

WORDFEST PRESENTS

HILDA DEMUTH-LUTZE

Kingdom of the Birds

a young adult novel

In May 1521, Wittenberg professor Martin Luther was captured by horsemen in the Thuringian Forest and taken to the Wartburg Castle. This “friendly abduction” had been masterminded by Spalatin, secretary to Duke Frederick of Saxony, in order to protect the outlawed monk from his enemies. Disguised as a knight, Luther corresponded frequently with friends and colleagues, sometimes referring to his hiding-place as the “kingdom of the birds.” A boy named Seppel is recruited to serve as page to the mysterious knight; and he provides the narrative structure of this exciting historical fiction.

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Refreshments to Follow
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