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ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende German-born Maria Kassir, a daughter-in-law of the paediatrician, spent four decades in Baghdad caring for her husband and three children. A keen observer and diarist, she witnessed many of the events described in the latter half of *The Paediatrician* first-hand. After the death of her husband and with the increasing danger for Christian Iraqis following the fall of Saddam Hussein, she and her children left the country. Maria Kassir now lives in Germany. Her books in German include: *Im Schatten der Goldenen Moschee*, *Als der Kranich flog* and *Grausames Feuerwerk*, which are available on .de. To avoid the attention of Iraq's censors, these books were published under the pseudonym Maria Laufenberg.