Story

Sofia is 14 years old and she lives on the street. She could not stand it any more at home. Behind the harmless walls of her family home, she experienced hell since nobody wanted her born to begin with. Her parents let her feel this every moment of her life. Until she finally runs away - first from home, then from homes and hostels. Eventually, she lives on the street. But she does not find security there either. Her everyday life is a fight against hunger and cold, isolation and despair. She gets involved in a vicious circle from which she cannot free herself on her own. It has almost to come to the worst until Sofia finally can be helped.

Jana Frey

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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