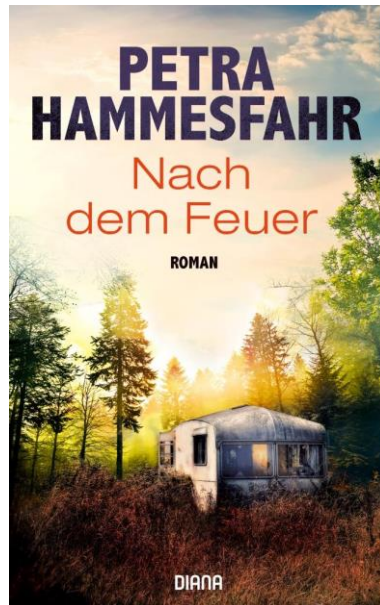


A new bestseller by the grande dame of psychological tension



Petra Hammesfahr **After the Fire** [Nach dem Feuer]

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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.

Who's the seriously injured boy, who only just managed to escape the caravan fire? Why won't he reveal his name? What terrible secret is he trying to hide?

When chief inspector Rita Voss interviews him, she doesn't know whether she's dealing with a boy with learning difficulties, or with a highly intelligent actor. She asks her former boss Arno Klinkhammer for help – and Klinkhammer is soon forced to face up to the boy's true identity: He's the son of a woman who, eight years ago, accused her husband of abusing their daughter. Then the husband disappeared – and now the woman has been gruesomely murdered. Is her son the killer?

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