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"We are Jehova's witnesses and therefore we are the chosen ones." This is what Hannah wrote into her diary when she was a child. Indeed she felt like a chosen one for a long time. But growing up she feels more and more often like an outsider and starts to hate being the "silly aunt Jehova" – the name she is called at school. She wants to live an ordinary teenager's life and starts questioning the strict rules of her religion. But when she is demanding her personal freedom, the borders of her world that once seemed so protecting become unsurmountable walls. The psychological pressure she is confronted with causes a vicious circle of feelings of self-doubt and guilt. But in her despair Hannah, nevertheless, finds hope. She begins to understand that not everything beautiful represents sin and ruin. She makes friends with Marie who used to be a temptation of Satan for her and she finally allows herself to fall in love with Paul. With the help of her friends she gets an idea of what her life could be like without the strict religious rules. But there is still a long way to go until Hannah succeeds in entering this life.

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Jana Frey was born in 1969. She started writing when she was only five years old. After studying literature, history and arts she founded a family. Jana Frey has published numerous books for children and young adults and has been awarded several times. Many of her books have been translated into various languages. Her literary range covers picture books and novels for early readers as well as novels for YA-readers. Jana Frey succeeds in combining true background stories with fictitious elements - her nomination for the "German Adolescents Literature Award" (Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis) with her title "Downward Flight" ("Höhenflug abwärts") bears evidence of her talent. In spring 2006 her well-researched and captivatingly written historic novel "Prügelknabe" attracted the critic's attention. Jana Frey lives in Wiesbaden with her family.

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