145 Meters To Freedom



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Tunnel Constructor

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Berlin 1961: Things couldn't be better for Achimhe has his Abitur in the bag, a place at university is secure and Chris, the girl he secretly loves, seems to like him too. But everything changes overnight: with the building of the Wall, the GDR regime takes a tougher tone. Distrust, persecution and arrests are the order of the day. When one of his friends ends up in prison, Achim makes a difficult decision: he must get out of East Berlin and leave everyone he loves behind.

Once on the other side, he does everything he can to help people escape from the GDR.

Together with other helpers, he digs tunnels from West to East Berlin - in constant fear of being discovered by the Stasi and full of hope that one day he will see Chris again.

A gripping novel about the legendary tunnel escapes from the GDR, based on a true story.

"The book describes the events of the time very realistically. It is exciting and very sensitively told and brings the most exciting years of my life very close to me once again. A piece of German-German history!" Joachim Neumann, tunnel constructor

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Maja Nielsen's stories have been released as books, audiobooks, and radio features. Her hit series Adventure! With Gerstenberg Verlag has garnered numerous awards.



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