

Diogenes

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The Convoy

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A gripping novel about the unexpected kindling of love, about wavering certainties and destroyed ideals. In November 1918, shortly after the end of the World War I, Europe is in turmoil. In Switzerland, just as the general strike begins, chance brings together a young soldier and a Russian woman. Elena Gogobaridse belongs to the diplomatic delegation of the young Soviet Union in Berne. Samuel Brühlhart, a village teacher in his civilian life, is entrusted with bringing her and the other Communist diplomats out of the country in a vehicle convoy. When it comes to background and political conviction, Elena and Samuel could not be more different. But during the three days of an eventful journey across Switzerland, they are drawn closer and closer together.

Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature
208 pages
11.3 × 18 × 1.3 cm
March 2013

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📺 Movie adaptations

2007: *Die Prinzessin von Sansibar*

Director: Tina Diaz
Screenplay: Tina Diaz
Cast: Dokumentarfilm mit Spielszenen

1992: *Anna anna*

Director: Greti & Jürgen Brauer Kläy
Screenplay: Lukas & Greti Kläy Hartmann
Cast: Lea Hürlimann, Wanda Hürlimann, Ilona Schulz

1989: *Pestalozzis Berg*

Director: Peter von Gunten
Cast: Gian Maria Volonté, Rolf Hoppe, Mathias Gnädinger, Corinna Harfouch

🏆 Awards

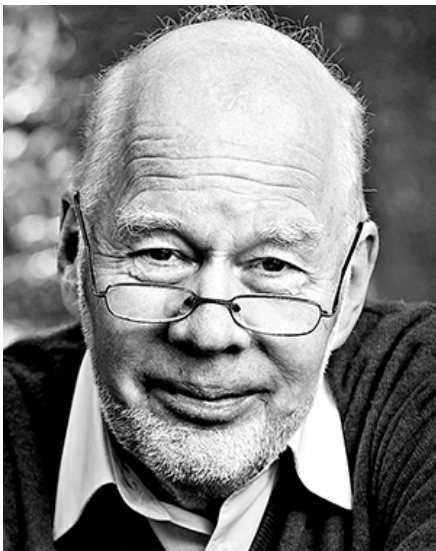
- 2018 ›Literaturpreis‹ Kanton Bern für *Ein Bild von Lydia*
- 2016 Generationenbuchpreis ›Prix Chronos‹ für *Mein Dschinn*
- 2010 ›Sir Walter Scott-Literaturpreis‹ für *Bis ans Ende der Meere*
- 2010 ›Grosser Literaturpreis von Stadt und Kanton Bern‹ für sein Gesamtwerk
- 2001 Ehrenliste des Österreichischen Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreises: *Leo Schmetterling*
- 1996 Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung für *Die Mohrin*
- 1995 ›Luchs 108‹ von *Die Zeit* und Radio Bremen für *Die Mohrin*
- 1995 Schweizer Jugendbuchpreis für *So eine lange Nase*
- 1993 Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Die Seuche*
- 1988 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia sowie von Stadt und Kanton Bern für *Einer stirbt in Rom*
- 1983 Werkjahr der Pro Helvetia für *Aus dem Innern des Mediums*
- 1980 Buchpreis der Stadt Bern für *Pestalozzis Berg*
- 1980 Buchpreis der Schillerstiftung für *Pestalozzis Berg*

Praise

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»An unusual love story which captivates the reader, and a brilliantly researched and hitherto practically unknown piece of history, are subtly interwoven in this novel.« – Hannoversche Allgemeine

Lukas Hartmann



Lukas Hartmann, born in Berne in 1944, studied German and psychology. He was a teacher, journalist and media consultant. Today, he is a freelance writer living in Berne, writing books for adults and children. He is one of Switzerland's best-known authors and his novels regularly feature on the bestseller lists.

Praise (cont'd)

»Lukas Hartmann immerses himself totally in his characters. He has a particular interest in figures who are in danger of being swallowed up by history. He is driven by a strong sense of justice, empathy and meticulousness.« – Beatrice Eichmann-Leutenegger / Neue Zürcher Zeitung

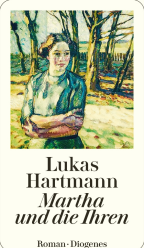

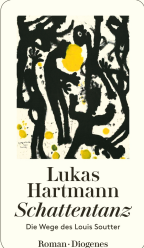




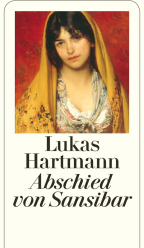
»Lukas Hartmann develops great poetic power, full of sensibility and eloquent silence.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

»Lukas Hartmann has an incredible affinity to the world of children.« – Carol Rosa / Berner Zeitung

»Lukas Hartmann's ability to see the world through a child's eyes is outstanding.« – Hits for Kids, Gustavsburg

»A virtuoso of the historical novel.« – Charles Linsmayer / NZZ am Sonntag, Zurich

»Lukas Hartmann knows how to write history in a way that puts the present in a different light.« – Augsburg Allgemeine

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A Robber's Life
352 pages
2012
🏆 **Bestseller**



Dark Bliss
320 pages
2010
🏆 **Bestseller**



Pestalozzi's Mountain
208 pages
2009
🏆 **Award winner**
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**



The Plague
224 pages
2009
🏆 **Award winner**



To the End of the Sea
496 pages
2009
🏆 **Award winner**
🏆 **Bestseller**