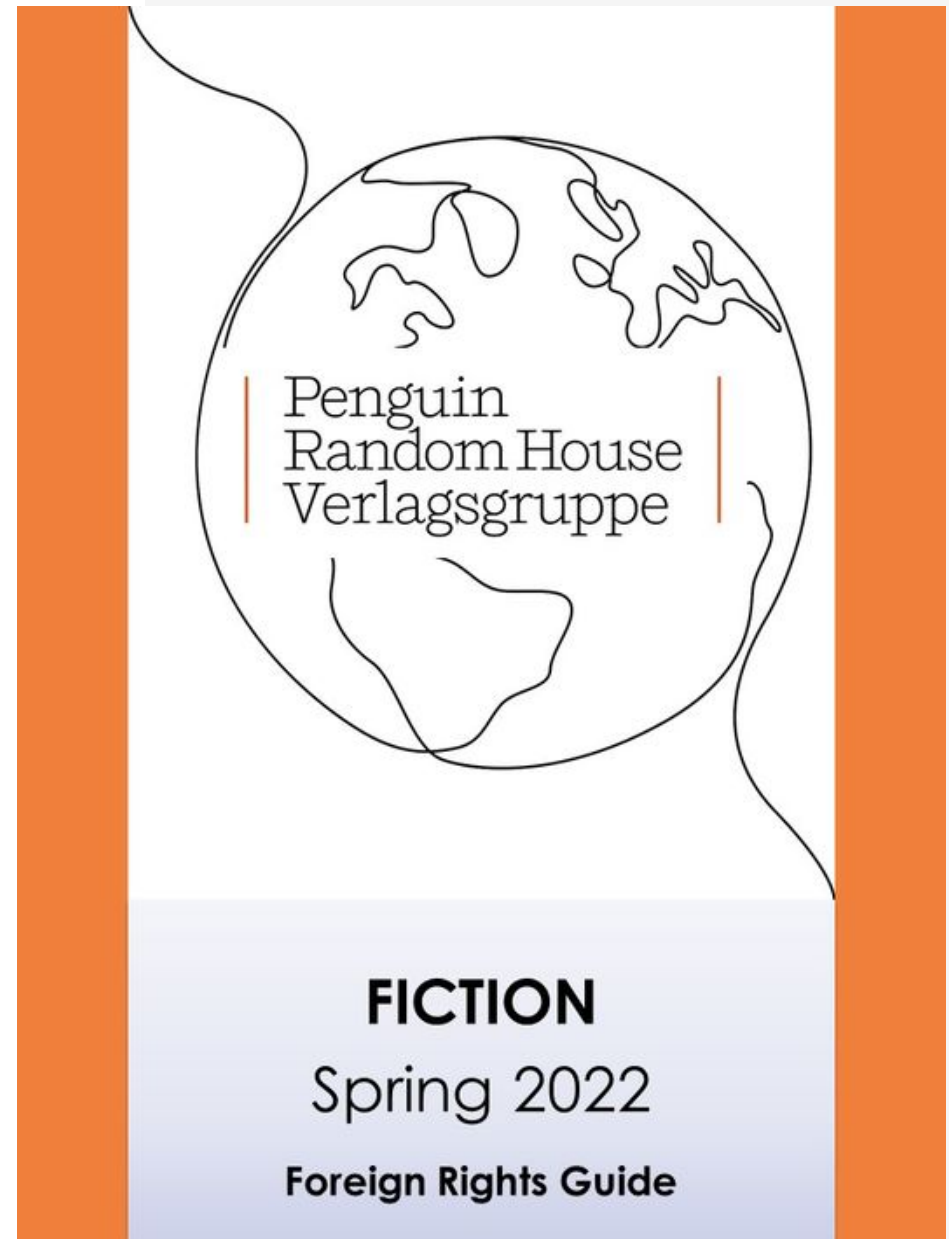


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JENS LUBBADEH



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 cm
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 Grunewald

STEPHAN ABARBANELL

Grunewald, 10:50 a.m.

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2022

Art lover, Prussian dandy, writer, foreign minister in the Weimar Republic – the last five minutes in the life of a man as enigmatic as he was fascinating

On a cool, cloudy day in June 1922, Walther Rathenau, the Weimar Republic's newly appointed foreign minister, gets into his chauffeur-driven convertible and sets off for the ministry. He has just returned from signing the decisive Treaty of Rapallo, and his more or less forced reconciliation with the Soviet Union has drawn not only criticism, but also death threats: they say that he, the Jew, has betrayed Germany.

Five minutes later, he is shot dead, assassinated by right-wing extremists. In Stephan Abarbanell's lyrical and profound psychological novel, Rathenau's final journey becomes a metaphor for Rathenau's journey into himself – on which he finally finds answers to the questions that have troubled him his whole life.

Literary connoisseurs will find the novel edifying, both for the story itself and for its literary qualities.

GALORE

A nuanced and intimate novel.

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Stephan Abarbanell was born in Brunswick in 1957 and grew up in Hamburg. He studied theology and general rhetoric in Hamburg, Tübingen and Berkeley. Abarbanell is now in charge of cultural affairs at rbb Broadcasting.

A very subtle, often very understated yet occasionally dazzling portrait of Walther Rathenau [...] a fantastic book [...] Utterly gripping.

rbb Kultur 'Der Tag'

In the light of current problems with anti-Semitism and the murders committed by the far-right NSU, it is a shockingly topical historical novel.

Der Tagesspiegel

Historical fiction is usually regarded as pure entertainment [...] However, all scepticism vanishes when you read Abarbanell's novel.

Abendzeitung

An impressive reconstruction of this important chapter from the Weimar Republic.

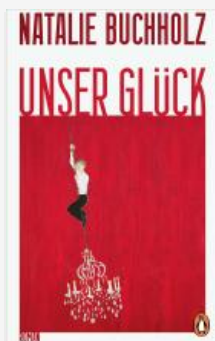
berlinfaces.de

An intelligent portrait of an era [...] Abarbanell's elegant style prevents the book from descending into speculation and spectacle [...]

Die Rheinpfalz

A multi-layered book about a key figure from history.

Münchner Merkur



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 224 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Unser Glück

NATALIE BUCHHOLZ

Our Good Fortune

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 28, 2022

English sample translation available

What happens to us when our home becomes a financial bargaining chip?

When the young parents Franziska and Coordt find a lovely – and affordable – flat in one of Munich's best neighbourhoods, it's the opportunity of a lifetime. But there's a condition attached: it won't be just them and their small boy living there. Tempted by the chance of owning their own home, and one they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford, they agree to a deal that will put their love to the test. Like a catalyst, the new flat accelerates and deepens existing cracks in their relationship, and their son, too, is aware of the increasing friction between them. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity has turned out to be a trap. Will they find a way out?


Natalie Buchholz has created an irresistible story, written in clear, rhythmic prose. A novel set up like an experiment, showing the freedom that improved living conditions can bring – and the destructive power of financial pressure.

Buchholz narrates [...] with a light and unembellished voice, the language is clear and rhythmic.

Süddeutsche Zeitung on 'The Red Swimming Pool'

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Natalie Buchholz, born in France in 1977, studied Cultural Studies and Aesthetic Practice at the University of Hildesheim and at the Université Aix-Marseille. In 2018, her debut novel *The Red Swimming Pool* was published. In 2020 she was awarded the Spiegelungen Prize for minimal prose.

There are many twists and turns, and the story cleverly plays with our assumptions.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

I think Buchholz's book is impressive [...] it's accomplished, and makes you question what happiness actually means.

Süddeutsche Zeitung Fürstenfeldbruck

An intoxicating and totally honest relationship novel, and a miniature portrait of contemporary society.

Denglers-Buchkritik.de

As gripping as a thriller, and an excellent character study.

Das Büchersofa – Stadt Albstadt

A compelling story about the search for a little happiness in the modern metropolis.

Freizeitmagazin LEO

My absolute favourite! Thank you, Natalie Buchholz, for this gripping story!

GUIDO

A sensitive character study of a very modern couple struggling to cope with their new life.

Süddeutsche Zeitung München

Our Good Fortune reveals our attitude to material wealth: some of us seek it out and flourish, while others avoid.

HONEY

The first part is eerie and uncanny, and there follow lots of surprising twists as Buchholz develops her two main

characters.

ORF Ö1 'Morgenjournal mit Kultur aktuell'

An entertaining chamber piece about the urban housing shortage.

Flow

Impressive. Buchholz has a unique ability to look into people's hearts, and to translate what she finds there into powerful language.

pressebüro.m 'Spring 2022'

I enjoyed this, and read it at a single sitting. Clever, gripping social critique [...] an ironic look at toxic masculinity.

the_zuckergoscherl

The story will stay with you.

HALLO münchen

A novel about how we can never truly know someone – no matter how much we love them.

annabelle (CH)

An accomplished and astute novel, which reveals how what seems like happiness can easily tip into despair.

literaturblatt.ch (CH)

Her unadorned, irresistible style makes it a joy to read – with a sting in its tail.

Augsburger Allgemeine, Allgäuer Zeitung

A brilliant chamber play.

Neue Presse

Buchholz's style is clear and sober. She writes with a light touch, but never succumbs to triviality'

Magdeburger Volksstimme

An unsentimental story about the fragility of relationships.

Ruhr Nachrichten

The story unfolds like a tense drama that tightens the screws ever more, and can definitely be read as a parable of our times [...] superb.

BR24

Buchholz is one of those authors who can take a seemingly innocuous everyday situation and heighten the tension. Clever, entertaining, nonchalant

emotion 'Buch-Special'

The moment you realise what the story is about, you also realise how gruesomely cleverly it is told in Buchholz's precise style'

Textland.de

If you like psychologically cleverly constructed novels that capture the zeitgeist while also providing deeper insights, you will love this.

Münchner Kirchenradio



Fiction, Literary Fiction

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 Original title: Der Flussregenpfeifer

TOBIAS FRIEDRICH

The Ringed Plover

A NOVEL BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

With 1 colour and 4 b/w illustrations

Seven years in a kayak: the utterly improbable but true story of one man's odyssey

May 1932. With a daring plan to paddle to Cyprus and back, and just enough provisions to last the trip, Oskar Speck slides his folding kayak into the water. He plans to be back in six months. But his well-laid plans are scuppered: in pursuit of a sporting ambition, with jazz music and Mark Twain's witty wisdom for company, and chased by Nazis who want to turn the kayak's captain into a German hero, the loveable loner ends up paddling all the way to Australia, where he's arrested as a spy and put in prison. He loses all hope of being freed, and fears that he'll never see Gili – the most charmingly gap-toothed woman in the world – again. But then fate hands him a lifeline.

