



Grit Poppe

## Weggesperrt

### *Shut Away*

Never give up! Escape from the youth detention centre. GDR, 1988: Anja's mother applies for a departure permit to leave East Germany and is arrested by the secret police, the Stasi. The 14-year-old is placed in a youth detention centre under the administration of the Juvenile Welfare Department. Shocked by the high-handedness of the educators, the violence and the drill, Anja soon has only one thought in her mind: escape. But things get even worse...

A gripping novel about tyrannical treatment and violence at the youth detention centre in the GDR. Carefully researched by the author, who was herself a member of the "Democracy Now!" movement. With a glossary and chronicle of the regime change in the appendix.

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