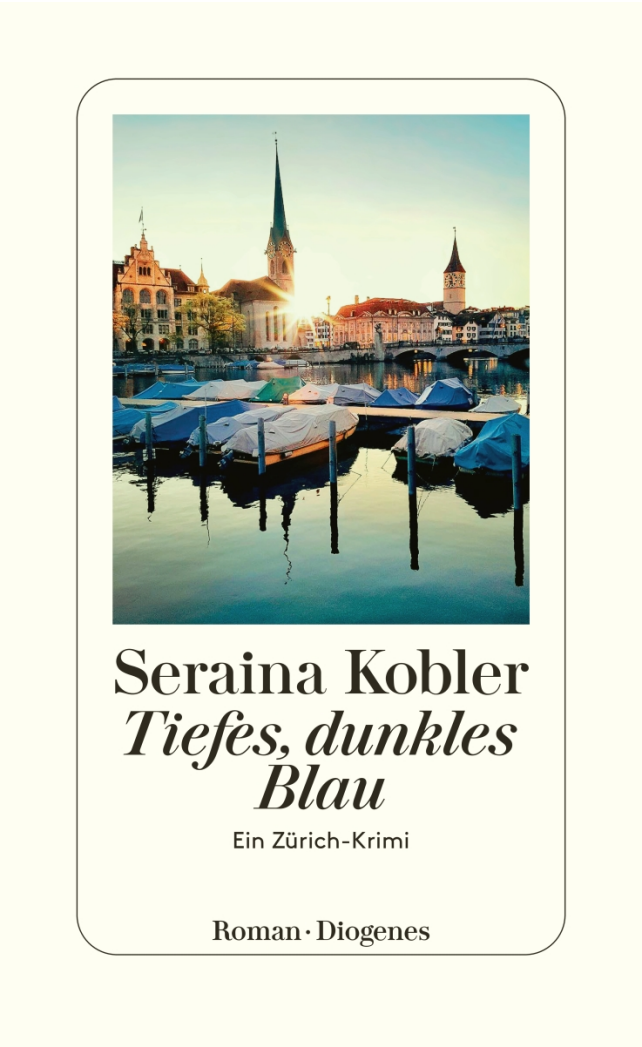
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Book factsheet

Seraina Kobler
Deep Dark Blue

Published by Diogenes as *Tiefes, dunkles Blau*
Original title: *Tiefes, dunkles Blau*



The new Zurich-based crime series from Diogenes, presenting a wonderfully warmhearted investigator who is also a keen gardener and cook: Rosa Zambrano, an officer with the water police.
Lake Zurich is Rosa's beat. When a body is recovered from its blue depths, she realises the man looks eerily familiar.
Shortly after Officer Rosa Zambrano has her eggs frozen at a fertility treatment centre on Lake Zurich, her doctor is found dead. Who might have wanted to get Dr Jansen – also a successful biotech entrepreneur – out of the way? The initial clues lead Rosa to a villa on the Goldcoast on Lake Zurich, to genetic research labs, deep into an alternative subculture and into the murky world of the sex trade – and to four women, each of whom in their own way reject the hand they have been dealt by biology or fate.

Contemporary Literature, Crime Fiction
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Bestseller

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Awards

2023 *Nachtschein* auf der Shortlist des ›Zürcher Krimipreises‹
2022 ›1. Genuss Buch Award‹ im Rahmen des 8. Genuss Film Festivals, Zug, für *Tiefes, dunkles Blau*
2020 ›*Der Bund*-Essaypreis‹ für ihren Text zum Thema *Erbgut besser am besten: Willkommen im Menschenpark!*

Praise

Deep Dark Blue

»Seraina Kobler has written a compelling thriller which, fortunately, isn't too gory.« – Gaby van Whaden / WDR2, Cologne

»This is not a conventional police procedural. Seraina Kobler is, though, clearly following in the wake of Donna Leon [. . .] A highly intriguing debut.« – The Times, London

»Seraina Kobler knows how to build tension.« – Bernd Noack / Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Zurich

»In her crime novel, Seraina Kobler has found a calm and unhurried language.« – Kristian Teetz / Sonntag, Hanover

»A gripping crime novel that still makes a holiday in Zurich sound like fun.« – Martin Meyer / Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Essen

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»Seraina Kobler describes, observes and unmasks things in a stellar manner.« – Buchjournal, Frankfurt

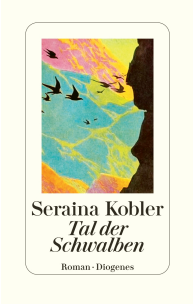


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Seraina Kobler, born in Locarno in 1982 and grown up in Basel, studied linguistic and cultural studies before working as a journalist for publications including the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. Eventually setting up as a freelance author, in 2020 she published her debut novel, *Rain Shadow*. Her first Zurich-based crime novel featuring officer Rosa Zambrano, *Deep Dark Blue,* spent months on the Swiss bestseller list. Seraina Kobler lives with her family in Zurich.



Rain Shadow
208 pages
2026



Valley of Swallows
352 pages
2026



Bright Night
288 pages
2023
Award winner
Bestseller