

# Marie-Thérèse Schins

author and painter

- Born in Netherlands as the seventh of ten children, she developed an early interest in working for underprivileged children.
- Has a Master's degree as a librarian with specialization in working with children and their own literature.
- In 1974 she moved to Hamburg and has since worked as a journalist while also furthering her multi faceted capabilities as a poet, author and painter.
- She is an acclaimed author and has been awarded "Book Women Of The Year" and has several popular titles to her name.
- Conducts reading and lectures at the University of Hamburg. She has worked with juvenile prisoners and her sessions dwell upon varied topics such as intercultural differences, death, mourning, family, homosexuality, emotions and drugs. She often shares her travel experiences with young audiences and promotes respect and tolerance to alien cultures.
- She, sometimes along with Ms. Birte Müller - successful illustrator of children books, conducts workshops with children. This they do for schools all over the world, including South America, China, South Africa, Australia, Lebanon, Israel and all across Europe.
- These workshops, through creative methodologies of painting and writing, help and assist the participants to discover their true inner feelings.
- An avid traveller with particularly keen interest in India and more specifically: Kerala. She is keenly studying the educational system in Kerala, where the prevailing high levels of literacy fascinate her.
- She believes her energy emanates from her interactions with the children of schools in India, whose smiles give her great pleasure and satisfaction.

