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At the age of fourteen, Hannes Prager falls in love with a girl named Polina. To demonstrate his love, the exceptionally gifted boy composes a melody that encapsulates Polina's essence and desires. A short while later, Hannes' mother dies in an accident. His music dies with her, and Polina disappears from his life. After years in which he feels nothing but emptiness, Hannes realises he has to find Polina again. But the only way he can reach her is with her melody.

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For Polina

»Takis Würger follows his characters with such empathy that his novel appears like a touching melody.« – Juli Zeh

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»Takis Würger masters the art of sketching lifelike and sometimes rather crazy characters with just a few skilful strokes.« – Ronald Meyer-Arlt / Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, Hannover

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»Würger is surely one of the most important writers of our generation.« – Joël Dicker

»Würger's debut was a bestseller in his native Germany. Its universal themes, brilliantly depicted world and taut storytelling constitute a recipe for further success [. . .].« – Malcolm Forbes / Minneapolis Star Tribune



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