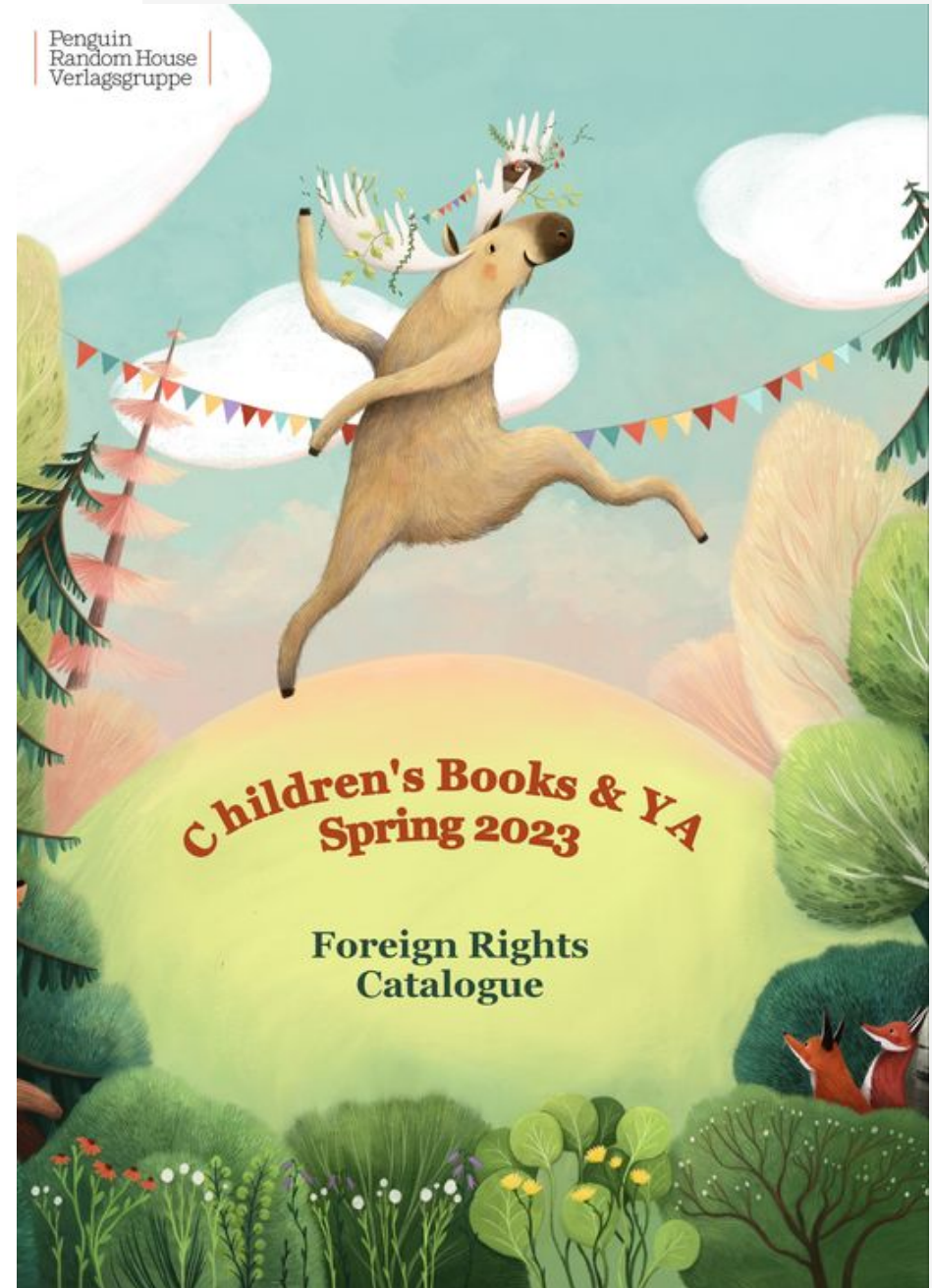


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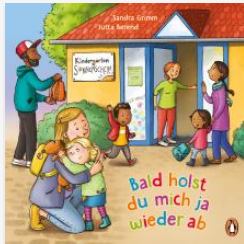
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Jutta Berend
 Pages & Size: 18 | 19,0x19,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 2+
 Original title: Bald holst du mich ja wieder ab

SANDRA GRIMM

I'll Be Back Before You Know It

BOARD BOOK

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2+

With colour illustrations

Saying goodbye can be tough, right? But this jolly board book is here to help...

You'll be back soon, won't you?

Yes, I'll be back before you know it!

Neo, Merle and Layla are quite big already, proper nursery school kids! It isn't easy saying goodbye to their mums and dads when they drop them off at nursery in the mornings – but time flies when you're playing games, drawing pictures and singing songs... and before they know it, their parents are back to pick them up again.

- Fosters self-confidence
- The perfect book to prepare your children for child care or nursery
- For parents whose children suffer from separation anxiety



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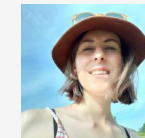


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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sandra Kissling

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

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Wir helfen dir, kleiner Osterhase!

CHRISTINE KUGLER

We'll Help You, Easter Bunny!

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

2+

With colour illustrations and fold-out pages

Colourful Easter fun with rabbit Finn and friends

Oh dear! Finn the Easter Bunny has completely forgotten that tomorrow is Easter Sunday! There's so much to do... He races to the shop to buy Easter eggs and paint, but the shop is already closed. What to do? Luckily, his friends are there to lend a hand: Trudy the hen, Bella the bee and Frank the pony help Finn get everything ready for the holiday.

- A light-hearted Easter book with large embossed fold-out pages
- Fosters the imagination and story-telling
- The perfect Easter present



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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Outi Kaden

Pages & Size: 22 | 17,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Lulu & Bo suchen den Frühling

ANNA TAUBE

Lulu & Bo Search for Spring

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations and lots of flaps

Springtime fun with Lulu & Bo

Tree nymph Lulu can't wait for spring. Together with her friend Bo, she looks forward to watching nature wake up. But where is Bo? Has he overslept? He has! Lulu wakes him up, and then the two of them set off to help their animal friends build their nests, and to have lots of adventures.

- Tree nymphs Lulu & Bo live in a big oak tree, and they're always willing to help their little friends
- With lots of flaps – join in and discover!
- Learn about nature as you play
- With magical illustrations by Outi Kaden



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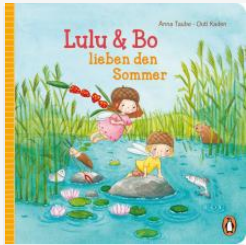
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Outi Kaden

Pages & Size: 22 | 17,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Illustrations: 10 color illustrations

Original title: Lulu & Bo lieben den Sommer

ANNA TAUBE

Lulu & Bo Love Summer

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations and lots of flaps

Summer fun with Lulu & Bo

Lulu and Bo love summer. Everywhere they look there are fruits and berries to eat, and there's nothing better than swimming in the pond. They make friends with the ducks, the trout and the storks, and a beaver helps them build a raft – and then the tree nymphs float across the pond. Ahoy there!

- Tree nymphs Lulu & Bo live in a big oak tree, and they're always willing to help their little friends
- With lots of flaps – join in and discover!
- Learn about nature as you play
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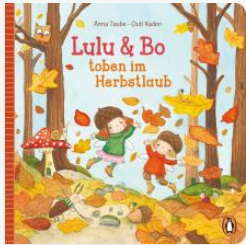
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 Recommended age group: 2+
 Original title: Lulu & Bo toben im Herbstlaub

ANNA TAUBE

Lulu & Bo jump in the Autumn Leaves

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations and lots of flaps

Autumn fun with Lulu & Bo

It's autumn! Lulu, Bo and their animal friends keep having to seek shelter from the wind and the rain – but there are lovely, golden, sun-filled days too, when the tree nymphs help squirrels and many other animals collect food... and then they play among the autumn leaves, of course!

- Tree nymphs Lulu & Bo live in a big oak tree, and they're always willing to help their little friends
- With lots of flaps – join in and discover!
- Learn about nature as you play
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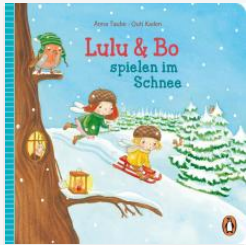
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Outi Kaden

Pages & Size: 22 | 17,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Lulu & Bo spielen im Schnee

ANNA TAUBE

Lulu & Bo Play in the Snow

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations and lots of flaps

Winter fun with Lulu & Bo

When Lulu wakes up, the world feels different – the sounds, the light... and the landscape is covered by a glittering layer of snow. Lulu and Bo put on their boots, wrap themselves in scarves, and set off to feed the birds and other woodland animals. And then they all meet up for a brilliant snowball fight!

