

The wonderful diary of a journey young Hanns-Josef Ortheil once took



Hanns-Josef Ortheil **Our Trip to Berlin** [Die Berlinreise]

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Hanns-Josef Ortheil, born in 1951, is one of the most important contemporary German authors and has received many awards for his work, among them the Brandenburg Literature Prize, the Thomas Mann Prize, the Nicolas Born Prize and the Hannelore Greve Literature Prize. In 2009 he became the first director of the newly founded "Institute for Literary Writing and Literary Studies" at the University of Hildesheim. His novels have been translated into more than 20 languages.

In the early 1960s, Hanns-Josef Ortheil went to the divided post-war Berlin with his father. It is a journey back to the places where his father and mother used to live as a young couple during World War II. He listens patiently and with fascination to what his father is telling him of life in those days. He instinctively understands the significance Berlin had for his father's small family and still has for this man. The twelve-year-old records his impressions in his very own kind of diary and dramatically tells how the past became tangible for him as very young teenager.

After *The Trip Along the Moselle*, *The Berlin Trip* is Hanns-Josef Ortheil's second travel diary of his early years when he spent weeks travelling alone with his father in order to see, to write and to learn to speak for evermore.

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"A wonderful book about being a child, about travelling, about emotional security and about feeling anxious with the unknown ... It was written by the powerfully eloquent and sharp-minded writer Hanns-Josef Ortheil." *Denis Scheck on The Trip Along the Moselle*

"An enchanting jewel..." *Der Spiegel on The Trip along the Moselle*

"An astounding book through and through." *Spiegel*

