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Bankok Baby

Julia is in mourning after her husband Leon's demise. She travels on her own to China, a country she had originally planned to visit with Leon. In Hong Kong she meets Helen, who is ten years older than her, and she persuades Julia to accompany her to Bangkok. In Bangkok, Julia gets a job in a bar run by Helen's family. Julia has to relate to a world where friendship and sex are merchandise, and she struggles to decipher the social codes. Things are boiling under the surface, and nothing is what it appears to be. Julia must decide whether to stay or travel on.

Bankok baby is a novel about innocence, loneliness, longing and love in a sexualized world.

Majken van Bruggen

Majken van Bruggen (b. 1973) has written two previous books about Julia: *Moon Mountain* (2008) and *Julia and Leon* (2010).



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