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# NO-MAN'S LAND: BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE

Austria in 1945

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## Moving everyday stories from a year of chaos

Spring, 1945: caught between the advancing Allied armies, Austria was temporarily transformed into a political no-man's land. There was chaos, hope and fear. Drawing on the everyday lives of ordinary people, Kurt Bauer vividly explores this tumultuous year. There is the Wehrmacht soldier who takes a long and winding road home; the Jewish emigre forced into exile in 1938, returning to his home town as part of the victorious army—only to find that the old Vienna of his childhood is gone; the Jewish woman who survived the war in Vienna and now wants to get to the USA as quickly as possible ... a multifaceted and gripping book.

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