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SVEN GERHARDT

# Perfectly Different!

BOARD BOOK ABOUT DIVERSITY FOR THE YOUNGEST READERS

**Date of publication: January 24, 2022**

2+

With colour illustrations

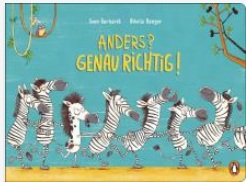
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## Everyone's different, and everyone's beautiful!

Look closely: hidden in every picture in this book, there are animals that are different from the others, one way or another: first one elephant, then two monkeys, then three zebras are dancing to their own tune, and there's more to come – because the more diverse the world is, the better. And at the end, all the animals get together for a big party!

A jolly book with lots of animals to discover, promoting strength of character and diversity.

- Awakens the imagination and creativity, promotes diversity and tolerance, and develops social awareness
- It's boring when everyone's the same: hidden in every picture are animals that are different from the rest – first one, then two, then more and more!
- With extra search tasks (a frog and an insect are hidden in each picture), and games to help children learn how to count to 6 – a truly diverse book
- Shows how rich and diverse the world is, and that everyone has the right to be who they want
- An aid to that first conversation with your child on topics such as diversity and inclusiveness



### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Nikolai Renger

Pages & Size: 16 | 23,0x17,0 cm


Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Anders? Genau richtig!



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Sven Gerhardt graduated with a degree in media design, and spent several years working as a graphic designer and illustrator. It was his passion for drawing which eventually led him to discover his inner storyteller. Today, he is a freelance writer and the author of the bestselling "Heuhaufen-Halunken" ('Haystack rascals') adventures.

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Nikolai Renger



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FRANZISKA JAEKEL

# The Great Egg Muddle: Whose Easter Egg Is This?

BOARD BOOK WITH BIG SURPRISE FLAPS

Date of publication: February 21, 2022

2+

With colour illustrations and flaps

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## There are brightly coloured Easter eggs everywhere!

The Easter Bunny is eggceedingly busy hiding presents in all its friends' Easter eggs. It has come up with something special for each of them – but when the animals have found all their eggs, it turns out that the presents have got mixed up. Oh dear, what an eggastrophe! Can the Easter bunny fix it?

An entertaining board book for children aged 2+, with lots of interactive fun and surprise pictures.

- Every flap hides a special surprise
- To look at, read and join in
- Cheerfully illustrated by Sabine Sauter



### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sabine Sauter

Pages & Size: 14 | 19,0x19,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+


Original title: Ei, Ei, Ei -

Vertauscherei! - Wem gehört das Osterei?



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Even when she was little, Franziska Jaekel (b. 1975) loved telling stories. Later, she studied German, sociology and psychology, and then worked for a children's and YA publisher. In 2004 she decided to turn her dream into reality, and became a freelance editor, translator and author.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Sabine Sauter



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Sabine Sauter's passion for beautiful books and wonderful illustrations fuelled her dream of illustrating books herself one day. After graduating in graphic design, she was able to make this dream a reality.

CHRISTINE KUGLER

# Take Heart, Little Scaredy-Frog!

BOARD BOOK WITH PULL-TABS THAT CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE

**Date of publication: January 24, 2022**

2+

With colour illustrations and tabs

## A scaredy-frog learns to be brave

Ferdie the little frog is afraid to hop into the water, scared of the dark, and doesn't like singing in front of others. But when his friends are there to help him, Ferdi immediately feels brave – and shows that he can do anything!

- Exciting moving pull-tabs change what you see
- Little activity books – a whole lot of fun to read, look at and play with
- Deals with the important topic of acknowledging and dealing with your feelings
- Helps children navigate everyday life, promotes socialisation and trains motor skills
- With easy-to-follow rhyming tips and tricks – wittily composed by Christine Kugler



### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Jutta Berend

Pages & Size: 12 | 15,0x15,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+


Original title: Kleiner

Angstfrosch, hab doch Mut!



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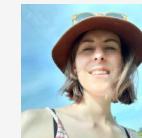


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### ILLUSTRATOR

Jutta Berend



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When she was a child, Jutta Berend's favourite way to spend her free time was reading and drawing on the floor of her children's room. Little has changed since then, except that she now lives in Hamburg, has children of her own and no longer lies on the floor when she paints. Most of the time, anyway.

CHRISTINE KUGLER

# Don't Growl, Angry Little Bear!

BOARD BOOK WITH PULL-TABS THAT CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE

**Date of publication: January 24, 2022**

2+

With colour illustrations and tabs

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## An angry little bear cheers up

Benny the bear can be quite grumpy sometimes: for example when he's told to tidy his room or wants something sweet to eat, or when someone else is playing on the swing. Grrr! What can Benny do? Well, he can laugh at Dad being silly, play a fun game, run as fast as he can, or even growl like a proper big bear – there's nothing like it to cheer you up!

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### Pre-School

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Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Jutta Berend

Pages & Size: 12 | 15,0x15,0 cm


Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Kleiner Wutbär, brumm doch nicht!



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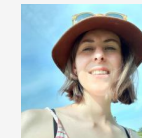


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CHRISTINE KUGLER

# Everything's Fun When You're Here, Little Gigglemouse!

BOARD BOOK WITH PULL-TABS THAT CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE

Date of publication: January 24, 2022

2+

With colour illustrations and tabs

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## ... because everything's better when you're in a good mood

Mimi is a very merry and special little mouse indeed: without giving it a second thought, she stops the other animals from arguing, cheers them up, and brings comfort to those who need it. With Mimi Gigglemouse everything's a whole lot more fun!

- Exciting moving pull-tabs change what you see
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### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Jutta Berend

Pages & Size: 12 | 15,0x15,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Kleine

Kichermaus, mit dir macht alles Spaß!



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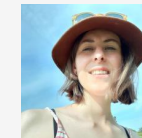


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CHRISTINE KUGLER

## Take a Break, Fidgety Bunny!

BOARD BOOK WITH PULL-TABS THAT CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE

Date of publication: January 24, 2022

2+

With colour illustrations and tabs

### A fidgety bunny learns to settle down

Little bunny Emma is a right whirlwind! She spends all day hopping about! But she also knows a few simple tricks to calm herself down: one last quick hoppity-hop, shake it all about, take a deep breath in and out... and before long, Emma's relaxed enough to settle down to her arts and crafts.

- Exciting moving pull-tabs change what you see
- Little activity books – a whole lot of fun to read, look at and play with
- Deals with the important topic of acknowledging and dealing with your feelings
- Helps children navigate everyday life, promotes socialisation and trains motor skills
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#### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Jutta Berend

Pages & Size: 12 | 15,0x15,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Kleiner

Zappelhase, ruh dich aus!

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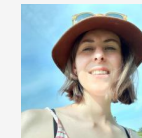


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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Eefje Kuijl  
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Glitzer für alle!

MILENA BAISCH

# Glitter for Everyone!

A STORY ABOUT BEING TRUE TO YOURSELF

Date of publication: March 08, 2022

4+

With colour illustrations

## 'A girl thing', 'a boy thing'? A picture book about gender stereotypes and open-mindedness

When Paul stumbles across a glittery crown at playschool, his friend Tarek says that sparkly things are just for girls. But what happens when a boy plays with them anyway? Does he turn into a glittering star? Does the world come to an end? Paul and Tarek pluck up their courage and have a go – who cares if the other kids laugh at them! Tilly decides to be brave as well, and stands up for Paul and Tarek. After all, girls are courageous and strong too!

A picture book that encourages all children – boys AND girls – to be who they are, and to question 'typical' gender roles.

- There's no such thing as a 'typical' boy or a 'typical' girl!
- A picture book that encourages kids to stand up for themselves and pursue their true interests and preferences
- An age-appropriate approach to the subject of gender stereotypes and diversity
- With fun and lively illustrations by the internationally renowned illustrator Eefje Kuijl

**A cheerful, wittily illustrated picture book that tackles the very**

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Milena Baisch (born in 1967) is a German children's and YA author who started writing stories while she was still at school. Since graduating from the Berlin Film Academy, she has also written children's plays for stage, screen and radio. She is the winner of the 2011 German Children's Book Prize. She has a son and lives in Berlin.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Eefje Kuijl



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**real problems children experience in playschool. It [...] provides much material for discussion.**

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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Monika Vaicenavičienė  
 Pages & Size: 48 | 24,0x30,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 5+  
 Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
 Original title: Ella im Garten von Giverny

DANIEL FEHR, MONIKA VAICENAVIČIENĖ

## Ella in the Garden of Giverny

A PICTURE BOOK ABOUT CLAUDE MONET

**Date of publication: March 08, 2022**

Rights sold to: China (Beijing Dandelion), Italy (Il Castello), Sweden (Opal)

5+

Illustrations throughout

English edition available

### A picture book about Claude Monet's life and work

Ella and her family have moved from the US to a little village near Paris. In the village lives a painter whom her father admires very much: Claude Monet. Ella often watches the artist, who has a funny long beard and always wears a hat, in his garden at Giverny. One day, Monet notices the girl secretly sketching a portrait of him. He encourages her with her art, and tells her about his own beginnings as a painter: 'I didn't want to make things look beautiful – I wanted to paint things as I saw them. I wanted to paint my impression of them.' A beautiful and insightful picture book about Monet's life and finding the courage to create your own pictures, even when they may not look perfect from the start.

