

## Intense and convincing moments from Hanns-Josef Ortheil's novels and stories



Hanns-Josef Ortheil  
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**Hanns-Josef Ortheil**, born in 1951, is one of the most important contemporary German authors and has received many awards for his work, among them the Brandenburg Literature Prize, the Thomas Mann Prize, the Nicolas Born Prize and the Hannelore Greve Literature Prize. In 2009 he became the first director of the newly founded "Institute for Literary Writing and Literary Studies" at the University of Hildesheim. His novels have been translated into more than 20 languages.

In his autobiographic, contemporary and historical novels, writer Hanns-Josef Ortheil has repeatedly presented moments of faith when the protagonists occupy themselves with snippets of Christian tradition. One time it is about listening experiences in church services, another time he focusses on reading passages in the Bible; but other aspects are also important, such the more profound question of exactly what faith is and how it manifests itself in everyday life.

In this anthology, Hanns-Josef Ortheil presents some such intensive moments from his novels, goes into their cultural backgrounds and explains how they came into being.