

The hunter becomes the prey – Sequel to the international bestselling *Woman of the Dead*



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Bernhard Aichner was born in 1972 and lives in Innsbruck, Austria, as an author and photographer. He writes novels, audio plays and stage plays and has been awarded several literature prizes and scholarships for his work. *Woman of the Dead* was enthusiastically received by critics and was on the bestselling lists in Germany. The novel has also been sold to numerous countries, and a six-part television series is in preparation.

During a disinterment in an Innsbruck cemetery, two heads and four legs are found in one coffin. It quickly becomes clear that this is evidence of a crime and the remains of the body of an actor who went missing without trace a year previously. Only one person can possibly be the perpetrator – the undertaker who was in charge of the body and placed it in the coffin. There can be no doubt about it: Brünhilde Blum killed the actor. But she seems to have disappeared off the face of the earth ...

A murderess on the run. A woman who is trying to live with the fact that she has killed five people. A caring mother who does everything so as not to lose her children. An endearing woman who one day wakes up in a nightmare. And a whole country after her as a result. Blum takes refuge in a hotel that has been standing empty for twenty years. For one short moment a flicker of hope flares up, but then what is waiting for Blum in the deserted building surpasses her worst fears ...

Quotes on *Woman of the Dead*:

"Hypnotic! [...] Be afraid. Be very, very afraid. [...] One of the most arresting Thrillers I've read for years." Lisa Gardner

"A wonderful thriller about love and retribution - playful, dark and dangerous - I read it in one sitting." William Ryan

Press

"*House of the Dead* is just as thrilling to read as is *Woman of the Dead*." *Südtiroler Sonntagszeitung Zett*

"In his taut, deftly thrilling, and 'insane' writing style, the internationally celebrated thriller author Bernhard Aichner of Innsbruck sends his protagonist into the abysses in *House of the Dead*." *Woche.at*

"A fascinating frenzy of malice, intrigues, and injuries!" *Bild Zeitung*