

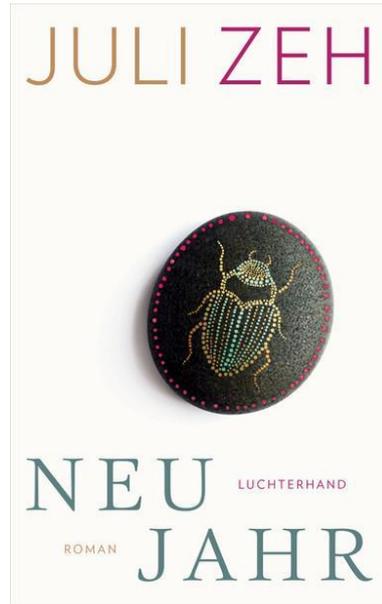
A family vacation that turns into a nightmare

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Lanzarote on New Year's Day: Henning is cycling up the steep path to Femés. As he is struggling against the wind and the gradient he recaps his situation in life. He is the breadwinner of the family, husband and father – yet in none of these roles can he recognise himself. He has been having panic attacks for a while, and they pounce on him like demons. When he finally reaches the pass in utter exhaustion a fluke incident takes him on a mental time journey back to his childhood. All of a sudden he relives a situation that almost cost him his life all those years ago and which continues to unsettle him.

New Year is the breath-taking story of two small children who in the middle of a holiday paradise end up in hell. It is also about the crisis of a man crushed between unclarified roles. And it deals with the existential question of whether our lives are already determined when we are children or whether it is us who decide on fortune and misfortune.

"The skillful hand of author Juli Zeh is evident throughout this masterful novel [...]." *New Books in German*

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"[B]ecause both, the thriller and the analysis of society, are here intertwined so densely, *New Year* is perhaps Juli Zeh's

best book to date." *Süddeutsche Zeitung*

"New Year is an impressively original book whose elegant construction testifies to Zeh's writerly prowess." *New Books in German*

"Past experience is part of us, like a code in computer software [...] Zeh, in her usual straightforward way, has condensed this to make a compact novel." *stern*