Includes an appendix with facts about Claude Monet and impressionism, and photographs of his most famous works.

- For all fans of Christina Björk's classic Linnéa in the Painter's Garden
- Illustrated by an award-winning artist

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### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:  
Matthias Derenbach

Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Krümels

Abenteuer auf der  
Träumeburg

FRANZISKA GEHM

# Crumb's Adventure in the Castle of Dreams

BEDTIME STORIES FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES

**Date of publication: March 14, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations

## "Please, just one more!" Kids will never grow tired of these exciting bedtime stories

It's a very special night at the Castle of Dreams: Crumb never expected to be allowed to operate the sandman's big, mysterious dream machine, where children's dreams are made – but today the sandman needs his help! Naturally, Crumb is keen to show that he's a master dream mixer. The big recipe book and dream ingredients are all ready and waiting for Crumb to start. But careful, now! For a spring dream you need just a little drop of hopping rabbit, a dollop of... oops, that's too much! And thus begins Crumb's night of amazing adventures, high up in the Castle of Dreams...

- Ten fun and exciting bedtime stories for children aged 4+
- Imaginative, funny, and with loveable characters
- For the whole family to read together at bedtime
- Stories that boys and girls alike will enjoy
- Wonderfully cheerful illustrations by Matthias Derenbach



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Matthias Derenbach



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After graduating in communication design with a focus on illustration, Matthias Derenbach (born in 1979) founded the publishing house Topoli. Since 2008 he has also worked as a freelance illustrator for various publishers.



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Meike Töpferwien  
Pages & Size: 88 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Illustrations: 30 color illustrations  
Original title: Hier kommt Pupsermann!

WOLFRAM HÄNEL

## Fartman to the Rescue!

AN EPIC STORY ABOUT SELF-CONFIDENCE FOR YOUNG READERS

**Date of publication: April 26, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations

### Farting is a real superpower!

Jacob will never go back to nursery, no way! All the other kids are laughing at him, even his best friend Trixie. Just because he farted – accidentally, of course – when they were playing Superman. But then everything turns out well: prrrt! Jacob farts a dangerous jelly monster away with a monster fart, is challenged to a farting contest, and he and Trixie spend a whole week having one amazing farting adventure after another. Is farting maybe nothing to be ashamed of? Could it be Jacob's secret, and very cool, superpower?

- A brilliant, zany tale about self-confidence and friendship
- Everyone has to fart sometimes – but only Jacob's farts are super-powerful
- Super(hero) reading fun for boys and girls
- With witty illustrations by Meike Töpferwien



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Meike Töpferwien



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ANNETTE HERZOG

# Little Badger and Big Badger Have a Huge Row

A PICTURE BOOK ABOUT FALLING OUT AND MAKING UP

**Date of publication: March 08, 2022**

Rights sold to: Russia (Melik-Pashaev), Ukraine (Vivat)

3+

With colour illustrations

All rights available except Danish

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## When two best friends fall out...

Little Badger loves having adventures and exploring new things. He enjoys it even more when Big Badger is there too. Meanwhile, Big Badger loves baking cakes and having visitors. And Little Badger is his favourite guest of all. No wonder they're the best of friends! But one day, Little Badger and Big Badger suddenly have a huge row. So they decide that they urgently need a new best friend – how else can you resolve a huge tiff like that?

- Deals with important topics regarding children's everyday lives: falling out and making up
- Little Badger and Big Badger – a hugely entertaining story for readers of all ages!
- The brilliant first picture book in a new series for children aged 3+
- Annette Herzog's narrator is simply inimitable
- Characters to fall in love with – brought to life by the wonderful illustrator Olga Strobel



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Olga Strobel

Pages & Size: 32 | 27,0x23,0 cm

Recommended age group: 3+

Original title: Kleiner Dachs & großer Dachs - Der riesengroße Streit



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Olga Strobel



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Olga Strobel, born in 1980, spent a lot of time as a child immersing herself in picture books. She studied literature and art history at the University of Augsburg, but her desire to tell stories in pictures never ceased. After numerous illustrator courses, Olga Strobel now works as a freelance illustrator.

SANDRA KISSLING

## On Your Wings, Get Set, Go!

MY FAVOURITE EDUCATIONAL HIDDEN OBJECT BOOK, FEATURING THE LITTLE BEE

**Date of publication: January 24, 2022**

2+

With colour illustrations and flaps

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### Wonderful hidden object fun – search, discover and learn

The little bee can hardly contain its excitement: the big bee race is about to start! There are lots of exciting things to discover along the way: different shapes are hiding in the beehive, outside there are creepy-crawlies to be counted, and the wildflower meadow is overflowing with colours. On the lake and in the woods, too, there's lots going on: can you make out all the opposites? And who'll be the first to find the hidden objects?

A fun board book, with big pictures containing hidden objects for curious little ones aged 2+ to discover.

- A lovely large-format board book
- First lessons, playfully conveyed: practise counting, learn to recognise shapes and colours, find opposites and develop your concentration skills
- With lots of surprises hiding behind the flaps
- Colourful, jolly, highly detailed illustrations by Sandra Kissling



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Sandra Kissling  
Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x32,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 2+  
Original title: Auf die Flügel, fertig, los!

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# My Giant Hidden Object Colouring Book: Out and About with the Little Bee

LARGE-FORMAT COLOURING BOOK FOR CHILDREN AGED 4+

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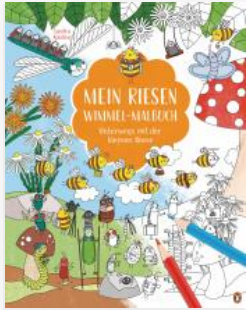
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## Huge hidden object colouring fun

Join the little bee as she buzzes through these extra-large, entertaining scenes – they're bustling with countless little creepy-crawlies, flowers, foliage, and lots more fun little things just waiting for you to colour them in with your favourite shades!

The detailed scenes promote concentration and creativity, the drawing exercises help children develop their motor skills, and they can even practise counting to 10 as they colour in the pages!

- Witty hidden object pictures with countless creepy-crawlies to colour in
- The extra-large format means extra-big colouring fun
- First drawing exercises: how do insects fly?
- Learn the numbers from 1 to 10 as you go along



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Paperback

With illustrations from: Sandra Kissling

Pages & Size: 16 | 31,5x40,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Mein

Riesen-Wimmel-Malbuch -

Unterwegs mit der kleinen

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### Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj

Kinderbücher

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Ute Krause

Pages & Size: 40 | 21,0x27,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Robin und der Ritter Ich-Ich-Ich

UTE KRAUSE

## Robin and Sir Me-Me-Me

A NEW EDITION OF THE CLASSIC PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 21, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations

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### Knights, robbers and brave heroes

Everyone's scared of vain and greedy Sir Me-Me-Me. Actually, not quite everyone. Brave Robin has decided to stop working his socks off for the wealthy knight, so he quickly pockets a shiny coin from the treasure vault and takes to his heels. But then poor Robin is captured by a gang of robbers, deep in the forest. When he tells them where he's just come from, they have a brilliant idea: with his help, they're going to break into the knight's treasure vault – and in exchange they'll give Robin back his freedom. But it looks like their leader's plans will be thwarted by Sir Me-Me-Me, and by a certain shiny coin...

This picture book was originally published as Ben und der böse Ritter Bertholt ('Ben and Sir Bertholt the Bad').

- A tumultuous picture-book adventure by bestselling author Ute Krause
- A funny, tongue-in-cheek story, exquisitely illustrated

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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 19,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 3+  
 Original title: Bitte, danke -  
 was ist richtig? - Darum sind  
 Manieren wichtig (Bilderbuch)

NORBERT PAUTNER

## The Little Book of Good Manners for Kids – With Witty Rhymes and Pictures

Date of publication: July 18, 2022

3+

Colour illustrations throughout

### A well-behaved picture book

‘Wha?’ grunts the frog, who hasn’t understood what the hare has just said; the mouse keeps talking over the elephants as they chat among themselves; and over at the tea table the crocodile picks up the biggest slice of cake with its jaws without asking. These and many other wittily illustrated everyday situations show why good manners are important, even for kids – because only if you’re polite and respectful towards others can you expect them to respect you too. Each example is presented in the shape of a funny verse. A hugely entertaining picture book for children aged 3+.

- A picture book with verses on the topic of good manners
- Wittily illustrated rules of good behaviour for little kids, on subjects including table manners, saying hello, tolerance, not swearing, washing your hands, not littering, saying sorry, and much more

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Norbert Pautner has been drawing and painting ever since he has been able to hold a crayon. After learning Mandarin and having lots of exciting adventures, he now does what he always loved best as a kid: drawing, crafting, and writing stories.



