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## Time Out of Joint: The Fate of a Family

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Time Out of Joint: the Fate of a Family starts out in Hamburg, Germany in 1924. The title is taken from a phrase uttered by Hamlet in Shakespeare's play of that name, in which the main character expresses his desperation at his inability to contend with fate. Initially, the van Dornbach family's comfortable way of life seems to be assured by Robert's successful tobacco business. While the parents are content to adhere to the ancient religious traditions, their two teenage children rebel against them. Beautiful Grethe and brilliant young Siegfried are eager to taste all the pleasures that the modern world has to offer. Their younger brother, Hermann, who is still under his parents' influence, appears content to continue on the path they have marked out for him. When Siegfried suddenly falls seriously ill, putting an end to his academic ambitions, his life is set on a completely different course, taking him to Kentucky in the USA to learn about the tobacco trade and to a promising post in Shanghai, China. But it is there...



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