

Raphaela Buder - *The Roots of Lena Siebert*

Graphic Novel

“They are evil. They are following us. But we are not afraid. Roar!”

Little Lena grows up alone with her mother. Together they are baking cakes, go to the mall and dream about emigrating to America one day. But everywhere Lena's mother suspects conspiracies, suddenly everyone seems to be a »Scientoge«. At some point things really get out of hand: Lena's mother gets into a fight with a random woman on the street and the police and the government office for youth welfare chime in. Lenas mother has to go into a psychiatric clinic and Lena has to stay with a foster family.

The story is told from a childlike perspective – Raphaela Buder's main character Lena doesn't understand what is happening between the adults around her and only senses, that she might not see her mother so soon again. At the same time she is astonished at all the beautiful and strange things she experiences for the first time - and we join her on that journey.

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Reviews for *The Roots of Lena Siebert*

“Raphaela Buder succeeds masterfully to produce in constant change uncertainty, compassion and joy in the lecture. [...] Raphaela Buder removed everything superfluous from her story. Which other comic pulls such narrative strength out of the ambivalence of it's characters? [...] A wise comic.”

(Andreas Platthaus, FAZ)

The author:

Raphaela Buder was born in 1987 in Berlin. She studies Communication Design at Burg Giebichenstein in Halle and is just about to finish her master degree in Illustrations at the University of Arts in Berlin.



Awards

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