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So Much Time

So viel Zeit

review

Friendship, music and nostalgia for the early 1980s are the heart of this novel, with echoes of Nick Hornby and Tony Parsons (including the epigraph). Its plot-line is the attempt of five forty-something men to form a rock band to play at their twenty-fiveyear school reunion, their relationship to each other, their love affairs, hang-ups, crises and – in one case – tragedy. Their band, Mountain of Thunder, covers a variety of rock songs of the time. Led Zeppelin, Metallica, Deep Purple, Black Sabbath – here they all are again, and in the end the performance, and the warm-up gigs that precede it, have a therapeutic influence on them all. Their fantasies may be of sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll, but their lives, in fact, are more familiarly humdrum. A highly enjoyable, character-driven read. Wonderful, the power of music!

about the author

Frank Goosen was born in 1966, and lives with his wife and children in Bochum. He made his name with the novels *Liegen Lernen* and *Pokorny Lacht* and his most recent books are *Mein Ich und Mein Leben* (2004) and *Pink Moon* (2005) all published with Eichborn. A movie is due to be based on ‘So Much Time’, which is already a bestseller in Germany.

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