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Fennymore's Travels or How To Make Dachshund in Salt Crust

Fennymores Reise oder: Wie man Dackel im Salzmantel macht

review

In this very impressive debut novel – tipped as a nominee for the *Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis*, the most renowned German prize for children's literature – eleven-year-old Fennymore has been living alone, with only his bicycle for company, ever since his parents disappeared three years ago. The bicycle thinks it is a horse, and Fennymore helps his aunt hunt dachshunds, to make her favourite dish: dachshund in salt crust.

When his aunt dies of dachshund poisoning, Fennymore rescues a box of prized possessions from her flat and his bicycle takes him to meet a strange gentleman called Hubertus, aka Death. A few years before, Hubertus became tired of his work and struck a Faustian bargain with the local mayor, Doctor Clockgood. In exchange for being allowed to work only in the local retirement home, he had to take two souls whose time hadn't yet come: Fennymore's parents.

Young readers will be absolutely engrossed by this charming and witty piece of classic storytelling, as Fennymore tries to outwit Clockgood and find out why he wanted his parents, who were inventors, dead in the first place.

about the author

Kirsten Reinhardt was born in 1977 in a picturesque little village

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