

Saskia Luka

Day by Day

A graceful debut about family, home and loss.

About the Book

Three strong, wilful women suddenly find themselves living under one roof: Maria, who has recently lost her husband, her 17-year-old daughter Anna, who is researching her family's roots, and Maria's mother Lucia, whom Maria has brought to Bavaria from her small village in Croatia without her proper consent. This constellation is already a challenge for all three women. But there's also a fundamental question that Maria can't shake off: if the love of your life dies and your only home is taken away from you, where do you start looking for a new one? A touching proclamation of love for life with its many uncertainties and sudden farewells.

"This heavy subject matter is handled with a light touch in the best sense and is filled with a love for life." Welt am Sonntag Kompakt

"'Day by Day' is a sensitive and evocative exploration of what it means to have roots and a home country." Vogue

"Saskia Luka writes knowledgeably about roots, nationality, family, abandoned villages and the war in Yugoslavia." Berliner Zeitung

"A touching debut about how where we come from shapes the meaning of home — and what it takes to be free for your own future." emotion



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