

Friedrich Ani (Kochel, 1959), a court reporter from 1981 to 1989 for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, a best-selling author of novels, children's books, and poetry collections and a writer for television, moved to Munich to write and work for radio and theater. He received a degree in screenwriting from the University of Television and Film Munich. As a court reporter, he specialized in criminal investigations, which made him familiar with the personalities and the milieus that would characterize his novels. Starting in the 1990s, Ani devoted himself to cultural reporting and scriptwriting for television, and then to writing novels alone. His books have been translated into numerous languages. In Germany, he is a five-time winner of the Deutscher Krimi Preis, the country's prestigious award for mystery writers. In 2006, he won Munich's Toucan Prize for the Book of the Year. Ani is the creator of Detective Tabor Süden, Munich's former police commissioner who has retired to investigate missing persons cases as a private investigator.