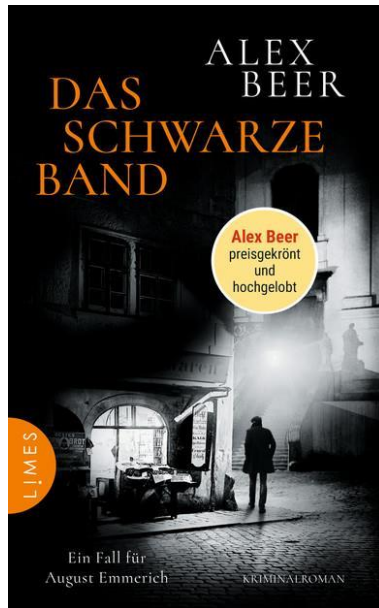


## A maverick investigator, a deadly intrigue and a whole republic on the edge of an abyss ...



Alex Beer

### The Black Band

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A case for August Emmerich  
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**Alex Beer**, born in Bregenz, studied archaeology and lives in Vienna. Both *The Second Rider*, and *The Dark Courier*, vols. 1 and 3 of her series featuring police agent August Emmerich, were awarded the Leo Perutz Prize. *The Red Woman*, vol. 2 of the series, was nominated for the Friedrich Glauser Prize 2019. After enthusiastic reviews, the fourth novel in the series, *The Black Band*, is eagerly awaited by her fans.

Vienna, July 1921. The city is groaning under a heatwave, water is being rationed, and the asphalt is melting. Detective inspector August Emmerich, however, is bothered by a very different problem: because he has yet again been misbehaving he has been taken off the case of two murdered striptease artists and shut away in an elite cadet school. Here, along with some other black sheep from the police service, he is to learn better manners.

But then a colleague mysteriously dies at the school and Emmerich has again to break all the rules to find the murderer – for he finds himself facing a bloody intrigue taking him to the highest circles in the world of politics ...

#### Press

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