehrengabe der Stadt Zürich für *Die Fliege und die Suppe*
- 1986 Preis der Luzerner Förderungskommission
- 1985 Literaturpreis der Zürcher Kantonalbank
- 1985 Ehrengabe der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung
- 1983 Mozart-Medaille der Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Stiftung, Basel
- 1972 Literaturpreis der Stadt Zürich
- 1966 C.F. Meyer Preis
- 1964 Charles Veillon Preis für *Abwässer. Ein Gutachten*
- 1964 »Charles Veillon Preis« für *Abwässer. Ein Gutachten*

Praise

Hugo Loetscher

»Hugo Loetscher is a wonderful narrator whose formulation of weighty thoughts is as light as a feather.« – *Sonntags Zeitung, Zurich*

»Punchlines, quirky humour, startling observations, witty comments – there's never a moment of boredom with Hugo Loetscher.« – *Jürg Altwegg / Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*



Hugo Loetscher (1929 – 2009) was one of Switzerland's most famous writers with novels such as *Sewage* and *The Immune Man*. In his role as journalist, he travelled to Latin America, Southeast Asia and the USA regularly. He always held a particular interest in photography. Hugo Loetscher, who lived in Zurich, was a visiting lecturer at universities in Switzerland, the USA, Germany and Portugal; and a member of the Darmstadt Academy for Language and Poetry. In 1992, he was awarded the ›Schiller Prize‹ by Switzerland's Schiller Foundation.



So Few Letters, So Much World
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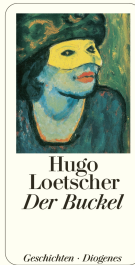
Wonder World
416 pages
2009



Once There Was the World
128 pages
2004



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448 pages
2003



The Hunchback
224 pages
2002



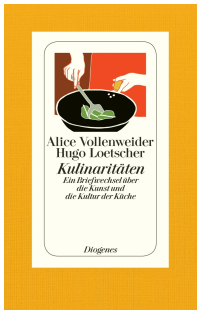
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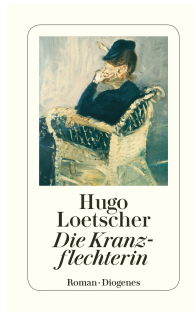
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The Preaching Rooster
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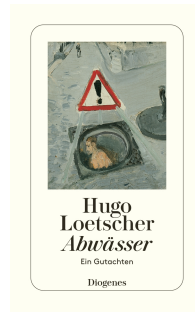
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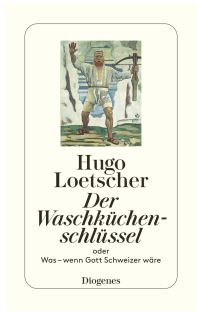
The Wreath Maker
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1989



The Fly and the Soup
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Sewage
160 pages
1989
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The Laundry Room Key
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1984



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1982