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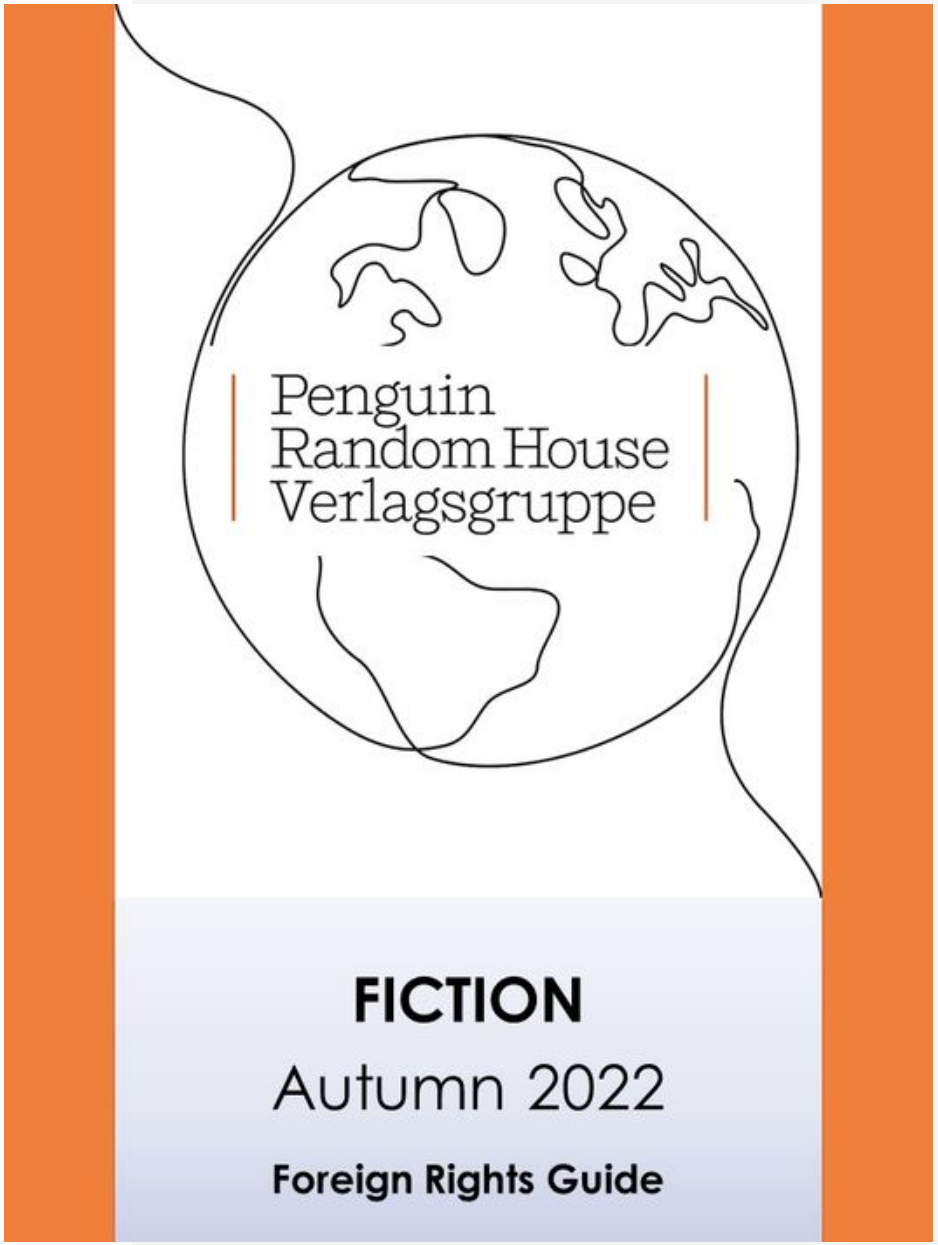

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Original title: Der Wisent

The Bison

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

English sample translation available

A gripping tale, by turns tragicomic and mythical

Heniek and Andrzeij live in a small town in Poland. One is a mechanic, the other a carpenter, and both are about to retire. They have never had the urge to see the world, but one day they leave their home town of Gajerudki and head west down the A2, the "Motorway to Freedom". They're trying to track down Beatka, who has left Heniek after 36 years of marriage to start a new life in the Netherlands. They've taken the Mercedes they were meant to fix for a customer, and when they don't have enough money to fill it with proper fuel, they use cooking oil instead. After an accident involving a herd of deer, the two friends continue their journey on foot. Along the way, they find out things they never knew about each other, including some dark secrets – and when they encounter a European bison, they face a reckoning with their past.

Not a single one of the novel's 432 pages is superfluous [...] an imaginative, light-footed tale of two companions dissecting everything under the sun [...]

GALORE

A brilliant debut. A smart and humorous novel that leaves you

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wanting more – Konrad Bogusław Bach is a name to watch.

Buchjournal

You'll no doubt be hearing more from this author, whose writing is both lively and profound.

rbb inforadio 'Starke Sätze'

Bach manages to make us truly care what motivates these old white men.

BRIGITTE WIR

Funny, humane and enlightening!

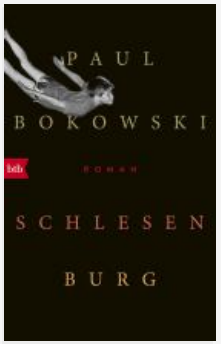
Kronberger Bote

A superb debut, both witty and profound.

Schwäbische Zeitung

A funny and moving hero's quest – Tschick for grown-ups.

Süddeutsche Zeitung



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PAUL BOKOWSKI

Silesia Towers

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English sample translation available

The autobiographical debut novel by Paul Bokowski, about growing up on a council estate. Authentic, kind-hearted and darkly funny.

"Silesia Towers" tells the story of refugees and natives, homelessness and finding a new home. A warm-hearted and bittersweet novel about the dream of fitting in and leading a good life – and about whether you can belong anywhere, if you don't know where you've come from.
"'Silesia Towers' is what they called it, our community on the edge of the city, where the Galówkas' flat burnt down in the summer of '89. Sixty families lived there, nearly all from Poland. And then, suddenly, we were worried: what if Romanians or Russian Germans move in? Half the estate looked down its nose at the building where they housed asylum seekers. They were so proud of themselves for having left it behind. That was the year the new girl moved into the estate, Darius disappeared and Mother read nothing but Heinz Konsalik novels, the year I realised – too late – that Father had his own plans for the burnt-out flat..."

The way Bokowski entices us to come out and play, to venture into the dreams and miseries of childhood, makes this a

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Paul Bokowski, born in 1982, is an author, reader and storyteller. 2012 saw the publication of his unexpected bestseller "Hauptsache nichts mit Menschen" ("The Main Thing is It's Got Nothing to Do with People"), which was followed by "Alleine ist man weniger zusammen" ("Alone You're Less Together") and "Bitte nehmen Sie meine Hand da weg" ("Please Take My Hand Away"). "Silesia Towers" is his debut novel. He lives in Berlin.

wonderful read.

Bov Bjerg

Bokowski is a master of the kind of comic novel you find only too rarely in this country.

Neues Deutschland

Silesia Towers marks Bokowski's shift from humorous raconteur to one of the key authors in the field of commemorative literature.

Berliner Zeitung

Lays bare the absurdities in human relationships.

Nürtinger Zeitung

By far Berlin's wittiest author!

Flux FM

With humour and gentle satire, Bokowski pokes kind-hearted fun at his fellow residents.

Freie Presse online

[...] a good reason why Bokowski is considered the best new satirist writing today. He knows how to tell funny stories without ever [...] descending into ridicule.

Radio Fritz



Literary Fiction

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Original title: Die Jahre des Maulwurfs

KERSTIN BRUNE

The Mole Years

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

The tragedy and comedy of growing up in a rural backwater

The narrator is returning to her home village for the first time in years. What will she find when she gets there: a feast or a funeral? The only thing she has packed is a soft toy, a mole called Mr Klotho – it's all she has left of her quirky friend Tanja, with whom, thirty years ago, she ventured into adulthood. Tanja was a bold rebel who blithely disregarded village conventions, and would egg the other kids on to join her on her eccentric adventures. The narrator's childhood memories come flooding back: the funny, crazy, rough-hewn village, the shrewd locals, and especially Tanja's magical view of the world. Now, finally, she understands why her friend disappeared so suddenly.
A superb piece of literary fiction about an unlikely friendship – scurrilous, wise, funny and lyrical.

Everyone should read this book. [...] I can assure you that she (Brune) knows how to write about the realities of rural life

ZEITmagazin Newsletter 'Was für ein Tag!'

A modern Pippi Longstocking – light and easy, witty, and sometimes even poetic. [...] cheerful without being comical, quirky without being weird, odd but [...] utterly normal.

Podcast 'Long Story Short'

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An absolutely stellar debut. I’m 100% convinced by her writing

Instagram ‘nil_liest’

It’s a must-read – no doubt about it

Ratgeber Frau und Familie

With quick strokes, Brune immediately brings her characters to life. An intoxicating tragicomedy.

mdr Kultur ‘Unter Büchern’

A visually stunning story about a unique friendship.