- Tree nymphs Lulu & Bo live in a big oak tree, and they're always willing to help their little friends
- With lots of flaps – join in and discover!
- Learn about nature as you play
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Marta Costa
 Pages & Size: 20 | 18,0x18,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 2+
 Original title: Toffi erforscht das Wetter

JUDITH WEBER, MARCUS WEBER

Easy-Peasy: Weather

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations

Understanding how the weather works is easy-peasy! An introduction to natural sciences for the very young

Toffee and Ella the owl love the garden. When the sun is out, when it's pouring – nothing can keep them from playing outdoors. But why are there different sorts of weather, and why do we find sunshine and rain all over the world? Ella can explain!

Calling all junior explorers: science is fun!

- Will make even the youngest kids curious about how weather works
- An easy-to-follow, child-friendly introduction to natural sciences
- Stimulates curiosity, and inspires children to join in and be amazed



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 Original title: Toffi erforscht die Erde

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Easy-Peasy: Earth

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

2 +

With colour illustrations

Understanding what the Earth is made of is easy-peasy! An introduction to natural sciences for the very young

On an excursion, Toffee and his friends discover lots of different kinds of stones, stripey rocks and even a fossil. You can discover exciting things like that all over the world – but why is that? Toffee takes a closer look, and discovers some fascinating facts.

Calling all junior explorers: science is fun!

- Will make even the youngest kids curious about our planet
- An easy-to-follow, child-friendly introduction to natural sciences
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Paperback
 With illustrations from: Christine Thau
 Pages & Size: 96 | 14,8x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 5+
 Original title: A, B, C – Buchstabenspaß für die Vorschule

CHRISTINE THAU

A, B, C: Pre-School Fun with Letters

INTERACTIVE EXERCISE BOOK WITH 45 PUZZLES

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

5 +

With colour illustrations

Have fun and get ready for school: learn the ABC

A playful way for children to learn the shapes and sounds of letters – includes simple exercises to train their fine motor skills and make learning to write easier; spot-the-difference puzzles and 'paint-by-letters' pictures promote concentration and help to differentiate letters; and rhymes and sound exercises foster phonological awareness.

- The perfect way to get ready for school
- Learning the ABC can be fun!
- Lovely, detailed illustrations
- Perfect at home or on the road



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Children's Books, Pre-School

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 With illustrations from:
 Christine Thau
 Pages & Size: 96 | 14,8x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 5+
 Original title: 1, 2, 3 – Zahlenspaß für die Vorschule

CHRISTINE THAU

1, 2, 3: Pre-School Fun with Numbers

INTERACTIVE EXERCISE BOOK WITH 45 PUZZLES

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

5 +

With colour illustrations

Have fun and get ready for school: learn to count to 10

A playful way to start counting: learn about amounts, practice writing numbers and find out what they mean. Includes spot-the-difference puzzles and dot-to-dot pictures. Along the way, you'll learn how to improve your concentration too!

- The perfect way to get ready for school
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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Caroline Opheys
 Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 4+
 Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
 Original title: Im Baum-Haus wohnt das Abenteuer - Meine liebsten Vorlesegeschichten für 3, 5 und 10 Minuten

SANDRA GRIMM

Adventures in the Tree House: My Favourite Stories, Told in 3, 5 or 10 Minutes

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

Rights sold to: Slovakia (ARKUS)

4 +

With colour illustrations

Adventure awaits! Short and longer stories for any occasion

The big old tree is home to Benny Bat, Charlie Chipmunk, Nibbles the Hamster and Woolly the Hedgehog – and there are plenty of adventures to be had! Every day, among leaves and branches, the four friends have all sorts of exciting new experiences: they learn to be brave, organise a circus, play dress-up, and even chase away a scary ghost. Whatever surprises await the four little animals, one thing is for sure: adventures are a whole lot more fun when you're together!

- 15 short, engaging stories to read to little ones – 3, 5 or 10 minutes long
- Fun adventures with animal kids Benny, Woolly, Charlie and Nibbles, who live and play in the big old tree
- For reading together at home or at nursery, during the day or at bedtime



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Children's Books, Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Megan Higgins
 Pages & Size: 64 | 19,0x26,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 4+
 Illustrations: 30 color illustrations
 Original title: Molly, die Gute-Nacht-Eule - Der weltbeste Einschlafdienst

ANN-KATRIN HEGER

Molly the Good-Night Owl: The World's Best Fall-asleep-service

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations and foiled cover

Have you heard of the World's Best Fall-asleep-service? An imaginative and cosy bedtime story

Molly the good-night owl and her best friend Eugene can't believe their eyes when they see the fluffy cloud-coach drawn by a flock of sleep-sheep. They get in, and in two shakes of a lamb's tail they're off, racing through the clouds. They're on a mission: little badger Louis is desperate for their help! You see, he's too scared to go to sleep... Molly and Eugene use their nicest, cuddliest tricks to make him sleepy and guarantee pleasant dreams. Molly and Eugene are the world's best sleep first-aiders!

- A very special, funny and delightfully imaginative bedtime story
- The perfect cosy bedtime read to help little ones go to sleep
- Richly illustrated, with dreamy illustrations by Megan Higgins



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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 2+
 Original title: Wink dem Wal - Ein Mitmachbuch zum Schütteln, Schaukeln, Pusten, Klopfen und sehen, was dann passiert

Wave to the Whale: An Activity Book

SHAKE, SWING, BLOW, OR KNOCK FOR A SURPRISE

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

2+

Colour illustrations throughout

How do you say hello to a tiger? What happens at Jonas's birthday party? And why are the monkeys covering their ears? Children aged 2+ can actively engage with this cheerful picture book: they can touch it with their nose, clap and sing loudly and shake their head, depending on what the story requires. A book brim-full with surprises and all sorts of games, fun and excitement!

- Bestselling author Nico Sternbaum's fans have been eagerly awaiting his new activity book
- What happens when you knock on the book or rub it? How will the story continue when you clap, trumpet or flap your arms?
- The latest title in the series which has already been sold over 550,000 times in Germany and has been translated into 9 languages

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 80 | 21,0x26,0 cm
Recommended age group: 3+
Original title: Schüttel den Apfelbaum - Malbuch

NICO STERNBAUM

Shake the Apple Tree – The Colouring Book

THE COLOURING BOOK TO ACCOMPANY THE BESTSELLING PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

3+

Illustrated throughout

Teddy Ticklemonster, the little pilot and the Rabbit family – in this book, you'll encounter all your favourite heroes from Shake the Apple Tree, ready to be coloured in by little artists. Let your creative juices flow, while learning how to focus and develop fine motor skills.

- The colouring book to accompany the huge bestseller Shake the Apple Tree – more than 330,000 copies sold so far
- Colouring-in helps children develop creativity, concentration and fine motor skills

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Sonderausgabe
 Pages: 21,0x26,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 5+
 Original title: Mein kunterbuntes Buch der Buchstaben und Zahlen.
 Spielerisch das Alphabet und die Zahlen von 1 bis 20 lernen.
 Für Vorschulkinder ab 5 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

My Colourful Book of Letters and Numbers: Learn the ABC and How to Count to 20

FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 5+

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

5+

Colour illustrations throughout

This book introduces pre-school children to the ABC and to the numbers 1–20. Each letter and number is introduced with a cheerful illustration, which they can embellish and colour in to their heart's content. It includes pages with plenty of room to practice, and the little riddles scattered through the book will encourage your child to engage with letters and numbers in a playful way. Soon, your child will be able to write their name and their age, and do simple sums.

- The bestselling author's new book: learn the ABC and the numbers from 1 to 20 with the help of fun illustrations that you can colour in
- Little ABC and number puzzles allow children to learn as they play, and there are a few simple sums to do too
- Lots of useful lined pages for them to practice writing letters and numbers
- Helps develop fine motor skills and concentration

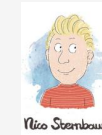
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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Yvonne Sundag
 Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 5+
 Illustrations: 15 color illustrations
 Original title: Hallo Schule, hier kommt Ben! – Ein Mitmach-Bilderbuch zum Schulanfang

JOHANNA VON VOGEL

Hello School, Ben's Here! A pre-school activity book

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

5+

With colour illustrations

A fun activity book to help prepare your child for school

Today is Ben's first day at school, and he's really looking forward to it. But he's also a teensy bit scared... His family help him pack his school bag, and off they go!