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Vera Schmidt  
Pages & Size: 80 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 7+  
Original title: Mein Abenteuercomic - Mops und Kätt erkunden die Berge

VERA SCHMIDT

# My Adventure Comic: Mops and Kat Explore the Mountains

BRIMMING WITH EXCITING FACTS ABOUT MOUNTAINS AND THEIR INHABITANTS

**Date of publication: February 21, 2022**

7+

With colour illustrations

## Calling all mountaineers: join us on a hike!

Mops and Kat know the only way is up – so they set off on a thrilling mountain hike together with the ibex Urs. On their way to the top, they visit an alpine pasture and discover the wonderful flora and fauna of the peaks: gentians, edelweiss and Alpine roses, golden eagles, marmots and chamois. On the summit, a sea of mountains unfurls at their feet. On their way back, they pass a majestic glacier – and that’s where it happens: Mops is distracted, and falls into a crevasse. When Urs and Kat try to pull him out, Kat, too, slips into the abyss. Not to worry: the friends discover an underground cave filled with glittering rock crystal, and, together with a shaggy snow-animal, have the biggest adventure of their lives so far.

- My Adventure Comic is an innovative book concept that makes reading even more fun
- Fascinating facts about the mountains, and the wild animals and plants that live there
- Bonus material: suggestions for fun hikes and games for little mountaineers
- Will help even the youngest readers discover their love for stories and reading

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STEPHANIE SCHNEIDER

# Make Room, Deer!

A STORY ABOUT TOLERANCE AND SHARING

**Date of publication: March 08, 2022**

Rights sold to: Poland (Edra Urban), USA (Skyhorse)

4+

With colour illustrations

English sample translation available



## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Susan Batori

Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Platz da, ihr Hirsche!


## There's plenty of room for everyone!

While out for a drive in their smart convertible, the deer discover a secret beauty spot. Naturally, they want to have it all to themselves! But then more and more animals gather by the lake to swim, play games and have picnics... there's all sorts going on! The deer aren't happy about it at all. When it suddenly starts raining and the seats in the cool convertible get soaked, the other animals come to their aid with blankets, umbrellas and towels. And now the deer have to admit that it's actually much better when everyone sticks together.

- Ideal for looking at, reading and discussing, at home or at nursery
- Playful learning – social skills for young children aged 4+
- Brilliant illustrations, full of humour and delightful details, by internationally renowned illustrator Susan Batori

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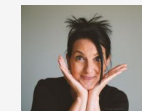


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## ILLUSTRATOR

Susan Batori



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Susan Batori studied graphic design at the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts. As art director of an advertising agency, Susan soon noticed that designing funny characters is much more fun. In 2013, she therefore started her own business as a children's book illustrator and has since been able to work with numerous international publishers.



### Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Illustrations: 30 color illustrations  
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss und die Geburtstagsparty

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut Throws a Birthday Party

Date of publication: May 23, 2022

Rights sold to: Greece (Metaixmio)

3+

With colour illustrations

## Happy Birthday, little fire dragon!

The little dragon Coconut can hardly contain himself: his birthday's coming up, and he's planning a big party! He's going to invite all his friends: Matilda and Oscar, of course, and Toothy Tim the vampire, the ghosts Clemenzia and Gerd, Baldwin the cave monster, Peter Port the pirate, Jumbo-Jumble, Busy-Bee, Jojo the monkey... blimey, the guest list is getting longer and longer! I wonder what his mum Mette and dad Magnus will say?

- The new picture book about the little dragon Coconut
- The little birthday boy has a brilliant party with all his friends
- There's lots to discover in the large-format illustrations

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Ingo Siegner (b. 1965) is an author and illustrator based in Hanover. His books about little dragon Coconut started off as stories he would tell his neighbours' kids – now, Coconut is one of the best-loved children's characters around. The countless print and audio books and merchandising featuring him and his friends have been a huge success.



ANJA FRENZEL, ANNETTE LANGEN

# These Lucky Stars: Stories to Help Kids Relax and Grow Up Strong and Brave

THE COMPANION BOOK TO ANJA FRENZEL'S 'GLÜCKSPUNKT' METHOD

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations

## First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Sabine Rothmund  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Illustrations: 133 color illustrations  
Original title: Gemeinsam sind wir sternestark! - Vorlesegeschichten zum Mutfinden

## Stories to help your child grow up strong and brave

Ida's parents have given her a very special birthday present: two soft and cuddly golden stars! They're meant to help Ida whenever she needs encouragement or gets upset. They're there for her when her best friend Henry is mean to her, when she loses her mum during a shopping trip, when she argues with her friends and when she spends the night away from home for the first time. But the best thing about these lucky stars is, that Ida only has to think of them to feel better right away – and the same goes for when she shares them with her friends: because together, Ida and the kids from Sparrow's Walk are strong, confident and very brave. Isn't that wonderful?

- Relax, take heart and look after yourself with these 'lucky stars' – a simple mindfulness and relaxation method
- Lovingly told stories that show how lucky stars can help children easily navigate everyday life

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## AUTHOR

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Annette Langen has published more than 100 titles. After a career as a commissioning editor, she became a full-time writer. On the side, she volunteers to help children with their reading, and in 2011 became the "Stiftung Lesen" organisation's reading ambassador. In 2012, she took over the reins at a mentoring scheme in Coesfeld.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Sabine Rothmund



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Sabine Rothmund was born in Ludwigshafen am Rhein in 1972, studied at the University of Applied Sciences in Mainz with a focus on illustration and book design. Now she lives as an illustrator with her family in Tübingen.



SVEN GERHARDT

# Minna Melone: Quirky Tales from the Truthful Wood

FANTASTICAL, LYRICAL STORIES

**Date of publication: February 28, 2022**

6+

With colour illustrations

## First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Mareike Ammersken  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 62 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Minna Melone -  
Wundersame Geschichten aus  
dem Wahrlichwald

## Every day is an adventure!

It's an ordinary day in the Truthful Wood, and the animals are doing what they always do: gathering food, sweeping their dens and fixing their garden fences.

None of them notices that something unusual is going on: a strange creature has appeared at the edge of the wood, dragging a heavily loaded cart. Only Zara the squirrel sees the street rat – dressed in smart trousers and a scarf that smells of the big city – set up a stage, with a sign reading: "A new adventure every night!" Little does she know that Minna Melone is about to turn the animals' lives upside down with her fantastical stories.

Anything is possible in this beautifully lyrical book about the power of imagination.

- Inspires readers to broaden their horizons and challenge prejudice
- Key message: you can achieve anything – all you have to do is join in and use your imagination
- An ingenious and lyrical story by bestselling author Sven Gerhardt
- With brightly coloured illustrations by up-and-coming artist Mareike Ammersken
- Short, self-contained chapters – perfect for reading to the little ones

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Sven Gerhardt graduated with a degree in media design, and spent several years working as a graphic designer and illustrator. It was his passion for drawing which eventually led him to discover his inner storyteller. Today, he is a freelance writer and the author of the bestselling "Heuhaufen-Halunken" ('Haystack rascals') adventures.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Mareike Ammersken

After completing her training in social pedagogy and working as a nursery school teacher, Mareike Ammersken (born in 1992) studied illustration at HAW Hamburg. Her atmospheric illustrations are inspired by long walks with her dog.

**A lyrical denunciation of prejudice, and an appeal to the power of the imagination.**

Süddeutsche Zeitung

ANKE GIROD

# Rudolphina Raspberrygrass: The Littersquirrel Problem

Date of publication: April 26, 2022

4+

With colour illustrations

## Lovely, magical stories featuring the animal whisperer Rudolphina

The animals of Hocus-Pocus Forest are all in a tizzy: the so-called littersquirrels are causing trouble again. There's leftover food all over the place, and dishes are blocking the path – despite the fact that witchy Aunt Eucalypta keeps telling the young animals how important it is to keep the forest clean and tidy. But little animal whisperer Rudolphina has a feeling that the rubbish wasn't left lying about intentionally. With the help of her magic wand, the witch girl discovers that nothing is as it seems. Obviously, she and the tiny fox Snufflesnore do all they can to help.

- Magically funny: Anke Girod writes the cutest stories for kids
- Helps children aged 4+ develop their character and understand that everyone has the right to be themselves
- Richly and colourfully illustrated by Sabine Sauter



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Sabine Sauter  
Pages & Size: 80 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Illustrations: 43 color illustrations  
Original title: Fridolina Himbeerkraut - Der Müllhörchen-Alarm

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Sabine Sauter



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Sabine Sauter's passion for beautiful books and wonderful illustrations fuelled her dream of illustrating books herself one day. After graduating in graphic design, she was able to make this dream a reality.



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ute Krause  
Pages & Size: 144 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 7+  
Original title: Die Muskeltiere  
– Hamster Bertram macht Schule

UTE KRAUSE

# The Muscleteers: Hamster Bertram's Reading School

THE MUSCLETEERS' LATEST ADVENTURE FOR YOUNG READERS

**Date of publication: March 21, 2022**

7+

With colour illustrations

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## Bertram becomes a celebrity

Bertram the hamster is on top of the world. He's just started teaching the little mouse Edwiga and her siblings to read – because to recognise the dangers that await both big and little rodents in the human world, you have to know how to read. News of Bertram's lessons spreads like wildfire, and before long the waterfront animals start queuing up outside the Muscleteers' HQ in Dyke Street. But when the shady street rat Wendolin shows up, everything starts to go wrong. Bertram's fame goes to his head, and Pomme de Terre, Picandou and Gruyère hardly recognise their old companion. Has the hamster forgotten who his real friends are?