Passauer Neue Presse & Regionalausgaben

A lyrical and vividly told debut, full of humour.

buchjournal Ausg. 5

Brunes style is powerful and imaginative, whose wonderful metaphors and vivid imagery brilliantly evoke the beauty, eccentricity and tragedy of the villagers’ lives’.

Literaturkritik.de

Stylistically it’s a delicious morsel, a real revelation. Brune’s virtuoso writing creates images you’ve probably never seen or thought of before.

ewigsuchender.de



Literary Fiction

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ULLA HAHN

The Vitopia Conference

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

Vitopia – where humans and animals save the world together

There's a family of squirrels living in the trees surrounding the villa on Hamburg's Lake Alster. While the humans observe the squirrels, the squirrels are busy observing the humans. And they wonder about them. They wonder not only about the scientist couple that lives in the villa – and their passion for music, literature and art – but about humanity as a whole. Then something happens in the Hambach Forest, which shows that if humans and animals work together for a common cause, the impossible becomes possible. They have saved one forest, and now they want to save the whole planet. So they gather in Vitopia for a conference. The squirrels know that we need them as much as they need us: "We're all in the same boat, a boat called Earth. And we have to make sure it doesn't sink."
In her new book, Ulla Hahn tackles one of life's big questions: why do humans destroy the things they love, despite knowing better? How can we turn the ship around? "The Vitopia Conference" is a novel bursting with imagination and wordplay, full of curiosity about everything that has ever been thought, and about what we could achieve, if only we realised that the Earth belongs to everyone, and everyone belongs to the Earth.

We must treat our planet with care and consideration. This, roughly speaking, is what the incomparable Hahn's novel is about.

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Ulla Hahn was born in 1945. She has a doctorate in German, has taught at several universities in Germany and was the literary editor for a radio station. Her very first volume of poems, "Heart over Head" (1981), was enthusiastically received by readers, and her poems have won several awards, including the Leonce and Lena Prize and the Friedrich Hölderlin Prize. Her novel "The Hidden Word" (2001) won the first German Book Prize, and was followed by "Departure" (2009), "Game of Time" (2014) and "They Are Expecting Us" (2017). Her most recent book is "stille trommeln" ("silent drumming", 2021), a collection of her poems from the past 20 years.

Hamburger Abendblatt

A whimsical story about our fight to save the planet.

Dpa

A moving utopian novel that recasts the relationship between man and beast, which has been shaped by violence.

BÜCHER magazin

Hahn writes with a light touch, even as she poses existential questions.

Rheinische Post

[...] Hahn has a lot of fun in this novel [...] a big story about climate change [and] the urgent need for us to act [...]

WDR3, 'Mosaik'



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
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Original title: Zur See

DÖRTE HANSEN

To the Sea

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 28, 2022

Rights sold to: Denmark (Multivers), Estonia (Tänapäev), France (Stock), Italy (Fazi), The Netherlands (HarperCollins)

English sample translation available

An intelligent, warm-hearted novel about an island in the grip of change, about ancient laws that have lost their meaning, and about upheaval and deliverance

The ferry takes an hour for the crossing from the mainland to the little North Sea island – sometimes longer, depending on how rough the sea is. The Sander family has lived in one of the island's two villages for nearly 300 years. Hanne has raised three children, while her husband has given up both his family and his seafaring life. Now her oldest son has lost his captain's licence, is plagued by premonitions and tidal data, and is waiting for the storm to end all storms. Her daughter Eske looks after veteran sailors and widows at the old people's home. She fears the influx of tourists more than the sea, because the tourists are turning the island's culture into mere folklore. Only Henrik, Hanne's youngest son, is at peace with himself. He is the first man in the family never to have dreamt of going to sea, and instead spends his time collecting flotsam on the beach. Over the course of one year, the Sander family's life is irrevocably changed – by an almost unnoticeable breeze that eventually grows into a full-blown storm.

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Dörte Hansen, born in 1964, has a degree in linguistics. She has been an editor at NDR and written for both radio and print. Her debut novel "This House Is Mine" was voted the German Independent Booksellers' Book of the Year in 2015, and was the Spiegel's 2015 bestseller of the year. Her second novel, "Mittagsstunde" ('Midday hour') appeared in 2018, was also the Spiegel's bestseller of the year, and won both the Rheingau Literature Prize and the Grimmelshausen Literature Prize. Her most recent novel is the highly acclaimed bestseller "Zur See" ('To the sea', 2022). Her novels have been filmed and translated into numerous languages.

She tells their story in her distinct Hansen way: effortlessly, with unforgettable characters and stunning imagery, dealing with topics both amusing and melancholic.

Hamburger Abendblatt

Hansen knows how to write accessibly about a difficult topic. A godsend for German literature.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

One of our books of the year [...] a great story, and stylistically accomplished.

NDR Kultur

An insightful, atmospheric and evocative tale about roots, growth and loss. Utterly topical, and superbly written.

NDR TV 'Kulturjournal'

Hansen can [...] devise a world in just a few words, and they instantly, vividly materialise in your mind's eye [...] her best book yet.

NDR Kultur

Brilliantly and vividly told [...] the story of the captain's wife Hanne Sander and her children, who live on an island in the North Sea.

WDR5 'Scala-Bücher'

Each line is soaked in a love for the sea. A novel not only for readers who love the sea – my favourite book this season.

Frankfurter Rundschau Online

The Must-Read Books of 2022' – 'A feel-good book that will make you want to pack your bags and head to the coast [...]

Münchner Merkur

Hansen writes with love and tenderness about her characters' fears, loneliness and weariness.

ZEIT LITERATUR

Told with warmth and keenly observed.

Westfalen-Blatt

Hansen writes brilliantly and full of empathy [...] It contains the complete DNA of a German North Sea island – a literary triumph.

DER TAGESSPIEGEL

An intelligent, unadorned novel about yesterday and today, about ancestors and myths more powerful than nature – it's as North Sea as you can get.

Für Sie

Her descriptions of the changing times and characters yearning for freedom create a sense of longing.

EMOTION

A superb book. I absolutely adored it!!

Literaturnewsletter 'Lesezeichen' der Kleinen Zeitung (A)

An intelligent, warm-hearted novel about an island world undergoing great changes, about old laws losing their validity, about departure and liberation. [...] A masterpiece.

Fränkische Nachrichten

Brilliant!

Der Tagespiegel

The best book of the autumn – not just for hardcore fans of the sea.

Münchner Merkur online

Another family epic and favourite on my shelf! Unputdownable. Set on the German North-Sea island of Sylt – where the Sander family has thrived for the past 300 years – but major transformation (ecological, cultural, mass-tourism) is on the horizon... A chronicle of a vanishing world and disappearing culture. Storytelling at its best: powerful, evocative, deeply empathetic. It´s tinged with sadness but also wonderful, warm and humane humour. What Paolo Cognetti does for the mountain, Doerte Hansen does for the North Sea. Maybe she wanted to preserve for posterity the island´s landscape and wild nature and transmit her deep respect for its inhabitants. It worked, because it really got under my skin and will resonate long after.

Anne Vial, Literary Scout (New Books in German)

Rather than having one straightforward plot, it is a tapestry of stories – ideal for readers who enjoy melancholic writing and foggy seascapes.

Kirchenzeitung

Through the villagers' individual stories, Hansen paints an atmospheric portrait of change.

Echo

A novel about the everyday lives of conflicted characters living on an island, devoid of the usual clichés.

Ruhrnachrichten

Among a multitude of other things, it's the strong, vivid characters that make it so brilliant and engrossing.

Surprise

Every word is just right, and each sentence perfectly encapsulates the events – a remarkable novel.

belletristik-couch.de

A book that explores the invisible connections between humans and the sea with grace and poignancy.

Le Figaro Littéraire

This masterful book [...] literally transports us to this island, whipped by waves and wind, which becomes a refuge from the world.

Page des libraires

This prose swells like a wave and tells of the hardships of a life exposed to the elements [...]. A uniquely poetic novel.

LH Le Magazine

Profound and moving, this novel about the joys and tragedies of the sea will enchant readers.

Version femina

With subtle and realistic language [...] Dörte Hansen [...] uncovers some of the ancestors secrets, which are brought to the surface by current events on the island.

Lire Magazine



Literary Fiction

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PETER HENNING

Till You Leave Again

NOVEL

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A difficult mother-son relationship – and the attempt to understand the past

"I hadn't thought of my mother for years. I thought (and, yes, hoped) that our relationship was over once and for all. Had the past come back to haunt me? I suddenly realised that you can't tear yourself away from your roots, no matter how hard you try."
The last time Henry Kaplan heard from his mother was ten years ago. Then he gets a call from Frankfurt's University Hospital: his mother is on the ITU. She collapsed at a train station and is in a coma, and he's listed as her emergency contact. The Black Forest antique dealer decides to travel to Frankfurt to visit her. He needs all the courage he can get to make this journey, which awakens painful memories: the first time his mother left him, he was four. She got into a waiting taxi and drove off without a word to start a new life without him. After a few months at his grandmother's, Henry is sent to a foster home – just one of the many traumatic experiences in his life. Can you turn back time, just like that? Can you simply erase a lifelong feeling of abandonment, disappointment and hurt? Henry Kaplan realises that this might be an opportunity for him. And that, perhaps, he'll only ever truly be free if he can bring himself to forgive his mother.

