

Sohyun Jung – *Don't forget to wash out the salt*

Graphic Novel

“My child, Kimchi is the soul of Korean culture. All you need to prepare it is...”

Kimchi is the Korean national dish and basically consists out of pickled cabbage with lots of salt and spicy chili. Hana, a young Korean, who moved to a German city, gets homesick after her first experiences with the foreign cuisine – and starts to long for real Kimchi. But how do you get good Kimchi in Germany? Exactly: You don't.

So Hana decides to prepare Kimchi herself. But it doesn't taste like the Kimchi at home and Youtube turns out not to be the best cooking advisor. Only with her mother's help, who climbs through the laptop from the faraway Korea into Hanas flat, the perfect Kimchi finally can be made, with all the secret tricks. And the recipe (including all these tricks) for that comes right with the book.

Sohyun Jung uses all possibilities of the graphic novel genre – dreams and reality naturally mingle again and again, people are flying like in Chagall paintings, dark passages are followed by light passages with a fine sense of humour. The story talks about nostalgia and a new start in a foreign land, about family, warmth and growing-up – all wrapped up in the secret of a good Kimchi.

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Reviews for *Don't forget to wash out the salt*

“Either she fills the whole page till the margin or she puts single drawings in the middle of a blank page. A dream sequence is painted in blue watercolours, the rest is gray and black. The 31 year old Korean masters her medium perfectly.”

Andreas Platthaus, FAZ-Blog

“The Southkorean Sohyun Jung takes the reader on a fantastic picture trip through the Korean cuisine. Associative, imaginative and full of wit.”

Michael Brake, ZEIT-Magazin

„Wonderfully illustrated and effortlessly inked, akin to watercolour and not strictly linear or even comically painted.”

Frank Keil, Welt am Sonntag

The author:

Sohyun Jung was born 1982 in Gwangju, Southkorea. She studied art at the Ewha University in Seoul and the University of fine arts Hamburg. She lives and works in Hamburg.

Awards:

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