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**Friedrich
Dönhoff**
*Ein gutes Leben ist
die beste Antwort*
*Die Geschichte des
Jerry Rosenstein*

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Praise

A Good Life Is the Best Revenge

»It is impressive, how Friedrich Dönhoff manages to portray a whole life in a small book and to characterise a personality without raising questions.« – Stefanie Theile / Stern viva!, Hamburg

»An impressive narrative about one, who, after a terrible youth found a good life.« – Kathrin Meier-Rust / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»He is very good with biographical matter; you can tell from the precise descriptions of his crime characters. Dönhoff is a pleasant conversational partner, and an excellent listener, too. It is not surprising, that people trust him and open up to him.« – Annette Schwesig / Stuttgarter Zeitung

A book about a man who will not let anyone keep him down: neither as a German Jew in Europe nor as a homosexual in America. Two generations separate them, but a friendship unites them: Friedrich Dönhoff (45) and Gerald B. Rosenstein, known as Jerry (86). In summer 2013 they set off on a road trip from Amsterdam to Bensheim, following the path of Jerry's childhood and youth. A few weeks later they meet up again in San Francisco, where Jerry has lived since 1949.

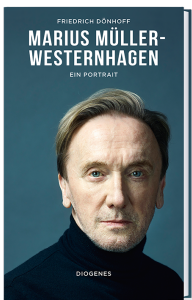
Because Jerry wants to tell his story. After spending his whole life dodging questions about his past, he now wants to tell the account of what he survived as a Jew in Germany, Holland and Auschwitz – how he coped as a homosexual in the USA and how he found his inner freedom.

In Friedrich Dönhoff he has an attentive listener, one who writes his story without any trace of pathos, but with a great deal of sensitivity. With a picture section.

English translation available.

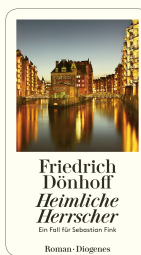


Friedrich Dönhoff, born in Hamburg in 1967, grew up in Kenya. After completing his studies in history and political science, he compiled biographies, including the bestseller *The World is the Way You See It. Memories of Marion, Countess Dönhoff*. Since 2008, he has been writing crime novels starring the young inspector Sebastian Fink.

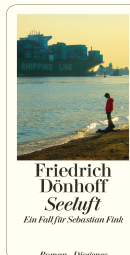


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352 pages
2017



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368 pages
2013



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304 pages
2010



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320 pages
2008