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## **Five Stories about Love**

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## Unique contemporary stories examining facets of love from five interesting voices of German YA literature.

Every love story is unique, but they all have one thing in common: grand emotions. That could be finally asking one's crush for a date at a party, dealing with a break-up, or becoming an actor in the school play to impress the girl of one's dreams. Sometimes, there's a Before and an After. And sometimes, one has to change the perspective to meet the unexpected ...



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## **Creative People:**



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**Author:** As a child, Anne Hoffmann loved writing detective stories – she didn't finish any of them. Meanwhile, she is interested in interpersonal matters: friendship, love, complicated feelings, but also mental health issues. She was born in 1990, studied literature and lives with her husband in Berlin. And she is actually finishing her novels now.



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**Author:** Mario Fesler, born in 1978, loves variety. After growing up in a small village in the Odenwald, he now lives in Berlin. He is not only a writer, but also a literary scientist, a team leader in customer service, and a quiz host. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that variety is a fundamental aspect in his books as well: After his award-winning series about the quick-witted teenage girl Lizzy Carbon, Fesler proves in his new thrilling agent series that cute little rodents can be "extremely dangerous".



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