Join Ben as he finds a place to sit, discovers what he has in common with his classmates, relaxes and checks out all his new stuff. This is fun, isn't it? No wonder Ben can't wait to come back tomorrow!

- An interactive picture book for your first day at school: help Ben master those first-day challenges
- Familiarises children with school life in an exciting and unusual way
- A realistic and witty book by the author of The Lab Brothers
- Modern and diverse illustrations
- A great variety of richly detailed scenes – and there's a dinosaur hidden on every page



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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Isabel Große Holtforth
 Pages & Size: 16 | 21,0x29,7 cm
 Recommended age group: 4+
 Original title: Mein bunter Puzzle-Sticker-Spaß - Fahrzeuge

ISABEL GROßE HOLTFOORTH

My Colourful Jigsaw Stickers: Vehicles

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations and numerous stickers

Awesome fun with vehicle stickers!


In this sticker book, several stickers can be combined to create pictures of vehicles – and the outlined blank spaces allow kids as young as 4 to place them all by themselves. Includes extra stickers for decorating the pages and pictures for colouring in, which will ensure hours of fun at home or on the road. As they play, children will learn all about the vehicles you can find in places like ports, skateparks and train stations.

- Develops concentration and helps kids relax
- Witty, modern illustrations
- With pictures for colouring in



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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Isabel Große Holtforth
 Pages & Size: 16 | 21,0x29,7 cm
 Recommended age group: 4+
 Original title: Mein bunter Puzzle-Sticker-Spaß - Tiere

ISABEL GROßE HOLTORTH

My Colourful Jigsaw Stickers: Animals

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations and numerous stickers

Awesome fun with animal stickers!

In this sticker book, the little mouse travels round the world to visit her animal friends. Several stickers combine to create colourful pictures of animals – and there's a symbol to show you where they go. Includes extra stickers for decorating the pages and pictures for colouring in, which will ensure hours of fun at home or on the road. Along the way, kids will learn all about the world's animals and their habitats.

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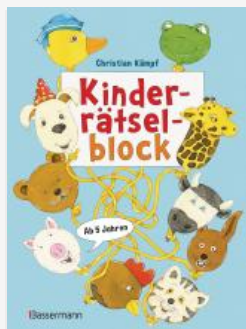
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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 128 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Original title:
Kinderrätselblock. Ab 5 Jahren

CHRISTIAN KÄMPF

A Puzzle Book for Kids

MAZES, PICTURE PUZZLES, DOT-TO-DOT DRAWINGS, AND MUCH MORE

Date of publication: January 25, 2023

5+

Illustrated throughout

Mazes, picture puzzles, spot-the-difference, 'What's wrong with the picture?' games – This book is packed with puzzles to keep young riddlers aged 5+ entertained on long journeys or rainy days.

Loads of fun and challenging enough to keep the mind young... and if you need a bit of help, you can find the solution on the next page.

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 128 | 14,0x18,7 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss – Drachenwitze für die Schule

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: Dragon Jokes for School

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

6 +

With colour illustrations

Something to cheer you up!

Little dragon Coconut and Oskar love jokes! They hear loads of them in the classroom and in the schoolyard, and after class they tell their friend Matilda the best of them...

Some of the dragon kids are always late for school. Mr Cauliflower asks them:

'What will it take for you to be in your seats when the bell goes?' Walter Wobblecheeks raises his hand. 'Yes, Walter?' 'Wait till we're all here before you ring it?'

- Hilarious jokes, fresh from Dragon School
- Because all Coconut fans love jokes!
- With lots of pictures of Coconut and friends

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Jana Schell
Pages & Size: 128 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Das Buch-Buch - Steckbriefe für deine Lieblingsbücher – witzige Foto-Challenges – alle möglichen Sachen mit Büchern machen

JANA SCHELL

The Book Book

A DIARY FOR LITTLE BOOKWORMS

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

8+

With colour illustrations

The perfect present for children who love – or will fall in love with – books

The Book Book is a must for bookworms aged 8+. Here, they can make a record of their favourite books on specially designed pages. Alongside imaginatively devised journal pages, there are lots of creative ideas for things you can do with books: arrange them by colour, pile them up high, write a postcard to your favourite hero or heroine... Passionate book-lovers Loki the owl and Edda the dormouse will accompany you every step of the way.

The ideal present for little readers – The Book Book not only celebrates reading and everything to do with books, but also fosters creativity, encourages deep thinking, and helps create fond memories.

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 160 | 22,0x16,8 cm
 Illustrations: 160 color illustrations
 Original title: Finde den Fehler
 - Bildersuchrätsel mit Cartoons

NICO FAUSER

Spot the Difference

VISUAL PUZZLES IN A CARTOON FORMAT

Date of publication: June 28, 2023

5+


4-colour throughout

A unique combination of truly humorous cartoons and challenging puzzles

At times gaudy, at times even with a bit of dark humour – here are 70 pictures to challenge the puzzle lover. In each puzzle eight differences between two otherwise identical cartoons are to be spotted through sharp observation. These enjoyable exercises are stimulating for the brain as well. The solutions are found on the back of each page. Here is an activity book to be enjoyed by the whole family.

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Children's Books, 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 - Die klitzekleine Angst

ANNETTE HERZOG

Little Badger and Big Badger: A Tiny Bit Scared

A PICTURE BOOK ABOUT BEING BRAVE

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

Rights sold to: Denmark (CoLibri), Ukraine (Vivat)

3+

With colour illustrations

A little badger shows great courage – a picture book about overcoming your fears

Oh no! Big Badger has disappeared! Little Badger can't find him anywhere. Has a wild boar chased him off? Or maybe a gang of robbers? Although Little Badger is a bit scared, he decides to save his best friend. Even dark caves and eerie shadows can't stop him. With every step, Little Badger becomes braver and braver, until his fear shrinks to almost nothing.

- Key message: you can be brave, even if you're a bit scared
- A heart-warming, supportive and fun picture book about two very special best friends
- Discover the joy of reading together, at home or at nursery



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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 and loves to make children's hearts beat faster with lovingly drawn characters.



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Monika Filipina
 Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 3+
 Original title: Hase Häppi – Kunterbunt macht glücklich

SUSANNE WEBER

Happy Bunny – The More Colour, the Better

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

Rights sold to: Ukraine (Vivat)

3 +

With colour illustrations

This picture book will make you happy

Happy the bunny isn't happy at all: every day, he has to work out what to wear, who to play with and what to eat. One day, he decides to let the wheel of fortune take charge: when it lands on blue, he wears a blue scarf, has blueberries for lunch and does cartwheels with the peacock. When it lands on green, he wears his green trousers, snacks on lush grass and challenges the grasshopper to a hopping race. But is Happy happy now? Not quite – he's waiting for the wheel to land on orange. Then he'll finally be able to eat carrots! And will he have to wait long to play football with the squirrel? Suddenly, Happy realises what really makes him happy: a colourful world!

- An entertaining picture book about what makes us happy
- Explores the concept of happiness – the perfect book to read and discuss together
- A lively tale by the popular author of Die Eule mit der Beule ('Owl has a boo-boo')
- Unique, loveable characters, illustrated by the internationally acclaimed artist Monika Filipina



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ILLUSTRATOR

Monika Filipina

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Claudia Burmeister
Pages & Size: 32 | 23,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Opa, ich kann
Hummeln zähmen

MONIKA FETH

I Can Tame Bumblebees, Grandpa

A PICTURE BOOK ABOUT GRIEF

Date of publication: April 26, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations

Grandpa is gone – a sympathetic picture book about saying goodbye

'Grandpa is dead.' When Jori's mother tells him that Grandpa has gone to sleep for ever, Jori has trouble understanding what that means. 'For ever' is a mighty long time, and no matter how hard he looks, he can't find Grandpa asleep anywhere: not in his bed, not in the armchair by the window, not in the hammock in the garden. Grandma says Grandpa is in heaven, and cries. Is heaven such a terrible place? Jori is convinced Grandpa would love sleeping on a cloud... still, what happens on days when there are no clouds? Aunty Ann says, 'Grandpa is with God.' God is in the church, of course, so Jori goes there to look for Grandpa. But he isn't there either. Surely Aunty Ann wouldn't lie?