The Ringed Plover, Tobias Friedrich's literary debut, is based on the unlikely but true tale of a man from Hamburg who spent seven years paddling 50,000 km in his folding boat, despite never having learnt how to swim. A funny, suspenseful, fast-paced novel that is as astonishing as the true story that inspired it.

Tobias Friedrich takes us on a madcap, headlong journey – finally, a new adventure novel!

Takis Würger

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Tobias Friedrich, born in 1969, has written songs for his bands and other artists since the 1990s. He was the publisher of a Berlin music magazine, and now works as author of non-fiction books. The Little Ringed Plover is his literary debut, of which he says: "It was a miracle to me, that there had not been any books about Oskar Speck. I knew for sure that I, who had never written a novel before, would be completely overburdened with writing a novel about him. So I immediately started working."

**A brilliantly fast-paced novel that you'll want to read in one go.
(Martina Gilica)**

NDR 1 Niedersachsen 'Die Bücherwelt'

[...] a multi-layered, comprehensive, symphonic portrait of the man and his era.

WNA - Wirtschaft Neckar-Alb

Our book of the week. Based on a true story, funny and exciting. Highly recommended.

Evangelisches Literaturportal e.V. Online

Extraordinarily engaging. Unforced and chatty, the novel's 500 pages simply slip by [...] the movie surely won't be long the making.

Belletristik-Couch.de

[...] a funny, dramatic, pacey tale of true friendship, freedom, strong women, and how chance events can determine the rest of your life.

RHEINexklusiv

His voyage [...] has now been turned into a witty and thrilling old-school adventure novel – perfect for fans of Mark Twain.

Mare

An intelligent and gripping adventure.

Stadtgespräch

[...] exciting, full of unexpected twists, and honest [...] a holiday read that delivers more than just superficial thrills.

Münchner Kirchenradio

An engrossing life story [...] wonderfully written, with lots of Mark Twain quotes, and lots of jazz music – a pleasure to read.

NDR Kultur Podcast 'eat.READ.sleep'

This pacey, Jack London-style story takes us back in time and far away, along fast-flowing rivers and past picturesque Mediterranean beaches.

General-Anzeiger

I think it's a truly thrilling adventure novel, with lots of humour in it. I thoroughly recommend it. (Margarete von Schwarzkopf)

NDR 1 Niedersachsen 'Die Bücherwelt'

It's actually amazing that the story of Oskar Speck hasn't been turned into a Hollywood movie yet.

Focus

A proper adventure novel. But it's not all action - there are profound elements too.

NDR 'DAS!'

Friedrich has meticulously researched this superb story, and enriched it with moments of tension, with adventure.

Literaturnewsletter 'Lesezeichen' der Kleinen Zeitung

An incredible story – as good as any of the great adventure novels.

Stern

An adventure novel of the kind you find all too rarely in contemporary German writing – suspenseful, wonderfully written, empathetic and very funny.

MARIE GAMILLSCHEG

An Uprising of Sea Creatures

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 08, 2022

Longlisted for the German Book Prize 2022

Selected by New Books in German

English sample translation available

On fathers and daughters – the tale of an impossible relationship

Luise is intelligent, Luise is independent, Luise is an island. She has also gained a reputation as an excellent marine biologist. Her specialty is the sea walnut, a ghostly illuminated jellyfish living in the dark waters of the oceans. When Luise is asked to go to Graz for a project with a famous zoo, she says yes right away. But Graz is the town she grew up in and the town where her estranged father, who is ill, still lives – and where the silence between them began, long ago...

Marie Gamillscheg writes compellingly and vividly about the process of freeing ourselves from our childhood, our body, and the rules that we believe to be our own – but which others have determined for us. At the same time, this novel is an attempt to describe the inherent impossibility of father-daughter relationships.

One of the most exciting young voices of German-speaking literature.

Spiegel Online




Fiction, Literary Fiction

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A unique style that exploits every possibility offered by modern literature, while also creating an entirely new genre.

literaturoutdoors.com

A terrific contemporary novel, brilliantly written.

Literaturhaus Wien

The result is a novel that will cement Gamillscheg's position as one of the most exciting young voices in German-language literature.

Kronen Zeitung

An unsettling novel – but in a good way.

Der Standard

a sad and utterly lyrical novel that plays beautifully, yet melancholically, with the motifs of flowing, drifting and surging [...] musical, floaty, light-footed and despairing.

Ö1

A fascinating book about the impossibility of relationships – not only between humans and animals.

WDR 5

A great story about a young woman's cautious, yet painful, liberation from the prison of predetermined roles and far-reaching events from the past.

radio FM4



Fiction, Literary Fiction

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cm
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DIRK KURBJUWEIT

The Trip

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 28, 2022

English sample translation available

Selected by New Books in German

A shocking journey into the heart of Germany's darkness

Childhood friends Amalia, Josef, Gero and Bodo are on a summer canoeing trip. However, the moment they arrive at their destination it's clear that they aren't welcome. Josef in particular, who is black, senses the locals' discomfort in his presence. They evidently deeply dislike anything that looks remotely foreign. But should the friends let themselves be intimidated by a few backward provincials? Should they simply give in? Amalia, Josef, Gero and Bodo are determined to stay, and from that moment on there's no turning back. Every step they take leads them closer to the abyss. They all know that this trip won't end well, but none of them wants to admit it. Soon their summer adventure becomes a desperate effort to get out of this place alive.


A heartstopping thriller about morality, racism and how we react to extreme situations.

Infoscreen 'Lesenswert'

Haunting and intimate, this is a story about blatant xenophobia as well as less blatant everyday racism [...] as

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Dirk Kurbjuweit



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Dirk Kurbjuweit, born in 1962, is one of the most versatile and productive authors of our time. Known to a broad readership as a reporter for Zeit and Spiegel, he has been a convincing narrator from an early age. Critics celebrated his works and several of his literary successes served as models for film adaptations and radio play adaptations. His books have been translated into numerous languages.

gripping as a thriller, and depressingly real.

Neue Westfälische

The story itself is thoroughly suspenseful and cleverly done, and it ends the only way it could possibly, reasonably end.

Literaturblog 'Bücherwurmloch'

A gripping novel that tackles the racism problem in Germany through a fictional, and extreme, situation – provides much food for discussion.

nil_liest

Like Kurbjuweit's earlier books, The Trip is about horror invading an apparently "normal" setting, and about the banality of evil.

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

The whole gets more and more thrilling as you near the end, to the point that you simply can't put it down anymore.

Osterholzer Kreisblatt

Both social critique and gripping psychological thriller, in a sometimes almost surreal setting. Not an easy read, but well worth it.

Dresdner

A thought-provoking journey into Germany's heart of darkness. A social novel about the darker aspects of German mentality, racism and escalating violence.

Buch-Magazin

[...] a horrifying boat ride packed with subtle hints, portents and a sense of foreboding, where his young protagonists are

left to fight for their survival.

Dpa

[...] this doomed trip down the Spree river immediately has you in its grip with its taut atmosphere and escalating tensions.

Rheinische Post

[...] a terrifyingly plausible horror trip, and an experimental sociological setup. The story echoes like a gunshot which will reverberate long after you've finished it.

Nordwestzeitung

A compelling novel set in Berlin [...] Kurbjuweit ruthlessly manoeuvres his characters through the Spreewald delta that has become a deadly trap [...]

SR2 'Der BuchTipp'

Kurbjuweit's fragmented sentences are like intense snapshots. His highly charged psychological study of xenophobia and friendship is disturbing, and will leave you speechless.

Augsburger Allgemeine 'Wochenend Journal'

The notion that the author is holding up a mirror to us makes for uncomfortable reading – which proves just how well he writes.

Berliner Zeitung



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Ästhetik der Schonhaltung
beim Ertrinken

FLORIAN WEBER

The Wondrous Aesthetics of a Healthy Drowning Posture

NOVEL

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A lama, a clown, and Heinrich Pohl in the Atlantic Ocean

A man is drifting in the ocean, clinging on to a cool box. He can't remember anything of his life, except just brief flashes of memory. Through them, he tries to work out who he is, and how he ended up in this life-threatening situation. His childhood, his uncle's antique shop in his hometown of Munich, a piano, and a journey to America all play an important part.

A highly original combination of road trip and father-son story that's as moving as it is entertaining.

A funny, crazy, yet profound novel about the circus of life – a veritable fireworks display of clever ideas and creativity. A must-read!

Titel Magazin

Wonderful intertwined stories, each told in a different register.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

A crazy, optimistic story about the islands in the ocean of

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CORE

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Florian Weber, born in 1974, has lived in Munich since 1994, and is a musician (Sportfreunde Stiller), author (two novels to date), radio presenter, artist, and qualified sports scientist (at least that's what it says on his degree certificate).

existence.

Classic Rock

The start of the novel [...] bears traces of Beckett, but this highly original novel soon turns into a touching road trip across the US.

Abendzeitung

Intelligent entertainment.

Musikexpress

A brilliant read: madcap ideas, a wonderful style, and a truly moving story.

rbb radio eins 'Live aus dem Bikini'

Quirky, original, touching.

Friedrich Ani

One wonders what goes on in Weber's head. It must be a roaring spectacle.

David Schalko

A lyrical, funny and crazy microcosm. You can't help but love [this novel].

Jan Weiler

Both a marvellous road trip overflowing with originality, and a moving yet entertaining story about a family.

City Guide



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Vögel

MARICA BODROŽIĆ

The Work of Birds

NOTES ON THE SOUL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Walter Benjamin's final journey

During his flight from the Nazis in September 1940, Walter Benjamin takes an old smugglers' route that leads from the French border town of Banyuls-sur-Mer to Portbou in northern Spain. Shortly after he arrives, he commits suicide.

Eight decades later, Marica Bodrožić follows the trail of the great German writer and philosopher. Benjamin's final journey is her starting point for musings about our time, about the complexity of life and identity, about friendship and flight. Her walk across the Pyrenees becomes a pilgrimage: she experiences nature as a synaesthetic tapestry, where the external mountain landscape intermingles with her inner one, reawakening memories of her formative childhood in Dalmatia. Bodrožić artfully interweaves her thoughts with the lives of other people who have crossed borders – such as the resistance fighter Lisa Fittko and the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam.

