DÄMMER UND AUFRUHR. ROMAN DER FRÜHEN JAHRE
DUSK AND TURMOIL. A NOVEL OF THE EARLY YEARS
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»Dämmer und Aufruhr« contains the whole starting material of a language artist in an age-
wise mood. These are images of a dark, speechless and heart-rendering post-war Germany,
whose downfall is not so long ago as it sometimes seems. In his carefully carved sentences
about his parents who are leaving their children up to themselves and who are lost
themselves, there is something solemn, proudly vain and severely over-formulated, there is
a reminiscent of the long gone Suhrkamp-incense – that is quite wonderful and evokes a
sense of melancholy. »Dämmer und Aufruhr« is possibly his most important book.

Iris Radisch, DIE ZEIT

An impressive autobiography.

Julia Encke, FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE SONNTAGSZEITUNG

A real big-time!

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Superb ... without doubt Bodo Kirchhoff’s best novel!

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The author is at the peak of his talent – a masterpiece!

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Rarely the fifties have been described so precisely, so accurately – this accomplished novel is
worth to be read.

Mario Scalla, HR2 KULTUR

»Dusk and Turmoil« is a novel that will be much talked about, a novel that had to be written
– and it’s the missing piece of the puzzle of Kirchhoff’s work – there is no way around this
book.

Christoph Schröder, DEUTSCHLANDFUNK
Bodo Kirchhoff tells about his early years – in a virtuoso and intensive way.
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NDR Book Of The Month: relentlessly, without shame and without self-protection, Bodo Kirchhoff writes about the quest of his sexual identity. That’s daring and at the same time it’s the reason why the novel is such a great achievement. A stunning novel.
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Bodo Kirchhoff’s best novel!
Meike Feßmann, ARD

How precisely Bodo Kirchhoff describes feelings is simply impressive. He has no fear of the abyss, he is fearless in the best sense of the word and he never looses the warmth, the longing and the consciousness of the lack.
Jörg Magenau, DEUTSCHLANDFUNK KULTUR

Dou don’t have to be a fan of Bodo Kirchhoff to be interested in this book. It’s more than a story about how someone became a writer ... Bodo Kirchhoff casts a life-experienced glance far into the German post-war society.
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What a magnificent narrative art and imaginative language hide between two book covers – at its best!
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