Thomas Bernhard
Correction - A Novel

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About

»A body,« according to Correction, first published in German in 1975, »needs at least three points of support, not in a straight line, to fix its position, so Roithamer had written.« The novel Correction itself has three »points of support«.

The first is Roithamer, Austrian, 42 years old, a lecturer of natural sciences at Cambridge. He spends over three years planning, and then even longer building, a unique structure for his beloved sister, a so-called »cone«. Upon seeing the completed structure, however, she promptly dies. And so Roithamer has to »correct«: he gives the cone to the State with the stipulation that it be left to disappear back into nature. Then Roithamer goes through with the ultimate correction: suicide.

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