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Delightful  
Deaths*

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*For my mother, my muse – C. H.*

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Carla Haslbauer was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and grew up in the small town of Bad Nauheim. She works as a freelance illustrator since graduating from the Lucerne School of Art and Design. As a member of the comic collective Corner Collective, she also regularly creates comics. She finds her inspiration in nature and in the everyday life around her. She likes to dig into her childhood memories and finds many stories worth telling. *My Mother's Delightful Deaths* is her first picture book.

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My mother can be lots of different people.

Sometimes she's nice.



Look, Mom -  
this is you!

And sometimes she's nasty.





Sometimes she's quiet, and sometimes she's loud.



MOMMM!  
The doorbell's  
ringing!



You see, my mother's  
an opera singer.



My mother plays many different parts.



Every day she's someone different.

Who are you?





You never know who she's going to be tomorrow.



Right, I'm off now. See you later.



When she's gone,  
we put on our own plays.



We like dressing up as much as she does.





Tonight is the premiere.



My mother loves standing in front of an audience.  
What she likes best of all is dying onstage.





She does it differently  
every time.



And every time  
it looks real.



Even grown-ups sometimes forget  
that none of this is real—it's all just pretend.





My mother gets lots of applause for her beautiful deaths. And of course we're quite proud of her too.





Well, how did I do?

Great! Everybody cried when you died!

I love dying for a living!

Of course I didn't cry.

My mother can be lots of different people. And she's definitely a bit different from other mothers.



But most of the time she's quite normal.

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It could mean she's an opera singer!

Carla Haslbauer's hilarious tale shows just what it's like to grow up as the child of a glamorous opera singer—on and off the stage. *Who will Mother be today?*



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