Once again, Marica Bodrožić proves herself to be a master in the art of writing [...] about the small, the human, the precarious and the ruminative.

NDR Kultur

Your thoughts roam freely along the topography of Bodrožić's language, which is what makes this book so deeply evocative.

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ZDF

It celebrates life without ignoring the pain and the horror.

ORF

The tectonic shifts prompted by this book persist long after you've finished it.

ZDF Das Blaue Sofa

Its sheer wealth of subject-matter, associations, discoveries and fresh questions makes it irresistible to any reader with a curious and searching mind.

WDR 5

A fascinating book: reading it feels like going on a hike, as if Bodrožič had translated her steps into words.

Welt am Sonntag

War takes away our humanity – it makes us merely functional [...] Marica Bodrožič counters this with an appeal to our humanity.

NDR Kultur



Fiction, Poetry

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illustrations
Original title: hell & hörig

ULRIKE DRAESNER

clear & audible

POEMS 1995–2020

Date of publication: January 17, 2022

25 b/w illustrations

"These poems enrich the reader" – 25 years of poetry in one volume, published on the author's 60th birthday

Ulrike Draesner has an ear for interstices and subsongs, the songs beneath songs – voices that you don't usually hear. These verses from the past twenty-five years, many published here for the first time, display the sensuousness, attentiveness and profundity of Draesner's poetic achievements, as she takes traditional verse forms and masterfully infuses them with the natural sciences.


Her poems are polyglot, polyamorous and modern, and her originality is evident in her use of foreign languages in her work. There is a chapter on forests, one on animals, and a third on home and migration, and the collection is punctuated by longer lyrics – an elegy for a stillborn child, and a confrontation with a distant mother; and in twelve interjections, Draesner wonders how poetry can bring something new into the world and reveal old, forgotten things – and make them radiate in their own unique way.

Ulrike Draesner is one of today's most important German authors.

Rüdiger Görner, Times Literary Supplement

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Hardly any other author so extensively exploits the freedoms that modern poetry allows, yet Draesner's tone is unmistakable: stubborn, combative and surprisingly positive.

Welt am Sonntag, Die literarische Welt

Draesner's exhilarating verse shows just how much she delights in innovation.

Freie Presse

You'll be astounded by the brilliance with which Draesner turns the Shakespearean sonnet inside out – utterly delightful.

Luxemburger Tageblatt

It's well worth reading – written by an author who combines intelligence with a light touch.

Cicero

Her poetry excels in its harmonious blend of clarity, contemplation, restrained imagery and a certain vagueness. The latter in particular is what makes Draesner's verses unique – verses in which life hangs suspended, sharply honest and often full of promise.

Frankfurter Rundschau

She boldly plays with classic patterns, juggles syllables and turns mere words into symphonies. She is a linguistic alchemist – but her verses are captivating not merely for their unconventional poetic acrobatics, but her reflections on specific moments in her life.

MDR Kultur

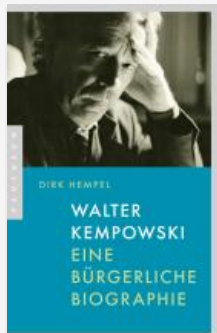
Her poems are best read out loud. Every sound, every word, every reference creates new meaning, and opens up an

unimaginably rich and surprising world.

WDR 5

**clear & audible is absolutely worth reading – the
collection has sprung from the pen of an author who brilliantly
combines intelligence with a light touch.**

Cicero



**Fiction, Literary Studies,
Non-Fiction, Biographies &
Memoirs**

Publishing House: Pantheon
Format: Paperback
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cm
Illustrations: 85 b/w
illustrations
Original title: Walter
Kempowski

DIRK HEMPEL

Walter Kempowski

A BOURGEOIS BIOGRAPHY

Date of publication: July 25, 2022

The only biography of the great German chronicler Walter Kempowski - the longseller now updated

Walter Kempowski is one of the most important German authors of the 20th century, his works have been translated into numerous languages, and James Wood called his novel "All for Nothing" a "masterpiece".

The author's life is exemplary for the eventful history of the German middle-class in the 20th century.

In this book, Dirk Hempel, Kempowski's long-time collaborator and confidant, presents the life and work of the great narrator and German chronicler: Childhood and youth in Rostock, imprisonment in Bautzen, simultaneous existence as a village school teacher and successful author. His straightforward biography offers a unique insight into the life of this outstanding writer and contemporary witness.

Walter Kempowski's vita reads as an exciting life adventure.

AZ, Munich

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Dirk Hempel, born in 1965, is a science journalist. After studying German and theatre studies in Munich, he headed the editorial department of Walter Kempowski's collective diary "Echolot". In 2006 he habilitated at the University of Hamburg and was active in academic teaching. He is the author and editor of numerous books on literary and cultural history, including "Walter Kempowski. Eine bürgerliche Biographie" (2004).



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 288 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Nachtwanderung

CORNELIA ACHENBACH

Night Walk

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

A delicate novel about best friends and our longing for inner peace

Ines and Kirsten thought they would be best friends for ever. But their friendship is shattered when Ines isn't there for Kirsten during a desperately difficult time. The two girls never meet again. Now, more than twenty years later, Ines is a working mother and trying her best to live up to the demands she places on herself. When an invitation to a school reunion awakens long-suppressed memories, she is forced to admit that the loss of the friend she once so admired has shaped her whole life. At the reunion, she suddenly finds herself standing in front of Kirsten. But their encounter doesn't turn out as Ines expected – and she begins to question everything. Are the two women really who they thought they were?

A wonderful novel, sympathetic, captivating and convincing [...] highly recommended.


bn Bibliotheksnachrichten

An insightful tale of friendship, family, separation and loss, lucidly written, and often funny.

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AUTHOR

Cornelia Achenbach



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Cornelia Achenbach, born in 1982, studied politics and Romance languages and literature and works for the Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung. Night Walk is her second novel.

A lovely book, which left me feeling a little melancholic.

Lines.and.pages

A touching story of friendship, the plans we make, trauma, and how hard it is to define your identity. Pithy and compelling.

Bielefelder

Incisive, astute and pithy, and at the same time emotional, intense and sympathetic.

Buchstaplerei

Provides much food for thought, and makes you hungry for more books about female friendship.

Litera.lilly

A poignant and moving tale of friendship and the struggle to discover who we really are.

Landlycka

A truly wonderful novel, the ideal present for you best friend, for balmy summer evenings or days by the sea.

Fr.l.flitziliest

A nostalgic journey into the past and your innermost self. [...] Captivating.

Lineslieblingsbuecher

A nostalgia trip back into the 1980s and 1990s, into childhood and adolescence – a must-read.

Evamarig

Very atmospheric, ingeniously plotted and [...] extremely convincing.

Nachtundtag.blog

Utterly authentic.

Stadtgespräch - Magazin für Rheda-Wiedenbrück

Alongside its straightforward, effective metaphors, the novel is also notable for its informality [...] it switches between detached irony and emotional intimacy without ever becoming tawdry.

FAZ

A highly accomplished journey into the past [...] a compelling novel, packed with nostalgia.

Booksnotdead.wordpress.com

An all-round success.

Iris_liest

A hidden gem – one of those quietly irresistible books.

Fraedherike

Utterly vivid and compelling.

Readiculous.me



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Limes
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 432 | 12,5x20,0 cm
 Original title: Was uns bleibt, ist jetzt

ELLA CORNELSEN

What We Have Left Is Now

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 18, 2022

A wonderful, warm-hearted, funny story about a family, forgetting and remembering

Four very different siblings have gathered in their old family home. They haven't seen each other in a long time, but have come to look after their mother, who suffers from dementia, while their father is recovering in hospital after a fall. Over the next five days, they grow closer again and share their memories – which reveal family secrets that have been hidden for decades. For example, what is their mother's motto "You have to learn how to forget" all about, which she would often quote when they were kids? And what really happened in 1976, when their home life suddenly derailed?

A warm-hearted story about forgetting and remembrance.

Das Neue Blatt

An unusually generous and touching story of buried secrets and trouble looming on the horizon.

Grazia

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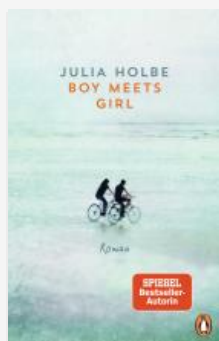
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Ella Cornelsen



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Ella Cornelsen, born in 1958, grew up in a large family and studied in Tübingen. Ever since she was little she has loved writing, drawing, singing and playing instruments. She enjoys being out and about in nature, and loves old trees, wide vistas, tropical rainforests and colourful birds. What We Have Left Is Now is her first novel for Limes.

**Fiction, Contemporary Fiction**

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 288 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Boy meets Girl

JULIA HOLBE

Boy Meets Girl

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

Every step we take can be the start of a whole new story

'Boy meets girl': anything can start with this sentence – there isn't a story that cannot be brought into the world with it. For Nora, too, a brief encounter changes her life entirely. All of a sudden she realises that she has for too long been a mere visitor in her own life. Now the painful end of her marriage and her ageing father's increasing helplessness finally inspire her to make changes.

When she meets Gregory, she senses that life has more in store for her – and yet she feels like there's something missing, something she can't quite grasp. Then she encounters Yann again, a friend from the old days, a man she thought she'd almost lost for ever.


Julia Holbe's novel is about all those little life-changing moments and captures the magical seconds in which doubt and fear transform into hope, and something new is born. Boy Meets Girl is like a French film: light-footed, profound and unforgettable.

Our book of the week – a novel with a message: don't be afraid to change your life.

Evangelisches Literaturportal e.V. Online

In plain prose, Holbe creates moods, feelings, entire worlds. Two pages in, and you'll find yourself unable to escape its pull

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Julia Holbe



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Julia Holbe was born in 1969 and lives in Frankfurt am Main but spends part of the year in Brittany. She spent twenty years working as an editor of international literature at the S. Fischer Verlag. Our Happy Days, her first novel, was a top 20 Spiegel bestselling book.

[...] bright and magical.

rtv Medianews

A sophisticated literary romance. Easy to read, pacey and entertaining – almost like a movie.

Instagram 'nil_liest'

A lively and thoughtful novel that will stay with you.

Dolomiten (IT)

A leisurely novel, written with a light touch, this is a story of separation and fresh starts that fills you with optimism and hope.

