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"All that Axel Hacke has done is record the daily havoc in which three quite normal and nice children propel their liberal and loving parents between fury, humiliation and a few moments of blissful pride. Front-line reporting from the playroom: almost on a par with the cult book 'The Little Prince'." (Der Stern), "There were generations of parents who knew exactly what child-rearing was about. They had concepts - I'm just not sure if they were the right ones. We, on the other hand, are not authoritarian. But neither are we anti-authoritarian. We just muddle through. Sometimes we think we're doing everything wrong. But we don't want to seem maudlin. We love the storms, the roaring waves, and we love little children, too - at any rate, with short interruptions."



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