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## Novalis and the Poetic World Soul

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### THE BOOK

Friedrich von Hardenberg, better known as Novalis, remains one of the purest poets, who ever existed. Poetry is the center of all his writings. «The more poetic, the more real», he wrote one day. In only 29 years of life, he built connections between science, philosophy and religion. His own life reflects the enchantment of his literary work: his childhood in the old family mansion, his academic education, his ephemeral love for the young Sophie von Kühn that inspired him to his famous *Hymns to the Night*, or the creation of his legendary *blue flower*, that is in the centre of his novel *Heinrich von Ofterdingen*. On the tracks of Novalis and the paths of his life, Frédéric Brun intercourses his personal reflexions, the narration of the poet's life and the reasons for his attraction for the one who still is, after 200 years, impressively modern.



### THE AUTHOR

Frédéric Brun has published three novels at Stock and won several literary prizes, including the *Goncourt du premier roman* in 2007 for *Perla*. He has been translated into several languages. *Novalis and the poetic World Soul* is his fourth book.

### THE ARGUMENTS

- A modern view on a classic author that can enrich our contemporary life.
- A narrative biography that is accessible through the author's personal reflexions.
- A possible source for the desired «Slow Movement» of our modern society.
- A culturally external view on the origins and the power of attraction of the German Romanticism that became universal patrimony.

