



## Kiepenheuer und Witsch, Allemagne, nouvelle édition en format poche: Octobre 2015, 368 pages

**Plus de 60 000 exemplaires vendus en grand format, plus de 120 000 exemplaires vendus en poche: Frank Goosen est un des auteurs les plus lus en Allemagne, comme deux autres de ces livres « Apprendre à s'allonger » a été adapté pour le cinéma ainsi que pour le théâtre.**

With an exceptional force of attraction « Learning how to lie down » tells the story of a young person in Western Germany while capturing the Zeitgeist of the late 80s, between the fall of the Berlin Wall, the NATO's double-track decision, Nicaragua and the third-world-movement.

The novel is about Helmut, coming from a seemingly sheltered, but definitely extremely conservative home, looking for his own identity while he's a student. It is at school where he meets Britta, his first big love. When Britta, a political activist who grew up in a rather alternative family, decides to go to America, Helmut stays behind. And feels lost. He starts a relationship with a more conventional girl, Gisela, but their being together is not meant to last long. In the end, Helmut finds himself dating numerous women – when the Berlin Wall comes down, he's in bed with ... well. Who knows. Still he never forgets about Britta and never stops looking for her. When his current girlfriend Tina gets pregnant, Helmut tries to find out, what he wants, by taking a trip down memory lane. At 33, is he finally ready to take responsibility?

« Learning how to lie down » has become both cult novel and cult movie in Germany in the fifteen years since its first publication, and it is high time this fun chronicle of recent German history becomes known abroad.

### Presse:

« So funny you'll have to scream, so beautiful you'll have to cry. » – Focus

### L'auteur:

Born in 1966, Frank Goosen started his career as a comedian and later became one of Germany's most read authors. He started out as a writer for theater in the 90s, his literary debut novel « Liegen lernen » (Learning how to lie down) was first published in 2001 at Eichborn Verlag but reissued 15 years later due to its ongoing success. Ever since he has written 11 books, his most recent novel « Förster mein Förster » (Forester, my forester) was published in March 2016 at Kiepenheuer und Witsch.

