

# GRETA'S BIRTH

by Katja Baumgarten



## SYNOPSIS

A child died at birth. Four years later, in August 2012, her mid-wife and doctor was on trial, charged with manslaughter.

On almost all of the 59 days of the proceedings, I sat in the courtroom and observed the jury trial against the colleague. In a midwifery journal, I continuously reported in detail on the trial, which lasted more than two years.

What happened in the courtroom was a real-life tragedy, that captivated me with all its facets: The emotional content, the stories of the people involved, who had to reveal a lot of intimate information in public, the professional and social issues.

In October 2014, the doctor and midwife was found guilty of manslaughter, sentenced to six and a half years in prison and banned from practicing her profession for life, although many questions remained unanswered about the cause of the baby's death. After serving four and a half years, she is released from prison on probation. For her, nothing is as it was before.

The verdict is unprecedented...

## FESTIVALS

2023

VIKTOR DOK.deutsch Competition – 38 DOK.fest Munich

17 FSFF – Fünf Seen Filmfestival

Filmfest FrauenWelten – Terre des Femmes, Berlin

Biberacher Filmfestspiele

2024

FIPADOC Biarritz

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Katja Baumgarten · PRODUCER Katja Baumgarten

(Dokumentarfilm | [viktoria11.de](http://viktoria11.de)) · SOUND Katja Baumgarten ·

DOP Gisela Tuchtenhagen, Katja Baumgarten · DIGITAL

COLOURIST Lukas Brückner (novofilm)

Germany 2023

97 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

GRETAS GEBURT

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Germany (2023)

LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

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Q&A German

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