



# DETLEF

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## SYNOPSIS

Detlef Stoffel, once a leading activist in West Germany's raucous gay-rights movement, is pushing 60. "Sixty is old. Especially for a gay guy." It's time for Detlef to look back on a time when his life was wild and exhilarating and yet simple. From his very first love in Miami to putting Bielefeld on the gay-rights map, Detlef recalls his youth, and the thrill of shocking the public through his radical demonstrations and lifestyle. In the 1970s, at a time when West German gays and lesbians were still fighting for fundamental freedoms, everything seemed possible to him. But those roaring years are over. What next? Single after all these years, Detlef lives with his 91-year-old mother in the sleepy town of Bielefeld, where he often longs for an escape. Has Detlef seen the rewards of his fight - a fight hardly anyone seems to remember? An almost-forgotten chapter of West German history, Detlef is the story of one gay man - and a generation of gay men - who've witnessed...

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