Luchterhand

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Literary Fiction

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CHRISTOPH PETERS

The Sand Box

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

"One of the best contemporary German-language authors." (Christoph Schröder, SWR 2)

Siebenstädter has seen everything. As the presenter of a radio politics show, he knows the rules of the game when it comes to Berlin's top politicians, the shadowy realm of backroom dealings, and a merciless establishment that's desperate to stay in power. He is as popular as he is infamous, believes in nothing, and sees it as his mission to expose the elite's lies. But the Covid crisis has changed the game: Siebenstädter has his doubts about the measures the state has taken – but also despises the conspiracy theorists. One day, he receives an unexpected offer to join the Liberals, and Maria Andriessen, the Social Democrats' rising star, is more interested in him than she should be, given that he's married. More than anything, though, Siebenstädter senses that time is slowly running out for him – so why not put all his eggs in one basket?
Christoph Peters has written the kind of novel we haven't seen since Wolfgang Koeppen's "The Hothouse": a ruthless situation report dealing with a country's entire political culture.

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Christoph Peters, born in 1966, is the author of numerous novels and short-story collections. He has won multiple awards, including the 2018 Wolfgang Koeppen Prize, the 2021 Thomas Valentin Prize, the 1999 and 2022 Lower Rhine Literature Award and, most recently, the 2025 Schubart Prize. His latest book for Luchterhand, "Innerstädtischer Tod" ('Inner-city death', 2025), is the final instalment in a trilogy inspired by the work of Wolfgang Koeppen. He lives in Berlin.



Literary Fiction

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Heavier than Light

NOVEL

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A gripping story about humankind and our planet that makes us painfully aware of what we have to lose

A woman is living on a tropical island. She is completely independent, and eats what nature offers. Then strange things begin to happen: the leaves on the trees turn black, dead fish wash up on the shore, stars fall from the sky. She increasingly fears the people who live in the north of the island, converts her house into a fortress, and prepares for her enemies to attack.
Reality and dreams, the present and the past, light and shadow begin to merge, until it becomes impossible tell whether it's she or the others who are threatening her life.
"Heavier than Light" is a novel rich in imagery and interpretative possibilities and, through its parable-like character, tells of the central opposite poles of life: of beginning and end, of light and shadow, of nature and the supernatural, war and peace, power and powerlessness, perpetrators and victims.

Tanja Raich hits the right note as if with an axe. She hacks right into life – aiming relentlessly for the unknown. Nowhere's safe.

Peter Pisa, Der Kurier

Raich boldly tackles the big issue of climate change. A

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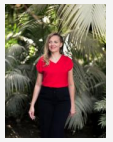

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Tanja Raich, born in 1986, studied German and history. She has published in various literature magazines and anthologies and has been awarded a number of prizes and scholarships, including the Start-Stipendium of the Austrian Federal Chancellery for her "Jesolo" project, the Frontiere - Grenzen literature prize, the Rom-Stipendium of the Austrian Federal Chancellery and the Exil-Literaturpreis. Her debut novel Jesolo (Blessing, 2019) was shortlisted for the Austrian Book Prize (First Novel Award) and the Alpha Book Prize.

bombshell of a novel

DER STANDARD

Raich's words paint fascinating images [...] her subtle prose is simultaneously gentle and stylish. A dazzling read – dark and elegant, just like the cover

egoFM Buchhaltung

Elementary, existential and unreal. A novel about women and men, life and death, nature and its destruction, and a meditation on loneliness and extinction

Florian Valerius

The world – represented by a woman living on an island – veritably screams in pain

instagram.com

A brilliantly written yet dark mind game of a book.

ORF

A grimly wonderful fairy tale. [...] a story set in the borderlands of life, fascinatingly and electrifyingly written.

NDR Kultur



Literary Fiction

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Original title: Beutezeit

NORRIS VON SCHIRACH

Looting Time

NOVEL

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English sample translation available

"If you want to understand today's Russia, read Norris von Schirach." (Viktor Yerofeyev)

When Vladimir Putin becomes President in January 2000, Anton, a German who has made his money trading in raw materials, flees Moscow. Behind him lie eight whirlwind years of post-Soviet predatory capitalism – before him lies nothing but the boredom of living the high life in New York. But even at the age of forty, Anton is still an incorrigible romantic, always looking for the next high. Then a head-hunter makes him a tempting offer: someone wants Anton to set up a steel corporation in resource-rich Kazakhstan with money from an anonymous source. He agrees, but as he embarks on this new adventure he discovers to his own cost just how far local clans and insatiable elites will go, to defend the loot they amassed after the fall of the USSR. But then Anton finds new allies and makes a pact that will have far-reaching consequences.
"Looting Time" is an impressively topical novel about a post-Soviet society disappearing into a maelstrom of corruption and terror. Von Schirach explores the ruthlessness with which the global conflict between Russia, China and the West over natural resources, power and influence is being fought out in this stunning Central Asian country – and how anyone who isn't willing to adapt to the new era's

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Norris von Schirach, born in 1963, studied business, and has worked in London and New York. He lived in Moscow from 1993 to 2003, where he experienced all the euphoria and frustration of the Yeltsin years, when the line between organised crime and state institutions became blurred, even as large parts of the population sank into poverty. Norris von Schirach has one son, and, after spells in Kazakhstan and Australia, now lives in Romania. His first novel, "Blasse Helden" ("Pale Heroes"), was published in 2018.

commercial code risks being destroyed.

It describes Putin's regime, his network of oligarchs around the world, and the ruthlessness with which he deals with opponents. [...] compelling and topical.

GALORE

Enlightening, clever, very funny, and as strange as real life.

Literaturblog 'B&B – Bücher & Bilder'

Fast-paced, dry as dust and infused with acerbic wit. The sentences shine without showing off, the story is superb and thought-provoking [...]

Literaturnewsletter 'Lesezeichen' der Kleinen Zeitung (A)

Utterly topical and gripping, it's the story of how, in the 2000s, post-Soviet society descended into corruption and terror [...]

Berliner Lokalnachrichten Online

More than anything, it is its nuanced critique of the West which makes Looting Time so good.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

Norris von Schirach looks right into the middle of the dangerous interplay of sensitivities and desires in the then still young state of Kazakhstan.

ORF

Looting Time depicts the merciless struggle of China, Russia and the West for raw materials in Central Asia [...] Worth reading!

Münchner Merkur

This mix of Kazakh kleptocratic scenery combined with thriller episodes from the gangster milieu [...] is as unique as it is high-calibre.

Culturmag

[...] fast-paced and dialogue-rich novel centres on the kind of hero you rarely find in books [...] illuminating insights into a turning-point in history [...]

Radio Bremen

First-class entertainment.

MDR Kultur, Sdg. 'Unter Büchern'

It is particularly this nuanced critique of the West which makes it so worth reading.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 224 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Das pinke Hochzeitsbuch

PRZEMEK ZYBOWSKI

The Pink Wedding Album

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English and Polish sample translation available

A tender and absurdist novel about flight and dictatorship, and about being caught between two worlds

This empathetic and wildly imaginative debut novel tells the story of a lonely boy, a lonely country, and the attempt to put together the pieces of your past.
The narrator thinks he has left the past far behind – but it all catches up with him again when his grandmother dies. In 1984, shortly after martial law is lifted in Poland, his parents secretly fled to Germany with his little sister, leaving their eight-year-old son behind with his grandmother to fool the authorities. What follows is a time of both unprecedented freedom and panic: the boy is interrogated by the secret police, who threaten to send him to an orphanage, and it takes a year before he – thanks to his assertive grandmother – receives the necessary papers that will enable him to board a plane to Frankfurt. At his grandmother's funeral, he is finally reunited with his parents. But is it too late for a reconciliation?

Zybowski steps into his memories as if into a foreign country. Carefully, almost sceptically, he wanders through the places of his childhood, and thus finds the right words to tell a story that's hard to put into words. A moving, important, intelligent

Luchterhand

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Przemek Zybowski, born in Łódź, Poland, in 1976, moved to Germany in 1985. He is a practising medic, an assistant director who has worked at several theatres (including the Berliner Ensemble and the Hamburg Schauspielhaus), a playwright whose work has been performed on various German stages, and the winner of Austria's Floriana Book Prize.

novel about loneliness, family and the power of language. Anyone who can talk about their past in this way has truly overcome it.

Benedict Wells

A fantastic novel, heartbreaking but interspersed with comic interludes. It has everything you want from a great novel – entertaining yet profound.

MDR Kultur

[...] the strange year the boy spent without his parents, a year marked by both great loss and great freedom.

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[...] a work of fiction [...] by turns sober, fairy-tale-like and tragic. A lyrical call to remember, with a trail that leads into the future.

MDR Kultur

A unique story of trauma and growing up in a Poland that no longer exists.

Brigitte

A remarkable and sensitively written novel, which often intensifies into something like poetic surrealism.

