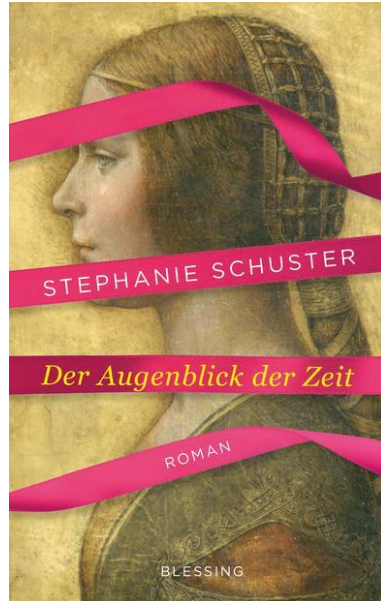


The moving story of two seekers separated by centuries but linked by a picture



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Stephanie Schuster, born in 1967, trained as a graphic designer. She then studied at the Munich art academy and illustrated numerous children's and young-adult books for various publishing houses before going in for writing. She now works as an author, artist and illustrator and is very familiar with the history of art and the international art scene. She meticulously researched the fields of astrology, science and the history of the Renaissance.

When Ina Kosmos's business partner closes the gallery they share, the young woman's world caves in. Since suffering from artist's block, the gallery was at least a way for Ina to promote other artists. Zack, an art counterfeitor with whom she has been caught up in a complicated relationship for years, gives her neither comfort nor help. But then at an auction in London she comes across the portrait of a woman she thinks could be an undiscovered Leonardo. She is outbid but does all she can to find the picture and prove that Leonardo really did paint the picture.

Five hundred years earlier, Georg Tannstetter, astrologer and future personal physician to Emperor Maximilian I, sees the making of the picture at court in Milan. But he is deceived by the emperor's family and it finally takes him years to track down the truth about the woman in the portrait.

An atmospheric, inspiring, flamboyant novel about the cosmos of fine arts and the power of creativity.