

Christine Nöstlinger

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Memories

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Christine Nöstlinger tells her life story.

Christine Nöstlinger tells a story – neither the one about the grumpy Cucumber King, nor the one about Franz who looks like a girl. Here we find out about her own life: surviving the war in bomb shelters as a child; starting her first confession with a lie; learning about human nature on her kick scooter; loosing a borrowed bra during dance classes and holding her ground in a group of men as an art student. The great author of children's and young adult literature, journalist, poet and writer tells us about marriages, daughters and affairs. We learn about her success, angry attacks by teachers and ludicrous political correctness sheriffs. She also questions the importance of aging gracefully.

CHRISTINE NÖSTLINGER

was born 1936 in Vienna, where she also died in 2018. Nöstlinger was a freelance writer who lived and worked in Vienna and the Waldviertel, Lower Austria. Her texts were published in newspapers and broadcast on radio and television. Her literature for children and young readers was not only well known in Austria, but also well beyond its borders. Nöstlinger's work attracted numerous international prizes, she was the first recipient of the Astrid Lindgren Prize (2003). Further prizes included the Andersen Award, the CORINE lifetime achievement award (2011), the Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria (2011), the Bruno Kreisky Prize for her complete journalistic work (2012) and the Federal Ministry for Health and Women lifetime achievement award (2016). With their charac...

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