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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

FRED UHLMAN was born in Stuttgart, capital of Württemberg in South-West Germany, on 19 January 1901, three days before Queen Victoria died. *Reunion*, written in 1960, is not therefore an autobiographical book, although it contains autobiographical elements. The school, the teachers and the boys are true to life, based on the Eberhard-Ludwig Gymnasium, Württemberg's oldest and most famous grammar school, which the author attended. "The boy in the story is, of course, me," he said, "but I never had any friendship with a 'Hohenfels'. This part is purely fictional, and the Hohenfels are a composite picture of a few aristocratic boys and their parents."

Fred Uhlman claims that it is Württemberg that made him into an artist and a poet, and left him a "Romantic" for life. This beautiful and traditionally democratic region, which includes the Black Forest and Lake Constance, is also the home of many of Germany's greatest poets and thinkers - Schiller, Hölderlin, Mörike, Wieland, Uhland, Schlegel, Hegel, Schelling and Herman Hesse.

This love of his birthplace, which Uhlman, then an anti-Nazi lawyer, had to leave in 1933, illuminates every line of *Reunion*. He died in 1985.

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For Paul and Millicent Bloomfield

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