

## The greatest stories begin in the most unusual places ...



Vera Buck  
**The Book of  
Forgotten Artists**  
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Artisten]  
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Germany, 1902. Life is anything but a bed of roses for Mathis, the thirteen-year-old son of a bean farmer. Only when the funfair comes to town, amidst all the colourful stalls, exotic people and technical innovations, does he get a glimpse of the big, wide world beyond the hills surrounding the village. Then, when he is fifteen, he decides to run away with the fairground people.

After more than thirty years as an x-ray artist, Mathis is living with his partner, strong woman Meta, in a trailer park on the edge of Berlin. Times are bad for artists: performances are banned, stages closed. But in clandestine clubs and at artists' rendezvous the past stays alive. Just like in the book Mathis is writing – a book hiding secrets and which must on no account get into the wrong hands.

As atmospheric as *Babylon Berlin*, as gripping as Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*.

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