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Nobody Stops Don Carlo *Keiner hält Don Carlo auf*

review

This little gem of a book is full of humour and suspense, and readers will love its sweetly courageous hero, Carlo.

Eleven-year-old Carlo lives with his mother in Germany but is determined to travel to Palermo to see his father again. Carlo misses his father dearly and longs to bring him home. He sets off on his travels without telling his mother and boards the train without a ticket, pretending to the amused conductor that a dog in his compartment has eaten it. Carlo encounters a wide cast of people on his way to Sicily, including an Italian taxi driver who drives off with his suitcase and money, leaving him stranded on a country road; a picture-perfect Italian family who give him a lift and feed him; and a kitchen boy on the ferry who is helpful at first and then a menace.

Carlo eventually reaches Palermo and is reunited with his endearing but unreliable father. The last chapter takes place six months later when Carlo is back at home in Germany and so is his father. He does not live with Carlo and his mother, but they spend time together as a family again and the future seems hopeful.

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