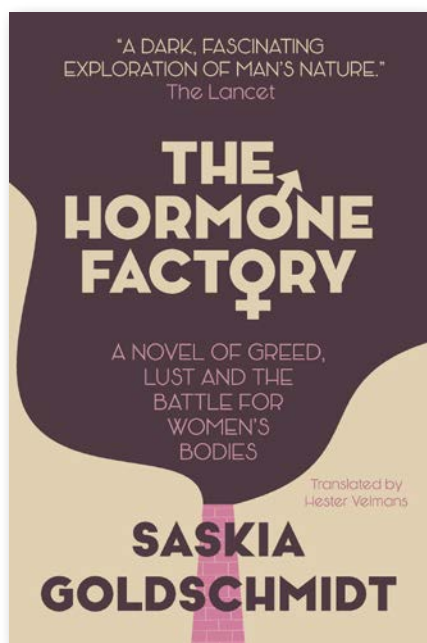


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About the author

Dutch writer Saskia Goldschmidt worked as both a youth theatre producer and drama teacher before she wrote *Compulsory Happiness*, about her growing up in the shadow of the Holocaust. *The Hormone Factory* was an instant success in the Netherlands and has been published in Germany, Israel and the United States.

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