

SYNOPSIS



Elisabeth Heller - The Century Woman

Elisabeth Heller - Die Jahrhundertfrau

«The best serenity teacher in the world» is what her son André Heller called her in a Christmas card. The 97-year-old Elisabeth Heller sports the pragmatic world view that he seems to be souterly lacking. Elisabeth Heller's life constitutes a kaleidoscope of a century of Austrian history: growing up in a «good family», being evacuated to the countryside during the First World War, in the interwar period a beguiling beauty getting married to a man twice her age. Domestic life, without being allowed to work, at the side of an eccentric, dreamy confectionery manufacturer. Through the «Aryanisation» of the family livelihood and the indignities her Jewish husband suffers, the Catholic experiences what it means to live in a Nazi dictatorship. Going on 50, she rebels and gets a job: in a fancy fashion studio. At the age of 80, she mortgages her home and her jewellery, for son Franz, who now calls himself André.

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