

**An old house by the sea. A secret daughter. A family where nothing is what it seems.**



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After losing her daughter in a tragic accident at sea, Lisa finds herself unable to resume her old life. She returns to the family's holiday home on the North Sea, where everything is still as they left it.

She starts to renovate the house with the help of Lars, a carpenter, and his son, the Arctic explorer Jonas – and discovers, hidden under old floorboards, notes for a fairy tale about a mermaid. The three of them can't shake the feeling that the story is based on real events. In an old newspaper archive, they find an article about a young woman who lost her child on the beach in 1920. Was it an accident – or murder, as some people claimed at the time? As Lisa follows the mermaid's trail, she is forced to confront her confused emotions, and her own loss.