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KICKBOXING WITH LU

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This book will knock you off your feet with its humor, quick pace, intelligence and loads of emotion.

"So, no sex, no god, no dreams" – otherwise Lu will talk about anything. She tells her parents that she's going to kickboxing camp for two weeks. Actually, she has decided to take some time off and rents a room in a Bed and Breakfast called "Zur schönen Gegenwart" (the beautiful now). Lu is 16 and she doesn't have a story, not a real one, not yet. But she can talk like others breathe. In the B'n'B she meets Tulpe Valentin, an old author who has written eight novels, but finished the last one years ago. She thinks she has left her life behind along with her writing. The time off that Valentin and her ill B'n'B neighbor are taking is more like waiting for the right moment to give up. "A punch hurts less if you see it coming." But then Lu comes along and starts talking and Valentin listen...

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