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**A comprehensive biography of the famous word virtuoso and unconventional poet to celebrate his 100th birthday on 12 June.**

H. C. Artmann was a colourful anomaly within the literary post-war generation. The son of a master shoemaker, he created a new linguistic universe and thereby polarised an entire generation. A suburban poet and literary world citizen, he wrote his way into the hearts of his followers and revived traditional vernacular poetry with witty linguistic artistry. He was a co-founder of the legendary 'Wiener Gruppe', a traveller and a maverick poet who freely mixed words, styles and languages – unfazed by fashionable trends. Veronika Premer and Marc-Oliver Schuster engagingly recount the unconventional life of this 'matchmaker and procurer of words', whose work forged a bridge between vernacular poetry and popular culture.

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