

The long legacy of violence



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We Children of Violence

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How women and families are still suffering today from the aftermaths of mass rape at the end of the War

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Not only members of the Soviet army became rapists at the end of World War Two – all four occupying armies were guilty of mass crime to German women. The victims of this war violence often struggled with mental problems their entire lives; children resulting from these rapes were, so to speak, born with an inherited guilt and families suffered in many ways – and often still do – from the burdens of the past.

On the basis of moving case stories Miriam Gebhardt shows what deep scars the massive experience of violence in the years 1945 to 1955 has left on German society. The end of the war frequently determined the fate of whole families and even today still continues to leave its mark on the now adult generation of the grandchildren.

The eminent historian takes a new look at the history of post-War Germany.

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