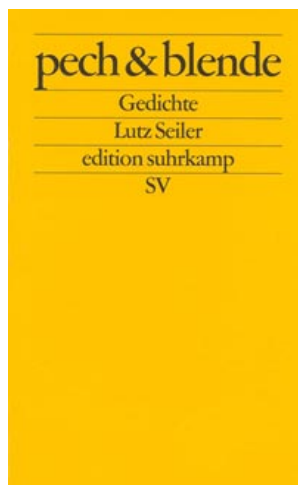


Lutz Seiler

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Lutz Seiler was born in 1963 in Gera, Thuringia, and today lives in Wilhelmshorst near Berlin and Stockholm.

He underwent training as a mason and a carpenter and completed his studies in 1990. Since 1997, he has been the literary director and custodian of the Peter Huchel Museum. He has traveled to Central Asia, Eastern Europe, and was writer in residence at the Villa Aurora in Los Angeles and at the German Academy in Rome.

His many prizes include the Ingeborg Bachmann Prize, the Bremen Prize for Literature, the Fontane Prize, and the Uwe-Johnson-Prize. For more information, please visit the author's website:

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About

Lutz Seiler's poems are hardened constructs beyond any trends. They invoke the dark sides of existence, dig deep into the past, expose its layers. In an extremely concise linguistic style the author is looking for the essential, for the traces of our origins. For years, the author born in Gera/Thuringia was considered an insider's tip, Michael Braun, for instance, called him a »unique talent«. »This contemporaneity appears with archaic force. Once will have to get used to it,« writes Helmut Böttiger after *pech & blende* was published. And in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Lothar

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Prizes and Awards:

1999 Kranichstein Literature Prize
2000 Meran Poetry Prize
2000 Dresden Poetry Prize
2002 Anna Seghers Prize
2003 Ernst Meister Prize
2003 Villa Aurora grant, Los Angeles
2004 Bremen Literature Prize
2005 SWR Best List Prize
2007 Ingeborg Bachmann Prize
2009 Harald Gerlach grant, state of Thuringia
2010 Nomination for the Leipzig Book Fair Prize (for *Die Zeitwaage*)
2010 German Narrator Prize (for *Die Zeitwaage*)
2010 City of Neuruppin Fontane Prize (for *Die Zeitwaage*)
2011 Villa Massimo German Academy grant, Rome
2012 Christian Wagner Prize
2012 Rainer Malkowski Prize (shared)
2014 Mainz Poetic Lectureship
2014 Uwe Johnson Prize (for *Kruso*)
2014 German Book Prize (for *Kruso*)
2015 Marie Luise Kaschnitz Prize
2015 Heidelberg Poetic Lectureship, Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg
2017 Thuringia Literature Prize
2020 Prize of the Leipzig Book Fair (for *Stern 111*)
2020 Kakehashi Prize for Literature, Tokyo (for *Kruso*)

Müller wrote: »This thin, fantastic book is like a seashell: a piece of Germany is enclosed in it and sighs.«