A new adventure in the popular small-format Muscleteer series of short stories for young readers.

- The Muscleteer books are great fun, and a guaranteed bestseller
- With the author's own wonderfully entertaining illustrations
- Ute Krause is one of Germany's top ten children's authors

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### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Caroline Opheys

Pages & Size: 88 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Doktor Dolittle und seine Tiere

HUGH LOFTING, BETTINA OBRECHT

# Penguin Junior – Children’s Classics for Early Readers: Doctor Dolittle

EASY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TO IMPROVE THEIR READING

**Date of publication: April 26, 2022**

7+

With colour illustrations

## The most famous vet in children’s literature

Dr John Dolittle from Puddleby-on-the-Marsh knows that to be a good vet you have to understand your patients. Luckily, the parrot Polynesia is there to teach him their languages. He soon becomes so famous that one day even the monkeys in Africa send for him. And Dolittle wastes no time before rushing to their aid – together with Dab-Dab the duck, Gub-Gub the pig, Jip the dog, the owl Too-Too, and of course Polynesia.

- Hugh Lofting’s children’s classic, lovingly retold by Bettina Obrecht for children aged 7+
- An easy-to-read large-print edition, ideal for improving reading
- A children’s classic, divided into several chapters
- Witty colour illustrations by Caroline Opheys
- A magical story for all who love, value and respect animals

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Hugh Lofting

Hugh Lofting was born in Maidenhead in 1886. After studying engineering in the UK and US, he settled in the US in 1912, where he worked as a freelance writer and contributed to various periodicals. When the First World War broke out, he enlisted in the Irish Guards and was posted to France and Flanders. It’s in his letters to his children from the front that he first created the character of Dr Dolittle, who would make him world-famous after the war. Lofting’s first book, The Story of Doctor Dolittle, was published in 1920 with his own illustrations and followed by several further Dolittle adventures. He died in Santa Monica in 1947.

### AUTHOR

Bettina Obrecht



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Bettina Obrecht, born in 1964, studied English and Spanish. She works as an author, translator and broadcasting editor and has received several awards for her short stories and poems. She has been writing books for children and young adults since 1994 and has been called one of the best children’s authors in the country.

## ILLUSTRATOR

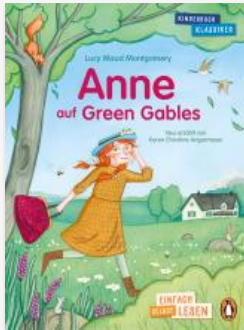
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LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY, KAREN CHRISTINE ANGERMAYER



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Marie Braner

Pages & Size: 88 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Anne auf Green Gables

## Penguin Junior – Children’s Classics for Early Readers: Anne of Green Gables

EASY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TO IMPROVE THEIR READING

**Date of publication: April 26, 2022**

7+

### Anne is a little whirlwind – and you can’t help but love her

Orphaned Anne Shirley is mistakenly sent to live with Matthew and his sister Marilla on their Green Gables farm in Canada. Although they had actually wanted a boy to help them out on the farm, Matthew and Marilla welcome Anne into their home. It doesn’t take long for freckly, red-haired, temperamental Anne to turn the village of Avonlea upside down with her wild notions, endless chatter and overflowing imagination.

- Lucy Maud Montgomery’s children’s classic, lovingly retold by Karen Christine Angermayer for children aged 7+
- An easy-to-read large-print edition, divided into several chapters, ideal for improving reading
- Magical colour illustrations by Marie Braner
- Thanks to the Netflix series Anne with an E (2017; 3 seasons so far), Anne is now more famous and popular than ever before
- A strong, temperamental girl with a wild imagination and a big heart

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Lucy Maud Montgomery

The celebrated Canadian children’s and YA author Lucy Maud Montgomery (b. 1874) published numerous books over the course of her life, including novels, poems and essays. Her series of books about the orphan Anne were her greatest success. The first book was published in 1908 and became an immediate bestseller.

### AUTHOR

Karen Christine Angermayer



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## ILLUSTRATOR

Marie Braner



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ANNETTE ROEDER

# Rosa the Robber Princess's Royal Holiday

Date of publication: June 27, 2022

6+

With colour illustrations

## First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Katrin Engelking  
Pages & Size: 112 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Rosa Räuberprinzessin macht Ferien im Schloss

## On the hunt for a castle ghost

Finally, school's out! Best of all, they're all going on holiday together, including Rosa's friend Irmela. The van's packed, the tent and Unicorn the donkey are in the trailer, and off they head to the campsite right by a picturesque castle. Rosa and Irmela are besotted with the castle, and dream of spending a night in its royal four-poster bed. That's impossible, of course. Anyway, the owners say it'll be too scary for the two little girls: apparently an invisible duke – who walked through walls even when he was still alive – is haunting the castle by moonlight! A ghostly duke in the castle? Rosa's ghost-hunter's instinct is well and truly awakened. She's determined to find out what's going on, with Irmela and Unicorn by her side.

- Rosa the robber princess hunts a castle ghost
- A cheeky heroine, perfect for modern girls
- Rosa is a modern Pippi Longstocking
- Numerous beautiful colour illustrations by Katrin Engelking

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## ILLUSTRATOR

Katrin Engelking



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Katrin Engelking was born in 1970, studied illustration at the University of Design in Hamburg and has been freelancing as an artist since 1994. She is now one of the most popular illustrators in Germany and her charming pictures have put life into many children's stories, including the new edition of Pippi Longstocking.



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner  
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 50 color illustrations  
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokoshuss in Australien

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut in Australia

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

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6+

With colour illustrations

## Extraordinary encounters down under

Coconut, Matilda and Oscar have heard amazing things about the Australian pouch dragon. Apparently a pouch dragon mother lays eggs, and when the dragon baby is born the father carries it in his pouch until it's old enough... the friends from Dragon Island are eager to see it for themselves, so off they go to Australia! Little dragon Coconut and his friends' exciting adventures have become true classics of children's literature. Here, Ingo Siegner writes about friendship and courage, and has included his own witty illustrations. The 'Spiegel Bestseller' series is perfect for both reading together and independent reading.

- Little dragon Coconut is out and about discovering the world
- Australia's extraordinary flora and fauna provides the backdrop for this new adventure
- More than 15.5m Coconut books sold so far

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Ingo Siegner



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Ingo Siegner (b. 1965) is an author and illustrator based in Hanover. His books about little dragon Coconut started off as stories he would tell his neighbours' kids – now, Coconut is one of the best-loved children's characters around. The countless print and audio books and merchandising featuring him and his friends have been a huge success.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 240 | 11,8x18,7  
cm  
Recommended age group: 12+  
Original title: Der Pfad – Die  
Geschichte einer Flucht in die  
Freiheit

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

## The Path

THE STORY OF A FLIGHT TO FREEDOM

**Date of publication: January 10, 2022**

Rights sold to: Spain (Bromera/Algar) English (Dedalus)

12+

With film stills

### The book to the feature film about the escape of two teenagers from the Nazis

France 1941: "Good or evil" is more than just the name of a game. Twelve-year-old Rolf and his father like so many other German refugees are being hunted by the Nazis. The two of them are stuck in Marseille because they couldn't get an exit permit. Their destination is New York, where Rolf's mother is waiting for them, but their only way to freedom is a steep path over the Pyrenees. Escape helper Manuel, a shepherd boy scarcely older than Rolf, is to lead them over the mountains. Secretly and against his father's orders, Rolf takes his beloved dog Adi with him, and so the four of them set off along a perilous path into an uncertain future.

- An excellently researched children's novel uniting humour and tragedy – sensitively told and gripping
- With a detailed foreword by the author and film stills in colour

**Bertram is a talented all-rounder: he's an excellent raconteur, and also makes you think.**

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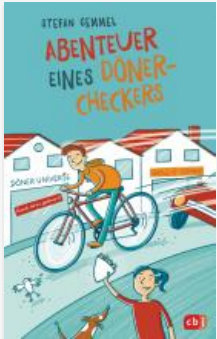
Rüdiger Bertram



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Rüdiger Bertram (b. 1967) has a degree in history, economics and German, and has worked as a freelance journalist. Today, he is a screenwriter, and has published numerous popular books for kids. He lives in Cologne with his wife and two children.





### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Martina Hillemann  
Pages & Size: 208 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Abenteuer eines  
Döner-Checkers

STEFAN GEMMEL

## Adventures of a Kebab-Blogger

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

10+

With b/w vignettes throughout

### For fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid

"24 hours chasing digital zombies, with no time to eat or sleep? Count me in!"

All Chris needs to be happy are a computer for gaming and the occasional kebab in his belly. But his godfather has other ideas: keen to get Chris to spend more time in the fresh air, he offers him an amazing new bicycle, plus a grand in cash – on one condition: Chris has to cover 1,000 km on the bike during the school holidays. It takes more than that to get Chris to come out of his cave... but when his godfather threatens to give both the cash and the bike to his cousin instead, Chris gives in. And so begins his biggest challenge yet...