- An empathetic picture book about death and saying goodbye, about missing someone and remembering them
- Explains death to children, and helps them overcome their grief
- By the bestselling author Monika Feth; Feth's books have sold more than 1.8m copies in German

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ILLUSTRATOR

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Agi Ofner
Pages & Size: 40 | 27,0x23,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Willst du tanzen?

AGI OFNER

Shall We Dance?

A PICTURE BOOK ABOUT CONFIDENCE

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations

Take heart, and dance your way through life!

Ole is a friendly elk, and he loves life. He asks the animals in the wood if they want to dance, but they keep making excuses. Ole starts wondering whether the other animals are right, and elks can't dance, after all. He almost gives up, but then he feels that itch in his legs again, his heart starts pounding, and before he knows it he's dancing to the beat. He is not alone, though: the other animals – curious to see what it's all about – have followed him, and now the rabbit's ears start jiving, the she-bear starts rocking, and the robin swings through the rain. They all agree: it's a perfect day for dancing!

- An inspiring, joyful picture book that celebrates life
- Filled with positive energy – Ole will get you dancing too and includes Ofner's own childlike and dreamy illustrations
- Written and illustrated by the brilliant artist Agi Ofner, who won the 2020 Austrian Children's and YA Book Prize

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Nini Alaska
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Linas Leuchtturm

JONATHAN STOCK

Lina's Lighthouse

A LYRICAL PICTURE BOOK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

4+

With colour illustrations

The great glow

Lina lives in a lighthouse by the sea, surrounded by gulls, crabs and other coastal creatures. She feeds them, sings to them, and in the evenings they tell each other stories about ship's goblins and sea dragons. One night, a terrible storm destroys the lighthouse, and Lina is very worried about the gulls – they won't be able to find her without the light. But she isn't alone, and she has an idea: the crab tells the gull, the gull flies off to tell the whale, and the whale dives deep into the ocean... and when the whale returns, it brings with it a whole host of glowing sea creatures. They congregate at the lighthouse, and together ignite a new light to ensure that no one is lost this treacherous night.

An enchanting, lyrical picture book with an important message: if you do right by others, they'll do right by you.

- Lina and the animals save their friends during a stormy night
- Magical, atmospheric and thought-provoking
- Conveys the importance of togetherness
- Beguilingly illustrated by the sought after picture-book artist Nini Alaska

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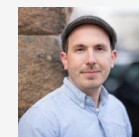
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ILLUSTRATOR

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Inka Vigh
 Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 4+
 Original title: Ich bin doch ICH – genau richtig!

NEELE

I Am Me – And I'm Perfect the Way I Am!

A COMPELLING AND REASSURING PICTURE BOOK ABOUT SELF-CONFIDENCE

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

4 +

With colour illustrations

You're perfect just the way you are: a picture book about self-confidence and tolerance

It's tough when others laugh at you. Are you smaller than a mouse, easily startled like a rabbit, slow like a snail or podgy like a seal? Who cares! This picture book will instill self-confidence in its young readers, and encourage them to stand up for who they are and what they look like. Soon, they'll be able to proudly say: 'I am me!' Everyone is unique, and everyone has a special skill – and if we all stick together, an open-minded and confident 'I am me' will soon turn into a cheerful chorus of 'We are we'.

- Drawing on everyday situations, I Am Me shows children that each of us is unique, and that we all have our own individual strengths
- Encourages kids to embrace diversity, and promotes self-confidence and tolerance – a positive message for all
- Provides food for discussion suitable for nursery- and primary school-aged children



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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Dorothee Mahnkopf
 Pages & Size: 48 | 24,0x32,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 5+
 Original title: Krank? Gesund? In deinem Körper geht's rund!

KATJA LUDWIG

Sick? Healthy? So much goes on in your body!

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

Rights sold to: China (China Light Industry Press), Denmark (Bogoo Books), Russia (Rosman)

5 +

With colour illustrations

Join Cytie and Phago on a fascinating journey into inner space

Cytie and Phago are white blood cells. Every day, they're busy hunting down harmful intruders and fixing things. Their lives are never boring – there's always something exciting happening in our bodies, and they're constantly required to help.

But it's not only Cytie and Phago who are at work – their relatives help out too: whether you have an itchy throat or a sore belly, they'll find out what the trouble is and sort things out again. With their help, you'll soon be right as rain!

- A combination of non-fiction and picture book: explore inner space with loveable Cytie and Phago
- A vivid, child-friendly description of what happens inside our bodies when we're ill, by a qualified surgeon
- Answers kids' questions about their bodies and health
- With easy and practical tips for how to stay healthy
- Wonderfully detailed illustrations by Dorothee Mahnkopf



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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Britta Teckentrup
Pages & Size: 160 | 21,0x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Illustrations: 160 color illustrations
Original title: Die Schaukel

BRITTA TECKENTRUP

The Swing

Date of publication: February 15, 2023

Rights sold to: China (Beijing Culture and Media), Greece (Kastaniotis), Italy (Uovonero), Korea (Gilbut)

5+

Colour illustrations throughout

Winner of the Elnipex prize for best cross-over title in the under 12 category

A philosophical picture book that gently introduces children to life's highs and lows

Swings are very special, because with their help you can fly as high as the sky. Of course, you also have to come back down again...

In this book's many miniature stories, a very special swing plays an important role: when you sit on it you can see the sea, and over the years you'll meet lots of different people here. The swing has lots of stories to tell too. It has watched children grown up, make friends and go their separate ways, dream about the future and worry about things.

This unique illustrated book is a wonderful companion for the whole family, and will prompt many conversations: who am I? What motivates me? Do I dare fly high – or should I just sit here, and let the sight of the sea fill me with peace? No matter how old you are, you're bound to discover yourself in these pages.

- A lyrical and philosophical meditation on life
- A special, evocative book by a brilliant illustrator and author
- For young and old, and for lovers and collectors of lyrical gift books

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Gütersloher Verlagshaus

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Giuliano Ferri

Pages & Size: 32 | 25,0x25,0 cm

Recommended age group: 6+

Original title: Flüchtlingskind

GIULIANO FERRI

Refugee Child: My friendship with Jesus

JESUS AND HIS FRIEND

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

6 +

4c illustrations throughout


An alternative – and highly topical – story about Jesus

Refugee Child is the tale of an unlikely friendship between two boys: one is the son of a Nile fisherman, the other the son of a refugee carpenter from Judea. The fisherman's son has inherited his father's prejudices, while the refugee boy is ostracised and deeply lonely. As the two become close friends, their mutual love and solidarity help them overcome adversity. My friendship with Jesus is an alternative, yet highly plausible, version of the story of the boy Jesus, whose message is one of hope – uniquely and distinctively underscored by Giuliano Ferri's warm-hearted and ethereal illustrations.

- The story of the boy Jesus as you've never heard it before
- Loving, warm-hearted and affirmative
- Created by an internationally renowned artist and children's illustrator

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Giuliano Ferri was born in 1965 in Pesaro, Italy. He studied at the art academy in Urbino, where he specialised in animation, and later joined Stephan Zavrel's illustration courses. Many of his works have been translated into other languages. His work has regularly been exhibited at the Children's Book Fair in Bologna and also received awards.



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Petra Bergmann
Pages & Size: 96 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 7+
Original title: Hainer der kleine Hai - Die heimliche Reise

TERESA HOCHMUTH

Shane the Little Shark: The Secret Voyage

THE FIRST BOOK IN A NEW SERIES FOR PRACTICED EARLY READERS

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

7 +

With colour illustrations

This little shark has some big questions

Red, yellow, blue, green – Shane's teeth glow in every colour. Tiburon and Sharkira laugh at him, because no one else in Sharkford has teeth like that. So Shane decides to leave home and ask his idol Sharnaldo for help. The famous flipperball player's teeth are pearly-white and perfectly pointed, and they grow back longer each time he does something heroic. Shane goes on an adventure journey where he learns not only the truth about his colourful teeth, but the meaning of real friendship and what's important in life.

- Shane the Little Shark is a new series for early readers aged 6+
- Exciting adventures and tales of friendship set in a wonderful underwater world
- Shy little shark Shane discovers that a flaw can actually be a gift
- Will help embolden primary school kids who are still a little shy
- Shane and his friend Neyla are loveable characters and great role models
- Helps children develop eco-consciousness and think about saving the seas
- Short chapters in an easy-to-read typeface: ideal for first readers
- For fans of Little Dragon Coconut

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When Teresa Hochmuth won a Fulbright scholarship, she moved to California to study screenwriting. She writes in both German and English. She loves creating new episodes for TV, as well as writing exciting and humorous tales of adventure. She is a graduate of the Academy for Children's Media, and lives in Munich with her family.

