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Poetic, romantic and beguilingly beautiful



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Gesa Schwartz was born in Stade in 1980 and studied German philology. After graduation, she set out to spend a year traveling through Europe on the tracks of the ancient storytellers. In 2011, for her debut "Grim. The Seal of Fire", she was awarded the German Phantastik-Preis in the section Best German-language debut novel. At present she lives in a circus caravan near Hamburg.

Sixteen-year-old Anouk is spending the holidays in a small village in Brittany. Shortly after her arrival the Dark Circus puts up its tent nearby – an enigmatic circus famous in the village for its eerie and special performances. Like many others, Anouk is soon fascinated and gets caught up in a cosmos she had hardly thought possible. It is a magical world that opens up before her and where she meets the mysterious conjuror Rhasgar. But there is more to the Dark Circus than Anouk realises. Before long she is in mortal danger and no longer knows who she can trust. For there are no rules in the Dark Circus except one: nothing is as it seems ...

- Dark secrets, big feelings, charming magic