Die Rheinpfalz



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Die Kunst des Verschwindens

MELANIE RAABE

The Art of Disappearing

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

English sample translation available

Do you think that a single encounter can change someone's life?

Is there such a thing as finding your soulmate at first sight? Why is it sometimes easier to talk to strangers, than to people you've known and loved for a long time? One night just after Christmas, young photographer Nico bumps into the actor Ellen Kirsch in Berlin's snowy streets. Almost immediately, Nico senses that there's an inexplicable bond between them.
But what could they possibly have in common – a world-famous Hollywood star, and this young photographer, hungry for acclaim? What does Ellen see in her that she doesn't see herself? Most of all, though: why does Nico care when Ellen one day simply disappears again, as suddenly as she arrived? When Nico finally discovers why she can't let go of her, she goes in search of Ellen, her own mother, and the truth about her life.

Melanie Raabe is Germany's most brilliant bestselling author.

Elmar Krekeler, Die Welt

A literary journey whose magical words will charm you from first to last. In a word: first-rate!

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Melanie Raabe has written thrillers, novels, radio dramas and non-fiction books. Her first thriller, "Die Falle" ('The trap') appeared in 2015, and was followed by three more, all of them bestsellers. Between 2020 and 2025, she published two suspense novels – "Die Kunst des Verschwindens" ('The art of disappearing') and "Der längste Schlaf" ('The longest sleep') – as well as two self-help/mindfulness books, "Kreativität" ('Creativity') and "Das Jahr der Wunder" ('The year of miracles'). Her books have been published in more than 20 countries; "Der Schatten" ('The shadow') and "Die Falle" ('The trap') have been adapted for ZDF and Netflix, respectively, and several further TV versions of her books are in the works.
www.melanieraabe.de (German only)



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Das Unrecht

ELLEN SANDBERG

Injustice

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 26, 2022

The shadows of our past: a family's dark secrets

Every year as autumn approaches, Annette is seized by an inexplicable restlessness. The scar on her arm starts tingling, and memories are awakened. This time she can't seem to shake them. After a fight with her husband, Annett drops everything and travels to Wismar, her old home town on the Baltic. She finally wants closure, and to forgive the man who once betrayed her and her boyfriend. But when she finds out what really happened that summer of 1988, it's clear that she would have done better to let sleeping dogs lie – as old betrayals threaten to drag her life into the abyss once again...

Eerie and gripping!

Die Presse

Sandberg tackles a gripping topic relevant to all of us, old and young. Fast-paced, affecting and told with sensitivity.

Süderländer Tageblatt

You can't help but want justice for its victims, and for the transgressors to be punished. Therein lies the book's strength.

Ruhr Nachrichten

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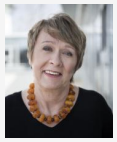

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Ellen Sandberg worked in advertising before dedicating herself fully to writing, with huge success: her psychological thrillers and family stories regularly spend months in the bestseller lists, and have won her countless enthusiastic readers – most recently "The Secret", "Injustice" and "No Regrets". She also publishes popular crime novels under her real name Inge Löhnig. In 2022 she was awarded the Bavarian state medal.

It’s a well-worn cliché, but it really is impossible to put this book down until you’ve read – no, devoured – the last page.

Westdeutsche Zeitung

A superb suspense novel about a wrong as yet unpunished, justice and injustice, and a past that is anything but over.

Radio Mülheim

A gripping book, which vividly restages a dark chapter in Germany’s history – a must-read.

bibliotheksnachrichten

A hugely compelling novel, devoid of all cliché. Sanberg’s style is as polished and subtle as ever, and she sketches her characters with much empathy and delicate wit.

‘FrolleinDoktor’



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Da wo sonst das Gehirn ist

SEBASTIAN STUERTZ

Where Your Brain Should Be

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

English sample translation available

Stuertz's dizzyingly funny new novel about finding a "family" – whatever that might be

In his captivating new novel, Sebastian Stuertz takes us on a rollercoaster ride into adulthood, examining friendship, love, and the greatest freedom of all: the freedom to make a fresh start.
Hamburg, summer 2019. Alina has only just joined her new school, but is already seen as the "cool geek" for creating her own app, a miniature social network exclusively for final-year pupils. It could have been the perfect start to the year, if only her mother hadn't ended up in bed with Mr Carstensen – father of Corvin, the dumb class prefect – right after the first parents' evening. What's worse, not long after that Alina and her mother, who's a professional clown, are kicked out of their flatshare. Dad can't take them in, because he has three other children and can't be bothered to look after Alina as well. So she and Mum have to move in with the Carstensens. Which is ridiculous, because Corvin collects spiders and giant millipedes, his sister Nina is a famous blogger, and their dad Urs has a dark secret that ends up causing huge problems for everyone...

No one is better than Sebastian Stuertz at combining humor and a deep, dark sadness. This novel is like April showers,

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youve just dried your eyes – and not twelve lines later, youre falling off the sofa laughing.

Dana von Suffrin, author of OTTO

Where Your Brain Should Be is incredibly gripping. I could do nothing but read for 24 hours and would have liked to carry on reading when I unfortunately got to the end. Still miss Alina and her friends!

Nicole Seifert, author of FRAUENLITERATUR

Entertaining, suspenseful, funny, a book for young and old – and it's all of them simultaneously, which makes it so good.

NDR Kultur 90,3

Not your usual comedy – a cleverly constructed, fun book, with surprising twists and authentic youth-speak.

Playboy

A funny yet sometimes deeply sad coming-of-age story involving cyberbullying and family issues.

Bücher magazin



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 560 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Zeiten der Sehnsucht

CARMEN BELLMONTE

A Time of Longing

THE MALLORCA SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 10, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

The story of the Delgado family continues

Mallorca, 1929. The Delgados are working hard to make ends meet. Antonia and her husband have built a flourishing business on Cuba, but Antonia still hasn't managed to bring her family over. On Cuba, storm clouds are gathering on the horizon: the mafia is taking control of everything, and Antonia has to choose between freedom and safety. Meanwhile, on Mallorca, her sister Carla is fighting her demons, and their brother Leo has got himself entangled in some risky schemes, which deepen the rift between him and the rest of the family.

• Volume 1 and 2 of "The Mallorca Saga" have been sold to The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

An epic, meticulously researched and captivating saga set in Mallorca.

Mallorca Zeitung

Be warned: each chapter will leave you dying to know what happens next, so it's practically impossible to put down.

Mallorca Magazin

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

The exciting second book in the Delgado series.

Tina

This Mallorca-set story is hugely enjoyable.

Laura

A true pleasure, and you'll learn a lot about history along the way.

susisquerbeet.de

Engrossing and suspenseful entertainment – I'm looking forward to the third instalment, though unfortunately it isn't due out till February 2023.

www.annette-traks.com

Hugely enjoyable [...] one of my highlights of 2022.

www.kathrins-home.de

The accomplished second book in the Mallorca saga – I highly recommend it!

ullasleseecke.blog

As compulsive and brilliantly written as the first book in the series.

instagram.com

A great sequel. I loved spending time with the characters in Mallorca and Cuba, and can't wait for the next one.

instagram.com

Dreams come true and there are some happy reconciliations, but there are many tough and sad moments too.

klusiliest.blogspot.com

I loved being part of the family's life. I suffered [...] and yearned with them, and was sometimes deeply moved. I was overcome with emotions.

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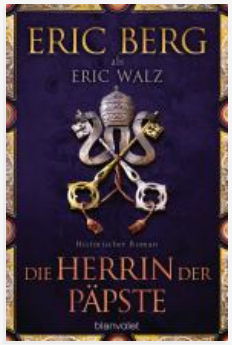
An emotional rollercoaster with exciting twists – this Mallorca-set saga is very special.

buecherplaza.de



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 640 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Herrin der Päpste

ERIC BERG, ERIC WALZ

Mistress of the Popes

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 18, 2022

Re-release of the 2003 edition written under the author's pseudonym Eric Walz

The exciting and unusual life of a fascinating historical figure

She lived in the tenth century, that dark, unknown saeculum obscurum – Marocia, daughter of a Roman senator. When she dies at the age of over 90 in a convent, she has been mistress of one pope, mother, grandmother and aunt to three more, has survived two husbands and four of her five children, has celebrated personal and political triumphs and overcome tragedies. She crossed the paths of the great figures of her century, saw the birth of the Holy Roman Empire, spent eight years in prison – and met the great love of her life …
Bestselling author Eric Berg brings one of the most enigmatic women of ancient Rome to life, with this book written under his pseudonym Eric Walz now being re-released.

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Eric Berg has long been one of Germany's most popular authors. In 2013, he achieved his long-cherished ambition to become a crime author with the publication of "Das Nebelhaus" ("The house of fog"), which was turned into a film in 2017. Ever since then, he has been a big hit with both readers and critics, and his novels are regular bestsellers. Alongside his crime novels set on the Baltic coast, he now has a new series, "Roter Sand" ('Red Sand') and "Rote Sonne" ('Red Sun'), set on Gran Canaria.

