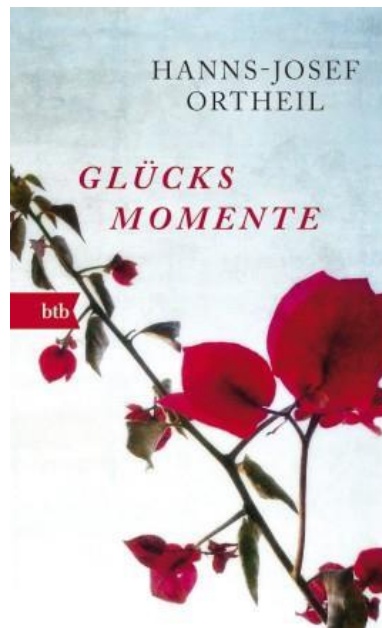


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Hanns-Josef Ortheil, born in 1951, is one of the most important contemporary German authors and has received many awards for his work, among them the Brandenburg Literature Prize, the Thomas Mann Prize, the Nicolas Born Prize and the Hannelore Greve 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 novels, be they autobiographical, historical or set in the present day, writer Hanns-Josef Ortheil has again and again depicted moments of happiness in which the five senses of the protagonists make unique discoveries. Sometimes we read about listening experience, at other times about the taste of foods; rare moments of eye contact and emphatic body experiences are also important.

In this anthology, he introduces us to many such moments from his novels, explaining their cultural backgrounds and telling us how these descriptions came about.