



Emmy Werner

## ... AS IF THEY WERE CALLED EMMA

Eine Nachbetrachtung

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**Frau sein, Theater leiten, älter werden – die frühere Prinzipalin spürt all dem sehr persönlich nach.**

Does E. love the theatre? Does one ask a fish whether it loves the water? Emmy Werner created her first theatre under her parents' dining table, a favourite refuge of wartime children. After her early years as an actress she was soon drawn backstage. Only here was she able to develop her full potential – eventually taking on the role of theatre director. But what was life like for a woman who wasn't prepared to remain invisible in her husband's shadow? What prejudices did she face? Emmy Werner has written a book that shows courage and gives courages. It is a humorous account that ponders the path of a headstrong woman.

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was born in Vienna in 1938. As an actress she was engaged for numerous roles. 1979/80 she founded the Drachengasse Theatre, which remained under her leadership until 1987. From 1988 to 2005: director at the Vienna Volkstheater. Werner has won numerous awards, including the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art, the Vienna Frauenpreis and the Goldenes Ehrenzeichen of Vienna City.