RHEINexklusiv

A charming novel, written with a light touch.

Literaturnewsletter 'Lesezeichen' der Kleinen Zeitung (A)

The story about the beginning of the end of a chapter in the protagonist's life, told with a light touch.

Die Presse (A)

An almost blithe, light-hearted version of the familiar boy-meets-girl story.

WDR 5 Bücher 'Gemeinsamer Westermann-Wallentin-Tipp'

A profound story about separation and starting again, told with a light touch.

Berlinerin Online

All in all, it's a delightful read, with its skilfully woven plot and likeable characters.

Schreibfertig

Every line is bursting with life. Brilliant.

Denglers-Buchkritik.de

Holbe has written a fantastic novel that instils hope and yet remains grounded.

Lovelybooks.de

A heart-warming novel about how to make the best of life, whether alone or together.

Lovelybooks.de

A melancholic and realistic novel about how every relationship may well have a best-before date.

Münchener Merkur

A novel like a French film: charming, profound and evocative.

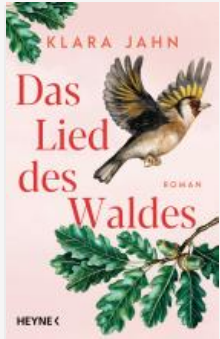
Buch-Magazin

Unexpected and jaunty, light and fluffy. You can veritably feel the joie de vivre that runs through the story.

stern 'Westermann liest'

Pacy writing, magical moments.

Petra



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Das Lied des Waldes

KLARA JAHN

The Song of the Forest

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

The centuries-old wisdom of a very special place ...

Following her mother's death, Veronika returns to her parents' house in Nuremberg's imperial forest to complete the sale of the old forester's lodge. Part of her is grateful for this temporary escape to the countryside: her marriage is in tatters, and she feels alienated from both her job and herself. A flood of memories rushes over her when she discovers old pages of notes about Anna Stromer, the captivating fourteenth-century pioneer who campaigned for the conservation of the forest. Veronika is comforted and inspired by Anna's story, and a special bond develops between these two women – who have both drawn strength from this place, and would stop at nothing to protect it.

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Klara Jahn is the pseudonym of a famous bestselling author. She is a historian, and loves telling big stories – and to dive deep into the history and people of her locations, guided by her love for nature and fascination with rugged landscapes.



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Ein völlig anderes Leben

LISA QUENTIN

A Completely Different Life

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

About mother-daughter love and our yearning to belong, no matter what

I'm all alone now, is Jule's first thought when her mother dies. But when she goes to sort out her mother's flat, Jule discovers documents that show she was adopted. Jule never felt properly close to her mother, and starts questioning her whole past: their sudden move to the West, losing contact with her father, her sister's disappearance and her mother's persistent silence... What would her life look like today, if she'd grown up with her biological family? Would she be happy? Jule knows that she has to find her birth mother to get answers. But she isn't the only one who has been looking for them all these years...

It's fantastic. Quentin tells the story so well – a proper emotional rollercoaster ride.

Seitenwandler.de

Entertaining, engrossing and affecting!


bn – Bibliotheksnachrichten

Compelling, inspiring, and told with much heart [...] an accomplished debut.

Rümlanger

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Lisa Quentin, born in 1985, studied German and psychology in Freiburg, and then spent ten years as a copywriter and online editor. After qualifying as an NLP coach, she now works in digital media and researches user behaviour. A Completely Different Life is her debut novel for Goldmann.

A well-researched book [...] you should read it.

Kikinlyrics

It gets under your skin.

Mitteilungsblatt Plankstadt



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: Bella Donna. Die
Herrin von Mantua

CATHERINE AUREL

Belladonna: The Mistress of Mantua

THE DAUGHTERS OF ITALY SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (MOBA)


The dream of eternal beauty, and a young love in danger: the second book in this bestselling trilogy set in Italy

Florence, 1534. No sooner have they sworn their eternal love, than the young merchant's daughter Calla del Giocondo and her lover are forced to flee the city. Samuele, the heir to the Bellani cosmetic empire, is accused of having poisoned a woman. It's only through sheer luck that the couple finds shelter at the Mantuan court. Thanks to his secret recipes for beauty products, Samuele wins the approval of the proud and cultured Duchess of Mantua. Calla, however, is also pursuing a dream: supported by the duchess's son, who ceaselessly tries to woo her, she learns how to read – and makes a discovery that could cost the young couple their lives...

The second book in the historical fiction trilogy Daughters of Italy, about strong young women caught up between intrigues and true love.

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Catherine Aurel has three great passions: writing, the past, and her fascination for Italy. Ever since she was a child, she was drawn to picturesque Florence, Mantua and Rome, cities alive with impressive history and stunning art. Several inspiring research trips later, she sat down to write her "Daughters of Italy" series.



CARMEN BELLMONTE

Times of Change

THE MALLORCA SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 08, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

The moving story of a family caught in the winds of change

Mallorca, 1913. The Delgado family runs a small winery at the foot of the idyllic Tramuntana mountains. But when the competition on the mainland grows more powerful, the island's wine trade collapses. The Delgados' children have to act fast if they want to save the estate from ruin. While Antonia and her fiancé Mateo travel to Cuba – where they hope to buy a vineyard to help support the family – and Carla looks for work in Mallorca, Leo pursues his own, not always legal, schemes, which increasingly distance him from his family. Will the Delgados survive the crisis? And at what cost?

You'll be rooting for the Delgado family's misfortunes, brave decisions and yearnings until the very last page, and you're already looking forward to the next volume.

Author Marie Lamballe

So immersive that you'll hardly want to come up for air.

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Carmen Bellmonte



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Carmen Bellmonte is the pseudonym of the authors Elke Becker and Ute Köhler. Together they bring 35 years of Mallorca island experience to the table. They have been friends for over ten years, love travelling and good wine, and both write books set on their paradisiacal Balearic island. So it made sense to join forces and combine all their preferences in one big epic story.

I wish I could give more than 5 stars – it really deserved 10+++!

instagram.com

A brilliant historical novel. I can't wait for the next one – am desperate to find out what happens to the family.

instagram.com

I highly recommend you buy this. I'm really looking forward to the rest of the series.

instagram.com

I'm so glad to hear there will be three more books in the series, and look forward to finding out how their story continues.

klusiliest.blogspot.com

The Delgados have swept me right off my feet. [...] A thoroughly moving family saga that had me enchanted from the very first page.

susisquerbeet.de

The brilliant start to a very entertaining Mallorca-set series. Highly recommended.

ullaslesecke.blog

I absolutely loved this first instalment in this new Mallorca saga.

Books and Shoes

A wonderfully touching and enchanting historical novel.

ren_bookslounge

560 pages of entertainment and suspense [...] and you'll have reached the last page before you know it.

Mallorca Magazin

I couldn't put it down. It was an absolute highlight for me, and I loved it from first to last.

sonjas_buechercke

A captivating family saga.

Laura

Gripping from first to last.

Regional Magazin Dachau

What makes this series unique is that it's a journey into the past combined with the delectable subject of wine.

Mallorca Zeitung

A brilliant introduction to this new series. I give it 5 stars. Everyone should read it.

instagram.com



Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Original title: Leuchfeuer

CORINA BOMANN

Beacon of Hope

THE SISTERS OF WALDFRIEDE HOSPITAL (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 27, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti), The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

A courageous paediatric nurse fights for her little patients – and her happiness


The Berlin district of Zehlendorf, 1933. Just as the Waldfriede clinic has finally made a name for itself and the clinic's director Conradi is admitted to the Berlin Society of Surgeons, storm clouds gather on the horizon. The Nazis have seized power, and suddenly the Waldfriede clinic and its staff are under surveillance. But the young paediatric nurse Lilly is less concerned for herself than for her little patients who need her protection, and for her friends and colleagues. In the meantime, she has realised that she likes Dr Rudolph Kirsch more than just as a colleague. But she suspects that she isn't the only one harbouring a secret. These are dangerous times, and Lilly grows ever more desperate: should she risk everything – even if it means losing everything she cares about?

Bestselling author Corina Bomann's new novel set in and around Berlin's Waldfriede clinic is inspired by the real-life story of a paediatric nurse working in 1930s Germany.

You'll be utterly gripped by the story. Exciting, and told with heart.

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Corina Bomann



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With a total of over two million copies, Corina Bomann's novels are an indispensable part of the bestseller shelves not only in Germany – most recently, the volumes "The Colours of Beauty. Sophia's Triumph" and "The Women of the Lion's Court. Mathilda's Secret".

With her new series of novels about the Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin, she is fulfilling her heart's wish: inspired by the real chronicle of the clinic, she is creating a monument to the clinic and its eventful history, making it the setting for a great historical saga.

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Reinvigorates the genre (a Spiegel bestseller)!

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Publishing House: Goldmann
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cm
Original title: Die
Champagnerfürstin

ANNETTE FABIANI

The Champagne Princess

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 20, 2022

Rights sold to: Poland (Skarpa Wydawniczo), Spain (Roca)


Two brave women. Sparkling champagne. A glorious time.

Rheims, 1858. When Jeanne Pommery is unexpectedly widowed, her deceased husband's rivals get ready to destroy his wine business. But Jeanne determines to continue running the business on her own, despite knowing that she'll have to fight to assert herself in a ruthless man's world. She seeks help from Barbe-Nicole Cliquot, who, following her own husband's death, created a wine empire with just a handful of vineyards. Jeanne learns much from the old lady, who witnessed the French Revolution when she was a girl and survived against the odds. Finally, self-confident Jeanne succeeds in conquering the market with a new brand of brut champagne. But war and upheaval threaten to destroy her hard-won success...



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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
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Original title: Terra di Sicilia.
Die Rückkehr des Patriarchen

MARIO GIORDANO

Terra di Sicilia: Return of the Patriarch

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Signatuur)

English sample translation available

A German-Italian family epic: sensuous, colourful, striking

Barnaba Carbonaro, a young man living in Sicily at the end of the nineteenth century, has a head full of dreams of wealth and plans to create a dynasty. And his dreams come true: clever and courageous, he rises from illiterate pauper to dandy, and ends up a highly regarded citrus fruit merchant. His life is an odyssey marked by both triumphs and utter failure, driven by an insatiable longing. Barnaba has twenty-four children, becomes a rich man and loses everything.


At the end of his long journey, the patriarch looks back at the hungry boy he once was, who went into the world seeking happiness and success. And he realises that, between all those goodbyes and fresh starts, between sweet tangerines and the Bavarian snow, he has achieved something even greater.

