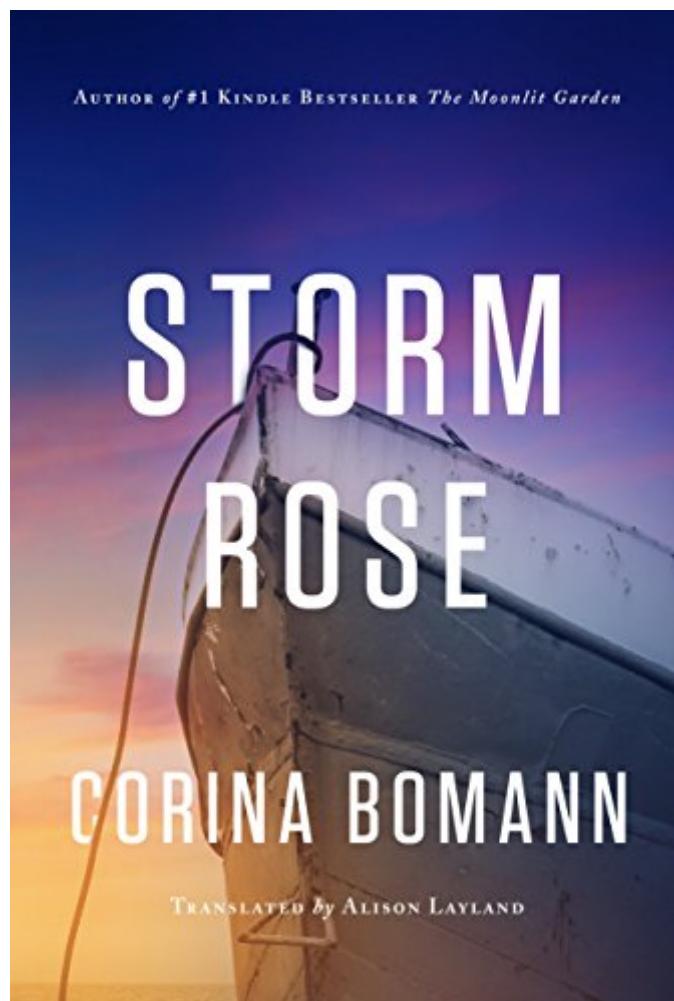


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# Storm Rose



## **Synopsis**

When newly single Annabel Hansen moves to the coastal town of Binz, all she wants is to leave her former life behind. Soon after settling into a beautiful home overlooking the Baltic Sea, she stumbles upon an old fishing boat in a nearby harbor and discovers another purpose: to convert the bullet-riddled Storm Rose into a floating cafÃ©. Yet there's more to this project than peeling paint and a bad engine. When Annabel finds an old letter from an East German defector who was smuggled to safety aboard the vessel, she and Christian, her handsome new business partner, set out to find its author. Together they'll unravel the Storm Rose's hidden past and a shocking mystery that will change Annabel's life forever.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I won this book in a contest on GoodReads. This is a wonderful story about the pain left behind after the fall of the Berlin Wall and German Reunification. Annabel Hansen was adopted after her mother had, as she was told, abandoned her and defected to the West. Annabel can remember her mother and the night she was taken away by the Stasi, and she believes the information she was given.

Because of this belief and because she was adopted by a loving couple, she has never asked questions about what really happened. Following her divorce and relocation to a village on the Baltic Sea, her curiosity is kindled after she and a partner purchase The Storm Rose, a former minesweeper and fishing vessel. While cleaning the cabin shortly after the purchase, Annabel finds an old letter written by a defector who used the ship to escape East Germany. Following this, questions about what really happened to her mother begin to surface. This is an in depth story of love, forgiveness, and the truth about what really happened in East Germany prior to reunification. I really enjoyed reading it, and it engrossed me from start to finish.

I've had this novel on pre order for several weeks because the synopsis sounded promising but I really struggled to finish this. After a painful divorce a mother and her daughter relocate to Binz. There the mother Annabel discovers the key to her past and the history of the neglected Storm Rose a vessel that had been used to smuggle defectors out from behind the Iron Curtin. For a novel of such length the mystery element took ages to develop, come to fruition. It was quite frustrating. I also found the language or style of the novel to be quite simplistic in execution, that may be in part due to the translation. The romantic component was tepid, I didn't feel any spark or chemistry between Annabel and Christian. (Annabel's love interest and co - owner of the Storm Rose) Overall I was disappointed in this the novel, did not live up to the interesting synopsis on offer. I did enjoy reading about life behind the Iron Curtin, and I did enjoy the time period. There were some editing issues towards the end of the novel with pages being repeated. I couldn't recommend.

This book is well written, with well developed characters and a story plot that I thoroughly enjoyed. It has everything I love in a good book--a really good plot, travel, mystery and romance. I hope Corina keeps writing in English too!

Annabel and her young daughter moved to to the beautiful seaside town of Binz, after her divorce. A boat for sale, led to meeting Christian. They both have unresolved issues to deal with; the first is, who will get the boat? Skillfully mastered historical mystery! Characters more reserved in their feelings than I'm used to. Engrossing suspense, beautifully descriptive of surroundings and historical accuracy leads to a good read. 3 1/2 stars. Book free from Netgalley and publisher for honest review.

Story about life on two sides of Berlin after WW II and how they still affect them even though

Germany is united. Storm rose is a boat that ties the story together - very interesting.

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