

## A novel about the question that is asked in every German family at some point: What did you do in the Third Reich?



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**Blurred Pictures**  
[Unscharfe Bilder]  
Novel

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**Ulla Hahn** was born in 1945. She has a doctorate in German, has taught at several universities in Germany and was the literary editor for a radio broadcasting station. Already her first volume of poems, *Heart over Head* (1981), was enthusiastically received by readers. Her poetry has won awards such as the Leonce and Lena Prize and the Friedrich Hölderlin Prize. For her novel *The Hidden Word* (2001) she was awarded the first German Book Prize, and this was followed by the sequels *Departure* (2009) and *Game of Time* (2014). *They Are Expecting Us* is the finale of her autobiographic cycle of

Katja Wild, a teacher in Hamburg, thinks she can see her father in one of the photographs in the Wehrmacht exhibition. She knows that her father was a soldier in Russia. He is now 82 years old and spending the final years of his life in a retirement home with a view over the Elbe. As a teacher of ancient history, Greek and Latin at a grammar school he is for his family, colleagues and pupils a humanist of the old school and a specialist in remembrance. A teacher beyond reproach, an exemplary father.

Now, almost 60 years after the end of the war, Katja sees this photo. There is not a lot of time left to ask him about his time during the war ... This is the beginning of a painful journey into the past.

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