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Thomas Bernhard was all that and more, as this comprehensive biography shows. The acknowledged expert Manfred Mittermayer has drawn together Bernhard's life and work into one great story, reaching from his 'origin complex' – his grandfather Johannes Freumbichler's family – to his premature death following years of illness. Mittermayer creates a nuanced picture of Bernhard's multi-layered public image and the various phases of his private life, placing his most significant works of prose and theatre in relation to a life story inseparably bound to post-war history. "I cannot deny that I've always led two existences: one which comes close to the truth, which I do have the right to describe as reality, and another which I have played out. Over time, the two together have formed the existen...

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