



Annette Herzog

A Necktie Full of Lies

Ein Kinderbuch ab 10 Jahren über das
Aufwachsen in der DDR 1984

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An authentic tale about a childhood in East Germany.

GDR, 1984. Once again, 12-year-old Sanne has to move with her unconventional mother and younger brother. Their newest destination: East Berlin, but since they don't have a flat, Sanne's mum just found them one to squat in. Not the best premise for fitting right in at school – and to make matters worse, her mum still won't allow her to join the Pioneers and Sanne hates being the odd one out again. So in order to make her life a little easier, Sanne decides to lie. But how long can she keep this up without being found out? And can a proper friendship be built on a web of lies? Just when Sanne feels like she's finally figured everything out, her mother thinks about moving again. Can Sanne prevent that from happening?



Creative People:



Author: Annette Herzog was born in 1960 near Potsdam. She studied English and Danish and worked as a translator for a long time. Since 2000, she's a full-time author of Danish and German children's and YA novels, amongst other the multiple award-winning graphic novel Pssst!. She lives in Copenhagen, likes to travel, and has four grown children.



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