



THE COLD LIGHT OF DISTANT STARS / DAS KALTE LICHT DER FERNEN STERNE

ANNA GALKINA

Novel, German

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This powerful book gets under your skin – *The Cold Light of Distant Stars* is a bittersweet memoir of growing up in the Soviet Union during 1980s. Galkina's writing is poetic, evocative and amusing, enriched by her fluency in both Russian and German. Her dry humour provokes funny episodes and laugh-out-loud situations. *The Cold Light of Distant Stars* is the Russian-German equivalent of Jonathan Safran Foer's *Everything is illuminated*, Elene Gorokhova's *A Mountain of Crumbs* or Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*. Anna Galkina has an original, vibrant, and colourful voice and her debut novel deserves to be widely read.

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Anna Galkina's sharp, detailed observation, her cold look on the unintentionally whimsical is evocative of Agota Kristof's novel trilogy. The cold light of distant stars is an episodic novel, creating complex multi-layered pictures by individual scenes. Behind all this, what remains unspoken, in the shadow of hard and difficult experiences, the reader will find a space for yearning that is measured by Anna Galkina's felicitous debut.

DIE ZEIT ONLINE

Sometimes humorous, sometimes poetic, but never self-pitying tells Anna Galkina the story of a childhood and a youth which is violent and idyllic at the same time. She succeeds in creating an almost hypnotic atmosphere. A debut novel of great beauty and dread.

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Great art! Anna Galkina has an eye for details that speak louder than words and that you will not soon forget.

WDR 1LIVE

Anna Galkina's language is highly poetic.

DER FREITAG

Anna Galkina's novel gets under your skin and goes straight to the guts.

FALTER

With plenty of humour, Anna Galkina describes in their heartwarming debut novel the often grotesque life in the USSR in the 1980s. With its powerful visual language she takes the reader on a tour through young protagonist Nastia's native village.

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A great reading adventure!

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