- A hilarious tale for fans of comics, comedies and sitcoms
- Suspenseful, thoughtful, and with a side order of first love
- Gemmel actively engages in initiatives to promote reading, and is loved even by reluctant readers

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Stefan Gemmel



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Stefan Gemmel (b. 1970) has published several magical children's book series, including Im Zeichen der Zauberkugel ('The sign of the magic ball') and Lucas und der Zauberschatten ('Lucas and the magic shadow'). He regularly brings his stories alive at public readings, and also runs creative writing workshops.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Martina Hillemann

Martina Hillemann, born in 1975, studied communication design in Wiesbaden, is a trained communication trainer and specialises in the field of laughter and humour.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ulla Mersmeyer  
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Illustrations: 20 b/w illustrations  
Original title: Schule der Schatten - Die schwimmende Festung

ANDREAS LANGER

# School of Shadows: The Floating Fortress

THE GRIPPING NINJA ADVENTURE CONTINUES

**Date of publication: April 18, 2022**

10+

With b/w vignettes

## A fresh challenge for the trainee ninjas

Now that they're back at the School of Shadows after their recent adventure, Nori, Tenzo, Asa and Ryu resume their lessons. Their new teacher Sensei Okuse is showing them the art of hiding under water. Meanwhile, messenger pigeons keep arriving with worrying news, but Sensei Okuse refuses to tell his students what's going on. Unable to contain their curiosity, one night Nori and the others sneak into the sensei's house to read the mysterious letters. They discover that a gang of river pirates is causing trouble in the east of the country, and rumour has it that the notorious Floating Fortress has been sighted too... naturally, the four young 'shadows' decide to take a look for themselves.

- The boys Nori, Tenzo and Ryu and the girl Asa train their bodies and minds with new ninja techniques
- An irresistible adventure for boys and girls
- A dazzling setting, inspired by medieval Japan
- With b/w vignettes by Ulla Mersmeyer
- For fans of Chris Bradford's Young Samurai series

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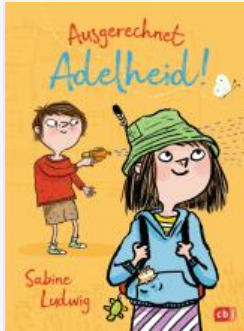


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Andreas Langer worked as a copywriter and journalist before setting out to write for young readers. Instead of reporting on council sessions and corporate anniversaries, he now tells stories set in fantasy worlds. He lives in a small town in Swabia (Bavaria) with his wife, his three children, and a cat obsessed with muesli. The School of Shadows is his first children's book.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Ulla Mersmeyer



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Barbara Jung  
Pages & Size: 192 | 15,0x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Original title: Ausgerechnet  
Adelheid!

SABINE LUDWIG

# Adelheid, of All People!

THE FIRST IN A NEW CHILDREN'S SERIES BY BESTSELLING AUTHOR SABINE LUDWIG

**Date of publication: March 21, 2022**

8+

With 2c illustrations

## Best friends and other catastrophes

Adelheid has to repeat the third year at school – and life is tough in other ways too: she keeps having to stand up to her three talented and beautiful sisters, which is both hard work and pointless. And there's her best friend Benny too... but you don't abandon your mates, even if they keep causing mischief. It's not Adelheid's fault that Mrs Melthead gets stuck to her desk, or that the boys' loos are on fire, or that a rare beetle has vanished from the Biology lab. But whenever she tries to save Benny's neck after yet another disaster, she ends up in trouble herself...

A wonderfully thoughtful story about friendship, loyalty and everyday prejudice.

- A typical Sabine Ludwig book, told with a sharp eye and sparkling wit
- The first book in the bestselling author's new trilogy: a quick-witted heroine with a rich imagination, and a big heart
- Two loveable heroes drawn from real life, who show how important it is to look beneath the surface
- Brilliantly illustrated by Barbara Jung

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Sabine Ludwig has already written countless children's and YA books, which have won awards including the German Children's Book Prize, and have been translated into many languages. She was named 2010 Author of the Year by the German Book Trade Association.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Barbara Jung



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Barbara Jung studied communication design. She works as a freelance illustrator for many children's and young adult publishers. She prefers stories with subtle humor and a certain depth. She lives alternately in Frankfurt am Main and in a small town at the Baltic Sea.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 192 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Träume sind wie  
wilde Tiger

KATHARINA RESCHKE

## Dreams Are Like Wild Tigers

Date of publication: January 10, 2022

10+

### When you set yourself a goal, you can do anything!

Ranji Ram and Toni Finster couldn't be more different. While 13-year-old Ranji, who has just moved to Berlin from Mumbai, dreams of becoming a film star, 12-year-old Toni is using her karate skills to battle the many obstacles in her life. Unfortunately, their goals conflict – and they end up in each other's way. But then they decide to team up, and together make the impossible possible.

- Ranji has his eye on Bollywood, Toni on London: two children get together to make the impossible possible
- A dancing, singing novel – and the message: 'Make your dreams come true!'
- This novel inspired the feature film of the same name (to be released in February 2022)

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For a long time, Katharina Reschke had worked as lecturer and script consultant for film scripts. Since then, she has been a freelancing screenplay and book author living in Berlin and San Francisco. She writes children's books as well as scripts for TV films, series and movies and has received multiple awards.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Zapf  
Pages & Size: 208 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Illustrations: 22 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: FRRK! -  
Echsen-Alarm

NICOLE RÖNDIGS

## FRRK! – Lizard Alert

Date of publication: December 13, 2021

10+

With black and white illustrations

### Under the spell of the monster lizard

Tom's friend FRRK has left for his home planet Tmlp, he himself is surrounded by various parents in love on Earth - and then Griselda, his friend Elli's bearded dragon, breaks out of the research lab. Apparently the super slush from planet Tmlp, which she accidentally ate, has given Griselda superpowers, because she has mutated into a kind of monster and leaves a trail of destruction in her wake as she flees. Fortunately, FRRK decides to return to Earth. But will the alien get a grip of all the terrestrial chaos and save his human friends from disaster?

- Close encounters of the glibbery kind: Crazy exciting, full of humour and quick-wit
- Great debut author who writes the finest children's literature with humour, heart and intellect
- For fans of David Walliams, Jory John/Mac Barnett and Sam Copeland

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Nicole Rödigs, born in 1975, is an author and journalist and lives together with her husband and her two sons in Hamburg. For many years, she has been writing articles and stories for children, partly for the magazine GEOlino and a radio show broadcasted by RBB, NDR Info and WDR.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Zapf

Falk "Zapf" Holzapfel lives, works and draws in Vienna while welding dragons, robots, hungry porcupines and all the other figures he has drawn in the last 10 years are looking over his shoulder.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 192 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Mein Feuerpferd  
- Ruf der Mittsommernacht

CHANTAL SCHREIBER

# My Fire Horse: Caught in the Midnight Sun

Date of publication: June 27, 2022

10+

Volume 3 in the Fire Horse series

## A girl and an Icelandic horse – a very special friendship

At last she'll have her very own horse! When Eva's cousin Emma encounters a young mare on a ride through the wilderness and manages to lead the runaway horse back to the stables, it looks like her lifelong dream is about to come true: Emma and her fairy horse were clearly made for each other. So when she hears that the stunning dappled mare will be auctioned off, Emma is desperate – and makes a big mistake. All Eva knows is that she has to prevent disaster, no matter what it takes. In the end, it's none other than her beloved horse Eldur who saves the day...

- A dream of a book for horse lovers
- A touching story about family, friendship and our love for horses
- For young Ostwind fans

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Chantal Schreiber was born and bred in Vienna, and she always knew that she was going to be a writer. She abandoned her degree course in languages, however, in order to travel and see as much of the world as possible. Once back in Austria she started writing screenplays for children's television and in 2007 finally published her first children's book. Her thirst for travel and adventure is reflected in most of her stories. Chantal Schreiber lives near Vienna with her family, a dog and a horse.  
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GESA SCHWARTZ

## Ella Löwenstein – A Sea of Magic

**Date of publication: November 22, 2021**

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Albatros), Russia (Eksmo)

8+

### Ella Löwenstein is a fairy whisperer. And the creatures of the Otherworld need her help...

When a poisonous green curse cloud is released over your own garden, the next adventure can't be far away – Ella is sure of that. And indeed, shortly afterwards the miniature giant Otto Lilienthal disappears without a trace from his apple tree. Everything suggests that he has been kidnapped by the Terror of the Mountain. Of course, Ella and the goblin Kasimir immediately plan a rescue operation! But the undertaking is risky and their adversary powerful – not to mention the deadly beauty that lurks hidden in a sea of magic ...

- The Ella Löwenstein series continues!
- A young and unconventional heroine and an unusual, magical friend
- Ella's world is filled with miraculous things and shines in the most beautiful colours of the magical sea
- A visual, poetic writing style which brings the magic of nature to life

#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu  
Pages & Size: 176 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 10 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Ella Löwenstein -  
Ein Meer aus Magie

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Gesa Schwartz was born in Stade in 1980 and studied German philology. After graduation, she set out to spend a year traveling through Europe on the trails of the ancient storytellers. In 2011, for her debut Grim. The Seal of Fire, she was awarded the German Phantastik-Preis in the section Best German-language debut novel.

