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### Story

#### DISSOLVING BORDERS OF VIRTUAL REALITY

Life needs order, that's what Dennis' mother always says. Life needs an order alright, is what Dennis thinks but then – what is order in the life of a fifteen year-old? His father left the family twelve years ago, the girl he is in love with is completely out of his league and his best friend keeps ridiculing him in front of everybody in class. If this wasn't enough already Dennis feels more and more that he is being watched. There is this stranger standing on the roof of the high-rise building across the street watching him at night through his binoculars. Dennis knows this because he himself is observing everything through his binoculars. He knows the entire neighbourhood in detail. His favourite family is the janitor's family, the Tanges. Each day Dennis observes the love between the father and his son, their soccer practices and homework sessions. Then, one day the son vanishes and for Dennis his carefully constructed order collapses ...

- National bestselling author of Hartmut und ich (over 150.000 sold copies)

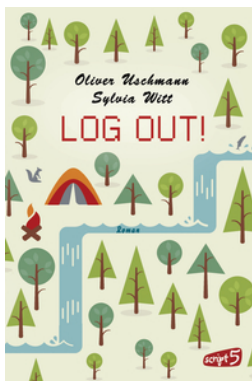
- Growing up and coming of age novel
- Computer games versus reality
- Told with humour

## Oliver Uschmann

Oliver Uschmann was born in 1977. He was one of the most out-of-place guys in school. He worked for UPS, and he broke off his apprenticeship to become a book dealer after just one day to start studying German and English literature in Bochum.

His literary career as a best selling author started with the publication of *Hartmut und ich* (2005), a novel that struck the very heart of a whole generation and sold over 150.000 copies.

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