

UWE TIMM
In my Brother's Shadow

In conversation with JEREMY FISHER

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"I close my diary here because I don't see any point in recording the cruel things that sometimes happen." (Uwe Timm in "My brother's shadow")

Uwe Timm (*1940) is one of Germany's most successful contemporary authors. His writing comprises novels, short stories, essays, poetry and award-winning titles for children and young adults. This is a rare visit to Australia and the Goethe-Institut and gleebooks invite you to discover this remarkable author as he talks to Jeremy Fisher about his memoir **In My Brother's Shadow**.

Karl-Heinz, Uwe Timm's thirteen years elder brother, was sixteen years of age and a sapper in the elite SS Death's Head Division, when he was killed. When Timm decided to write this astonishing memoir, he feared the possibility that his brother's unit had taken part in the shooting of civilians and Jews. Yet he wanted to piece together his brother's experience, and that of his nation, which once considered the qualities of an SS man so exemplary. As Timm unleashes his memories of this devastating time, he also pinpoints the questions that his parents' generation seemed unable to face, and offers new insights into the impact of the war on ordinary Germans.

In My Brother's Shadow is a unique and profoundly moving memoir exploring a brother's death and one ordinary family's relationship with Nazi rule.

Jeremy Fisher is Executive Director of the Australian Society of Authors. Jeremy has a doctorate in writing from UTS and has published four books and numerous articles and poems.

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