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Esther Schüttpelz
Without Me

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She's mid-twenties, just finished with her studies, and divorced practically as soon as she's married. What do you do when your first great love crashes and burns? The narrator of Esther Schüttpelz' debut novel is still looking: for the reason why they split up; for a plan for the future; for friendship and intimacy and intoxication and forgetting. Sharp-witted, vulnerable and hilarious, she tells the story of the year after and in-between.

»You can pay for the second wedding yourself«, Mum says.«
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Book factsheet

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Awards

- 2024 *Ohne mich* auf der Longlist des ›Deutschen Popliteraturpreises‹
- 2023 ›lit.Cologne Debütpreis‹ für *Ohne mich*
- 2023 ›Tagespreis Internationales Festival Junger Literatur WORTSPIELE‹ für *Ohne mich*
- 2023 *Ohne mich* nominiert für den ›Debütpreis des Harbour Front Literaturfestivals Hamburg‹

Praise

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»Esther Schüttpelz shows how it can feel to be stuck between your own ideals and reality.« – Carlot Brandis / FAZ, Frankfurt

»A debut with a fast pace and increasing narrative density.« – Karoline Pilcz / Buchkultur, Vienna



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