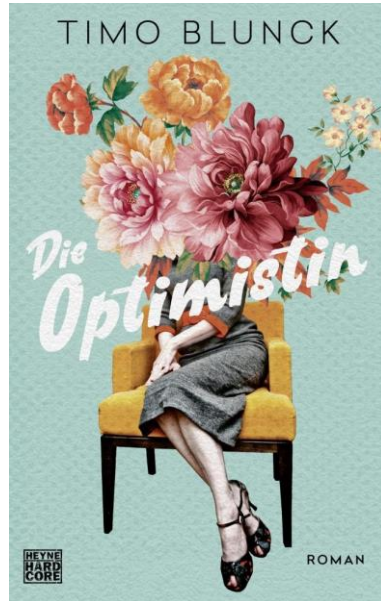


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Timo Blunck, born in 1962, is a musician, singer, composer, producer and writer. From 1981 he played bass guitar in Palais Schaumburg, the internationally successful avant-garde punk band. About this time he and Detlef Diederichsen also set up the band Die Zimmermänner, with which he is still active today. Timo Blunck moved to London in 1990 and to the USA in 1993. Since 2001 he has been in charge of a company in Hamburg that licences and produces music.

Charlotte Keller is an unconditional optimist. Shortly before her eightieth birthday, she takes in the runaway bridegroom Toygar Bayramoğlu. Over two days, in her flat in an old people's home on the Baltic coast, she tells him the story of her life. But Toygar soon realises that although her story may be accurate, none of it is true.

Charlotte Keller is the German version of Jonas Jonasson's Hundred-Year-Old Man. A novel that puts its own unique stamp on post-war German history.