ILLUSTRATOR

Petra Bergmann



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Petra Bergmann (b. 1979) has been a freelance illustrator since 2017. She specialises in children's books, with colourful and witty illustrations of children and animals. She lives in beautiful Oldenburg with her husband and son.



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Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Marie Zippel
Pages & Size: 112 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Erste Klasse, fertig, los! – Martha und Lalu kommen in die Schule

LUZIE-LINN BEEKE

First Form: Ready, Steady, Go! – Martha and Lalu Go to School

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

6+

With colour illustrations

What is it like to start school?

Starting school is exciting – and a big step. Whenever Martha thinks about it she gets butterflies, and she has lots of questions too: what do they expect you to know already? And how is school different from kindergarten?

Martha's toy rabbit Lalu, family, friends and neighbours all try their best to answer her questions, but some things are hard to explain... so when her new school invites her to come along for an open day, it's her chance to find out for herself what's in store.

- An entertaining story about starting school
- A different kind of induction: a toy rabbit helps Martha overcome her fears
- Deals with the questions and worries kids might have about starting school and helps kids look forward to it instead

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ILLUSTRATOR

Marie Zippel



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Even as a child, Marie Zippel simply couldn't put her pens down, and she would fill her colouring books right to the edge and beyond. After studying product design, she spent several years working with toys before becoming a freelance illustrator. She lives in Nuremberg, where she specialises in children's illustration.



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Christiane Fürtges
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0
cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 70 color
illustrations
Original title: Willkommen im
Hotel Zur Grünen Wiese

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

Welcome to Green Meadows Hotel

INSECT ADVENTURES FOR LITTLE KIDS

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

6+

With colour illustrations

A cosy insect hotel

Grasshopper Adlon loves managing Green Meadows, and looks after his guests with the help of super-keen ant Alexa and grumpy-but-kind fly Margot. It isn't always easy, though: the dung beetle in no. 11 refuses to park his ball of dung outside; Madame Spinoza, the well-travelled singer, keeps catching glow-worms in her web – even though they're meant to be taking care of the hotel's lighting; and when young Princess Bee arrives with her entourage, she turns Adlon's world upside down: he can't help himself, and falls head over heels in love with the cute little princess and her sweet dimples. When Karl, the beetle, goes missing, they all join forces to bring him back in one piece.

- A busy and entertaining story about big dreams, hilarious mix-ups and crazy adventures
- An exciting and colourful cast of hilarious insect characters
- Delightfully funny, full of situation comedy and puns, this is a warm-hearted tale by a bestselling author
- Richly illustrated by Christiane Fürtges
- Book 2 is out in spring 2024

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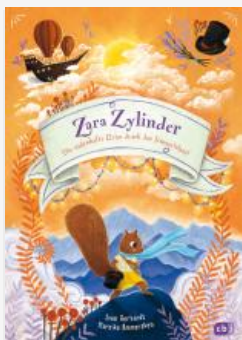
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Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Mareike Ammersken
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0
cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 140 color
illustrations
Original title: Zara Zylinder -
Die sagenhafte Reise durch
das Jemandland

SVEN GERHARDT

Zara Cylinder: A Magical Journey through Someoneland

A FANTASTIC STORY FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

6+

With colour illustrations

'I have to go. The moon will show me the way.'

When Minna Melon returns to Truleigh Wood, she finds everything changed: the stage on the forest's edge is overgrown, and Zara Cylinder, the little squirrel, has left the settlement and ventured into the dark forest. The trouble is, no one has ever come back from there...

But Minna tells the other animals in the settlement not to lose hope. She thinks Zara has gone to find adventure – and she's right. Zara has always yearned to see the world Minna told them about. She has plucked up the courage to follow her heart, and, guided by the moon, has found a rich reward: new friends, and wonderful experiences. But just as Zara thinks her journey is at an end, she suddenly has to make a decision, all by herself.

- The brilliant sequel to Minna Melon – squirrel Zara discovers her skills and strengths
- A wonderfully poetic book about inner happiness
- A magical story filled with humour, wisdom and adventure
- A beautiful, lyrical tale by a bestselling author
- With newcomer Mareike Ammersken's atmospheric illustrations

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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Iris Hardt
Pages & Size: 96 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Erst ich ein Stück, dann du - Schnitzeljagd in der Schule

PATRICIA SCHRÖDER

First Me, Then You: Hunting for Treasure

A STORY FOR EARLY READERS

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

6 +

With colour illustrations

The latest book in this popular series, with its proven concept for improving reading skills

Lea has just started second form, and everything has changed: her friend Mai-Britt is now friends with Alina, and her old teacher Mrs Fox has been replaced by a stranger. Luckily she still has Ben to always make her laugh. When a scrap of paper flutters to the floor at their feet, they are puzzled – and are soon drawn into a treasure hunt. Lea and Ben can't contain their excitement. And then they realise that the new teacher is behind it... but will they manage to uncover his secret? When a child finds learning to read difficult, many parents say, 'Why don't we read together? Let's take it in turns: I'll do the first bit, you do the next.' That's why 'First Me, Then You', our most popular series for beginners, was conceived especially for reading together.

- An exciting story about school, puzzles and friendship
- A proven concept for improving reading skills
- Alternating passages for experienced and new readers
- Reading together is fun and will motivate early readers

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Patricia Schröder was born in northern Germany in 1960 and grew up in Düsseldorf. She is particularly committed to the promotion of children's literacy, and to this end developed the 'Let's Read Together' series, aimed at helping children to discover how much fun it can be to read books and stories by themselves.

ILLUSTRATOR

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Iris Hardt grew up in the Ruhr area, and studied illustration at Münster Polytechnic. In 2000, she joined a shared studio, where she works as a freelance illustrator for many different publishers.



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss – Aufregung in der Drachenschule

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: Havoc at Dragon School

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

6 +

With colour illustrations

A school subject called 'Adventure'

At Dragon School, Mr Cauliflower is telling the little dragons all about the animals that once lived on Dragon Island. When Coconut says that a three-headed cave dragon used to live there too, everyone laughs at him. Surely the cave dragon is nothing but a mythical beast from Coconut's favourite tale of pirate adventures? But Coconut insists that there's truth at the heart of every story, and sets out to prove that cave dragons did in fact exist – naturally, Oskar and Matilda decide to lend a hand.

The adventure stories featuring little dragon Coconut and friends have become real children's classics. The Coconut books are all about friendship and courage, and include Ingo Siegner's own imaginative illustrations. This bestselling series is perfect for reading together or independently.

- The stories set at Coconut's school are among the bestselling books in the series
- The little fire dragon combines a love for adventure with the challenges of school life
- More than 14m copies sold
- Every book in the series has entered the top 10 – a guaranteed bestseller

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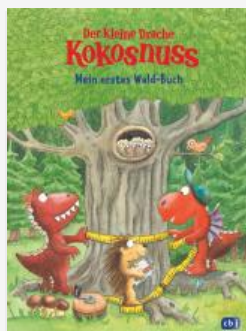
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Ingo Siegner



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Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss - Mein erstes Wald-Buch

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: My First Forest Book

PACKED WITH GAMES AND CREATIVE IDEAS

Date of publication: May 17, 2023

6 +

With colour illustrations

Discover and protect the woodland with Coconut

Little dragon Coconut, devouring dragon Oskar and Matilda the porcupine have learnt a lot about woodlands from their Biology teacher Mr Cauliflower. While they go to check on the little trees they've planted, they talk about interesting stuff like: why are woods important in terms of climate? What does an ideal wood look like? Which animals depend on woodland habitats? How can you help to protect forests? How do trees breathe, drink and grow? What creatures live in the woods? Could you survive among the trees? The three friends have written down everything they know, so that children aged 6+ can learn all about forests too – and have added lots of recipes and ideas for games and crafts.

- Learn as you play: join Coconut to find out all about the woods, and how to protect them
- An exciting way to learn about forests, for children aged 6+
- Includes many ideas for games and crafts to enjoy on your day out in the woods
- Crafting ideas and recipes for woodland 'fruits'

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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Leonie Daub
 Pages & Size: 88 | 15,5x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 7+
 Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
 Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen: Kinderbuchklassiker - Das Dschungelbuch

RUDYARD KIPLING, CHRISTIAN SELTMANN

Penguin Junior – Children's Classics for Early Readers: The Jungle Book

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

7 +

With colour illustrations

A thrilling children's classic for early readers

Thanks to the classic Disney film, Baloo, Bagheera and founding Mowgli, who was raised by a family of wolves, are famous all over the world. But if you really want to know what Mowgli and his friends got up to – their adventures and the challenges they faced – you'll have to read the original story. This exciting tale with lots of life lessons has now been retold for young readers.

