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<b>Headline</b>	The best-selling author tells about the adventures of the seventeen-year old Boer Hendrik in South Africa's eventful early 19th century.
<b>Catalog text</b>	<p>South Africa, 1828. 17-year old Hendrik McAllister has broken off from everything: from his tyrannical father and quarrelsome older brothers who, as British settlers, run a shop in Grahamstone and from his British Origins. How often had his father made it clear to him that he, as the son of a Dutch trail Boer who had died shortly after his birth, was just an inferior good-for-nothing.</p> <p>For some time Hendrik aimlessly roams the wild eastern region of the cape becoming quickly entangled in the political chaos of the period. Conflicts between the Boers and the English shatter the new colony – and attacks from the black Xhosa people are a constant threat. It isn't until an old Boer farmer named Hermanus offers Hendrik a job as administrator of his farm that his life seems to become more peaceful. But new problems loom ahead. Hermanus lives in bitter hostility with his neighbor, the farmer Willem van Wyken – and Hendrik happens to fall in love with Willem's daughter Franziska ...</p>
<b>Author's biography/ illustrator's biography</b>	<i>Rainer M. Schröder</i> , born in 1951, one of Germany's most successful authors of historical novels, has been living in Germany and the U.S. as a freelance writer since 1977. He has travelled to many countries. His work has received various awards – such as the sophisticated "Buxtehuder Bulle" (2005).