

Cruel Nazi terror

By accident, **Sigrid Falkenstein** discovers a family secret: Anna was mentally handicapped; she was a victim of the Nazis' »mercy killings« and died in the gas chamber of Grafeneck. When Sigrid Falkenstein finds her aunt's name on a list of killings on the internet, she begins to investigate. With the help of the collective memories of the family, old photographs and the examination of old patient files, she reconstructs Anna's tragic life story in order to be able to integrate it into a wider context with the aid of psychiatrist Frank Schneider. Anna's death stands for the mass murder of about 300,000 mentally ill and mentally and physically disabled people who were annihilated due to racial and hereditary cleansing. **A very moving book and a haunting reminder of the past.**



An exemplary family history

Sigrid Falkenstein
Anna's traces

A victim of nazi »euthanasia«

In cooperation with Prof Dr Dr Frank Schneider

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