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## The Gelato-Maker's Lover

### *Die Geliebte des Gelatiere*

#### review

Alvise, a young Venetian, is looking for the lost love of his life – Noemi who had gone to the same school for a short time before disappearing back to America, and whom he associates with eating delicious ice-cream – and the right job, rather than the dusty archivist's one he has 'sensibly' started. His chance comes when he is able to take over an ice-cream parlour and return to the one job that had given him pleasure as a schoolboy and student. He has a talent for it and becomes a prize-winning gelatiere. However, thoughts of Noemi resurface and in his quest for love he does indeed find her, and they thrill to each other's company as adults, too: they live out their childhood dream for a tragically short moment, as the Niagara Falls claim another life and Alvise returns to Venice alone.

#### press quotes

*'Love in Venice – incredibly sensual!'*– Denis Scheck  
*'Well-paced and snappy! This debut novel slips down like the best ice-cream.'*– Alain Claude Sulzer, author of *A Perfect Waiter*  
*'A compelling tale of love-that-almost-was.'*– Die Südostschwiez

## about the author

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