



Claretta Cerio
Beset by Concerns
A life between Capri and Sylt
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A sensitive, humorous portrait of a remarkable woman. Subtly and unpretentiously, Claretta Cerio describes her childhood and teenage years between 1927 and 1945, which she spent divided between two vastly different island worlds. On the one hand, Capri is her mother's home, and it is here that she spends carefree vacations with her siblings. And then there is Sylt, where her grandfather runs a cafe and a Frisian cookie bakery. Pulled back and forth between the two worlds, languages and cultures, the young girl tries to find her own home in the midst of it all. However, the rise of National Socialism forces the family to make a momentous decision.

A novel about strangers and home, love and yearning, identity and memory.

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Claretta Cerio was born on Capri in 1927, the daughter of a German man and an Italian woman. She spent the first years of her life on Sylt, but with the outbreak of World War II, her prematurely widowed mother moved to Capri with her four children. Claretta studied philology at the University of Naples, and her doctoral dissertation focused on the representations of Capri in German literature. The author currently lives in Tuscany.