

## Following an accident, Franzmichel goes almost totally blind

when only a child of four. When the farmer's son from the Austrian Vorarlberg region loses his father, he is forced to leave school in order to look after the family farm. But he won't allow anything or anyone to stand in his way when it comes to pursuing his interest in philosophy and politics: he writes novels and campaigns tirelessly for social justice and improvement of the harsh living conditions of farmers and artisans. This moving account of the fate of an individual provides a slice of recent history, brought vividly to life.

→The fascinating and tragically short life of a farmer-philosopher living in the midst of 19th Century, whose revolutionary visions have retained their relevance to this day.

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