



Roman Marchel

# WE HAVE BEEN THERE

Erzählungen

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## A book on the magic and danger of childhood

Every week Hindenburg's airship and its crew are burnt to crisps in grandmother's pantry, while a shark fishing boat rolls at sea in the old tool shed and a fire hydrant turns into a red-eared, lovesick alien. Softly, seriously and without getting stuck in nostalgia, Roman Marchel revives the magic and implacability of life from our childhood and teenage years. His stories are never idyllic: like soap bubbles the children's worlds are shields against grown-up life. But they are also susceptible to danger, deadly risks and destruction, which can have life-long consequences.

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