AUTHOR

Eric Walz



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Historical Fiction

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C.Bertelsmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Heumahd

SUSANNE BETZ

Making Hay

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

A powerful novel about a strong-willed mountain farmer and her unusual life – sensuous, opulent, and wonderfully detailed

When King Ludwig II dies in Lake Starnberg in 1886, the region's residents are shocked. By contrast, Vroni Grasegger considers herself lucky when her husband freezes to death one night. She's finally rid of this abusive man. Full of optimism, she takes charge of the remote mountain farm on the slopes opposite the Karwendel Mountain in Tyrol, and of raising her disabled stepdaughter Rosl. Haymaking is exhausting work, and when the harvest fails Vroni begins to despair. Meanwhile, everyone in the village is putting pressure on her to remarry.
Then Vroni meets the painter Wilhelm Leibl, who has come to the mountains in the hope of finding fresh inspiration. He comes to stay on her farm, and an unusual friendship develops between the homosexual artist and the young farmer. When Leibl invites an English doctor and alpinist to visit, the brief mountain summer is suffused with happiness – and Vroni even dares to hope...

Wonderfully atmospheric!

Kultur Erbe Bayern Magazin

A powerful, realistic and engrossing portrayal of a headstrong countrywoman's life, which will linger in your mind long after you've finished it.

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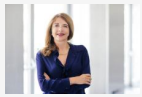

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Susanne Betz, born in 1959, studied history and economics in Germany, Colombia, and the US. With a doctorate in history, she worked for various German and American newspapers and magazines. Since 1993 she has been the radio editor in the politics section of Bavarian Broadcasting.

Gaggenauer Woche

A moving novel about a self-assured farmer. Irresistible.

Mainhattan Kurier

[...] this is a compassionate and psychologically convincing account. Betz raises the tension gradually, and manages to stay away from Bavarian clichés.

rantlos.de

The novel centres on a strong young woman farmer, and touches on historical events.

Augsburger Allgemeine Zeitung



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 624 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Sturmtage

CORINA BOMANN

Stormy Days

THE SISTERS OF WALDFRIEDE HOSPITAL (VOL. 3)

Date of publication: December 28, 2022

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

Despair and hope: a courageous doctor risks everything for her patients – the riveting Waldfriede saga continues

Berlin, 1939. The war has started, and life has completely changed for the staff at the Waldfriede clinic. It has never been more important for them to show a united front under Dr Conradi's leadership. Yet confident young assistant physician Helena finds it hard to ensure that things in the clinic remain peaceful: again and again, she clashes with the chief surgeon, a staunch member of the Nazi Party. Her only comfort are her walks through the clinic's parkland and Timo, the lovely gardener. Their friendship soon develops into a passionate relationship. But then Timo is drafted into the army. When Helena notices that the new physician, Dr Vasily Dimitroff, is also developing feelings for her, she is torn – but her heart is too full of anxiety for her to see clearly: it's only a question of time before the first bombs fall on Berlin, and on the Waldfriede clinic.
The bestselling author Corina Bomann's "Sisters of Waldfriede Hospital" saga is based on a true story, inspired by a nurse's account of her time working in Berlin's Waldfriede clinic.
• Volume 1 to 4 of the "Sisters of Waldfriede Hospital" saga have been sold to Italy (Giunti) and The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

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With sales totalling over two million copies, Corina Bomann's popular historical sagas are regular bestsellers, and her readers adore her strong women, passionate emotions and moving stories – such as her four-book Waldfriede saga set in a Berlin clinic, the two-part Rosenhag series set in Sweden, and now her new two-part Rosewell Castle series, which takes her readers into the fascinating world of butlerdom.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Eine fast perfekte Debütantin

HANNAH CONRAD

An Almost Perfect Debutante

THE LILY PALACE SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: November 09, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Alpress)

True love and scandals in nineteenth-century Munich...

Munich, 1827. Johanna von Seybach has moved from Königsberg to the magnificent Lily Palace, her uncle's family seat – where an exciting season awaits her! Even before her official debut, it looks like a proposal from the eligible bachelor Friedrich Veidt is all but certain. But then Johanna has an unguarded moment of passion, and her reputation is suddenly in tatters. Friedrich drops her, and she's left broken-hearted. Will anyone want to marry her, after such a scandal? Then she meets Alexander von Reuss at a glittering masked ball. That same evening, they grow closer than they should, experiencing a sensuous moment of surrender. But Johanna's scandalous past is making such waves that even true love may not be enough to save her.

A tender twenty-first-century love story, whose protagonists are dissatisfied and desperate to escape their preordained lives, and ultimately find their happy ending.

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A fantastic story about true love, passion and social

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boundaries.

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Enchanting and airy, despite the constant overshadowing presence of strict social norms.

scarlett59.blogspot.de

Lavish balls, beautiful gowns, magnificent ballrooms, pounding hearts and a scandal that Munich won't forget in a hurry – I loved it.

buecherwuermchen_lau

A brilliant first instalment. I [...] am looking forward to returning to the Palace of Lilies and discovering more about the other characters.

heartfullofbooks

If you like Regency literature and are a hardcore Bridgerton fan, you'll love this. It's huge fun.

lenaliestbuecher

Johanna is a proud young woman [...] Her only refuge is love, which only ends up causing even more chaos.

marasbuecherglanz.blogspot.com

[...] alongside the romance, the novel also deals with nineteenth-century social issues – including around social expectations and how young women had no rights or freedoms [...]

bookilicious_de

The setting (in Munich) was really well chosen, and I liked every single one of the characters.

sven_weidners_world

I was captivated right from the first page by the wonderful writing, Johanna's world and the beautiful Palace of Lilies [...] everyone should read it.

instagram.com

Gripping from beginning to end [...] I'm already looking forward to the other books in the series [...] Bridgerton is so last season.

instagram.com

A sheer pleasure – I couldn't put it down.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Die Köchin - Lebe deinen Traum

PETRA DURST-BENNING

The Chef: Dare to Live Your Dream

THE CHEF (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

English sample translation available

A simple girl who loves cooking rises to become a star chef who changes the world

Southern France, 1880: "Bon appétit!" Fabienne is happiest when looking after the guests at the Lockkeeper's Cottage. After all, the place is renowned for serving the best meals on the entire Canal du Midi. Fabienne's mother might use only the simplest ingredients, but she's passionate about cooking – and what could be more fun than learning from her? The only thing that's drawing Fabienne away from home is the thought of her beloved Eric. When her mother suddenly dies, and her father introduces a new woman into their home, the teenager elopes with Eric. When he abandons her shortly after, Fabienne is left to fend for herself. Luckily, she finds a job as a kitchen assistant on a vineyard, where she quickly forges an unusual friendship with Stéphanie, the owners' charismatic daughter. Fabienne's future looks rosy – but then fate deals her a cruel blow, and nothing will ever be the same again...
The first book in a brilliant new trilogy by the bestselling author Petra Durst-Benning.

A remarkably sensuous novel. You can practically inhale the

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kitchen smells, feel her love for cooking, and even taste the dishes.

Kathrin N.

[...] wonderful novel set in nineteenth-century south of France. I learnt something about the country and its people, while discovering a true passion for cooking.

Carmen Vicari



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Diana Verlag
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 384 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Glasgow Girls

SUSANNE GOGA

Glasgow Girls

INTO THE WORLD OF ART

NOVEL

Date of publication: December 14, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti)

The passionate painter Olivia and her aristocratic patron fight against intrigue and unscrupulous men

Glasgow, 1892. Olivia has grown up poor, and it seems like all her dreams have come true when she gets the chance to study at the prestigious School of Art. But she is unprepared for this alien world, and the intrigues in which she becomes embroiled. But with her influential patron's encouragement, Olivia lets nothing deter her from her goal of becoming a designer. Then she meets Gabriel, a brilliant artist from London. And he has a secret that threatens to destroy their newly found bliss...

A gorgeous novel about a working-class girl who wins a place at the prestigious Glasgow School of Arts.

Mainhattenkurier

Another brilliant new novel by this renowned literary translator and author, famous for her historical fiction and Leo Wechsler crime series.

Extra-Tipp am Sonntag

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The renowned author and literary translator Susanne Goga, born in 1967, loves travelling, especially into the past. This is reflected in her hugely popular historical fiction – her Leo Wechsler crime stories are set in 1920s Berlin, while many of her other novels are set in the eventful nineteenth century.
www.susannegoga.de/

The young woman is caught between rich and poor, glitz and glamour, heaven and hell, and I was rooting for her on every page [...]

Ratgeber Frau & Familie

[...] We're not only thoroughly entertained, but learn a lot about this largely forgotten era.

Die Buchcaterin

Meticulous research is Goga's trademark.