- Rudyard Kipling's children's classic, retold for kids aged 7+ by an experienced early-readers author
- A true treasure trove of tales of adventure, friendship and exciting encounters with nature
- Tells the story of Mowgli's exciting life in the jungle, from little boy to adult
- The short chapters printed in an easy-to-read typeface make this book suitable for improving readers as well as beginners
- Lovingly detailed colour illustrations by Leonie Daub



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Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936) was born in Mumbai and went to school in the UK. After returning to India, he travelled widely, and worked as a journalist and writer before returning to Britain at the age of twenty-four. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907.

AUTHOR

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ILLUSTRATOR

Leonie Daub



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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
 Format: Hardcover
 With illustrations from: Miriam Cordes
 Pages & Size: 112 | 15,5x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 7+
 Illustrations: 70 color illustrations
 Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen: Zauberhufe – Unser magischer Ponyhof - Ein Chaos-Pony zum Verlieben

AMELIE PLAAS-LINK

Penguin Junior for Early Readers – Magic Horseshoes – Our Magical Pony Farm: Chaotic Kaspar

Date of publication: April 26, 2023

7 +

With colour illustrations

Pure magic – from mane to marvelous horseshoes! The new series for improving readers

Lina's dream has come true: there's a pony farm near her new home! And she is allowed to learn to ride during Magic Pony Week! Unfortunately, she is paired up with chaotic Kaspar... but as her lessons progress, she and Kaspar become friends. When he gets two new pairs of marvelous sparkly horseshoes, something truly magical happens: Lina can suddenly speak his language – and the two of them embark on their first adventure together.

- A brilliant start to this new series from Penguin Junior for Early Readers
- Short chapters set in a large, easy-to-read font, ideal for beginners as well as improvers
- Ponies are always a hit – add a touch of magic, and you have an irresistible recipe



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Penguin Junior for Early Readers – Magic Horseshoes – Our Magical Pony Farm: At the Gallop

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7 +

With colour illustrations

Pure magic – from mane to marvelous horseshoes! The second book in this new series for improving readers

Lina loves hanging out at the pony farm with Kaspar, the cheekiest and funniest Icelandic horse in the world. Together, they are 'Team Magic Hooves': ever since Kaspar received his magical new horseshoes, Lina has been able to speak his language. Isn't that amazing? It would be so nice if her best friend Tiago could also talk to his pony – then the four of them could join forces to get their riding licenses. But before the big test, Kaspar gallops into a whole lot of trouble. Will Lina be able to sort everything out in time?

- Lina's magical adventures continue: new friends, cute ponies and much excitement ahead of the big riding test
- Short chapters set in a large, easy-to-read font, ideal for beginners as well as improvers
- Ponies are always a hit – add a touch of magic, and you have an irresistible recipe



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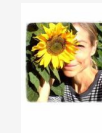


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Children's Books, Middle Grade

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With illustrations from: Marie Braner
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Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 20 b/w illustrations
Original title: Der fabelhafte Herr Blomster - Ein Schulkiosk voller Geheimnisse

SVEN GERHARDT

Fabulous Mr Blomster: A Tuck Shop Full of Secrets

THE THRILLING START TO A NEW SERIES BY THIS BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

8+

With b/w illustrations

He's not just an ordinary school caretaker...

Mr Blomster runs the school's tuck shop. His vaulted cellar is filled with mysterious treasure, and alongside tasty rolls and cold drinks you can find all kinds of curios and secrets in his shop. They make school life a whole lot more fun!

The kids are all looking forward to the school fete. All, that is, except Anton. He's new at Meta von Magnolien School, and still a bit shy. But with Mr Blomster's help and advice, he soon makes friends with Serena, Cem and Masha. The four of them decide to make the fete a day to remember. But first they have to solve a riddle, and find a very special piece of treasure. Since Mr Blomster is the grandson of the school's indefatigable founder, he knows exactly what to do – to the headmistress's great consternation...

- Mr Blomster is there whenever you need help, and always finds a quirky solution
- A clever, exciting, inspiring and funny story that encourages openness, tolerance and curiosity
- With evocative b/w illustrations by Marie Braner
- Book 2 is out in Autumn 2023

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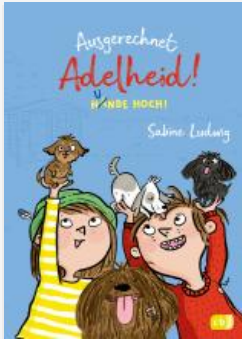
ILLUSTRATOR

Marie Braner



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Children's Books, Middle Grade

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Barbara Jung
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cm
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Adelheid! - Hunde hoch!

SABINE LUDWIG

Adelheid, of All People! – Hounds up!

THE NEW INSTALMENT IN THIS BESTSELLING AUTHOR'S HILARIOUS
CHILDREN'S SERIES

Date of publication: May 24, 2023

8 +

With 2c illustrations

Adelheid truly has her work cut out this time!

Not again! Adelheid always has to step in when her best friend Benni causes havoc. Now he's decided that revenge is sweeter than sausages: he has set his sights on annoying Sarah-Michelle, and soon lands in real trouble. Yet it isn't just Benni who needs Adelheid's help: her sisters, too, are in a fix, and Adelheid is their only hope. Which is weird, because they're usually the ones she relies on! And then there's their neighbour, Mr Wenzel, whose dog Lotte has everyone in a right flap...but there's an even bigger surprise in store for Adelheid's family!

- A typical Sabine Ludwig book, told with a sharp eye and sparkling wit
- Adelheid is a strong, imaginative and kind-hearted heroine
- Adelheid and her best friend Benni always have each other's back
- A story about friendship, loyalty and overcoming everyday prejudice
- Brilliantly, wittily and lovingly drawn by Barbara Jung

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ILLUSTRATOR

Barbara Jung



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Children's Books, Middle Grade

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With illustrations from: Eilika Mühlenberg
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Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 30 b/w illustrations
Original title: Zauberfahrt mit Kater

BETTINA OBRECHT

Magical Voyage with Cat

WITH NUMEROUS BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS

Date of publication: May 17, 2023

8+

With b/w illustrations

A cat with a nose for adventure

Inja's father has moved across the sea, from where he sends her cheery messages and photos of his new flat. Three weeks later, she can finally go visit him for the first time. The ferry journey takes four and a quarter hours, though, and she isn't looking forward to it one bit, no matter what her mother says to reassure her. At least Uncle Jonas will accompany her – he's a magician, and has been booked to entertain the passengers. But then Jonas is suspected of being a thief! Inja knows he's innocent – but can she prove it? Luckily, Erik and his cat are there to help. They turn out to be first-class detectives. When the ferry reaches its destination, Uncle Jonas is freed and Inja has made two new friends...

- A lovely and exciting story featuring two heroes who must learn to put aside their differences
- A harmless journey across the sea unexpectedly turns into an adventure
- The best kind of children's story: deftly told, perceptive and delightfully funny
- With beautiful drawings by Eilika Mühlenberg

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ILLUSTRATOR

Eilika Mühlenberg

Eilika Mühlenberg (b. in Frankfurt am Main in 1969) studied art pedagogy at Frankfurt University, and then did a degree in media design (specialising in children's illustration) at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg. In 1999, she embarked on a career as a freelance illustrator for various children's and YA publishers, and now also runs a nursery school studio – where she teaches art, but has, to her great delight, ended up learning a lot from her young pupils too. She lives in Hamburg with her husband and two sons.



Children's Books, Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu
Pages & Size: 208 | 15,5x21,0
cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Ella Löwenstein -
Ein Fluss der Fantasie

GESA SCHWARTZ

Ella Löwenstein: Dream River

A MAGICAL, EXCITING, POETIC STORY

Date of publication: April 12, 2023

8+

With b/w illustrations

For Ella Löwenstein, magic smells like dancing snowflakes. And that's not all: because she's a fairy whisperer, she can actually see magical beings! And the creatures of Otherworld need her help...

What's happened to the water? At Ella's place, mysterious things keep happening: the taps drip for no apparent reason, the garden pond takes on a weird colour, and when the goblin Kasimir takes a shower he gets covered in mud. Ella knows exactly what's behind it: magic! Together with Kasimir, she tries to get to the bottom of things – and before they know it, the two are embroiled in a chancy adventure, which takes them right into the hidden realm of the water nymphs...

