

## The glamour of the Belle Époque, and a young woman caught between decorum and independence



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In 1880s Vienna, young Sophie von Werdenfels escapes the dour atmosphere of her parents' house as often as she can by visiting her uncle's elegant coffee house. One day, she meets Richard von Löwenstein, a close – and married – friend of Crown Prince Rudolf's. As they fall in love, Sophie's best friend Mary develops feelings for Rudolf.

Ignoring Sophie's warnings, Mary embarks on an affair with the married crown prince that will shake the empire to the core ...

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