

## "Sandberg combines masterful storytelling with psychological tension." *Süddeutsche Zeitung*



Ellen Sandberg  
**The Silent One**  
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**Ellen Sandberg** is the pseudonym of a successful author whose crime novels are regularly on the bestseller lists. She first worked in advertising before devoting herself entirely to writing. For months her novels *The Forgotten Ones* and *The Betrayal* were at the top of the bestseller charts and were highly acclaimed by readers and the press alike. Her last great suspense novel, *The Inheritance*, was an instant bestseller as well.

Munich, 2020. In the Remys' garden, the three rose bushes planted when the three daughters were born are slowly withering. Imke, Angelika and Susanne have long grown up and gone their separate ways – until the day of their father's funeral arrives. For, on his deathbed, he extracted a promise from Imke that soon proves to be a destructive force, and makes her question everything she thought she knew about their mother.

In 1956, as a new generation grows up in post-war Germany, fun-loving Karin is saving up for her first pair of jeans, dreaming of Elvis Presley and planning to become a doctor. Little does she realise that the past casts a long and powerful shadow – and that one spontaneous decision can have catastrophic consequences. And not only for her.

### Press

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