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Erased

Miha Mazzini, translated by Gregor Timothy Čeh
She Doesn't Exist. Neither Does Her Baby. Now What?

From Slovenia's Bestselling author Miha Mazzini

"Intoxicating, passionate writing", Igor Bratož, Delo newspaper

- 226 ratings on Goodreads - average review 4.03 stars!
- Based on the real stories of the 25,671 erased citizens during Slovenian independence, 1992.
- Also an award-winning feature film
- Published and translated in 10 countries, including Italy and Germany

About the book

When a "software error" erases Zala from the system, she discovers that officially, she and her newborn don't exist.

As Zala fights desperately to prove her existence, and save her child from adoption, she uncovers the Kafkaesque reality of Slovenia's system – one that erased 25,671 citizens on February 26, 1992.

A chilling thriller about bureaucracy as violence, and one mother's battle against the state.

Reviews

'An intriguing and gripping story of what happens when the computer system decides that you don't exist and also an insight into a nation emerging from communism and encountering some of the worst of capitalism.' - Alice Jolly, Author of 'The Matchbox Girl'

"I picked up a book set in Slovenia. But I read much more than this - This is a story about humanity, resilience and the yearning to call somewhere home." - The Book Trail

'This was a shocking, thought-provoking read that got me thinking about displaced people - of the emotional impact and loss when communities are forcibly divided by imposed borders. This book delves deeper into this largely secret issue. Of note in 1992, 25671 people were 'erased' in the Republic of Slovenia and not all of these have been resolved yet. A very interesting read which I'd certainly recommend.' - Kerrie, Loved Reading This