

**E. T. A. Hoffmann****The Strange Child**

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E.T.A. Hoffmann was born in Königsberg/Prussia on January 24, 1776. He was a jurist, conductor, composer, music critic, painter and writer. His most famous works include *The Devil's Elixirs*, *The Serapion Brethren* and *The Life and Opinions of the Tomcat Murr*. He died in Berlin on June 25, 1822.

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»I don't know why I have to believe in your fairy tales today.«

**About**

Siblings Christlieb and Felix von Brakel live in the countryside with their parents. One day, their rich, worldly uncle Cyprianus comes to visit and brings them a »modern« mechanic toy from the city. He promises to provide them with a »suitable« private tutor so that they won't »fall behind«. But the promised tutor, Master Tinte clad in black, turns out to be a sadist who hates children. And so they ask the magical »strange child«, whom they met on their walks in the woods, for help.

**A fairy tale – suitable for adults: E. T. A. Hoffmann's masterful story, published in the collection *The Serapion Brethren* in 1819, is presented as a complete stand-alone edition for the first time in the Insel-Bücherei, illustrated by the incomparable Lisbeth Zwerger.**

**Praise**

»Lisbeth Zwerger is a magician who enchants us with her illustrations.« Andreas Platthaus, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*