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The deafening silence of the period after World War II.

On a spring day in 1951, Detective Michel bicycles over to the French *département* of the Drôme. In Crest, he finds a bloody crime scene at the Peyrambert farm: Henri and Louise Thomas have been murdered with a shotgun. Juliette, their eleven-year-old daughter, has vanished. Who killed this couple of retired farmers who settled in the Drôme valley after spending their lives in the Vercors? A family with no problems, a missing child, a region riddled with secrets: Detective Michel travels the country, from Crest to the Vercors, from Grenoble to Pigalle. He will have to face silence, obstinacy, the thirst for redemption, and the torments of a war that nobody wants to talk about anymore.

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