

Power invites abuse. Secret power even more so.



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Horst Eckert, born in 1959, was for fifteen years a television journalist, including for the *Tageschau* news. 1995 saw the publication of his debut, *Anna's Legacy*. His novels are seen as "in the best sense of the word complex political thrillers that can be read not only as gripping crime stories but also as a commentary of the times" (*Deutschlandfunk*). They have been translated into French, Dutch and Czech and awarded prizes such as the Marlowe Prize and the Friedrich Glauser Prize.

My name is Melia Khalid. I am the head of the department for left-wing extremism in the National Intelligence Service. I was leaked some secret papers reporting the setting up of a new terrorist group. Turmoil has broken out in the office, but I don't trust the source. I suspect that there are a few people in the Service who themselves are preparing a coup – as part of a right-wing network that hates freedom and democracy. My boss wants to get rid of me. And my own father, a top politician with a secret service past, knows more than he is letting on.

In the Name of the Lie is the beginning of a new thriller series featuring Melia Khalid, a German intelligence service agent with Somalian roots.

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"Horst Eckert is the grandmaster of the German political thriller." *HR 2 Kultur*

"The most important writer of hard-core crime novels in Germany." *WDR*