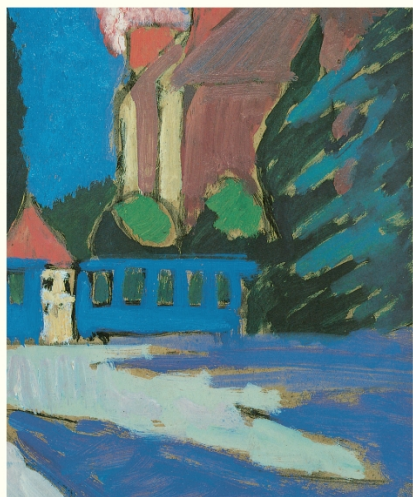


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An eighth grade Latin lesson at a Gymnasium in the late 1920s: What begins as an ordinary class for student Franz Kien takes a sudden turn when headmaster Himmler enters the classroom, turning the lesson into a humiliating ordeal for Franz. In this chillingly topical text, Andersch shows how the darkest chapter of German history began to unfold in classrooms.

Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature, Compulsory Reading
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Movie adaptations

1993: Tochter

Cast: Rudin Denise, Fölnbacher Helmut

1988: Die Kirschen der Freiheit

Director: Stephan Reinhardt

1987: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

Director: Bernhard Wicki

Screenplay: Karin Hagen

Cast: Peter Kremer, Cornelia Schmaus, Gisela Stein

1985: Vater eines Mörders

Director: Carl-Heinz Caspari

1977: Winterspelt 1944

Director: Eberhard Fechner

Cast: Ulrich von Dobschütz, Katharina Thalbach, Hans-Christian Blech

1965: Haakons Hosentaschen

Director: Martin Bosboom

Cast: Filmessay/Dokumentation (HR) von Alfred Andersch, aus der das Buch »Hohe Breitengrade« entstand.

1962: La rossa

Director: Helmut Käutner

Cast: Ruth Leuwerik, Rossanzo Brazzi, Gert Fröbe

1961: Sansibar oder der letzte Grund

Director: Rainer Wolffhardt

Cast: Robert Graf, Beatrice Schweizer, Paul Dahlke

Praise

The Father of a Murderer

»An extremely intense, artful, absorbing prose masterpiece.« – Hanjo Kesting / Der Spiegel, Hamburg

»The text reveals one of Andersch's undeniable strengths, the interweaving of the public and the private, the personal and the political.« – Rhys W. Williams / new books in german

Alfred Andersch

»A master of German prose.« – Max Frisch

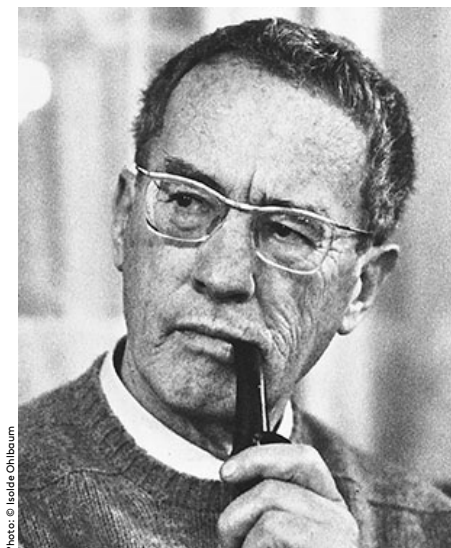
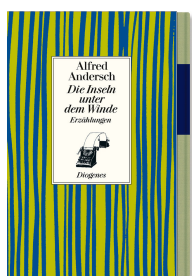


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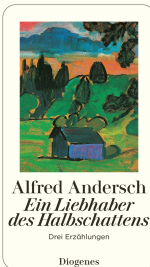
Alfred Andersch, born in 1914 in Munich, was sent to Dachau concentration camp in 1933. After deserting from the Wehrmacht in 1944, he became an American prisoner of war. After his return to Germany, he worked as a journalist and publicist, and was one of the founders of German radio. Andersch is one of Germany's most important post-war authors, and his books are on school reading lists.



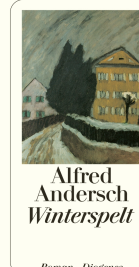
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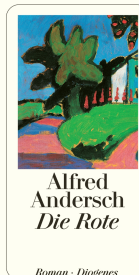
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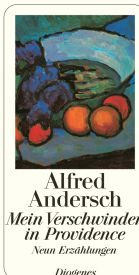
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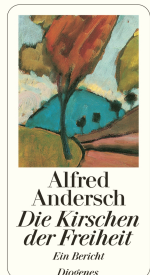
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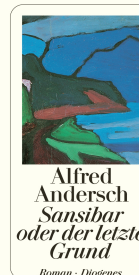
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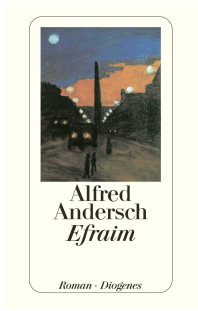
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1971



Cherries of Freedom
144 pages
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Flight to Afar
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Efraim's Book
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