#### ILLUSTRATOR

Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu



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JOHANNA VON VOGEL

# The Lab Brothers and the Rotpeaper Plant

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

5+

With colour illustrations

## First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Susanne Göhlich  
Pages & Size: 112 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 5+  
Illustrations: 49 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Die  
Erfinderbrüder und die  
Erbsmöhrika-Pflanze

## Two brothers, one crazy plant and plenty of wins

Kasimir and Kurt's favourite neighbour Otilie's tomatoes are odds-on favourites for a prize – so when the inventor brothers go lawn-skiing and accidentally destroy the plants, they obviously have to replace them. Just as well the two of them have more than just mischief on the mind! In a flash, they invent the super-fast-growing rotpeaper plant – which isn't just one vegetable, but three: carrots, peas and peppers! Will it win old Otilie the coveted Greenhorn Prize?

A cheeky story to read with your young ones, with lots of funny illustrations.

- Two brothers, one crazy botanical invention and plenty of wins
- The second story featuring the brother inventors Kurt and Kasimir
- With lots of funny illustrations by Susanne Göhlich
- Perfect for fans of Sempé's Little Nicholas

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Johanna von Vogel is an event manager as well as an author and has been a voracious reader since she was little. She still loves reading children's books now, mostly with her two sons, but also just for herself. Her favourites are quirky adventure stories featuring flying toilets, space food vans and mechanical sea monsters.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Susanne Göhlich



© Brigitta Kowsky

Susanne Göhlich, born in 1972, started drawing while still studying art history, and now freelances as an illustrator of school and children's books.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Daniel Stieglitz  
Pages & Size: 200 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Illustrations: 60 b/w illustrations  
Original title: Luis und Lena - Die Scherze des Schreckens

THOMAS WINKLER

# Louis and Lena: Terrible Trickery

LOUIS AND LENA'S THIRD HILARIOUS ADVENTURE

**Date of publication: February 21, 2022**

10+

With black and white illustrations

## We're sick of tricks!

Louis and Lena are puzzled: first Mrs Slugster, then the clubhouse, and now the entire village has fallen foul of a master prankster. Someone's stuffed cake into a coat pocket, filled a pair of trousers with itching powder, put mustard on the door handles... The Wild Boars' Scherzo is famous for unfunny hoaxes, but can he really be the brains behind this campaign of terrible tricks? Louis and Lena have their doubts. Thanks to Louis's clever and highly scientific plan, they prove that a band of magical trickster trolls are at work – and Lena is convinced that they're dealing with a formidable enemy.

The third hilarious adventure in Thomas Winkler's popular series, wittily illustrated by Daniel Stieglitz.

- Inimitable, funny and fast-paced
- Packed with light-hearted, comical illustrations
- Superb situation comedy with plenty of slapstick
- A tale of friendship and the importance of sticking together

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Thomas Winkler



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Thomas Winkler (b. 1972) studied maths, physics and IT. He has written screenplays – among others for the YA film Inge's Dance – as well as children's fiction. He lives in Munich, where he works as a teacher.

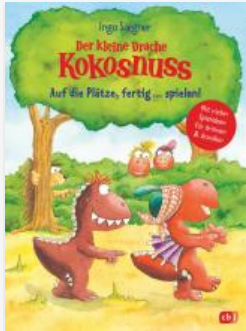
### ILLUSTRATOR

Daniel Stieglitz



© Daniel Stieglitz

Daniel Stieglitz studied animation, illustration and film at the Kunsthochschule Kassel. In addition to his film work, he works as a storyboard artist for national and international commercials and for feature films. In 2018, he was the first German cartoonist to win the "Golden Nosey" at the ISCA Convention in San Diego.



### Activity Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 64 | 19,0x26,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Der kleine  
Drache Kokosnuss - Auf die  
Plätze, fertig ... spielen!

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut: Ready, Steady... Play!

WITH LOTS OF IDEAS FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

6+

With colour illustrations

## Fun and games for every occasion

When Coconut the fire dragon, Oscar the devouring dragon and Matilda the porcupine aren't busy saving the world and exploring distant lands, they love to hang out and play fun games. Now they've turned their ideas into a book, for all their friends and fans to enjoy. It's packed with games for the dragon's den and for kids' birthday parties, as well as games you can play outdoors – at the beach, during walks or on boat trips. There are all kinds of games: games to do with memory, language, writing, puzzling, dancing, singing, hiding or running, as well as circle games, games with forfeits, competitive games and sports.

- Fun ideas for every occasion
- For Coconut fans aged 6+
- Games foster your child's imagination and help them learn social skills

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CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES

## The Little Book of Woods and Meadows

Date of publication: March 21, 2022

3+

Colour images throughout



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 3+  
 Original title: Das Wald- und Wiesenbuch für die Kleinsten.  
 Basteln, spielen, lernen ab 3 Jahren

### Explore the natural world around you – creative learning fun

Discover your local flora and fauna! Whether it's summer, spring, autumn or winter, every season offers a wealth of inspiration for learn & play activities that'll give children aged 3+ an insight into nature. This colourful book is full of ideas for all kinds of projects: create a biotope for snails and craft a snail to live there, go on a treasure hunt in the forest, play 'acorn memory', observe an ant highway, make a lantern out of leaves, find out why leaves change colour, make a pine-cone bird feeder, create ice pictures, and much more.

- Nature is a topical subject: explore the woods and meadows, and learn as you play
- 25 ideas for nature activities – craft, play, explore and learn
- Age-appropriate explanations, with illustrations and photographs alongside step-by-step guides

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### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 80 | 21,0x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 3+  
 Original title: Schüttel den Apfelbaum - Meine Kindergartenfreunde.  
 Eintragbuch für Kinder ab 3 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

## Shake the Apple Tree: My Friendship Journal

**Date of publication: February 21, 2022**

3+

With colour illustrations

Where better to gather all your friends than under the apple tree? This friendship-journal which accompanies the bestseller "Shake the Apple Tree" offers enough space for 30 of your friends to fill in. Questions about your favorite food or animals can be answered on the lovingly illustrated double pages and tick-boxes make it easy for children to mark their favorite color and age too. The final section of the book offers a birthday calendar and more pages to design yourself. If the book is well filled with entries, photos and pictures, the children will soon have a treasure trove of memories that they can leaf through again and again.

A wonderful gift for preschool and kindergarten children.

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Even as a child, Nico Sternbaum loved drawing and making up stories. Together with his parents, he explored the big wide world – including South Africa – and built himself an adventure-tree-house in his grandparents' orchard. After finishing school he studied at an arts academy, and today he's a popular and bestselling illustrator and author. His books have been highly acclaimed and translated into several other languages, including Mandarin. "Schüttel den Apfelbaum" ('Shake the apple tree'), "Schaukel das Schaf" ('Cradle the sheep'), "Wink dem Wal" ('Wave to the whale') and "Schüttel den Weihnachtsbaum" ('Shake the Christmas tree') have all been bestsellers, and several of his titles have been commended by the highly regarded German reading charity Stiftung Lesen. He lives near Limburg and loves travelling, Korean food and visiting museums.

NICO STERNBAUM

# My Colourful Cut-Out Book: Dinosauers

CUT THEM, GLUE THEM, AND COLOUR THEM IN

**Date of publication: April 26, 2022**

3+

Colour illustrations throughout



## Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x26,0 cm

Recommended age group: 3+

Original title: Mein kunterbuntes

Ausschneidebuch -

Dinosaurier. Schneiden,

kleben, malen für Kinder ab 3

Jahren. Mit

Scherenführerschein

## Cut, glue, colour – creative fun for children aged 3+

With the help of Nico Sternbaum's simple motifs from the world of dinosaurs – including Tyrannosaurus rex, a triceratops and a pterodactyl – children aged 3 and above can practise basic cutting, glueing and colouring. The simple crafting activities will help to develop your child's fine motor skills and ability to concentrate.

The first half of the book contains the pages where the stickers will go, and in the second half you'll find the motifs ready for cutting out. Short, jolly rhymes accompany the images, and the pages can be easily detached along their perforated edges. In the end, the little 'cut-out artists' will have created 14 pretty pictures and acquired their scissors skills certificate.

- The fourth book in bestselling author Nico Sternbaum's popular cut-out series
- With scissors skills certificate and easy-to-detach perforated pages
- 14 simple motifs from the world of dinosaurs to cut out and glue in
- Helps develop fine motor skills and promotes concentration – and is a whole lot of fun

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LINDA STURM

# Multicoloured Sticker Fun: The Animal School of Colours

WITH 300 COLOURFUL STICKERS

**Date of publication: March 08, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations and stickers

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## 300 animal stickers to help you learn all about colours

Red, blue, yellow and green: this sticker book will help the little ones learn all the colours! There are red ladybirds in the garden, yellow chicks on the farm and brown deer in the woods, and every spread depicts our favourite animals in their habitat. Short, accessible and informative texts will encourage your child's instinct to explore, and the stickers make learning about colours a piece of cake.

