

DOERTHE BINKERT ONE, TWO CLOUDS IN THE SKY

A love story as light and airy as a summer afternoon

What do you do when you suddenly inherit a thatched cottage way up in the far north? And a village shop as well? When you live in the south? You go there, of course, even if it turns your life topsy-turvy. Because in Nordhült Nina Mathis finds not only the happy summers and carefree life of her childhood once again, but also a tom cat she falls in love with straight away, even though her boyfriend doesn't like cats – or North Germany. And then there's someone she'd completely forgotten. Or had she?

When Nina enters into her inheritance, it is the beginning of two eventful weeks, when she not only has to decide if and how she is going to keep on the village shop, and if she can make a home in Nordhült but also if she can deal with the disturbing emotions evoked by Malte, her childhood friend. She is faced with a turning point in her life, in which a family secret she discovers also plays a fateful role.

■ A novel as light as a summer cloud which brings the carefree days of childhood summer holidays back to life. For all who love the broad skies of the north.

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