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BERLIN – CITY OF POETS

SPECIFICATIONS

Format: 23,5 x 28 cm

Extent: 224 pages

Illustrations: ca. 160 4-colour photographs
and 20 b/w photographs

German retail price: ca. € 49,90

Word count: ca. 35.000

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Authors in the book

Theodor Fontane

Franz Kafka

Alfred Döblin

Christopher Isherwood

Vladimir Nabokov

Günter Grass

Max Frisch

Christa Wolf

Cees Nooteboom

Judith Hermann

and many others

SYNOPSIS

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Berlin was an extremely attractive place for writers and publishers. Especially in the 1920s, Berlin reached a climax as a cultural metropolis and remained at that level until the Nazis brought it to a standstill in 1933. The famous musical *Cabaret* describes best the mood of this time – people seemed to be dancing on a volcano.

Berlin – City of Poets portrays not only this period but spans from the 1920s well into the 21st century. It starts with doyen Theodore Fontane and ends with present day writers like Judith Hermann. It follows the literary trails of authors that can still be found in re-united Berlin. Some of the legendary places have remained much unchanged, as many old houses, flats, hotels, libraries and bookshops survived the war. This allows one to imagine the atmosphere of the twenties.

Focusing on the 20th century, Michael Angele passionately tells us about the authors who stayed in Berlin, where they lived and what they wrote.

The newly commissioned photographs capture Berlin's charisma as well as the amazing beauty of the countryside on the outskirts. Berlin as it was and as it is today – an exciting city trying to find a new identity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Swiss-born author Michael Angele writes for Germany's leading newspapers and has an expert knowledge of the city. His portrayal of literary Berlin is highly erudite.

Clemens Zahn earned a PhD in Economics before he decided to devote his life to photography. He has published many books and regularly works for magazines like *Geo* and *National Geographic*.

POINTS OF SALE

- Lovers of literature will be attracted by a book portraying the places authors lived in
- Stunning and newly commissioned photographs of Berlin
- Tourist who visit Berlin can discover the city in a different way
- Brilliant text