It was my perfect summer companion – such fun. I think everyone who loves reading historical novels based on real events will love this.

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Mario Giordano, born in 1963, is an author and screenwriter whose work has been translated into more than 15 languages. His Auntie Poldi crime novels are regular bestsellers in Germany and the US, and he is the author of the novel Das Experiment ('Black Box: The Experiment'), which he later adapted for the big screen. He has also written picture books and YA novels. Terra di Sicilia is based on his family's story.

A brilliant, immersive life story.

Buecherstube_flintbeck

This 530-page novel provides readers with lots of history and background information, as well as lovingly detailed descriptions. Highly recommended.

Textart_blog

An immensely entertaining, suspenseful and brilliantly told family saga. It's a perfect summer read!

Literaturwerkstattkreativblog.wordpress.com

Gripping and merciless, yet deeply sympathetic.

Atterbuch

A brightly coloured, orange-scented German-Italian family epic.

Sirlexfelixson

Beautifully written. A blend of family saga, fairy tale, documentary, a little encyclopaedia of all things citrus fruit, and fireworks.

Eschborner Stadtmagazin

An atmospheric, twisty story that casts a sharp eye on Sicily's archaic society and on Italian history [...] highly recommended.

Satzbehalter

An opulent book that brings the Sicilian sunshine into your house, and will leave you lost in thought.

Die_buecherweltenbummlerin

An opulent novel suffused with scents and flavours.

Ulrikesosnitzsa

Such a captivating novel [...] I can practically see the orange plantations and smell the tangerines. I love this German-Italian family saga.

Buchstabensammlerin

A wonderful novel: funny, lively and honest, it never embellishes the truth.

Lese_sternchen

An emotional journey spanning several decades.

Me_bookies

Highly recommended for all who love Sicily.

Anna.castronovo.autorin

A riveting story, partly inspired by real events.

Die Glocke

Giordano is a masterful storyteller. A bright, colourful picture book of a novel.

Cafeundbuch

A cleverly plotted family saga [...] an impressive melodrama that plays out between Bavaria and Sicily, brilliantly executed.

BR Hörfunk, BR 24-Podcast 'Das interkulturelle Magazin'

Wonderfully vivid, with richly detailed descriptions.

Lese.lust

Giordano has [...] produced a real treasure trove of contemporary anecdotes, local Bavarian colour and Sicilian

esprit [...] an abundant, opulent joy for all your senses.

Kulturbowle

What a wonderful book! There are so many exciting characters in it, and Giordano clearly loves telling stories.

Leacadisch

A first-class page-turner that'll make you yearn for summer sun and tangerines.

Schoene_Seiten

Giordano's epic family saga is a gift to us readers.

Buchstaplerei

A delightful daydream of a historical novel, sensuous, opulent and richly layered. A feast for the senses, beautifully written.

Buch_Zeit



Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Format: Paperback
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 Original title: Helena Rubinstein und das Geheimnis der Schönheit

BIRGID HANKE

Helena Rubinstein and the Secret of Beauty

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Euromedia), Poland (Marginesy)

The story of a woman who was a century ahead of her times

New York, 1965. Helena Rubinstein is ninety-five, one of the richest women in the world, and a glittering icon. Whether she's in London or Paris, Sydney or Manhattan, people everywhere recognise her in the street, and her cosmetics empire stretches across the world. But she wasn't born with a silver spoon in her mouth – rather, she is the daughter of a modest Polish-Jewish family, who emigrated all alone to Australia as a young woman in 1896. Shortly before her death, Helena looks back on her eventful life, and her rise from poverty into the highest echelons of New York society...

An addictive read – and not just for make-up aficionados.

Laura

A fascinating biography of an unusual woman – even if she doesn't always come across as very likeable. Highly recommended.

Mainhatten Kurier

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Birgid Hanke studied law, and pursued various careers before discovering her love for writing. She is now an author and freelance writer, and lives in Bremen.

A literary memorial to an inspiring woman. You won't want to put it down.

Ruhr Nachrichten

Extremely well done, engrossing and irresistible.

Heidis Literaturblog

This excellent fictionalisation of the life of this cosmopolitan woman and brilliant cosmetics pioneer [...] delivers a fascinating slice of twentieth-century history.

Lesendes Federvieh

A touching, eye-opening and entertaining book about the life of a brilliant businesswoman.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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cm
Original title: SOMERSET.
Sehnsucht und Skandal (1)

EMMA HUNTER

Somerset: Longing and Scandal

THE SOMERSET SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 11, 2022

Rights sold to: Spain (Maeva)

The dances are big, the scandals even bigger: welcome to Somerset


England in the late 18th century. Isabella Woodford has a problem: following a passionate, forbidden night of love with an army officer, her reputation as a virtuous young aristocrat is at risk. She has to cover up the scandal and quickly secure a husband. Equipped with a list of likely candidates, she goes to live with her aunt in the worldly city of Bath, where English high society lights up the night with its glamorous balls. It doesn't take long for Isabella to find her first suitor. But then she meets the rich, stand-offish textile merchant Alexander, who makes her feel something she's never felt before. But Alexander is a confirmed bachelor, determined never to marry. When the army officer reappears to blackmail Isabella about the night they spent together, she has to decide what's more important: her reputation, or love...

Scandal and amorous intrigues against a historical backdrop – the perfect recipe for anyone wanting to immerse themselves in a different world.

Fränkische Nachrichten

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Emma Hunter is the pen name of a popular German author who loves coffee more than anything. Emma needs a walk in the fresh air at least once a day (ideally among trees and flowers), and her greatest weakness is probably cream cake – she just can't say no to it. She watches her favourite films and TV series over and over, until she knows the dialogue by heart. Her favourite book is "Jane Eyre", and England is her favourite holiday destination.

An entertaining story of love and intrigue in a tightly laced (social) corset.

Mainhattan Kurier



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 448 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Fräulein Stinnes und die Reise um die Welt

JANSEN LINA

Miss Stinnes Tours the Globe

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 09, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Alpress)

Berlin, 1927: A woman embarks on a trip around the world, proving that she has what it takes

When Clärenore Stinnes sets off in her car on the 25th of May 1927 with the intention of circling the globe, she has no idea what lies in store – but come what may, she'll show the world that a woman, too, can have daring adventures. Together with her dog, two mechanics and a photographer, and with just enough provisions, she follows what was an extremely dangerous route in those days: driving through Syria, across the frozen-over Lake Baikal, through the Gobi desert and across the Andes – where she will confront her biggest challenge yet. Along the way, she not only finds adventure, but meets a man who will accompany her around the world, and for the rest of her life. Based on Clärenore Stinnes's remarkable life, this fascinating and inspiring story is simply unmissable.

The period detail is done perfectly, as are the three-dimensional descriptions of landscapes, people, and the political and historical context.

Renas Wortwelt

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Lina Jansen was born and grew up in Austria. She has a weakness for the past and stories about headstrong women. She has already published numerous bestselling historical novels under another name.

Spellbinding [...]. If suspenseful fictionalised real-life stories, adventure and strong female characters are your thing, you'll definitely love this.

WDR2

A book about a very impressive woman, whose life will inspire you to make your own dreams come true.

Freundin

Sometimes it almost seemed like I was right there with her on her journey. Jansen really draws her readers into this great adventure.

Sylvia Hertel / cybergirl



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Das Glück unserer Zeit. Der Weg der Familie Lagerfeld

HEIKE KOSCHYK

Happy Days: The Story of the Lagerfelds

THE LAGERFELD SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Piemme)


The history of the Lagerfeld family

Hamburg, 1902. Young Otto Lagerfeld emigrates to South America, dreaming of making his fortune as a merchant. On a visit to his family back in Hamburg, he meets his best friend's sister again. Otto is enchanted by Theresia but decides to travel to Vladivostok to sell tinned milk imported from the US. When he finds himself in a Siberian prison – with the four-leaf clover Theresia gave him as ever in his pocket – he knows he has no choice but to break out of prison, if he ever wants to see his family again and fulfil his dreams...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: C.
Bertelsmann

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 384 | 12,5x20,0
cm

Original title: Ein Garten über
der Elbe

MARION LAGODA

The Garden Above the Elbe

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 28, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Signatuur)

Stunning and atmospheric: against the odds, a woman realises her vision of a world-famous garden on a hill above the Elbe river

Hamburg, 1913. When Hedda takes on the position of head gardener to the Clarenburgs, a Jewish banking family, she has her work cut out. She's the first woman to hold the post at the estate on the Elbe river, and her colleagues – who are all men – regard her with suspicion. The job is physically demanding, too: she's a talented gardener, but the property is vast, and the advent of the First World War brings with it its own challenges. Nevertheless, Hedda succeeds in turning her vision into reality, including the Roman-style amphitheatre that becomes the focus of splendid parties and stage performances. But during the dark days of the 1930s, Hedda, who has Jewish ancestors, and the Clarenburg family find themselves in a precarious position.

Marion Lagoda's expertly researched, vividly written novel – with fascinating descriptions of the garden's flora – tells the fictionalised story of the woman whose real name was Else Hoffa, who created the Warburg family's famous Roman Garden in Hamburg's Blankenese neighbourhood.

A memorial to Germany's first ever female head gardener.

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After graduating with a degree in History of Art, Marion Lagoda joined the Rheinische Post as an intern, and has since contributed to the Frankfurter Rundschau among others. She now specialises in nature and garden features for various magazines, and is the author of several gardening books.

Lagoda has skilfully woven history and fiction into a novel [...]

Belletristik-Couch.de

A wonderfully light and addictive summer read that everyone's bound to love.

blankenese.de

Lagoda's lively telling of the true story of an extraordinary woman, with fascinating botanical descriptions.

Hygge

Lagoda skilfully interweaves the setting – the tumultuous era between empire and National Socialist dictatorship – with fascinating botanical descriptions.

WZ - Westdeutsche Zeitung

A wonderful novel for everyone who loves gardens and is interested in history. Highly recommended!

mein Stadtkurier Bocholt

A beautiful book, lovingly produced inside and out. It is very well written and structured, a real pleasure to read.

