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THE JOURNEY HOME

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Vladimir Vertlib once again proves himself to be a master storyteller: Lina's road trip through the Soviet Union is a cornucopia of incredible stories

"The Journey Home" is the author's touching homage to his mother, a fierce woman with an indestructible sense of humor, and at the same time a merciless satire on the absurdity of the Soviet dictatorship in the 1950s: Lina, a young student from Leningrad, modeled on the author's mother, is doing her compulsory labor service in distant Kazakhstan in the summer when she receives a message from home. "Father seriously ill! Come quickly!" With tenacity, desperation and changing companions, Lina sets off on her journey through the Soviet empire, which is ruled by absurd regulations and arbitrary police violence. Will she make it home in time to see her father alive?

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born in Leningrad in 1966. His family emigrated to Israel in 1971, then successively moved to Italy, Holland and the US before settling in Austria in 1981. Vertlib studied economics and has lived in Salzburg and Vienna as an author since 1993. His works encompass novels, short stories, essays and articles. In 2001, he received the Adelbert von Chamisso fellowship grant as well as the Anton Wildgans prize. Vertlib's works include the novel 'Lucia Binar und die russische Seele', which was longlisted for the 2015 Deutscher Buchpreis. His novel 'Zebra im Krieg' is published in February 2022.

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