

A family entangled in a web of lies. Who is the perpetrator, who the victim?



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Petra Hammesfahr wrote her first novel when she was only 17, but it was 25 years before she landed a bestseller with *The Discrete Mr. Genardy*. Ever since, her thrillers have been storming the bestseller lists, winning awards and successfully being filmed. *The Sinner* has been made into a successful *Netflix* series featuring Jessica Biel and Bill Pullman.

Young mother Melli is engrossed in the choice of a lipstick in the drugstore when her little boy Luca is kidnapped. She had left the pram with the baby in it outside the shop. What kind of mother would leave her child outside a shop in the middle of winter? A thorny problem indeed for inspector Klinkhammer, for he knows the family well and is very aware that the marriage is going through a rocky patch. But are Luca's disappearance and the parents' problems connected? The family tragedy takes its course. And with every hour that passes it becomes more and more unlikely that Luca will be found alive ...

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"a captivating study of milieu" *Tina*

"What a familial morass! A gripping novel with a host of characters and many flashbacks." *Frankfurter Stadtkurier*

"For Hammesfahr fans a must; for others a good introduction to her books about Inspector Klinkhammer." *Westfälische Nachrichten*