SommerInHamburg.de



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 544 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Die Frauen vom Insel salon

SYLVIA LOTT

The Women from the Island Salon

THE NORDERNEY SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 11, 2022

A hairdressing salon on the island of Norderney, and strong women fighting for their dreams – and love

Norderney in the early twentieth century: fisherman's daughter Frieda's dream comes true when she lands a job at the Fisser salon. A new, exciting world opens up for her there, and her happiness is complete when she meets the charming Count Ritz of Gartenstein. But the class divide makes it impossible for them to marry, and soon Frieda is forced to make a decision with far-reaching consequences. Meanwhile, Frieda's friend Grete, the daughter of a wealthy Berlin family, also has big plans. Against her family's wishes, she plans to move to Norderney to train as a nurse. The fact that she'll be able to work closely with a progressive young doctor makes her even more determined. But things don't turn out as planned: the First World War breaks out, and the men promise that they'll be 'back by Christmas' ...

A brilliant, vivid portrait of a time of injustice and reform.

Schweizer Familie

A historical novel that's both funny and deeply moving.

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Sylvia Lott is a freelance journalist and writer and works for various women's, lifestyle and travel magazines. Her novels *The Island Women*, *The Lilac Island* and *The Rose Gardener* were on the Spiegel bestseller list for weeks. www.romane-von-sylvia-lott.de

A terrifically smooth read. You'll fall in love with its protagonists.

get lucky

This island saga set in a hairdressing salon on Norderney is highly addictive.

Neues für die Frau

An addictive saga.

Revue der Woche



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 400 | 12,5x20,0 cm

Original title: Das Lied des Himmels und der Meere

ANNE MÜLLER

The Song of Sky and Sea

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

Sensitive, atmospheric, funny – the new book by this author of much-lauded, clever women's literature

Schleswig, 1872. Emma's mother is furious when she turns down a proposal from an eligible bachelor. Rather than marry a man she doesn't love, though, Emma boards the steamship Borussia and emigrates to California. In San Francisco, she accepts a position as companion to a wealthy widow, and soon falls in love with the likeable timber merchant Lars. They get married and plan to start a family, and Emma goes to live with him on Humbolt Bay. Yet their marriage remains childless, Lars is often away on business, and Emma is lonely. When Hans – owner of a shipyard, Lars's closest friend and best man at their wedding – offers her a position in his office, the two of them develop deep feelings for each other. But there is a love that cannot be.

Touching and refreshing, captivating and with subtle humour, Müller's novel tells the story of a headstrong young woman who goes against convention, and searches for, finds and follows her own path.


Moving and highly atmospheric.

lebensart im Norden

The funny, refreshing story of a courageous woman, set during the final years of the nineteenth century.

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Neue Presse

Sensitive, atmospheric and funny – Müller has once again written an intelligent novel about a strong woman.

Westfalen-Blatt - OWL am Sonntag

life-affirming and utterly engrossing – a real delight, Sensitive, atmospheric.

Heilbronner Stimme

A light-hearted, compelling story about a woman who boldly takes charge of her own life.

Münchner Merkur

Sensitive, atmospheric, humorous – Müller has written yet another intelligent novel about a strong woman.

Lebe-Liebe-Lache.com

An eventful tale of emigration, told with much humour, meticulously researched, and featuring an exceedingly sharp-witted northern German heroine.

HÖRZU, GONG

Refreshing, full of humour and told with a wonderfully light touch [...] A delightful, entertaining novel that shows life can be beautiful despite adversity.

Belletristik-Couch.de

Müller [...] has followed in her (great-great-great aunts) footsteps, and woven fact and fiction into a great novel.

Augsburger Allgemeine, Allgäuer Zeitung

A beguiling, delicately humorous story about goodbyes and

**new beginnings, about feeling connected, and about lovers
prepared to travel to the ends of the world.**

Buch-Magazin

**Refreshing, captivating and told with a subtle sense of humour
[...]**

DIE HARKE am Sonntag

**A historical novel whose protagonist is nevertheless utterly
modern [...] an unsentimental, almost feminist story.**

Der Nordschleswiger



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 560 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Die Landärztin - Aufbruch in ein neues Leben

FELICIA OTTEN

The Country Doctor: A New Life

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR (VOL.1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Xander)

A strong young doctor, a new home and a challenging time

Germany, the early 1950s. Although young Dr Thea Graven has had tough times in the past, she never lost her lust for life and believes in the good in people. When she witnesses a senior surgeon making a fatal mistake during an operation, her decision to report him spells the end of her career in Hamburg. Thea retreats to her family home in the Eifel mountains, where she accepts a position as a local doctor. But the villagers don't trust her, and her new boss Georg Berger – admittedly a brilliant physician – is a horrible thug. Fortunately, Thea's sisters Marlene and Katja stand by her, and the freshly installed country doctor soon discovers not only things to love about her new home, but also a few potentially explosive secrets...

I loved it. The first part was breathtaking, and it had me gripped right to the end.

Katis-Buecherwelt

The addictive first book in a new series about a resourceful GP, and a village teeming with secrets and intrigue.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 720 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Die Hofgärtnerin – Sommerleuchten

RENA ROSENTHAL

The Royal Gardener: Summer Glow

THE ROYAL GARDENER SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 26, 2022

A couple dreaming of owning their own nursery. A woman who bravely faces the future. A love that overcomes all obstacles.

Oldenburg, 1893. Marleene and her fiancé dream of opening their own nursery of scented lilacs and glorious rhododendrons. When they're given the chance to cultivate a piece of land, they can hardly believe their luck – if they manage to win a prize at the Hamburg garden show, they'll be able to designate themselves a 'Royal Nursery'. But to build a nursery out of nothing in such a short time places a heavy burden on them and their love – and to Marleene's sorrow, they even have to postpone their wedding plans. Their competitors, too, shy away from nothing to stop the couple from achieving their dream. Will they succeed against all odds?

The wonderful, thrilling second book in the saga is packed with envy and resentment as well as lots of love and imagination.


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An accomplished blend of historical fiction, romance and a heroine who defies convention.

Ruhr Nachrichten

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As a child, Rena Rosenthal would spend every free minute in her parents' tree nursery. Unlike the rest of her family, she didn't become a gardener, but her love for flowers has persisted. So it was clear from the start that her first family saga would be set amid the scent of lilacs and stunning rhododendrons.



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 448 | 12,5x20,0 cm
 Original title: Die Diplomatenallee

ANNETTE WIENERS

The Ambassadors' Boulevard

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Bonn, 1974. A brave woman caught between political factions, and a secret mission that could change everything...

Heike's quiet life is thrown into disarray when her old graphology professor Erik Buttermann suddenly shows up unannounced and invites her to the Bonn Graphology Institute's anniversary celebration. She was the institute's star student once, and the festivities just wouldn't be the same without her. Yet it soon turns out that Buttermann has a secret agenda. He has been tasked with analysing the handwriting of East German citizens to help select the GDR's permanent representative to West Germany – and who better to help him than Heike, once an internationally renowned graphologist? Not least because she's an easy target: there's a dark secret that she's been hiding for decades. When Heike agrees to help, she's unwittingly drawn into a maelstrom of dramatic events...

Gripping [...] a hitherto unknown chapter in the history of the former German capital.

General-Anzeiger Bonn

Wiener turns this historical episode into gripping drama [...] A beguiling novel about a dark chapter in the history of West and East German relations.

Münchner Merkur

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In this riveting novel, Wieners brings a forgotten chapter in German history back to life. Compelling entertainment, based on real events.

FORUM Magazin

A fascinating historical novel about a little-known subject.

Gong | Hörzu

An entertaining insight into the Cold War, and the relationship between West and East Germany. I wholeheartedly recommend it.

Nicigirl85

A fascinating novel based on extensive research and interviews.

Freie Presse

A little-known chapter in the history of Bonn, grippingly told.

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Das Haus der Hebammen - Susannes Sehnsucht

MARIE ADAMS

The House of Midwives: Susanne's Wish

THE HOUSE OF MIDWIVES (VOL. 1)
 NOVEL

Date of publication: May 16, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Alpress)


For them, it's a calling: the midwives from the maternity clinic

The midwives Susanne, Carola and Ella work at the same hospital in Cologne, and are best friends. When they come across an empty house in 21 Cranach Street, they decide to set up their own maternity clinic. They dream of giving mothers-to-be the best possible care, in a place where they can feel safe and warm – both before and after their babies are born. When a new patient of Susanne's claims to be a first-time mother, the experienced midwife can tell right away from the scars that the woman has given birth before. Why is she lying? The incident reopens old wounds for Susanne: a long time ago, she was forced to give up her own daughter ...

A moving story about life's little and big dramas, about pain, happiness, and trusting that everything will turn out all right.

A beautiful series. The first two books are the perfect summer read.

HONEY

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Marie Adams is the pen name of the Cologne author Daniela Nagel. She has published several novels and works of non-fiction under both names, and also writes articles about life as an author for specialist magazines. Her new "House of Midwives" trilogy deals with a subject that's close to all our hearts: the joy of pregnancy and giving birth. The author herself is a mother of five, and some of her children were born in the very same maternity home that has served as the inspiration for "The House of Midwives".

Once I started, I couldn't put it down. I immediately loved Adams's style, and the story is more relevant today than ever.

bookish.life.lines



MANUELA INUSA

Blueberry Days

THE CALIFORNIAN DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 6)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 14, 2022

The best blueberries in the world grow under the Californian sun

When tragedy strikes, the sisters Alison, Jillian and Delilah move to their grandparents' blueberry farm in California. Together with their grandmother Fran they bake cakes, make jam and sell berries at their market stall – it is a time of comfort, understanding and love. Now, years later, the sisters live far away from each other and meet only rarely. Until Grandma Fran decides to move into a retirement home with Grandpa Cliff, and asks them to take over the farm. The three sisters agree – and so begins an epic journey, beset with obstacles but also full of hope...

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Zusammen sind wir wundervoll

MARINA KIRSCHNER

Together We're Perfect

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 08, 2022

Life can be wonderful – sometimes all it needs is a good shake

Baking is Anna's great passion. She loves running the Sunsweet café, where, as a little girl, she would spend every free minute by her grandmother's side. Every day, customers come to the café looking for a slice of culinary happiness, and find safety and warmth. Because Sunsweet is much more than a café: for Anna's best friend Mel, the irritable elderly gentleman Havel and the lonely schoolgirl Mira, it's a home from home.

But where does Anna feel at home? When she meets handsome Marco at the food market, there's an immediate chemistry between them. But when she sees him again a few days later, it turns out that he's opening a vegan bistro across the street from her café, and he suddenly gives her the cold shoulder. Are they now just competitors? Or do they have more in common than they thought, after all? With lots of mouth-watering recipes – for vegans as well as for anyone who can't resist including eggs and butter in their creations.


