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The Art of Hearing Heartbeats
by Jan-Philipp Sendker

A father disappears. A love letter he wrote years ago to a woman in Burma is the only clue. His daughter travels to the woman's village and uncovers more about her father than she could have ever imagined.

This international bestseller traces the lost love between a blind young monk and a poor crippled girl in pre-WWII Burma. Sendker employs an elaborate secondhand flashback device to send Julia to Burma on a hunch that she might find clues to the whereabouts of her Burmese father, Tin Win, a prominent New York lawyer who was blind as a child and vanished four years ago, apparently of his own volition. Julia arrives in the village of Kalaw by virtue of the letter and meets U Ba, a stranger, who soon helps Julia unravel the mystery of her father, from his astrologically inauspicious birth and abandonment to his ensuing blindness and delivery to Buddhist monks who teach him to use his other senses keenly. When Tin Win meets kind, crippled Mi Mi, she acts as his eyes as he carries her upon his back. Their love remains unbroken through 50 years of incredible happenstances. The prose reads like poetry, the sentences sing, the novel transports completely-a complex tale within a tale - a hero's quest, a fairy tale, a father-daughter story.

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