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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Friends,

On 7 January 2015 the attack on the editorial department of the French satire magazine Charlie Hebdo took place. The cartoonist **Catherine Meurisse**, who worked for the magazine from 2005 to 2016, escaped the terrorist act only because she arrived late on that fateful morning (in January 2015). Colleagues and friends were snatched from life during the attack. She has been looking for a new approach to her life and to make sense of the tragedy ever since. Meurisse travelled, amongst other places, to Italy, where she admired the beauty of nature and the arts, and slowly began to regain some of her levity. With "**The Lightness**", Catherine Meurisse has now created an intense and personal book that has given her space and encouragement to grieve.

On 08.03.2017 at 7.00 pm, Catherine Meurisse will present her graphic novel in **Babylon Berlin**. Tickets for the event can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1fcelPy>

The event will take place in cooperation with the Carlsen Verlag, the Berlin International Literature Festival, the Institut Français Berlin as part of "Frankfurt in French" series (which will be the 'Guest-Programme of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2017).

The complete programme of the first **versfest berlin** (taking place between 20 - 22 March 2017) has just been published and is available at www.literaturfestival.com/kjl/versfestberlin/programm. The festival will take place with Jan Wagner as its patron. The poets Sarah Crossan (Ireland / Great Britain), Carol Ann Duffy (UK), Uwe Michael Gutzschhahn (Germany), Steven Herrick (Australia), Franz Hohler (Switzerland), Lan Lan (China), Synne Lea (Norway),

Anushka Ravishankar (India), Edward van de Vendel (Netherlands), and Jacqueline Woodson (USA) will be taking part, as well as the musician John Sampson (Great Britain). For further information, please visit: www.literaturfestival.com/kjl/versfestberlin. Admission free! Registration Mon-Fri from 10 am - 5 pm at kjl@literaturfestival.com or 030-278786-66 / -70.

Save the date! For the **17th ilb**, which will take place between **06.09.-16.09.2017**, we will be welcoming, amongst others, the Indian writer Arundhati Roy with her new novel, the British author Laurie Penny, the Russian/US-American journalist and writer Masha Gessen and the Turkish author Ece Temelkuran. We are also particularly delighted that Elif Shafak will make the festival's opening speech at the Berliner Festspiele. **The Children's and Young Adult Literature Festival** will be opened by the American writer Meg Rosoff. The entire programme will appear, as in previous years, 2 weeks before the festival's opening.

With best wishes,

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17. internationales literaturfestival berlin | 6.-16. September 2017

Berlin liest | 6. September 2017

7. Graphic Novel Day | 10. September 2017

3. internationales literaturfestival odessa | 28. September – 1. Oktober 2017

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