Rheinische Post

An utter pleasure – a light, airy and easy-to-read story.

anni.booklover

I was totally gripped from the start. [...] It gave me a unique insight into the School of Art and the contemporary art world.

ren_bookslounge

The characters are brilliantly drawn with all their strengths and weaknesses – and turn-of-the-century Glasgow really comes alive.

streifisbuecherkiste.wordpress.com

She describes her characters with an obvious love for detail, so I was able to picture them really well.

meineleseecke

A wonderful trip into the past, to the early days of Glasgow's famous art movement. History and fiction come together perfectly [...]

giselaslesehimmel.blogspot.com

Her wonderfully vivid, sometimes almost poetic style makes it easy to get immersed in the story.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 544 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Dallmayr. Der Glanz einer neuen Ära

LISA GRAF

Dallmayr: Dawn of a Gilded Age

THE DALLMAYR SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 23, 2022

Rights sold to: Hungary (Kossuth)

A low-key pleasure: the new instalment in the popular saga about the rise of the legendary Dallmayr delicatessen

Munich, 1905. Therese Randlkofer's expertise has introduced Germans to delicacies from all over the world, and Dallmayr's displays are filled with hand-picked fruit from the Canary Islands, the finest nut crunch from Switzerland, and golden-yellow lavender honey from France.
But her intractable brother-in-law and biggest rival Max is equally expert at causing strife within the family – especially among Therese's own grown-up children. Yet these days she needs their help more than ever: to secure the family business's future, she has taken a decision that will have far-reaching consequences – and may result in her losing everything...
• Volume 1 and 2 of the Dallmayr saga have been sold to Hungary (Kossuth)

Heartbreaking!

Mittelbayerische Zeitung

Meticulously researched and grippingly written, this second book [...] about the famous Dallmayr delicatessen once again

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vividly brings fin de siècle Munich to life.

Mitteilungsblatt Plankstadt



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 624 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Verführung und Verrat. Die Somerset-Saga (2)

EMMA HUNTER

Somerset: Seduction and Betrayal

THE SOMERSET SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

The new season is about to start – and promises to be more glittering and scandalous than ever

Young widow Rebecca Seagrave has an ambitious plan: she wants to become a politician, and make the world a better place. But it won't be easy – after all, she's a woman living in eighteenth-century England. What makes it even harder is that her rival is a certain Duke of Somerville, who she keeps bumping into at elegant balls and high-society dinner parties. The sparks fly, in more ways than one, and Rebecca's heart soon starts beating faster in the handsome duke's presence.
To top it all, he makes her an indecent proposal: he'll support her political career – if she agrees to spend the night with him. Of course, there's no way Rebecca will accept. Even though she finds herself increasingly attracted to him...

• Volume 1 of the Somerset saga has been sold to Spain (Maeva)

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Diana Verlag
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Die Forscherin. Prinzessin Therese und der Ruf des Amazonas

KATHARINA INNIG

The Explorer: Princess Therese and the Call of the Amazon

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Inspired by the extraordinary life of Princess Therese of Bavaria, a fearless woman who was far ahead of her time

Princess Therese of Bavaria is clever and ambitious – and she does not want to marry, as time and social status dictate. Instead, she is drawn to faraway places – to Brazil, the land of her dreams. In 1888, she travels the Amazon with four companions, hikes through the tropical rainforest, collects exotic plants and animals and experiences the wonders and dangers of this unknown world. And she falls in love with a young man of indigenous descent. A great but scandalous love: can it outlast this one Brazilian summer?

A huge pleasure to read!

Schöne Welt

An entertaining, smart and easy read [...] an escapist journey into the past, bringing us a step closer to this very special woman.

Goslarsche Zeitung

I really liked this novel, and had a lovely time reading it. Five

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stars!

meineleseecke

This [...] paperback quickly drew me in [...] I learnt a lot about this fascinating woman passionate about travelling and discovering other cultures, flora and fauna!

booksofloveblog.wordpress.com

I knew I'd love it, right from the start. A feel-good novel that'll make you yearn to travel the world.

rezensionenbooks.blogspot.de

As you can tell by now, I liked it a lot. I hope Innig will publish more books like this.

streifisbuecherkiste.wordpress.de

A highly entertaining story about an extraordinary woman who fought hard for her independence.

Radio Euroherz

In this both entertaining and insightful novel, the fiction is intertwined with real events, as well as Princess Therese von Bayern's own documented observations.

Belisbuch

Princess Therese von Bayern truly comes alive. Huge fun – the perfect blend of history, biography and fiction.

histo-couch.de



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 640 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Wiedersehen in der Tuchvilla

ANNE JACOBS

Reunion in the Cloth Villa

THE CLOTH VILLA (VOL. 6)
NOVEL

Date of publication: November 09, 2022

Rights sold to: Brazil (Arqueiro), Bulgaria (Lemur), Canada/French (Saint-Jean Éditeur), Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (Leduc), France (audio, LIZZIE), Hungary (Central), Italy (Giunti), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Portugal (Planeta), The Netherlands (Xander), Slovakia (Ikar), Spain (Plaza y Janés/PRH)

It's a time of upheaval for the Cloth Villa: will Marie and Paul's separation spell the end of their love?

Augsburg, 1939. The Melzer family and its staff are facing dark times. The Second World War is on the horizon, and it's clear that it will change the lives of everyone in the city. The textile factory is about to go bankrupt, and Paul once again has to make a tough decision – this time without his wife Marie. Marie moved to New York with their son in 1935, and their separation has left its mark, even if Marie's love for Paul is as strong as ever. But when she hears that there's a new woman in Paul's life, she is deeply upset. Will Marie succeed in winning back her beloved husband?

• Previous volumes of the "Cloth Villa" saga have been sold to Albania (Dituria), Brazil (Sextante), Bulgaria (Lemur), Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (Leduc), Hungary (Central Media), Italy (Giunti), Lithuania (Alma Littera), The Netherlands (Xander Uitgevers), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Poland (Prozsynski), Portugal (Planeta) and Spain (Plaza/PRH)

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 608 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Die Tochter des Gerbers

ANNE JACOBS, HILKE MÜLLER

The Tanner's Daughter

HISTORICAL NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Xander)

Re-release of the 2011 edition written under the author's pseudonym Hilke Müller

She was proud and beautiful. Then they tamed her. Yet she will never stop fighting for her happiness...

The young tanner's daughter Arlette seems to have an enchanted life. She is not only stunningly beautiful, but also intelligent and ambitious. But when a nobleman rapes her and she becomes pregnant, all seems lost. People call her a whore, and treat her with contempt. When a knight becomes enchanted by her, Arlette is too ashamed to accept his romantic overtures. Little does she know that she will marry Herluin de Conteville within a few years, and that he'll be the love of her life. Despite the fact that it is not him, but Robert, Duke of Normandy, who is the father of Arlette's most famous son, William the Conqueror...
Gripping, opulent and beguiling – the bestselling author of the "Cloth Villa" saga takes you into the heart of the Middle Ages, with this book written under her pseudonym Hilke Müller now being re-released.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Das Glück unserer Zeit. Das Vermächtnis der Familie Lagerfeld

HEIKE KOSCHYK

Happy Days: The Lagerfeld Legacy

THE LAGERFELD SAGA (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Piemme)

One family. One dream. One legacy.

Hamburg, 1925. Otto Lagerfeld is at the Ohlsdorf cemetery, visiting the grave of his beloved wife Theresia. He is beset with grief and uncertainty about his family's future. Will his brother Paul see sense and take on some of the responsibility? Can he find a way to secure his daughter Thea's future? And what will happen to the Glücksklee brand, if he can't find an investor for his new factory? Otto seeks refuge in his work, and on a trip to Berlin encounters the young and ambitious Elisabeth. For the first time since Theresia's death, his heart grows lighter. But Elisabeth is hard to impress, and tragic news awaits Otto back in Hamburg...
The thrilling conclusion of the two-book saga about the Lagerfeld family.
• Volume 1 and 2 of the Lagerfeld saga have been sold to Italy (Piemme)

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Gedanken sind frei - Eine unerhörte Liebe

JULIA KRöHN

My Thoughts Are Free: A Different Kind of Love

THE BOOKSELLERS OF FRANKFURT (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti)

A love letter to reading and love: a new series by bestselling author and historian Julia Kröhn

Frankfurt, 1945. Ella Reichenbach has survived the nightly air raids, but her parents' bookshop lies in ruins: the shelves are scorched, the windowpanes are shattered, and the books are gone. Then she discovers her late mother's secret stash of printer's paper, and she realises that she'll be able to make ends meet if she publishes books, as well as sells them. But the young publisher wants to do more than just provide the city's population with new books – she wants everyone to learn to think freely again...

A love letter to books, superbly researched and compellingly told.

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A love letter to reading and big emotions – Kröhn simply writes brilliantly.

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Having studied history at university, Julia Kröhn loves telling big stories and diving deep into the past – of both places and people. She is driven by a fascination for moving stories and impressive people. "They Made a Pact" is a very special book, because she has woven parts of her own family history into it. Heyne has also published her novels "Die Farbe des Nordwinds" ("The colour of the north wind") and "Das Lied des Waldes" ("Song of the woods"), which she penned under her pseudonym Klara Jahn.

Almost effortlessly, Kröhn immerses us in 1945's Frankfurt, as she describes the destruction, the obstacles encountered by those trying to make a fresh start [...]

