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“One of my treasured discoveries this year was Robert Seethaler’s *A Whole Life* . . . From the very first page you know it’s about to rearrange your mental universe. It is a breathtaking, heartbreaking story that encapsulates a universe of change, loss, resilience.” ?Anuradha Roy, *The Millions*

“Mr. Seethaler has produced a compact work of grace and beauty.” ?Sam Sacks, *The Wall Street Journal*

“*A Whole Life* is a provocatively ambitious title for this spare, novella-length work . . . Flecked with profundity [and] dark humor.” ?John Williams, *The New York Times*

“A tender and moving look at the human capacity for adaptation, Seethaler’s understated tale is a reminder that joy can be found in daily toils and simple pleasures.” ?Jonathan Fullmer, *Booklist*

"Readers will discover in [Seethaler's] contained prose a vehicle for keen insight and observation."  
?Publishers Weekly

"The book's prose has a directness and detail that helps set off the moments of genuine wisdom and restrained poetry . . . It is at this point that you realize why the novel should be doing so well in Germany, and why it is so urgent for the rest of us: it can guide its readers to make the best of their lives, however they turn out." ?Sunday Telegraph

"Against the backdrop of a literary world that often seems crowded with novels yelling 'Look at me!,' it's refreshing to read a story marked by quiet, concentrated attention . . . Deeply moving." ?Sunday Times

"Seethaler shows that for even the most ordinary people, life is an extraordinary adventure?and he does so tenderly and memorably." ?Mail on Sunday

### About the Author

**Robert Seethaler** was born in Vienna in 1966 and is the author of four previous novels. He also works as an actor, most recently in Paolo Sorrentino’s *Youth*. He lives in Berlin.

**Charlotte Collins** studied English at Cambridge University. She worked as an actor and radio journalist in both Germany and the U.K. before becoming a literary translator. She previously translated Robert Seethaler’s novel *The Tobacconist*.

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