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## Book factsheet

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## Praise

*Massimo Marini*

»Dobelli's prose is compact, clear, precise.« –  
Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin

»Social criticism and family drama rolled into  
one – and all of the highest standard.« –  
ÖÖNachrichten, Linz

»Rolf Dobelli has dived down deep into the  
recent history of Switzerland, and brought up a  
dazzling tale of one immigrant's life.« –  
General-Anzeiger, Bonn

»A family saga that few can match, and told  
in an exciting and dramatic way.« –  
Voralberger Nachrichten, Schwarzach

»Rolf Dobelli has given us a masterpiece –  
gripping, informative and unputdownable.« –  
Bücher, Berlin

»Once again Rolf Dobelli shows just how good  
he is at finding exactly the right words to say  
what he wants to say.« – Anzeiger, St. Gallen

»A page turner, a book you can't put down  
until – unfortunately – you find yourself at the  
end.« – Swiss Magazine, Basel

»It takes the reader's breath away. There is  
nothing that doesn't exist in this world of ours.  
And reading about it is fun.« – Passauer Neue  
Presse

From the son of a guest-worker to a powerful building contractor – the comet-like rise and fall of Massimo Marini. Smuggled into Switzerland in a suitcase as a baby, he was kept hidden by his parents for eight years so they would not lose their work permit. His father slogged his way up to the echelons of successful business-men – all for Massimo's sake so that he should have it easier. Massimo's life does not follow the smoothest of courses and is peppered with incident, peaks and troughs: from Italian immigrant child to big cheese in Zurich society; from protestor outside the opera house to opera house patron; from existential philosopher to building contractor; from the left to the right; from abysses to glittering heights; from the south to the north. Until he meets the woman who will be the crowning glory of his happiness – and its destroyer. A wide-reaching panorama of society and the portrait of a sparkly, eccentric personality.



Rolf Dobelli, born in Lucerne in 1966, studied philosophy and business management, worked for Swissair, founded a company and lived in Australia, Hong Kong, England and in the USA. He has published six books with Diogenes, most recently ›Massimo Marini‹, and with Carl Hanser Verlag his two non-fiction bestsellers ›The Art of Thinking Clearly‹ and ›The Art of Acting Clearly‹. Rolf Dobelli lives with his family in Berne.



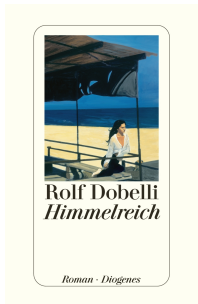
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208 pages  
2014



**Turbulence**  
160 pages  
2007



**Who Am I?**  
144 pages  
2007



**Himmelreich**  
384 pages  
2006



**What Do You Do for a Living?**  
240 pages  
2004



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208 pages  
2003