

Two mysterious suicides take Vernau back to his own past – with deadly consequences ...



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Elisabeth Herrmann, born in 1959, worked as a journalist for *RBB* television before her breakthrough with her novel *The Nanny*. Almost all her books have been or are being filmed. Elisabeth Herrmann was awarded the Radio Bremen Crime Book Prize and the German Crime Literature Prize in 2012.

Public prosecutor Carolin Weigert is on the verge of exposing a huge bribery scandal when she suddenly and unaccountably dies. Years later the finance authorities send an auditor to check on Berlin lawyer Vernau. Shortly afterwards the man is lying shot dead in Vernau's office.

The police work on the assumption it was suicide, but Vernau has his doubts – especially when he finds out that the man was secretly doing investigations for the dead public prosecutor. A web of corruption and violence extends up to the highest circles in Berlin, and Vernau is targeted by the shadow men who eliminate anyone who gets in their way ...

1.1 million copies of the novels by the *Spiegel* bestselling author sold in German-speaking countries.

Press

"Elisabeth Herrmann is particularly good at playing with German history." *Jan Josef Liefers*

"In this her sixth Vernau case, Elisabeth Herrmann has created a captivating web of corruption and fraud [...]. This is a thriller of the highest standard." *Brigitte*

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