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Gesa Olkusz effortlessly and stylishly conjures the past into the present and finds the magic in the everyday.

Plagued by thoughts, Filbert wanders through Berlin. One snowy night he meets Mae, and their love seems easy and absolute. Filbert is still not at peace; the legends of his grandfather, who died a hero as a resistance fighter in the forests of Eastern Europe, won't leave him. But then Aureliusz appears, and he's not as harmless as he looks: he may just look like a boy in a holey jumper, but he has the ability to travel through time in his search for the truth. But it's not that easy to find it when everyone has their own story to tell and Filbert really just wants to have Mae back.

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