Katja E.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 720 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: KaDeWe. Haus der Träume

MARIE LACROSSE

KaDeWe: The House of Dreams

THE KADEWE SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Set in early twentieth-century Berlin, this is the story of the two families behind the glamorous KaDeWe department store

At the start of the twentieth century, Berlin's KaDeWe department store is a glamorous citadel of luxury. It's a world that Judith Bergmann, the daughter of KaDeWe's in-house lawyer, knows all too well – and she's about to marry Harry Jandorf, the founder's only son and heir.
Meanwhile, the new sales assistant Rieke Krause, who comes from a modest background, is bowled over by the glittering department store, and soon falls in love with her colleague Hermann. Judith and Rieke's plans are thrown into turmoil by the Great War and the post-war years.
And KaDeWe and its owner Adolf Jandorf, too, are facing seemingly insurmountable challenges...

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Stewardessen. Eine neue Freiheit

SVEA LENZ

The Flight Attendants: Freedom is in the Air

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Margot Frei wants to fly high – as an air hostess for the new Lufthansa airline

Hamburg, 1954. In post-war Germany, Margot Frei dreams of travelling the world and escaping the confines of her middle-class family. One day, she spots an advert from the new Lufthansa airline. They're looking for air hostesses!
Margot decides to seize the day and applies for the job, alongside hundreds of other young women. She can't believe it when she is offered a place on Lufthansa's first ever training course. Soon, Margot and her new friends – as well as her bitter rivals – are flying high. And the young pilot Claus Sturm is always by her side...
• Volume 2 to be published in November 2022

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 608 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Töchter des Glücks

MARIA NIKOLAI

Daughters of Happiness

THE LAKE CONSTANCE SAGA (VOL. 2)

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (City Editions), The Netherlands (Boekerij)

A brave woman, a fateful time – and the scent of love and home

Württemberg, 1918. For young Lilly, today marks the start of her new life. She has left her parents' inn on Lake Constance full of confidence in the future, to start married life with Arno, the heir to a highly respected Stuttgart soap empire. But the final year of the war changes everything. When Arno is reported missing, Lilly's world falls apart. But she plucks up her courage, and takes over the management of her husband's business. She dreams of her own cosmetics line, and starts making plans. But then mysterious Felix Benthin enters her life, and throws her feelings into turmoil – because she knows that their love has no future...

• Volume 1 of the Lake Constance saga has been sold to Czech Republic (Euromedia) and France (City Editions)

Nikolai has a fine gift for tender heartache and stories that make you swoon.

Reutlinger General-Anzeiger

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 496 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Das Kontor der Düfte

HANNE PAULSEN

The Scent of Spices: A Dose of Hope

THE SCENT OF SPICES SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

A young woman fights for happiness in the perfumed House of Löwenstein

Hamburg, 1919. When Greta Rosenthal meets Carl von Löwenstein, it's love at first sight. She's charmed by his big heart and his passion for the spice trade, his family's business. But Carl's mother thinks that Greta, who grew up in modest circumstances, isn't good enough for her son. Greta wants to prove herself to Carl's family – and she's a talented young woman, with a head for business.
In the Löwensteins' office, where she is surrounded by the scent of vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg, Greta works hard, day and night. Despite the social barriers, Carl sticks by her. But the two of them underestimate how far Carl's mother is willing to go to prevent what she thinks would be a big mistake...

Seductive scents that evoke A Thousand and One Nights.

Tina

A wonderful cosy novel. A real must-read!

OK!

lots of wonderful details [...] it reveals what happens when someone thinks they're better than others [...] or has a habit of

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following the herd.

maerchens.buecherwelt

What a story [...] you can practically smell the spices [...] fantastic descriptions.

Secret Bookdreams

[...] the sparks flying between them, and there was so much unspoken love. [...] it also deals really well with the conflicts faced by that generation.

anabyinsta

Brilliantly evokes the atmosphere of the old port city of Hamburg back then, and Paulsen's descriptions are so vivid and perfect [...]

seitentraeumerin.de

An entertaining and exciting novel for cosy afternoons, highly recommended.

buchstaeblichverliebt

I simply couldn't put this wonderful story down. I was gripped from the first page, and kept on reading till the early hours.

amazon.de 'Pegasus'

A cinnamon-vanilla-and-ginger-scented delight. So engrossing that I could hardly put it down.

herzensangelegenheitbuch.blogspot.com

This first instalment in the new Hamburg-set saga is excellent. Paulsen paints a realistic portrait of the years following the end of the WWI.

Schweizer Familie (CH)



Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 400 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Das Haus der Hebammen - Carolas Chance

MARIE ADAMS

The House of Midwives: Carola's Chance

THE HOUSE OF MIDWIVES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: July 18, 2022

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (ALPRESS)

For them, it's a calling: the midwives at the Cranach Street maternity home

The maternity home in 21 Cranach Street, Cologne, is no longer a well-kept secret, but famous all over the city. Its three founders – the midwives Carola, Susanne and Ella – are best friends and a great team. Caring and capable, they look after a colourful array of patients, old and young. Carola's own children are growing up healthy and happy, and her husband Andreas has become a successful screenwriter. Everything seems perfect. Yet Carola is becoming more and more estranged from Andreas, who complains that she works too much. When she bumps into her old flame Karsten, she begins to wonder what a life with him might have been like...

• Volume 1 of "House of Midwives" series has been sold to Czech Republic (Alpress)

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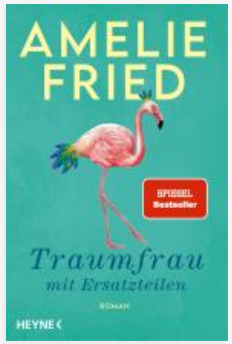

Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Traumfrau mit Ersatzteilen

AMELIE FRIED

A Dream Woman with Spare Parts

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

Once a perfect woman, always a perfect woman

Cora Schiller hates the idea of turning sixty. She would love to ignore her upcoming birthday. But suddenly everyone wants to know what she has on her bucket list: found a start-up? Climb Mount Kilimanjaro? But all she wants is for things to stay as they are.
When she receives some shocking news, Cora finally wakes up, and realises that life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Café Hoffnung

GISA PAULY

Café Hope

THE SYLT SAGA (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Between hope and longing: the new instalment in the brilliant Sylt saga

Sylt, in the mid-1980s. Brit's daughter Kari isn't interested at all in her work at the Café König Augustin – the only thing she cares about are the celebrities living the high life on the island. Then things start looking up: Kari marries a famous fashion designer and enters high society, and when she becomes pregnant her parents finally accept her new life. But all's not well between Kari and her husband, and when their daughter is born a scandalous secret comes to light.

I read this book quite quickly – it was great to be able to dive into Pauly's fictional world once again.

stillesen.de

It is an intriguing feel-good book - typical Gisa Pauly [...]

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Entertaining and enchanting.

Frau von Heute

An entertaining novel, and all the characters help make it a

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real success.

buchwurm05

I really recommend this saga to all those who like daydreaming about the seaside, and who love the 1980s.

elizasbuecherparadies.wordpress.com



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 288 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Der Rabbi und der Kommissar: Du sollst nicht begehren

MICHEL BERGMANN

The Rabbi and the Inspector: Thou Shalt Not Covet

THE RABBI AND THE INSPECTOR (VOL. 2)
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Emons)

Where is Galina Gurewitz?

Galina Gurewitz has disappeared. Three weeks ago, the world-class swimmer vanished from the face of the earth. But her mother refuses to report her as a missing person. As does Galina's husband, the volatile businessman Semjon Gurewitz. Are they being blackmailed?
Inspector Berking from the Frankfurt police doesn't have official permission to investigate the case, but he does have his friend, the amateur detective Rabbi Henry Silberbaum, who makes some informal enquiries among the Russian-Jewish community – and uncovers an incredible tale...
• Volume 1 of "The Rabbi and The Inspector" series has been sold to Italy (Emons)

[...] Bergmann once again displays an exquisite sense of humour. His dialogues would be the crowning glory of any comedy, whether on stage, screen or TV.

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[...] immense fun, thanks to Bergmann's relaxed, light-hearted

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tone and his humorous portrayal of Jewish life and traditions. [...] Engaging and intelligent.

Kärnten+Klagenfurt

[...] one of the striking things about Bergmann's [...] crime novel is that you learn a lot about Judaism without feeling like you're being lectured.

'Radio Schalom' bei Wartburg-Radio Eisenach

A gripping, entertaining crime series featuring the rabbi-detective Silberbaum.

Jüdischen Rundschau

[...] not just to crime fans who like their plots well-structured and gripping, but to anyone interested in the lives of Jews [...]

geisterspiegel.de

A Frankfurt-set crime novel packed with local colour and with scenes that'll make you smile, providing many insights into Jewish life.

Frankfurter Wochenblatt

An entertaining and amusing crime story.

buecherinmeinerhand.ch

A crime novel full of local colour, humour, and insights into Jewish life.

StadtPost Dreieich

Director and screenwriter Bergmann's second book featuring the Silberbaum & Berking detective duo is entertaining, exciting and self-deprecating. Huge fun!

Schweizer Familie

Written with a light touch, it also provides some insights into Jewish philosophy and community life.

PS Zeitung

Extremely entertaining – suspenseful and very funny. [...] Bergmann again serves up some quirky intercultural understanding. A must-read!

krimi-couch.de

Bergmann is a cheerful storyteller, casually delivering insights into life in a Jewish community. Cosy crime at its best. [...] the humour never feels forced.

