

Four girlfriends and an unforgettable summer that changed everything



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Julia Holbe was born in 1969 and lives in Frankfurt am Main but spends part of the year in Brittany. She spent twenty years working as an editor of international literature at the S. Fischer Verlag. *Our Happy Days* is her first novel.

Lenica, Marie, Fanny and Elsa – four friends spending a never-ending summer on the Atlantic coast in France. The future lies ahead of them like a promise; they are so carefree and full of the joys of their very existence that they don't notice life laying down its path forward.

When they meet again many years later they realise that their dreams and longings still join them together like some invisible power – in spite of everything that has happened since that evening when Lenica brought Sean along.

Julia Holbe's narrative is breathtakingly emotional – the tale of the really important things in life: love and friendship, coincidence and fate, guilt and betrayal – and that we only remember the past as we want it to be.

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