

PORTRAIT OF THE MOTHER AS A YOUNG WOMAN

In Rome one January afternoon in 1943, a young German woman is on her way to listen to a Bach concert at the Lutheran church. The war is for her little more than a...



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Berhrend, einfach, schn: ein herrlicher Winternachmittag in Rom im Jahr 1943. Eine junge Frau aus Norddeutschland, hochschwanger, wandert durch die "ewige Stadt", bangt um die Zukunft, hat Sehnsucht nach ihrem Mann, der...

I really enjoyed this book. Neither the story nor protagonist will haunt you emotionally, as some war novels do, but it is this subtlety that makes the book so remarkable, precisely capturing the bubble the protagonist inhabits. The title, a nod to Joyce, hints at the style the novel is written in - a stream of consciousness that is,...