Long Story Short

[...] an accomplished blend of plot-propelling dialogue and descriptions of situations and characters.

Bücher Magazin

Their tone is casual and light-hearted, and although there's menace they are never gruesome [...] Readers will also find out a lot about Judaism [...]

Jüdisches Leben in Bayern Newsletter



Historical Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: C.Bertelsmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Tanz mit dem Tod. Der erste Fall für Karl Raben

CHRISTIAN V. DITFURTH

Dance with Death

KARL RABEN'S FIRST CASE
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Breathtaking thrills set in 1930s Berlin: the first book in a new historical crime series by the award-winning thriller author

It's November 1932, in the Berlin borough of Wedding. Seven SA men burst into a pub, and shoot an editor from the Communist Party's Red Flag newspaper. Young detective Karl Raben manages to apprehend their leader, Gustav Fehrkamp. But when Hitler becomes Chancellor, he pardons a large number of murderers and celebrates them as heroes of the Brownshirts' "uprising" – Fehrkamp among them. Raben now only has one thing in his sights: to seek justice and ensure that Fehrkamp is punished for the murder. Yet he knows that if he stands up to the government he'll risk not only his own life, but his wife Lena's too...

A brilliant historical crime novel which is a truly new kind of historical crime novel.

Eschborner Stadtmagazin Online

A thrilling story set against a historical backdrop – a superb first outing for this fascinating detective.

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An undeniably great novel, in which Ditfurth takes a stand

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against violence, marginalisation and racism. It is the brilliant first book in a [...] new series.

LiteraturBlog.at (A)

Ditfurth is an experienced crime author, so he doesn't need a long run-up to create atmosphere and tension [...] entertaining and suitably dark.

NDR Kultur 'Neue Bücher'

Suspense, thrills, twists, danger and shady characters are Ditfurth's trademark.

Freie Presse

A good crime novel and an even better history book.

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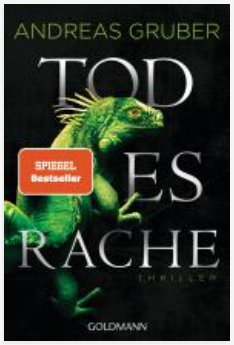

Thriller & Crime

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Original title: Todesrache

ANDREAS GRUBER

Death and Retribution

CASE NO. 7 FOR MAARTEN S. SNEIJDER AND SABINE NEMEZ

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Rights sold to: Lithuania (Jotema), Ukraine (Family Leisure Club)

The new thriller by the no. 1 bestselling author

Criminal profiler Maarten S. Sneijder's last case nearly cost him his life. He also lost almost his entire team, including his Federal Criminal Police colleague Sabine Nemez.
But then Sneijder discovers that she may still be alive. The pressure is on, and he puts together a new team to find Sabine and free her from the entanglements of a highly complex case. To do this, he desperately needs help from the eccentric Leipzig detective Walter Pulaski. But Pulaski is busy trying to solve a horrific crime, and reluctant to help...
• Previous volumes of the "Sneijder" series have been sold to Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (L'Archipel), Italy (Longanesi), Japan (TokyoSogensha), Korea (Thenan), Lithuania (Jotema), The Netherlands (Bruna), Poland (Papierowy Księżyc), Russia (Centrepolygraph), Slovakia (Ikar), Turkey (Pegasus)

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne Hardcore
Format: Paperback
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Original title: Der Bunker

CLEMENS MURATH

The Bunker

A FRANK BOSMAN CRIME NOVEL (VOL. 2)

Date of publication: August 10, 2022

Whose side are you on?

UN special investigator Elaine Szolnay and Frank Bosman from the Berlin state police want to bring ex-warlord Remi Ekrem to justice. While Szolnay wants Ekrem to stand trial for war crimes committed during the Balkan Wars, Bosman wants to bring him down for flooding Berlin with drugs smuggled in via the Balkan route. In the course of their investigations, they discover that Ekrem is also involved in the illegal organ trade, and doing business with a group of far-right extremists.
When Bosman gets too close to Ekrem, the hunter becomes the hunted. Alone and without any resources, Bosman is forced to go underground to prove his innocence.

Murath [...] has something that's missing from most German crime authors: a deliciously dark sense of humour.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung

Following his cracking debut The Man from Lebanon, Murath has written another tough, fast-paced and very modern thriller. A star find, highly recommended.

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Murath is a smart screenwriter; he deftly controls the novel's

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various plotlines, uses clichés with an ironic twinkle in his eye [...]

kulturnews

There's no shred of dullness – completely gripping, from first to last.

Kerstins-reich.de



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LEON SACHS

The Circle: They Want You. They'll Find You.

A CASE FOR BöHM AND FALK (VOL. 1)
THRILLER

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English reader report available

She has to investigate her own family. He could destroy her career. But if they want to defeat the enemy, they have to work together.

Three murder victims, in three different countries. A coincidence? Johanna Böhm, a new student at the police academy, is the only one who knows what links them. The victims are people from her past – a past she thought she had escaped. But now Johanna knows too much, and could be in grave danger once again. Her worst fears are confirmed when ex-spy Rasmus Falk breaks into her flat one night, and accuses her of being involved in the murders.
Falk threatens to end her career as a police officer before it's even started. So Johanna has no choice but to team up with him. But is she taking too great a risk?

Grippingly told!
INSIDER

Nerve-jangling tension [...] if you love ice-cold thrillers, you'll love this.

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Münchner Merkur Online

Hugely entertaining – a riveting thriller. Hopefully they'll turn it into a film soon!

ReiseTravel.eu

A provocative tightrope walk across a dramatically changing political landscape. Suspenseful, action-packed and sophisticated, and filled with lifelike characters [...] a must-read [...]

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

Gripping and shockingly realistic. A fast-paced thriller which mercilessly explores issues that we usually play down.

Mein Samstag

It doesn't start out like a political thriller, but gradually evolves into one [...] Soberly written, but highly topical!

ewigsuchender.de – Blog von Holger Nickel

Sachs artfully encourages the reader to conduct their own investigation. He never eases the tension, and is never afraid to think outside the box.

Stadtkurier Freiburg



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Original title: Richter morden besser

THORSTEN SCHLEIF

Judges Make Good Murderers

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 11, 2022

English reader report available

The judge – your executioner

As a young law student, Siggi Buckmann wanted nothing more than to make the world a little fairer. Today, he is an experienced judge who does as he's told. The judicial system is steeped in bureaucracy, and Siggi's rulings keep being reviewed and overthrown. Then the death of a homeless junkie reawakens his old passion for the law, and when no one's interested in bringing those responsible to justice, he decides to take matters into his own hands. After all, he knows the system inside out, and knows how to exploit its weaknesses. Will he get away with murder?

Grippingly told. A vivid tragicomedy that manages to balance bitter irony with humour. A superb new novelist has entered the crime scene!

Eschborner Stadtmagazin

You practically fly through the chapters, and before you know it you've read the whole thing.

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Fun, funny, and written with a light touch. Highly addictive and unputdownable, right to the bitter end.

LinkedIn

This ironic and sarcastic crime novel is highly entertaining.

wallis-buechersichten.blogspot.com

A brilliantly entertaining, thoughtful, intelligent, waspish and side-splitting novel. You have to read it!

www.ue60gutezeiten.de

I like crime, and I also like funny stories, and it's been a while since I've read such a riveting crime novel.

ramobasbuecherwelt.blogspot.com

I like everything about it: the protagonists, the story, the style, the structure, the way he takes a dig at the system.

lesezauberzeilenreise.blogspot.com

I liked his approach and easy style – funny and sarcastic.

claudiasbuecherregal

An unexpected find, which now sits proudly on my bookshelf.

debbiereads1803.blogspot.com

A funny book and an easy read, with a noticeably juridical attitude to life.

buechertraumerin.wixsite.com

A bit different from other crime stories, but I was hugely entertained.

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Judges might make good murderers, but Judge Siggi Buckmann murders even better.

www.annette-traks.com

A sarcastic, entertaining crime novel, unique in terms of genre and insider knowledge.

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Its clever mix of humour, emotion and critique of the justice system make it compelling and thought-provoking.

sofiasworldofbooks.blogspot.de

A great crime story, delivering lots of humour and an interesting plot.

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[...] brilliantly funny. He sketches his characters with just a few fitting words, so that you can immediately picture them [...] the dialogue is very entertaining too.

Schweriner Volkszeitung

A clever, riveting story which makes you think, with here and there a well-placed dose of humour. Deeply engrossing!

Redaktion Österreichisches Pressebüro

Schleif artfully combines caricature and humour with an incisive critique of the justice system.

schwarzesbayern.info

The paperback's 304 pages are packed with suspense and deliciously jet-black humour. I want more!

booksofloveblog.wordpress.com

A sophisticated crime novel, which I recommend to anyone who values quality and suspense, and also wants to learn something new along the way.

geisterspiegel.de

Highly entertaining!

lesen-ist-liebe.de

[...] Schleif is exposing the reality of the justice system's hierarchies and structures. All this wrapped in a witty and suspenseful crime novel [...]

Krimi Couch