

An adventure to move heart and soul



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Papa Goose

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Seven greylag geese and the discovery of a fascinating world

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Michael Quetting, born in 1974, is a laboratory head and pilot at the Max Planck Institute, where he can combine his passion for flying with his love of his feathered friends in a wonderful way. In addition, for the course of the research project he also displayed his qualities as a single-minded caretaker, ambitious researcher, courageous leader of the flock and adventuresome flight controller.

The task Michael Quetting has as part of a research project is to train greylag geese to follow him and his ultralight plane. The first step, however, is in a manner of speaking sitting on the eggs. When seven greylag geese finally hatch out, the newly fledged goose father quickly notices one thing: what he has is a proper gang of kids, each with their own individualities.

Quetting affectionately characterises the gang and so lets us, the readers, in on the adventure – how the little goslings develop; how together they conquer the land, water and air – right up until the moment of the difficult farewell when his geese are let loose into freedom and Michael Quetting is a different person ...

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"This period of parenting has changed Michael Quetting, and his readers as well – for we learn here that geese indeed have fascinating personalities." *Deutschlandradio Kultur*

"Magical, with great photographs." *Lea*

"The quintessence of the 2015 summer of geese is: love knows no (species) boundaries and love knows no limitations." *Focus Online*