This is a moving love story, and Kirschner's culinary excursions will make you hungry – lucky for us, the book includes recipes.

Freundin

A deliciously sweet novel interspersed with mouth-watering

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Marina Kirschner is the pseudonym of an Austrian author whose novels are extremely popular with the trade and readers. Grimm's fairy-tale "The Two Princes" was the inspiration for this, her second novel: she was so fascinated by the idea of two people who only ever almost meet, that she decided to turn it into an original tale for our time.

recipes – not just for lovers.

baden medien agentur

Magical and romantic – a cosy, escapist read.

Bücherplaza.de

JANA LUKAS

Where Your Heart Is

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2022

Home is where your heart beats faster

Felicia Sommerfeldt loves her home, the old schoolhouse on the Starnberg lake. She has spent many happy times here. But her great-aunt Leona's death cuts short the women's dream of opening a cookery school and catering company. In order to at least hold on to the old school, which is filled with memories, Felicia decides to rent out parts of the house. Her first tenants are landscape architect Ben Lindner and his dog Poldi, who throw the – normally so orderly – old school into chaos. Ben releases Felicia from her trance: he dances with her in the rain, and kisses her at sunset. And as green-fingered Ben breathes new life into the garden of the old school, Felicia's heart, too, blossoms once again.




Fiction, Women's Fiction

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Jana Lukas decided after leaving school to go for the more sensible of her two dreams and become a policewoman. After ten years in criminal investigation, she ventured on her first romantic thriller and since then has been writing tales about big emotions and temperamental characters.



Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 496 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Liebe funkelt apfelgrün

PAULINE MAI

Apple-Green Love

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 16, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Grada), Hungary (Athenaeum)

Sometimes it takes a whole village to mend a broken heart...

Love doesn't need a holiday? Mila disagrees. She was in love with Theo for months, and shattered by the revelation that he has a fiancée. She's distraught, and desperate to get away. The online ad for a house-sitter in Scotland couldn't have come at a better time, and she promptly moves into the sleepy village of Applemore. The villagers aren't very welcoming at first, but when Mila turns out to be a master baker and willing to swap her loaves of bread for cello lessons, crunchy apples or a pint at the pub, they finally take her into their hearts. And then handsome Finley shows up, and Mila's heart, too, opens up ...

Yet another brilliant, heartwarming novel by Mai, whose slightly out-of-the-ordinary plots never fail to entertain.

Bücher in meiner Hand

Hearts a-flutter in Scotland.

Laura

Mai's easy style is captivating [...] you feel like you're right there in the little Scottish village [...] a compelling love story

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Pauline Mai was born in 1987. She studied literary studies and, while travelling through France and Italy, she fell in love with the way of life there, the rough sea coast and macaroons. She is now living in Berlin again, where she has been working as an editor and literary scout.

with unexpected depths.

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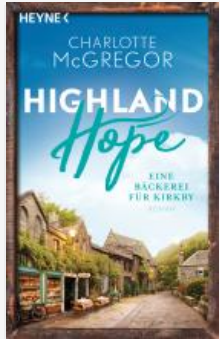
A fun plot and a charming heroine [...] – magical!

Freundin

A heartwarming feel-good story, with loveable characters who have a few surprises in store for you.

Tiaras Bücherzimmer

CHARLOTTE MCGREGOR



Highland Hope – A Bakery for Kirkby

THE HIGHLAND HOPE SERIES (VOL. 4)

Date of publication: January 10, 2022

Annabel makes Lennox's heart beat faster... and together, they'll make their dreams come true

The country doctor Anna Campbell never expected to fall in love with picturesque Kirkby. Her Maine Coon tomcat, too, is loving his daily visits to the Old Bakery where Kristie bakes the best shortbread in the whole of Scotland – and where eternally optimistic Anna keeps bumping into mysterious Lennox Fraser. Meanwhile, Lennox feels like the black sheep in his family. His father Marlin is especially disapproving of Lennox's music career. Anna is an orphan and knows what it's like to struggle along on your own. The two seem made for each other. But an old family secret is about to be revealed, and turns everything upside down

...

Fiction, Women's Fiction

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Charlotte McGregor knows what it feels like to yearn for a place, and even as a small child she was always drawn to cities and countries she only knew from books or films. The journalist spent many years writing travel pieces for newspapers and magazines, before deciding to immortalise her favourite locations in her novels. Scotland is currently the place that makes her heart beat faster, and she regularly visits its towns, villages and Highlands, enthusiastically embracing all things whisky, haggis and kilt.

CHARLOTTE MCGREGOR

Island Dreams: The Garden by the Sea

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 09, 2022

An unexpected fresh start in paradise

Philippa Gordon has burnt all her bridges, and is about to leave cold, wet Scotland for the very last time. But when her sister dies in a tragic accident, Philippa is forced to give up her lifelong dream. Her three-year-old nephew Rufus needs her – and she can't cope. But then a surprising job offer comes along: the Tresco Abbey Gardens in the Isles of Scilly is looking for a botanist. Philippa and Rufus promptly move to the British island paradise south-west of Cornwall. She loves working among the luxuriant vegetation, and slowly settles into everyday life on the island with Rufus. And then she meets Harry, a marine biologist who makes her heart beat faster – until a stranger appears, claiming to be Rufus's father ...



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Charlotte McGregor knows what it feels like to yearn for a place, and even as a small child she was always drawn to cities and countries she only knew from books or films. The journalist spent many years writing travel pieces for newspapers and magazines, before deciding to immortalise her favourite locations in her novels. Scotland is currently the place that makes her heart beat faster, and she regularly visits its towns, villages and Highlands, enthusiastically embracing all things whisky, haggis and kilt.



Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Eine kurze Liste meiner Probleme (Mutter nicht mitgezählt)

MIMI STEINFELD

My Problems – A Shortlist (Mother Not Included)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 14, 2022

Two sisters, three aunts and a death – welcome to Cressida Catterberg's life

The list of Cressida's problems is short: too little money, too many dates, too many tiring relatives. And then there's Mika, her flatmate's one night stand, who seems to have moved into their flatshare. At the top of the list, however, is Cressida's mother, Eveline. More precisely, her funeral and her last wish: she wants her ashes to be scattered in Munich's English Garden, and has left Cressida an old bistro in her will. No wonder that Cressy constantly has to ring up her therapist, Mr Lindholm: her life is simply one big emergency. But perhaps Mika can help her to take control of her life, and her heart...

For fans of Sophie Kinsella and Fleabag.


A light-hearted genre novel for young women, pacey and amusing.

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Mimi Steinfeld is the pseudonym of Beate Teresa Hanika, born in Regensburg in 1976. She has already written two enchanting comedies featuring Cressy Catterberg and her turbulent family and love life, but before then was already a famous author of popular YA books and literary novels.



Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 464 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Illustrations: 10 b/w illustrations
Original title: Das Glück riecht nach Sommer

MEIKE WERKMEISTER

Happiness Smells of Summer

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 18, 2022

10 b/w illustrations

There's room for happiness even in the smallest allotment...

Travelling the big, wide world isn't Ina's thing. After qualifying as a doctor, she returns to her home town on the coast – and to a man who she once thought was her future. But he's now well and truly a thing of the past, as is her position at the Husum hospital. So she spontaneously decides to follow her childhood dream and moves to Hamburg, where she finds refuge in a summerhouse on the Alster Canal. As her hands transform the overgrown garden into a sea of flowers, Ina, too, blossoms again. And she realises that old dreams can turn into something entirely new – if only she'll listen to her heart...

Wonderfully fluffy, and guaranteed to put you in a good mood.

Emotion

A perfect, entertaining summer read – switch off, and dive in.

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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Like Fire We
Burn

AYLA DADE

Like Fire We Burn

THE WINTER DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: January 10, 2022

He's at home on the ice – but can he make her heart melt?


Aria thought that two years and two thousand miles would be enough. But when her mother falls ill and she returns to Aspen to run her mother's B & B, her feelings come surging back. She realises that she still carries a torch for the charismatic ice hockey player Wyatt who once broke her heart. She promises herself not to get too close to him again – which proves impossible when he's forced to temporarily move into the B & B. When Aria finally meets a new man, she thinks she's over Wyatt – and tells him that they can only ever be friends. But on a trip into the snowy mountains, they can no longer ignore the chemistry between them, and Wyatt seems intent on convincing her that friendship will never be enough ...

All those emotions, all that rage and disappointment are completely convincing. A simply wonderful read.

Literaturblog 'Book Reviews' (A)

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Ayla Dade was born in 1994 and lives with her family in northern Germany. She studied Law, but spends every spare minute she has writing. She is a popular book blogger, and fills the pages of her novels with tumultuous feelings and magical scenery. "Like Snow We Fall" and "Like Fire We Burn", the first two books in her "Winter Dreams" series, have won her a big following, and have rapidly become bestsellers.



Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Illustrations: 1 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Fly into my Soul

MAREN VIVIEN HAASE


Fly Into My Soul

THE MOVE DISTRICT SERIES (VOL. 3)

Date of publication: January 17, 2022

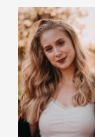
Mackenzie represents everything Brody hates – but he just can't resist her

The dancer and influencer Mackenzie is sent to New York for a collaboration with a sports brand. Annoyingly, she has to practise the routine for her video at Move District, of all places – her old dance studio, which she hasn't set foot in since leaving it under a cloud. Her old crew aren't pleased about her arrival either, and refuse to let Mackenzie tell her side of the story. Brody, the creative but shy cinematographer assigned to film her video, is the only one who doesn't know about what happened back then. Which is just as well, because Mackenzie falls for him the moment they meet. But Mackenzie's management aren't happy at all about their blossoming romance...

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: btb
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: BRENNWEITE

BERNHARD AICHNER

Burning Point

A BRONSKI CRIME NOVEL (VOL. 3)

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

"With the Bronski novels, bestselling author Aichner has created an exciting, promising new crime series. Outstanding." München Merkur

It's springtime for miracles. Germany is in the grip of extraordinary events: a blind man can suddenly see, a terror attack is foiled, and the country is stunned by an incredible prophesy.

The man responsible for all these things has appeared as if out of nowhere. He's a nondescript, modest monk, and the people think he's a new Messiah. Only David Bronski and his colleague Svenja Spielmann have their doubts. They set out to search for the truth, and uncover a madman's nefarious plans.

