



THE EIGHTH LIFE (FOR BRILKA)

BY NINO HARATISCHWILI



Das achte Leben (Für Brilka)

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»The Eighth Life (For Brilka)« is an epochal novel about a family, a powerfully written epos about eight exceptional lives in the vicissitudes of Georgian-Russian War and Revolution.

Georgia in 1900: Stasia, daughter of a chocolate factory's owner, and her three sisters grow up in the upper echelons of Georgian society. She dreams of a life in Paris and a career in ballet but at 17 marries a White Guard soldier. When Stalin becomes the sole leader of the Soviet Union, the socialist squads enjoy the good life, whilst the country's impoverished population suffers. Stasia and her children Kitty and Kostja seek shelter in the house of Stasia's sister Christine in Tbilisi. But when Stalin's right-hand man Lawrenti Beria takes notice of Chistine's astonishing beauty and unworldly manner, it has disastrous consequences ...

Germany in 2006: After the fall of the Iron Curtain Niza, Stasia's brilliant great-granddaughter, has broken with her family and moved to Berlin. When her twelve-year-old niece Brilka runs away during a trip to the west, Niza has to care about her. In search for her own identity, she will tell Brilka the whole story: about Stasia, silently affronting history, about Christine, who paid dearly for her beauty, about Kitty, who lost everything and still found a voice in London. And about the secret recipe for the family's Hot Chocolate, which has offered both salvation and misfortune for six generations.

Nino Haratischwili, born in Georgia in 1983, is an award-winning novelist, playwright and director. »The Eighth Life (For Brilka)« has been awarded the prestigious BDI Literature Prize of the Association of Arts and Culture of the German Economy 2015, the Anna Seghers Literature Prize 2015, the Fellowship of the Lessing Prize 2017 and the Bertolt Brecht Literature Prize 2018. On top of that, the English translation by Charlotte Collins and Ruth Martin (Scribe) has been selected for PEN Translates award 2016 and the Dutch edition (Atlas contact 2016) has been longlisted for the Europese Literatuurprijs 2018. Her novel »The Cat And The General« is shortlisted for the German Book Prize 2018.

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