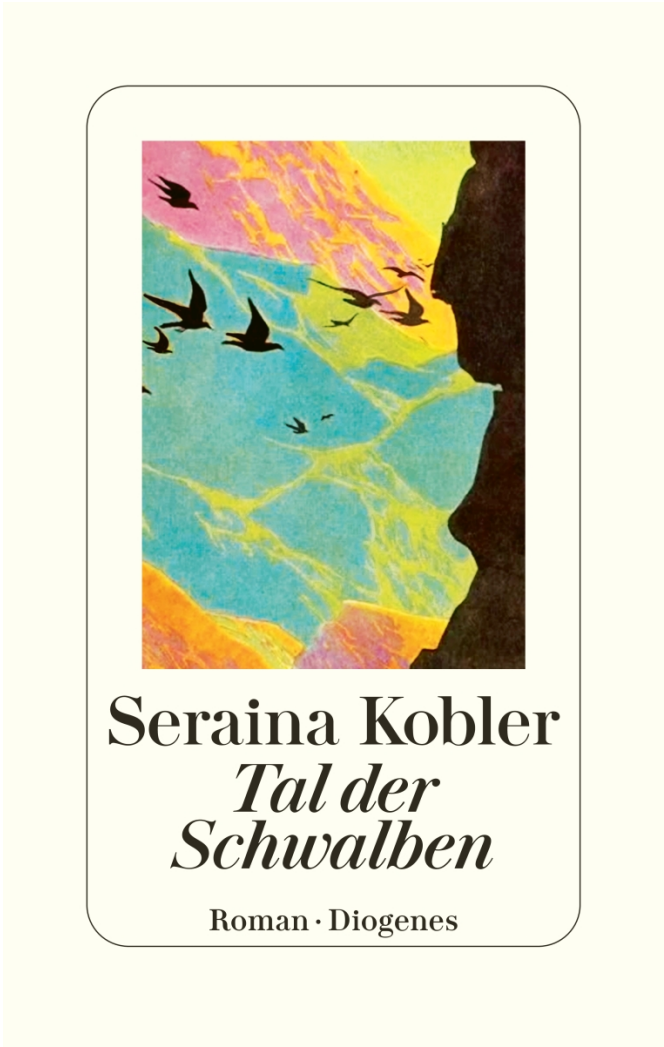
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Seraina Kobler, born in Locarno in 1982 and grown up in Basel, studied linguistic and cultural studies before working as a journalist for publications including the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. Eventually setting up as a freelance author, in 2020 she published 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.



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