

Kaska Bryla

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In her intensive and fast-paced debut novel, Kaśka Bryla tells of a shared history, of betrayal and of the power of friendship.

Roland K., multiple murderer and rapist, is serving his sentence in Berlin's Moabit prison. His connection to Mania, the prison psychologist, seems deeper than a few therapy sessions might suggest. When Mania's childhood friend Tomek disappears in Vienna, she embarks on a desperate search for him with the help of Ruth, a hacker. Thus begins a dynamically narrated race against time. Will they find Tomek? Does Tomek even want to be found? And what does any of this have to do with Roland K.? With courage and verve, Kaśka Bryla intertwines the enduring questions of guilt and forgiveness, good and evil, with an unexpected love story to deliver a gripping road novel.

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