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Summer with Emma

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Awards

Martina Borger

2002 ›Frauen-Krimi-Preis‹ der Stadt
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Praise

Summer with Emma

»Macabre undertones, sustained tension, shared narrative perspective, winning characters, this is a read that's full of laughter but also tears, and drama galore.« – New Books in German, London

A family has rented a houseboat and is planning to spend an inspiring holiday on the English canals. Luisa and Daniel look forward to forgetting about everyday life and to having time for each other again for the first time in a long while. Their children Lea and Jasper, both at a difficult age, have agreed to the family trip, because Jasper's nice friend Can is joining in the fun. In addition, Emma is expected to come, Daniel's exceptionally pretty daughter from an affair he had fifteen years ago. And besides, the parents do not need to know about everything that happens. Sure enough, things occur that nobody expected, and the boat feels increasingly crowded. A trip which becomes everything but a relaxing holiday, cleverly told by switching between various perspectives.



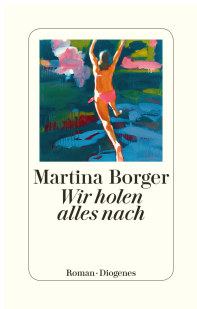
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Martina Berger, born in Bavaria in 1956, worked as a journalist, script editor and film critic, before turning to screenwriting. She has worked as a storyliner and head writer on several tv series. In collaboration with Maria Elisabeth Straub she published her first novel, *Cats' Tongues*, in 2001, followed by *Little Sister* (2002), *In the Ring* (2004) and *Summer with Emma* (2009). She is the sole author of her 2007 novel *Dear Luca*. Martina Berger lives in Munich.



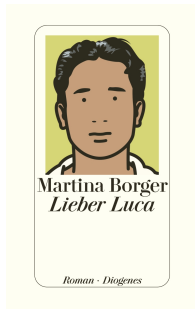
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Maria Elisabeth Straub was born in 1943 in Schleswig-Holstein. She studied art history and German philology and has worked as a freelance author since 1970. Together with her co-author Martina Berger, she has published three novels so far. Maria Elisabeth Straub lives in Germany's far north.



*We'll Catch up on It
Later*
304 pages
2020

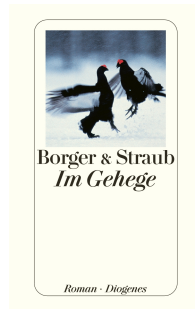
 **Bestseller**



Dear Luca
208 pages
2007

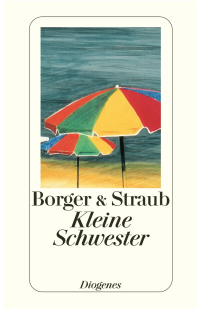


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2006



In the Ring
384 pages
2004

 **Movie Adaptation**



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368 pages
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