



Thomas Bernhard

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THE BREATH

A Decision

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The third volume of Lukas Kummer's highly praised graphic novel series based on Thomas Bernhard's "Autobiographische Schriften".

"The Breath" forms the core of Bernhard's autobiography. It is where deepest despair and creative force are blended into the potent mix that makes his writing so unique, fascinating and boundary-breaking to this day. Bernhard was in his late teens when severe pleurisy abruptly wrenched him from his apprenticeship. He was hospitalised and considered terminally ill. But the 'room for lost causes' into which he is shunted turns out to be a place of new beginnings. Thomas Bernhard decides to live – and following the death of his grandfather resolves to become a writer himself. Lukas Kummer has found a rich and powerful imagery for this journey from near death to redemptive self-creation.

THOMAS BERNHARD

Thomas Bernhard was born on the 9th of February, 1931 in Heerlen, Netherlands, and dies on 12th of February 1989 in Gmunden, Upper Austria. 1952-1957 he studied Music and Acting at the Akademie Mozarteum Salzburg, since 1957 he lived as a freelance author. He has received some of the most prestigious literature prizes and awards, among them the Österreichischer Staatspreis 1967 and the Georg-Büchner-Preis 1970, and is considered as one of the most important German language authors of his century.

LUKAS KUMMER (ILLUSTRATED BY)

was born in Innsbruck in 1988. He moved to Kassel in 2007 to study illustration and graphic arts. From 2009 to 2015 he worked as an illustrator and designer for the Mechanical Institute of Kassel University while continuing his studies. He graduated in 2014 and spent the following year with Hendrik Dorgathen as a master student. Lukas Kummer is a freelance illustrator and cartoonist. He has been published in various magazines and fanzines. His first graphic novel "Die Verwerfung" appeared in 2015, followed by "Die Gotteskrieger" in 2017.