- With 300 colourful stickers
- Learn all about colours as you play
- An introduction to our favourite animals and their habitats
- Includes all the stickers you need to complete the tasks and decorate the pages
- Brightly coloured, adorable illustrations by Julia Reyelt



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Julia Reyelt

Pages & Size: 24 | 21,0x29,7 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Kunterbunter Stickerspaß - Farben lernen mit Tieren

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### Activity Books

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Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Julia Reyelt  
Pages & Size: 24 | 21,0x29,7 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Kunterbunter Stickerspaß - Zählen lernen mit Tieren

LINDA STURM

# Multicoloured Sticker Fun: The Animal School of Numbers

WITH 300 COLOURFUL STICKERS

**Date of publication: March 08, 2022**

4+

With colour illustrations and stickers

## 300 animal stickers to help you learn all about numbers

Learning to count can be fun! There are five chimpanzees in the rainforest, four penguins in the Antarctic, ten colourful clown fish in the coral reef – each page shows our favourite animals from all over the world in their habitat. Short, accessible and informative texts will encourage your child's instinct to explore, and the stickers make learning about numbers a piece of cake.

- With 300 colourful stickers
- Learn to count to 10 as you play
- An introduction to our favourite animals and their habitat
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### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Carolin  
Flammang  
Pages & Size: 112 | 19,5x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 40 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Checker Tobi -  
Der große Haustier-Check:  
Katze, Hund, Kaninchen – Das  
check ich für euch!

# Checker Tobi – The Big Pet Check: All You Need to Know About Cats, Dogs and Bunnies

THE COMPANION BOOK TO THE POPULAR TV SERIES

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

8+

With colour illustrations and photos

## The Checker Tobi books – fun facts for kids

Which pet has the best sense of smell? Is it possible to learn animal language? Why are fish anything but boring? We all love animals, and many of us have pets – or want to have one. But what do we actually know about them?

Checker Tobi asks the questions that kids most want answered. He talks to experts, who tell us which are the most intelligent pets, whether you can stroke a bird spider, and why you can't tame a squirrel. With lots of photos from the TV series, illustrations and terrific interactive elements.

The latest instalment in the children's non-fiction series about and with the popular TV star Checker Tobi.

- General knowledge book for those aged 8 and above, presented by the popular host of the eponymous Checker Tobi TV series
- Each episode of the series has been streamed over 6 million times on YouTube
- Checker Tobi is one of the most popular factual children's shows on German TV – watched by 20% of its target demographic

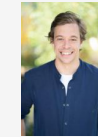
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Checker Tobi



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"Checker Tobi"'s real name is Tobias Krell. He obtained his Master's degree at the "Konrad Wolf" film university and has worked as a reporter and film critic. In 2012, he prevailed in the "Checker Tobi" casting against 160 competitors. Since then he has filmed well over 100 episodes of the series.

### AUTHOR

Gregor Eisenbeiß



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Gregor Eisenbeiß graduated from the Film Academy of Baden-Württemberg with a degree in Screenwriting, and has since then worked in all sorts of media: film and TV – with series for children as well as adults – are as much part of his repertoire as award-winning adverts. He has won several prizes for his work.

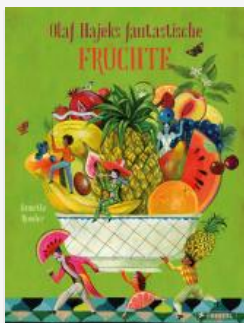
## ILLUSTRATOR

Carolin Flammang



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Carolin Flammang completed her training to become a communication designer after studying art and theater history at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich. Since then she lives and works as a graphic designer, motion designer and illustrator in Munich. Carolin has a very special connection to "Checker Tobi". She has been responsible for the illustrations and animations in the knowledge show for several years now.



ANNETTE ROEDER, OLAF HAJEK

## Olaf Hajek's Fantastic Fruits

Date of publication: February 21, 2022

6+

With colour illustrations

English edition available

### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Prestel junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Olaf Hajek

Pages & Size: 40 | 26,0x35,0 cm

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 17 color illustrations

Original title: Olaf Hajek's fantastische Früchte

### A beautiful exploration of everyone's favorite fresh food with Olaf Hajek's brilliantly colored and uniquely stylized paintings

As in his previous books, *Flower Power* and *Veggie Power*, Hajek's whimsical, imaginative paintings—inspired by a variety of artistic traditions—situate each fruit in a fascinating cultural context. Each 'portrait' features delightful visual clues about how the fruits are grown and consumed. Opposite the illustrations, Annette Roeder's engaging texts offer illuminating and often surprising facts from throughout history and contemporary life. As mouth-watering as a summer peach, and as surprising as a pomegranate's seeds, this book serves up page after page of delicious, nutritious, but most of all fun portions of fruity knowledge from all over the world.

- A feast for the eyes and the palate!
- Lots of interesting facts about fruit and vegetables

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### AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

Olaf Hajek



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Olaf Hajek is an award-winning painter and illustrator whose work has been exhibited in Germany, the US, and South Africa. His list of commercial clients includes The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Washington Post, Bombay Sapphire, Anthropologie, Mont Blanc, Macy's and Hermes.



### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Prestel junior

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 96 | 21,5x28,0 cm

Recommended age group: 8+

Illustrations: 100 color illustrations

Original title: Augentäuschung

- Die Tricks der Künstler

[Neuausgabe]

SILKE VRY

## Trick of the Eye

HOW ARTISTS FOOL YOUR BRAIN

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

8+

With colour illustrations throughout

English edition available

### Colourful, lively, and endlessly entertaining, this book looks at artistic illusion showing that art history is rife with tricksters

If seeing is believing, then artists might be the biggest liars of all. Painters, sculptors, and photographers often try to convince their audiences that the paint is wet; the fruit is real; the window is open; the figure's eyes are following you around the room. This fun and informative book takes young readers on a thematic tour of art as illusion. From the Parthenon through examples from nearly every major movement and culture, vibrant works of art are revealed to contain visual tricks, puns, hidden clues and just plain deceit. Seurat's pointillism, da Vinci's mysterious Mona Lisa, Magritte's playful paintings-within-paintings, and Duane Hanson's eerily realistic statues are all explored in detail to discuss the techniques, styles, use of perspective and composition that implore us to look at them again and again. Designed with the curious eye in mind, this book will introduce young readers to beguiling works of art with fresh insight and a new way of appreciating some of the world's most important works of art.

- With numerous suggestions for your own experiments, games and puzzles
- Finally available again: A new edition of the popular classic

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Silke Vry

Archaeologist and art historian Silke Vry is the author of numerous books for children, including Trick of the Eye: Art and Illusion and Colors in Art: Red, Yellow, Blue (both Prestel).



### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 296 | 11,8x18,7  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Illustrations: 1 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Hesmat's Flucht

WOLFGANG BÖHMER

## Hesmat's Escape

BASED ON AN AFGHAN BOY'S TRUE STORY

Date of publication: April 18, 2022

14+

### Gripping, emotional, moving: escape from Afghanistan

His mother has died, and his father's been murdered – Hesmat has no choice but to flee Afghanistan. He crosses the Hindu Kush on foot, then journeys on to Moscow and from there into the West. He keeps landing in prison, has his things stolen, and is tortured and abused. He sometimes feels like giving up, but his dream of a better life keeps him going...

Wolfgang Böhmer's tale of a refugee from Afghanistan is based on a true story.

The book includes a map as well as a timeline of the Afghan conflict.

- A boy flees Afghanistan all on his own – grippingly told by the journalist Wolfgang Böhmer
- Based on the author's numerous conversations with Hesmat
- Authentic and deeply moving. Böhmer's reports in the Austrian media helped save the boy from deportation
- A new edition featuring a map and an updated appendix & afterword

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### Romance

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Blossom

AMELIA CADAN

## Blossom

THE CAPTIVATING START OF THE ROMANTIC NEW-ADULT DUOLOGY

**Date of publication: March 21, 2022**

16+

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### A hopeless romantic from a rich family and a tough beautiful actress with a dark secret

Leith, 22, baseball ace, law student and a real gentleman, is trying to mend his broken heart after his long-term girlfriend left him for another man.

Jun, 20, brilliant acting student with a Japanese ex-supermodel mother, constantly plays a role in her real life too, so as never to betray her true feelings. For behind the shiny façade of her well-off family lies a dark secret.

When the two meet at the same East Coast Ivy League college, it is clear that they will NEVER be friends. Let alone anything more. Leith is repulsed by Jun's cool demeanour and Jun really doesn't like guys from sports teams. But fate unexpectedly leads them to the same university ball and sparks suddenly fly between them, igniting unexpected feelings ...

The sensational debut of the exceptional young talent Amelia Cadan.

- Romantic, sexy, captivating – a love story to melt your heart
- For all readers of Mona Kasten, Laura Kneidl and Lena Kiefer
- Underpinned by the important topic of #MeToo
- Volume 2 will be published in Summer 2022

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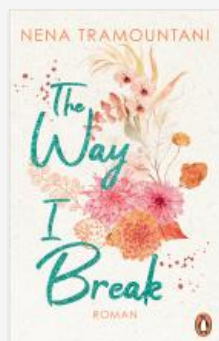
Amelia Cadan



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Amelia Cadan is the child of German academics. In her early twenties, she moved to Jordan, and couldn't help but fall in love with this stunning, unique country shaped by colonisation and war. Cadan is the author of fantasy and New Adult novels. In her spare time, she loves playing sports and is a keen gamer. She now lives with her family in Leipzig.

