

A woman tracks down a secret love, and ends her family's decades-long silence



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Freiburg, 2018. Following a stroke, Miriam's ancient grandmother suddenly starts speaking French – a language that she supposedly never learnt. Miriam soon realises that Klara is hiding something, and sets off on the trail of her family's history, from post-war Germany's French occupied zone all the way to Brittany. What's the true story behind Klara's sudden move to Konstanz in the 1950s? Klara has never breathed a word about her real motives.

Can Miriam uncover a decades-old family secret?