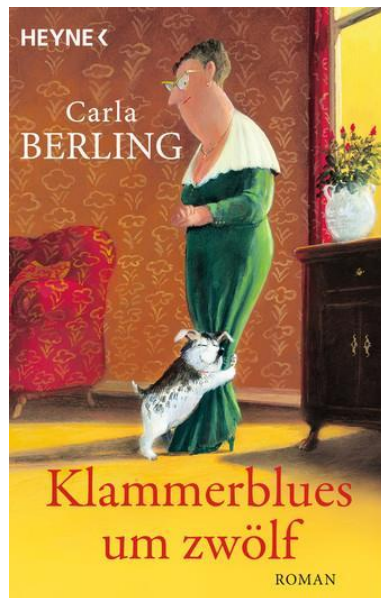


Over 50 years old, and anything but shy



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Fay is fifty-seven years old and living in a state of emergency: her husband Teddy has died unannounced. Now she lounges around on the sofa, and the only things that get her through the day are crisps, Prosecco, listening to music and watching TV.

But then, late on a lonely New Year's Eve, her neighbour Claudine suddenly knocks on her door. The energetic sixty-year-old's zest for life turns Fay's quiet existence upside down. She even makes the ridiculous suggestion that Fay should move in with her and 72-year-old Mary, who's training for the senior triathlon and has a liberal attitude to love. Fay seizes life with both hands, stumbles over a leash belonging to a wheezing pug, develops a crush on a fictional hero – and finally gets rid of old hats.

Press

"A book you should definitely give your best friend – but probably not your husband!" *Express (on Der Alte muss weg)*

"A funny marriage comedy full of surprises." *Lea*

"Sex and the City for a 55+ audience. A light, upbeat romance novel for women, and, in true Carla Berling fashion, garnished with black humour." *Aufgeblättert Podcast*