- Book 4 of this fantastic children's series, written by a brilliant storyteller
- An unconventional young heroine and her extraordinary magical friend are on a mission to help a nymph in need
- Ella's imagination is as colourful as a rainbow
- With atmospheric b/w illustrations by Cathy Ionescu

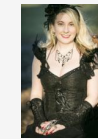
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ILLUSTRATOR

Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu



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Cathy Ionescu, born in Koblenz in 1984, grew up in Dortmund and Münster and studied design and illustration in Münster and Seoul. She lives and works as a children's book illustrator in Münster.



Children's Books, Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Illustrations: 9 b/w illustrations
Original title: Clans of Ninja Rats – Kämpfer des Feuers

GESA SCHWARTZ

Ninja Rat Clans: The Fire Warriors

AN EXCITING ANIMAL FANTASY TALE

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

10 +

With b/w illustrations

You have to fight for your dreams!

When brown rat Ferdinand is forced to leave the safety of his New York pet shop and ends up underground, a whole new world opens up to him. He learns that five warring clans of rats have divided the city between them: they're all ninjas, and they not only display impressive fighting techniques, but have an arsenal of special weapons and other special skills. Ferdinand would love to join the Fire Clan, which is famous for having the best fighters. But it won't be easy – and when they discover that there's a traitor among them, he has to prove his loyalty...

- Animal fantasy featuring a heroic rat
- Five warring rat clans practise the ancient art of ninja warriors
- A fast-paced adventure set in a magical subterranean New York

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Children's Books, Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 160 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Original title: Dusty - Verräterische Spuren

JAN ANDERSEN

Dusty: The Treacherous Trail

Date of publication: May 24, 2023

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Albatros), Slovak Republic (Albatros)

10+

Dusty is in danger!

Paul is desperate: he knows he's done a really stupid thing – and he can't tell anyone. His parents would be so disappointed in him, and he'd definitely be expelled from school. Not only that, but his best friend Alex would never speak to him again. Yet all Paul wanted to do was help... Now, someone who means him ill has found out his secret, and is blackmailing him. The worst thing of all is that the miscreant has Dusty in his sights too...

- Dusty is in danger, and Paul doesn't know what to do
- A gripping page-turner for boys and girls
- Friendship, family, and a loyal dog who's afraid of nothing

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Jan Andersen is the pen name of author Wolfram Hänel. He lives in northern Germany and has published more than a hundred stories and novels, which have been translated into 25 languages so far. Even as a boy, he loved dog tales more than anything. He has always had dogs as pets too, and they've all been Collies. Jan is convinced that, one day, he'll be sitting at the table with his dog as usual – and it'll suddenly start talking. For more information about Wolfram Hänel and his books, see www.haenel-buecher.weebly.com (German only) www.haenel-buecher.weebly.com



Children's Books, Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 288 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Original title: Magic Agents - In Dublin sind die Feen los!

ANJA WAGNER

Magic Agents: Fairies on the Loose in Dublin

A VERY SPECIAL AGENT EMBARKS ON HER FIRST MISSION

Date of publication: February 15, 2023

Rights sold to: Russia (Eksmo), The Netherlands (Leopold)

10+

With b/w illustrations

Magic service agents (in short 'magents') do top secret work all over the world. Their motto is 'Trust no one, and never underestimate them.'

Shortly after passing the magents' exam, 12-year-old Elia Evander is posted to Dublin, where someone has stolen a magical artefact. As more and more fabulous creatures start showing up in the city, their presence spells danger – not only for humans but for themselves too. Elia is an agent of magic, and she's on the case! But before she can send the lost creatures back into their realm, she faces some unexpected challenges: why are they suddenly so aggressive? And how can she possibly find a lost artefact, if no one can tell her what it looks like?

- Magent Elia Evander's first case: fabulous creatures, plenty of action and a dose of Irish magic
- Elia and her magical companion Selmor must save Dublin from destruction
- A fast-paced adventure set in a city rich in mythology
- Book 2 is scheduled for Autumn 2023

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Anja Wagner grew up in a small town in North Rhine-Westphalia, where she took part in her first creative writing competition at the age of 10, and where her old desk is still in its place. She has written numerous children's and YA books since 2009, and has won several prizes. She sometimes yearns to see the world – and then travels far and wide to study local myths and legends, and find inspiration for magical new stories.



**Children's Books,
Non-Fiction**

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Maurizio Onano
Pages & Size: 176 | 15,5x21,0
cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Illustrations: 80 color
illustrations
Original title: Mein
wunderbares Ich – Was mich
ausmacht und welche Rolle die
Gene dabei spielen

CLARISSA CORRÊA DA SILVA

Wonderful Me: What Makes Me Who I Am, and What Do Genes Have to Do With It?

THE FIRST EVER CHILDREN'S BOOK ON EPIGENETICS

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

Rights sold to: Spain (Siruela)

10 +

With 2c illustrations

The 'self' is a lucky-dip

In this non-fiction children's book, Clarissa da Silva reveals why we are the way we are. She playfully explains how genetic inheritance works, and that we're shaped not only by our genes but also by our environment, and even by what previous generations have experienced. A child-friendly, lively and expert introduction to the science of epigenetics, which will embolden children to shape their own selves – because every 'self' is a wonderful creature, with huge potential.

- Deals with the burning questions children ask themselves as they enter puberty: who am I? Who can I become?
- The first ever children's book about the science of epigenetics
- Founded on solid research and age-appropriate

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ILLUSTRATOR

Maurizio Onano

Maurizio 'Mauri' Onano (b. in Lippstadt in 1991) is an award-winning picture book illustrator, graphic designer and illustrator, who constantly asks himself, 'Who am I?' He lives and works in Cologne.

GERALD HÜTHER, INGE MICHELS

How Our Brains Make Us Happy

NEUROSCIENCE FOR KIDS

Date of publication: May 03, 2023

5+

20 colour images and 4c illustrations throughout

A fascinating research trip for both younger and older children, by one of Germany's leading brain scientists

Join Felix and Feline on their exciting journey of discovery, where they find out not only that our brains play a crucial role in creating emotions, but also where our feelings come from in the first place, and why they are so important. Readers will discover what it feels like to put your heart and soul into something, and the happiness that a sense of agency and connectedness can bring. How Our Brains Make Us Happy also includes an informative annex which explains the function of each of the brain's different regions with the help of drawings and photos, providing parents with a clear and succinct summary of the necessary facts. Hüther and Michels have also devised a new conception of happiness, outside any notions of achievement and the compulsion to perform, which will help children – and adults! – develop a wide range of diverse problem-solving skills.

- The authors' first book Neuroscience for Kids: Felix and Feline Discover the Brain has sold more than 30k copies so far
- Bestselling author Hüther frequently appears in the media, and is one of Germany's most renowned neuroscientists




Children's Books, Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Kösel
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Dagmar Henze
Pages & Size: 80 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 20 color illustrations
Original title: Wie kommt das Glück in den Kopf?

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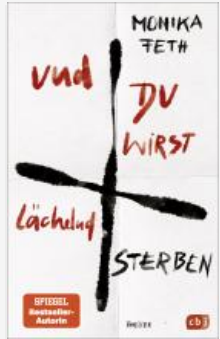
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Young Adults, Thriller

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Und du wirst
lächelnd sterben

MONIKA FETH

You'll Die with a Smile on Your Face

THE NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER BY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Date of publication: April 20, 2023

14 +

English sample translation available

‘My hands will set your skin ablaze. My tongue will scorch your lips. My love will kill you – and you’ll die with a smile on your face.’

Ivy is on the run. She no longer remembers who from, or why. All she knows is her first name. Without money, phone or ID, starving and with someone else’s blood on her clothes, she finds shelter in a smalltown B&B. As she gradually starts getting her memory back, she discovers that she isn’t safe here either – so she goes into hiding in a seaside resort, and gets a job in a bistro at a beach hotel. But at night, she is plagued by nightmares. What is it that she saw, and why is she so reluctant to go to the police?

- A thriller that’ll get right under your skin, featuring a strong heroine
- Bestselling author Feth is back with a mystery thriller that’ll take you breath away
- A secret crime, and a girl with amnesia being hunted by the police
- Deals with the topical subject of police violence
- Feth’s books have sold more than 1.8m copies in German

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Monika Feth was born in 1951. After completing her degree in literature, she was initially employed as a journalist. Today she lives and works as a freelance author for both children and adults. The sensational success of the Strawberry Picker thrillers has made her famous beyond her YA readership. Her books have been translated into more than 24 languages.



