

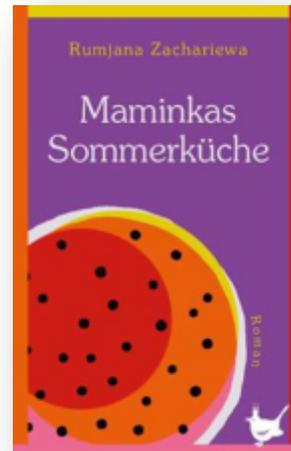
RUMJANA ZACHARIEVA
MAMINKA'S SUMMER
KITCHEN

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Bulgaria 1962. 12-year-old Mila spends her summer holidays with her grandparents in the country. Village life proves to be a great adventure of discovery for the young girl. Curious Mila listens to family secrets, participates in everyday customs and habits and is confronted with her own sexuality.

But between friendships, tests of courage and the confines of the socialist system, the fear of the Cold War weighs on everyone. Their future is determined by the political situation and the manipulative ideas of their fellow human beings who are fighting for survival.

The goal of picking 7 kilos of chamomile flowers and delivering them to the cooperative in order to get new books for the next school year proves to be a Herculean task, but luckily in Maminka's summer kitchen, recipes and delicious scents make life easier.

Rumjana Zacharieva, who herself grew up in Bulgaria, tells wonderful stories from a not too distant past. Through the eyes of a child who explores the world between naivety and thirst for knowledge, she conveys society's real fear of war. An autobiographically colored narrative about childhood and youth in communist Bulgaria, about the daily limits of freedom, and about dreams that cannot be stopped by borders. On the occasion of the writer's 70th birthday, here is a new edition of her most important work to date, published in 1993 under the title "7 Kilo Zeit".

RUMJANA ZACHARIEVA was born in Bulgaria in 1950, first publications there in 1964. 1970 relocation to Germany. Until then no knowledge of the German language. Studied English and Slavic Studies in Bonn. 1978 first German-language poetry collection, 1979 Promotion Prize of the State of NRW. Novels, short stories, radio plays, features, further poems and translations from Bulgarian followed.

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"Impressive how Rumjana Zacharieva conjures up a whole childhood in one single summer holiday – the childhood of the twelve-year-olds but also of their parents and grandparents – without prettifying it into an idyll. The evil, the brutal, the horror are present - even if filtered through a child's perception. Rumjana Zacharieva captures this in a very vital and poetic way, but above all with a great love of vibrant storytelling, and in a thoroughly credible way." **WDR**