

Sibylle Berg

Nerds Are Saving the World: Conversations With Those Who Know

- Swiss Grand Prix Literature 2020 and Bertolt Brecht Prize 2020 for Sibylle Berg's life's work
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Sibylle Berg lives in Zurich. Her work comprises 25 plays and 14 novels and has been translated into 34 languages. Berg has published three books and written audio dramas and essays. She has received various awards and distinctions, including the Wolfgang Koeppen Prize (2008), Else Lasker-Schüler Dramatist Prize (2016), Kassel Literary Prize for Grotesque Humor (2019) and Thüringer Literaturpreis (Thuringian Literary Prize) (2019).

Good morning, have you worried about the state of the world yet today?

What should we do in a world that is really just being run into the ground? In which the recipe for dealing with the climate catastrophe is to sweep it under the rug? In which the antidote to predatory capitalism is giving even freer reign to the markets? Sibylle Berg has an idea: Let's just ask the experts!

Since 2018, in her interview series *Nerds retten die Welt* (republik.ch), Ms. Berg has been talking to specialists from a wide range of disciplines. All of whom have one thing in common: These are people we should listen to very carefully if we plan on staying on this planet for a while.

This volume contains 16 conversations with leading systems biologists, neuropsychologists, cognitive scientists, marine ecologists, political scientists, media sociologists, conflict and violence researchers and many others – with razor-sharp analyses of the present and overall global situation.

We can't promise you'll be happier after reading this. But you'll definitely be smarter – and better equipped to hold your own whenever someone tries to convince you that things aren't really that bad.