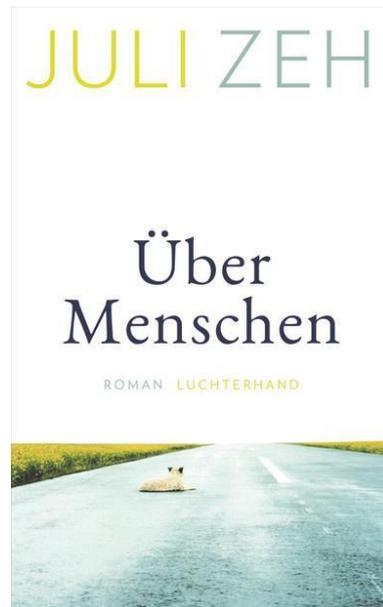


Do we dare to be truly human?



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Juli Zeh, born in 1974, studied law in Passau and Leipzig and took her PhD in the field of European and international law. This was followed by longer stints in New York and Kraków. Her debut novel *Eagles and Angels* was an international bestseller, and since then her books have been translated into 35 languages. She has been awarded myriad prizes for her work, including the Carl Amery Literature Prize and the Thomas Mann Prize. In 2018, she received the German Order of Merit, and was appointed judge at the constitutional court in the state of Brandenburg. For more information visit www.juli-zeh.de

Dora is working as a copywriter in the centre of Berlin, when she decides on the spur of the moment to move to Bracken in the state of Brandenburg. The place is in the middle of nowhere – so what is Anne doing in her empty house and overgrown garden, next door to the awkward neighbour who seems to fit every conceivable stereotype? Is she looking for time away from her boyfriend Robert, whose dogged pursuit of climate and corona activism is driving a wedge between them? Shelter from her own restlessness and feeling of emptiness, which are causing her sleepless nights? An answer to the question why the world has become so mixed-up?

While Dora tries to keep her own thoughts and demons in check, unexpected things start to happen around her. Things that don't fit into any mould, which challenge her way of life and her expectations, and draw her into an experience that she never thought she wanted.

Juli Zeh's new novel tells the story of the present day – of our prejudices, weaknesses and demons, as well as the hidden strengths we reveal when we allow ourselves to be truly human.