



The Lido

A whole summer in the sunshine

Will Gmehling



Because the Bukowski siblings have saved a toddler from drowning at the indoor pool, they are famous for a few days. But the entrance card for the outdoor pool, which they receive as a reward for their heroic deed, is far better than the glory: free entry throughout a long summer that will turn out special for everyone!

Alf is ten, his thoughts revolve around the change of school after the holidays, the beautiful daughter of the lifeguard and his self-imposed goal: the jump from the ten-meter board. His 8-year-old sister Katinka, snotty and unflappable, raves about Paris, learns French and practices doing the crawl for no less than 20 lanes in a row. Robbie, the youngest and the family's darling, is different than other children, he barely talks and dreams a lot. Alf and Katinka think that he ought to learn to swim properly at last.

Will Gmehling very gently and humorously narrates how the summer at the swimming pool makes the Bukowski children grow as they boldly push themselves to their limits and even surpass themselves—not only inside the pool. And his story is invariably pervaded by this exhilarating scent of water on hot flagstones, chlorine and chips with mayonnaise ...

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Reviews

"The special feature of this story is the depiction of the family: solidarity, mutual support and understanding for each other are so natural that one wants to be friends with the Bukowskis immediately. The fact that this is told without pathos, without much fuss, but still exciting is the great merit of this outstanding children's novel." – *Jury statement, German Children's Literature Award 2020*

"What makes this book outstanding is above all the narrator's precise eye for detail, atmosphere and the actually unspeakable." – *Klaus Nowak, Die Furche*

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