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Henriette Lauber can look back at a life full of creativity and hard work. As a film cutter she experienced different worlds while working alongside her beloved husband. But all this was long ago and now she leads a withdrawn and almost isolated life in a small flat in the center of town. Her godson from Western Sahara, a politically active man who works in Algerian refugee camps, is the sole recipient of her love and attention. Then a dizzy spell in the hallway leads her to meet Linda, her young neighbor who begins to take care of Henriette and increasingly seeks her presence... Erika Pluhar tells the story of a friendship between two very different women, describing life patterns, the process of aging, and transience.

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studied acting at Max-Reinhardt Seminar and was a regular cast member at Vienna's Burgtheater until 1999. She writes and sings, acts in movies, and has published numerous books. In 2009 Erika Pluhar received the "Ehrenpreis des österreichischen Buchhandels für Toleranz in Denken und Handeln".