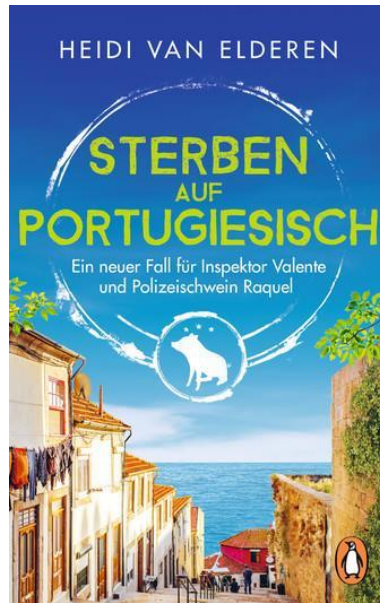


Police pig Raquel always has a good snout



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It is summer on the Alentejo coast in Portugal. While the tourists are having fun by the sea, inspector Valente and police pig Raquel have no time for relaxation. A magician is found dead on the beach – buried in the sand up to his chest and handcuffed. An escapist trick gone wrong – or murder?

When another corpse is found on the beach Valente knows this can't be a coincidence. What a good thing that Raquel urgently needs to lose weight – while he is teaching his pig to swim he is involved in intensive investigations at the scene of the crime. And doesn't realise that in doing so he is putting himself in mortal danger ...