



THOMAS MONTASSER **A VERY SPECIAL YEAR**

Discover one of the last earthly paradises –

A homage to the small bookseller and an extraordinary novel.

Valerie actually has a relatively clear idea of what she intends to do with her old aunt's bookshop. But she's not reckoning with what the bookshop will do with her ...

When businesswoman Valerie enters the bookshop owned by her aunt – who has vanished without trace – a bookshop where time seems to have stood still – her intention is to bring some order into this chaos as quickly as possible and then sell the business.

But she has underestimated the power of books and the magic of the little bookshop with the samovar. Because all of a sudden she is faced with new surprises every day, and new worlds open up to her. One day she stumbles on a peculiar book whose ending has not yet been written – Valerie thinks it must be a defective copy.

Then a customer who has been searching for that very book for ages comes into her shop ...

Let Valerie invite you to a cup of tea and follow the charming twists and turns of her very special year, which confronts her with her own deepest longings, only to present her in the end with the surprise of her life.

▪ A declaration of love for literature, for beautiful books. A novel about the power and magic of stories. And proof that the world of the imagination is still alive within us. For all friends of small bookshops and the great adventures they provide.

Thomas Montasser worked as a journalist and university lecturer, also running a small theatre company. He has written major historical novels and – under the pen-name Fortunato – children's books (*The Magic of Wishes*). Father of three, he lives with his family in Munich. He's a literary agent and loves nothing more than rummaging around in small bookshops. With *A Very Special Year* he has finally fulfilled his dream of creating a book about the power of stories and their magic.

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