<http://www.ameliacadan.de> (German only)



## Romance

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Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Original title: The Way I Break

NENA TRAMOUNTANI

# The Way I Break

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2022

14+

English sample translation available

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## She has promised herself that she'll never work as a gourmet chef again. Can he reignite her passion?

Despite her successful career as a star chef, young Victoria is desperate to get as far away from London as possible – away from her manipulative boyfriend. She flees to the idyllic harbour town of Goldbridge, where her mother once worked in the fine-dining restaurant Prism. Victoria wants to find out why her mum left her for a career in this place, so she takes a job there as a waitress, without telling anyone her true identity. But one day, as she's drowning her sorrows, she reveals too much to a handsome stranger – never suspecting for a moment that Julian is one of the restaurant owner's sons. And then he has the gall to offer Victoria a deal: he will keep her secret – if she teaches him how to cook. Victoria can't quite explain why this cheeky deal sets off sparks in her heart...

The first instalment in the addictive new Hungry Hearts series – a must-read for all YA fans!

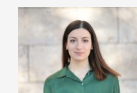
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Nena Tramountani is a hugely popular New Adult and fantasy novelist. Following her "Soho Love" and "Hungry Hearts" series, she has now embarked on an exciting new chapter in her career: her highly addictive "Stolen Dreams" series is packed with intense feelings and electrifying cliffhangers, and combines three irresistible love stories with a gripping heist.



#### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 320 | 11,8x18,7  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Illustrations: 18 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: „Doch meine  
Seele hat Narben“ - Wie Nisia  
Horowitz dank Oskar Schindler  
den Holocaust überlebte

REINER ENGELMANN

## "But My Soul Still Bears the Scars"

HOW NIUSIA HOROWITZ SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST THANKS TO OSKAR SCHINDLER

Date of publication: April 18, 2022

14+

**"You can't tell just by looking at me what I suffered as a child, but my soul still bears the scars."**

Nisia Horowitz, a Polish Jew, is seven when the Second World War breaks out and abruptly puts an end to her childhood. In occupied Krakow, the girl looks on as the Germans humiliate, arrest and murder people in the streets, day in and day out. Yet this is only the start of her odyssey: from the Krakow Ghetto, she is taken to the concentration camp of Plaszow, and from there to Auschwitz–Birkenau, where she spends three unbearably long weeks. Nisia is saved when her and her family's names end up on Oskar Schindler's list, and when they're employed in his factory their survival is assured. Nisia is a formidable witness, and since acting as advisor on the set of Schindler's List she has tirelessly campaigned to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive, and to ensure that history will never repeat itself.

- Empathetically written by Reiner Engelmann, author of *Wir haben das KZ überlebt* ('We survived a concentration camp'), *Der Buchhalter von Auschwitz* ('The accountant of Auschwitz') and *Der Fotograf von Auschwitz* ('The photographer of Auschwitz')
- With numerous photos and a comprehensive glossary

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### Thriller

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: RAVNA – Die  
Tote in den Nachtbergen

ELISABETH HERRMANN

## Ravna – The Dead Woman in the Night Mountains

NORDIC THRILLER FOR BOTH YA AND ADULT READERS

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

Rights sold to: Russia (Clever Media)

14+

### Dark. Mystical. Mysterious. The bestselling author's terrific sequel to Ravna: Death in the Arctic

The Sami reindeer herders are gathering for their customary annual trek to the summer pastures. For Oslo police academy trainee Ravna Persen, those weeks in the Arctic Circle far from civilisation are mandatory. But there's tension among the clans, and some people aren't too happy that Ravna has joined the police force. One day, Ravna is injured while trying to track down stray reindeer. A girl comes to her aid, but disappears before she has a chance to thank her. The next morning, Ravna tries to find out who she was, and is told that she was reported missing seven years ago. Can it really have been the same girl? Shortly afterwards, a girl's dead body is discovered, and Ravna decides to investigate – but the weather turns before backup can arrive, and the summer pastures are cut off from the outside world.

- Offers a fascinating insight into the world of Norway's Arctic north and fascinating Sami culture
- A true page-turner: an unsolved death, a tough protagonist trying to find her

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Elisabeth Herrmann, born in 1959, is one of the most exciting thriller authors around. She worked as a journalist before eventually turning to writing, and became an overnight success with her thriller "The Nanny". Almost all her books have been adapted for the screen, and her series featuring Berlin lawyer Joachim Vernau has been a huge success for ZDF. She is the winner of the Radio Bremen Crime Award, the German Crime Award and the 2022 Glauser YA Crime Prize. She has a daughter, with whom she shares her time between Berlin and the Spreewald nature reserve.

place in the world, and a storm that cuts off all links to civilisation

- The author's books have sold more than 1 million copies so far



### Fantasy

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: KNIGHTS - Ein  
gnadenloses Schicksal

LENA KIEFER

## Knights: A Merciless Fate

THE SECOND BOOK IN THE GRIPPING URBAN FANTASY TRILOGY

**Date of publication: May 23, 2022**

14+

### If you want to save the world, you have to surrender to fate

Charlotte and the knights are still suffering the consequences of the devastating battle against the Dark Army. Not only that, but the Divines' prophesy is proving a huge challenge for the team – and Charlotte's heart. The situation looks hopeless, and Noel is increasingly keeping Charlotte at arm's length. But there's a silver lining on the horizon: the Holy Grail may be the solution to all their problems, and lead the Knights to victory. But how do you go about finding a legendary artefact, which may not even exist? Charlotte goes in search of it – to save not only the world, but also the love of her life.

- The action-packed second book in the brilliant new fantasy trilogy by bestselling author Kiefer
- Urban fantasy at its best: the legend of King Arthur meets modern England
- Two teenagers, one otherworldly love, and a curse threatening to destroy the world
- The author's books have sold more than 150k copies so far in the German-language market
- Book 3 due in autumn 2022

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Even as a child, Lena Kiefer, born in 1984, was a keen reader and loved making up stories. At first, it never occurred to her to turn her hobby into a career. After school, she strayed into the world of paragraphs; she found her way back to literature just in time, and studied German. She soon realised that reading other people's stories wasn't enough – she simply had to start writing her own. Her books regularly race up the bestseller lists, and she writes all the time, even when she should really be doing something else.

KAREN MATTHIENSEN, NADINE GIESLER

# I Am Who I Am – Lucky Me!

A COMBINED DIARY AND SELF-HELP WORKBOOK

**Date of publication: April 11, 2022**

13+

With 2c illustrations

## A combined diary, self-help guide and workbook

How do I give myself the respect I deserve? Are feelings actually useful? What good are mindfulness and thankfulness? This combination of self-help guide, diary and workbook will help you find yourself – and discover what makes you you, and why you're special. How do our thoughts, feelings and actions affect each other? What is a self-worth pot? How can affirmations help? Along the way, you'll discover that much is in your hands, and that you can find happiness in everyday things...

- A workbook about self-worth and empowerment, with 2c illustrations, with blank pages for you to fill in, useful background information, and imaginative ideas for carving out those little moments of me-time
- The author is a practising psychotherapist specialising in children and adolescents
- Deals with highly topical subjects: self-worth, mindfulness, dealing with your feelings in a healthy way



### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
With illustrations from: Nadine Giesler  
Pages & Size: 240 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 13+  
Original title: Ich bin ich – ein Glück!

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### AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

Nadine Giesler



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Nadine Giesler has always loved drawing and crafting. She worked for various advertising agencies, publishing houses and management consultancies before opening her own office for design and illustration in 2011.

CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES, ELISA BACKES

# The Teenage Baker: Our Best Recipes

**Date of publication: March 21, 2022**

12+

Illustrated in colour throughout, with 40 photos



## Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Bassermann

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 96 | 19,5x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 12+

Original title: Backen für

Teenager - verrückt & einfach

## 40 whacky recipes for teenage parties – or just because

Teens bake differently: colourfully, imaginatively, cheekily. Which is exactly why this book exists – here, the mother-daughter author team show what you can achieve when there's lots of love, enthusiasm, experience and brilliant decorative ideas between you. There are sure-fire recipes aplenty for delicious biscuits, cakes and more, which will make the bakers feel proud and delight the recipients. Each recipe is accompanied by a stunning photo.

- 40 recipes for doughnuts, muffins, brownies, cinnamon swirls, glitter cupcakes, sweet french fries, pastries, ice-cream cake, Hallowe'en chocolates and much more
- Imaginative, different, pretty as a picture and unquestionably yummy
- The authors' friends have tried the recipes and given them a big thumbs up

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Elisa Backes

Ever since she was a little girl, Elisa Backes (b. 2010) has loved baking. When she isn't busy inventing or trialling recipes, the high-school student can be found with her nose in a book. She is also a big anime and manga fan, and enjoys drawing and thinking up creative projects.