Slowly, a really unusual and suspenseful tale unfolds. Highly recommended.

Bayern1 'Ulla Müllers Buchtipp

Yet another page-turner.

Tvmedia

It took me on a rollercoaster ride, up to the heights of tension and down into the darkest recesses of the human heart [...].

Matoms Bücherwelt

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[...] Aichner [...] is one of the most skilled writers around. With his succinct narrative style, he has created a story [...] both original and highly entertaining.

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A brilliant new crime novel by Aichner.

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Utterly suspenseful, fast-paced and relentlessly gripping.

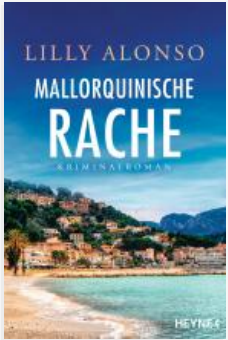
Krimi-Couch

Sublime. Aichner is today's most hard-hitting and impressive German crime fiction author.

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Brutal and twisty [...] Once again, he (Aichner) shows his protagonists no mercy – a thrilling story and frank portrait of the media world.

Wiener Zeitung



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Mallorquinische Rache

LILLY ALONSO

A Very Mallorcan Revenge

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: April 18, 2022

Sargento Lluc Casanovas is about to take early retirement – but first has to solve one last challenging case

Ramón Cabot is stabbed to death in broad daylight, right in front of everyone in the packed Sóller express train. It looks like an open-and-shut case: during the journey, Cabot got into an argument with his arch-enemy Pablo Rivera. Sargento Lluc Casanovas takes on the case that should be his last – he's planning to take early retirement, and looking forward to spending his time looking after his horribly neglected garden. But the investigation is anything but straightforward: there seem to be no witnesses, and the murder weapon is nowhere to be found either. And to top it all, Lluc's successor Josefina García keeps interfering...

A wonderfully light summer read filled with murder, intrigue, unrequited love, and much more.

Avare Loniee

A great holiday read.


Laura

Delightfully written. It's full of humour, with lots of puns, and will frequently make you chuckle.

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Lilly Alonso was born and raised in Hanover, and lived and studied in Berlin before love finally took her to Mallorca. She has enjoyed island life for nearly twenty years now, spending her time working as a dentist, observing the place and its people, and writing crime novels.

[...] Alonso [...] introduces us to Sóller's idiosyncrasies, taking us on a wonderful sightseeing tour through the famous Valley of Oranges.

Mallorca Magazin



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Spur – Er wird dich finden

JAN BECK

The Trail – He Will Find You

THE GRIPPING NEW THRILLER BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Date of publication: June 14, 2022

A circle burnt into the skin. Nine victims. And a killer with a message.

The body of a young woman is discovered in Vienna's city centre. It's a grotesque scene: the victim has been arranged like a statue. At the same time, a traumatised man with a circular burn-mark on his skin is picked up in the streets of Paris. A thousand kilometres separate the two cities, but there appears to be a link between the man and the dead woman.

Europol's top detectives Inga Björk and Christian Brand try to decode the killer's symbols, and realise that all clues point in the same direction: to a clandestine society right in the middle of Europe, whose members will stop at nothing to protect their secret.

Discover an addictive new read: a spectacular thriller series, whose books can all be read as stand-alones.


Beck is one of the best German-language thriller authors around at the moment. Bold, occasionally shocking, always unique.

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Beck [...] weaves an intricate case that simply races along. Time shifts and different perspectives mean that it is never boring.

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Jan Beck, born in 1975, is the pen name of a successful German-language author and former lawyer. With his action-packed Björk & Brand thriller series, Beck takes the reader all the way into the darkest reaches of the human soul.

Gripping to the last.

Raiffeisenzeitung (A)

Gripping, pacey and superbly conceived.

Salzburger Woche Pinzgau

Following The Night and The Game, this is the third riveting thriller featuring the mismatched pair of investigators.

Mainhattan Kurier

An absolute page-turner!

Die Presse (A)

Perfectly executed from start to finish. Highly recommended!

krimikiste.com

Utterly suspenseful!

Morgenpost am Sonntag

Hugely suspenseful, pacey and brilliantly conceived.

Salzburger Woche Pinzgau

A proper holiday read – straightforward and thrilling.

Westfalen-Blatt

Totally gripping!

Fränkische Nachrichten

Thrills from first to last – an addictive page turner.

meine woche (A)



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Limes
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5
 cm
 Original title: Die Toten von
 Fehmarn

ERIC BERG

The Dead of Fehmarn

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

Eight friends, eight secrets – one of them deadly...

Doro Kagel receives an unexpected phone call: her childhood friend Jan-Arne, who she hasn't heard from in years, has been murdered on the island of Fehmarn.

Shortly before he died in hospital, he whispered Doro's name. Straightaway, Doro is reminded of her last visit to the island many years ago, and of the young tramp Bolenda, whose body she and her friends found by a pond. His death has never been explained. And she also remembers the game she and her friends played one night. With a few drinks inside them, they each anonymously wrote a secret on a scrap of paper – and one read: "I know who killed Bolenda."

Doro travels to Fehmarn and meets her old friends again, but just a few days after her arrival two more of them are found dead. It turns out that Jan-Arne started looking into the Bolenda case again – and Doro feels obliged to pick up where he left off. Soon she, too, is in grave danger.

Gripping – unputdownable!

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The best-selling author Eric Berg interweaves the present with the past, and scores with a wealth of local colour and interesting characters.

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Eric Berg has long been one of Germany's most popular authors, acclaimed by critics and readers alike. Alongside his crime novels, which focus on strong female protagonists and nearly all bestsellers, he now also writes meticulously researched historical fiction marked by vivid descriptions and pithy dialogue.

Doro Kagel's extremely complex and compelling third case [...] with a surprising denouement [...] highly recommend it to all lovers of crime fiction.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Diana Verlag
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Stille Befreiung

PETRA HAMMESFAHR

Silent Release

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 14, 2022

He will do it again – and only you can stop him

Eighteen-year-old Sandra is desperate to move out of her parents' home, and Ronnie seems like the perfect man. She ignores her family's warnings, but not long after the wedding she realises that he isn't the man she thought he was. Two years after her daughter is born, Sandra finally manages to leave him. She finds a position as a live-in carer, and she and her daughter move in with Rebekka, who is living with a severe disability. But any hope of a fresh start is shattered when, one night, Sandra is attacked in her new home. Little does she know that the real nightmare is only beginning ...

A criminally good summer read. Hammesfahr delivers yet another thrilling tale.

Westfalen Blatt

A typical Hammesfahr book – a smartly written novel about the sexual and psychological abuse of women and children.

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Yet another canny psychological thriller by Hammesfahr.

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Petra Hammesfahr wrote her first novel when she was only 17, but it was 25 years before she landed a bestseller with *The Discrete Mr. Genardy*. Ever since, her thrillers have been storming the bestseller lists, winning awards and successfully being filmed. *The Sinner* has been made into a successful Netflix series featuring Jessica Biel and Bill Pullman.

An unputdownable thriller. A well-nigh perfect blend of relationship drama, crime story and thriller.

nextgengamersnet.com

Nerve-wrackingly suspenseful – a psychodrama that almost makes you forget to breathe.

Mainhatten Kurier

For the past 30 years, Hammesfahr has shown herself to be the master of the gritty thriller – and her new one is no exception.

Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung

A nerve-jangling psychodrama.

Deggendorf aktuell

[...] I was gripped right from the start, and could hardly put it down. She's the queen of the red herring.

LeseLustich

Brilliant. Everyone should read this.

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Perfectly crafted, intense and packed with dramatic twists.

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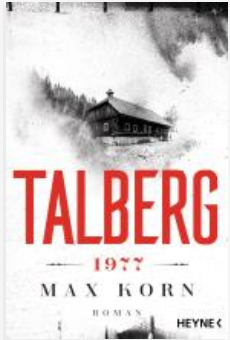
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Zeit für mich

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6
 cm
 Original title: Talberg 1977

MAX KORN

Talberg 1977

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 08, 2022

Black is the forest, dark the heart

Maria lives on her own in the forest. She has two marriages behind her: her first husband was an ill-tempered man, and the second an alcoholic. The villagers avoid her, in the belief that she's a witch. When someone dies, they of course blame the witch. But no one suspects her true secret – and that death loves lending her a helping hand.

One century, three crimes, a dark place in no man's land – the Talberg trilogy continues.

Almost magically, a quiet but relentless tension builds from the very first page, refusing to let you go until the very end. An unforgettable book.

Andreas Eschbach

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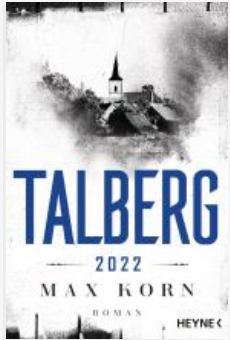
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6
 cm
 Original title: Talberg 2022

MAX KORN

Talberg 2022

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 09, 2022

Is it the place that's cursed, or its inhabitants?

A terrible storm uncovers the remains of a boy. Whose bones are they? Are they the local Hirscher boy's, who vanished without a trace nearly a hundred years ago? Or is he the victim of a murderer still living in Talberg? Josef Wegbauer, the village's burnt-out policeman, picks up the trail – one that leads him deep into his own family's history.

One century, three crimes, a dark place in no man's land – the gripping finale of the Talberg trilogy.

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Fiction, Fantasy & Science Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Der Klon

JENS LUBBADEH

The Clone

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 20, 2022

What fate do your genes have in store for you?

Berlin, 2033. Journalist Mara Erhardt discovers that a Korean biologist has been illegally cloning humans for years. One trail leads to Berlin, to two students. But when she finds the young men, everything starts happening at once: for there's another trail leading to Germany, and to a clone of one of history's worst criminals: Adolf Hitler.

Whoever is paying for him wants to keep him secret for now. Mara embarks on a deadly race against time, to stop Germany's past from repeating itself...

A well-researched and engrossing book, whose various characters' stories take you on a journey into the future.

RFLeseite

This dalliance with science is funny, smart and immensely entertaining. [...] A scientific delicacy, accessibly written, and a diverting read for anyone interested in the subject.

Technology Review

Lubbadeh enriches the genre with this engrossing and well-researched story, adding a distinctive element as he considers the issue from different points of view [...]

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