

A young girl murdered, a culprit acquitted, a village in turmoil



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Eric Berg is the pseudonym of a highly successful German writer who has made a name for himself with historical novels. His crime novels *The Fog House*, *The Shadow Bay* and *The Coast Grave* each turned into an immediate success with the press and booksellers alike.

It is early summer. Hotel owner Holger Simonsmeyer, accused of the murder of a young woman from his native village of Trenthin, is acquitted. He and his family hope that now at last it is all over. Yet in the village distrust abounds, only a few people believe in the hotel owner's innocence. Then again a young girl is found murdered ...

It is late summer. Journalist Doro Kagel is standing shocked before the ruins of a burnt-out house in Trenthin. Several months previously Bettina Simonsmeyer had begged her to write a detailed report about her husband's acquittal as she had done previously about the murder trial. Doro had refused. The family has now paid a terrible price. Plagued by feelings of guilt, Doro begins to take a new look at the case ...