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## Book Synopsis:

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## **Additional Info:**

### **About Cobie Adkins-de Jong**

Cobie Adkins-de Jong and Els Van Geyte are native Dutch speakers and experienced teachers of Dutch. Cobie additionally used to teach German to adults at the Brasshouse Language Centre in Birmingham, while Els also teaches English as a Foreign Language at the University of Birmingham.

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'omdat'effect To express position - on it/in it: 'erop/erin' With it: 'ermee'

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