



Martin Dolejš

## In the Land of White Chocolate

Ein Kinderbuch ab 11 Jahren über eine FLucht aus der Tschechoslowakei

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**A contemporary witness shines a light on Europe's recent history in this gripping autobiographical middle grade novel.**

Czechoslovakia, 1980: The West – that's the land of boundless opportunities, of Matchbox cars and white chocolate. For Martin, it's a vague promise and far from the reality he lives in. He's just trying to get through school and impress his crush Ivanka, the leader of his pioneer group, by miming the perfect socialist even though he couldn't care less about the ideology. Then his parents inform him they are going to flee to West Germany to escape the oppressive regime in Czechoslovakia. Suddenly, the vague promise turns into something real – and potentially dangerous ... certainly, the adventure of his life!



## Creative People:



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