Young Adults, Fantasy

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: KNIGHTS - Eine
erbarmungslose Macht

LENA KIEFER

Knights: No Mercy

THE FINAL INSTALMENT IN THIS GRIPPING URBAN FANTASY TRILOGY

Date of publication: May 24, 2023

14+

Fight the darkness – or it might just destroy you

Charlotte and the Knights only just managed to survive their last fight against Morgana and are completely in shock. Noel has been overcome by Morgana's powers and has disappeared without a trace. No one knows whether he is still himself or whether the darkness has already completely taken him over. When KORT decides to hunt Noel down, Charlotte and Team Stanham do everything they can to find him before the others do. A merciless race against time begins, in which not only Charlotte and Noel's love is at stake, but the fate of the entire world ...

The action-packed finale of the great fantasy trilogy by Spiegel bestselling author Lena Kiefer!

- Urban fantasy at its best: the legend of King Arthur meets modern England
- Kiefer's books have sold more than 200k copies so far in German
- Two teenagers, one otherworldly love, and a curse threatening to destroy everything
- Brilliant characters in a seductive setting – highly addictive

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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. Lena Kiefer now lives near Bremen with her husband and spends every minute at her disposal – or not – writing. This brilliant new fantasy trilogy follows her popular debut trilogy 'Ophelia Scale' and her bestselling New Adult series 'Don't'.



Young Adults, Fantasy

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Arcadia – Die
Auserwählten

YASMIN DREYER

Arcadia: Let the Games Begin

A BREATH-TAKING FUTURISTIC FANTASY PACKED WITH ACTION AND
ADVENTURE

Date of publication: May 24, 2023

14 +

The fate of humanity is in the hands of this secret elite boarding school

Ben and Emily are willing to do anything to attend the top-secret elite boarding school of Arcadia, where they're developing the technology of the future. All Emily wants is to use her extraordinary tech skills to help humanity, so she even sits their life-or-death admissions test. Meanwhile, Ben has been hired by a tech company to spy on the academy, and smuggles himself in using a false ID. Soon, Emily and Ben witness a series of mysterious events on this remote island in the middle of the Atlantic – and realise that behind the façade of this famous school lurks a terrible secret...

- Mission impossible: two teenagers in a race against time – an utterly addictive page-turner
- For fans of Suzanne Collins, Lena Kiefer and Ursula Poznanski

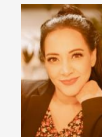
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Young Adults, Fantasy

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Laurelin – Das
Flüstern des Lichts

CAROLINE BRINKMANN

Laurelin: Whispering Light

EPIC FANTASY

Date of publication: February 22, 2023

14+

A baroness with a dark secret, a thief with nothing to lose and an elf who wants to be free

Amsterlock is ruled by shady barons, who use smuggling, theft and blackmail to stay in power.

Laurelin de Jong is Baroness Love's daughter and right-hand woman. When her sister is murdered, she determines to find the killer. Along the way, she uncovers a dangerous intrigue – and it might cost her her life.

Laurelin also has a dark secret, which she must hide no matter what. If they find out who she really is, it's not only her life that will be at risk. But then the thief Quintus gets uncomfortably close to uncovering it. Can she trust him? Or does he have an ulterior motive?

- Caught between shadow and light – the second book in the Whisper Chronicles series
- A city filled with darkness, lies and secrets – six shady barons in charge – and three heroes who couldn't be more different
- Caroline Brinkmann takes us into a magical world, where nothing is as it seems
- Set in a fictional Amsterdam – opulent and spellbinding

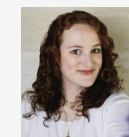
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YA author Caroline Brinkmann was born in the far north of Germany in 1987. Her debut novel won the Lovelybooks Best German-language Debut Authors Prize, and her most recent book spent two consecutive months at the top of the fantasy bestsellers list. She writes whenever she can, preferably while listening to power ballads and with plenty of coffee within reach. Her love for the sea and for Hamburg provided the inspiration for Aurora: Whispering Shadows. When she isn't immersing herself in otherworldly realms, she practises medicine.



Young Adults, Romance

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 304 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Make me stay

DORO KAYSER

Make Me Stay

EMOTIONS RUN HIGH IN THIS LOVE STORY

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

14+

How much can love bear?

When her father dies, seventeen-year-old Sue Walsh resolves to study medicine in California, just like he did. Until then, she'll be living with her gran in a small town in the US. After she meets cute Nate at a fall fete during her final year at high school, she can't stop thinking about him. The chemistry between them is palpable. But their plans for life after school are incompatible, so they make a deal: they'll be friends with benefits – nothing more.

At first, everything goes well. But then Sue learns that her gran has Alzheimer's. Sue and Nate's world falls apart, and their feelings for each other are sorely tested...

- The poignant debut novel by a young and empathetic author with a talent for connecting with her target readership
- A multi-layered coming of age novel about first love, true friendship and loss

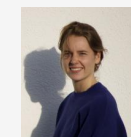
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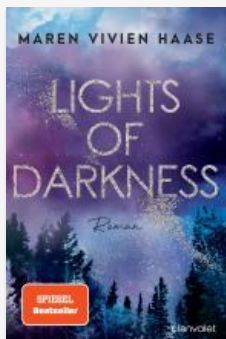
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Young Adults, Romance

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Lights of Darkness

MAREN VIVIEN HAASE

Lights of Darkness

Date of publication: January 18, 2023

Frankie & Tyler: she is scared of the dark – he only comes alive when night falls. But when light and dark meet, everything changes...

Terrible events in her childhood have left Frankie Davis with a phobia of the dark. Even today, she can only fall asleep with the lights on. As soon as the lights go out, she fears having to relive her past. Tyler Montgomery, meanwhile, is a pure night owl. A past tragedy has made him seek shelter in the dark, where he can be alone with his problems, with only the stars for company. When Frankie and Tyler – light and dark – begin to realise that they're more than just friends, everything changes...

The series has made me a proper Haase fan. I'll be buying all her books.

Anja

Once again, Haase shows her ability to deal sensitively with difficult topics. And she set my heart pounding too, more than once.

Annalena

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Where My Soul Belongs

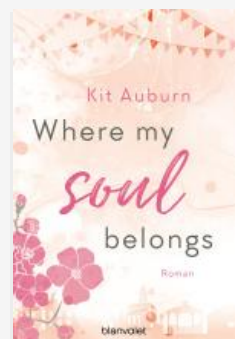
THE SAINT MELLOWS SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 20, 2023

If only you could see life through my eyes... The first book in a new New Adult series set in the cute little town of Saint Mellows

Leena likes playing it safe. So when she wins a hot air balloon ride in a raffle, not even the fact that the pilot happens to be rather handsome can sweeten the prospect. But when Sam assures her that everything will be fine, she overcomes her fears and boards the balloon. Little does she know that she's embarking on a journey that'll turn out to be more turbulent even than the thunderstorm that forces them to crash-land. When they find shelter in a hut in the woods and spend the night together, Sam finds Leena's bucket list – a list of all the things she's dreamt of doing, but hasn't. To show her what the world has to offer, Sam secretly starts planning excursions for her – but is he really doing it for her, or is it just a way for him to make up for his own past?



Young Adults, Romance

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

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

Original title: Where my soul belongs

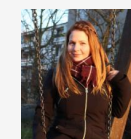
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Young Adults, Romance

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Where your dreams shine

KIT AUBURN

Where Your Dreams Shine

THE SAINT MELLOWS SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 21, 2023

**Would you return to the place where you once lost everything?
Book 2 in the new New Adult series set in the picturesque small town of Saint Mellows**

Seven years ago, Riley and her younger sister Abigail lost their parents in a boating accident in Saint Mellows. Since then, Riley has lost all memory of the past. When the two of them return to their old home town, old wounds are reopened. Yet they also encounter people who welcome them with open arms – among them single dad Decon, who right away charms Riley into taking part in all sorts of summer events. The more time they spend together, the more Riley's memory starts coming back – and when she begins to recall a long-forgotten romance, her pulse quickens...

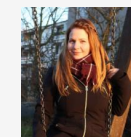
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Young Adults, Romance

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 Original title: Like Shadows We Hide

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We Hide Like Shadows

THE WINTER DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 4)

NOVEL

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As she flies across the ice, she thinks only of him – but she must not let herself fall in love

To Harper, the luxurious estate she grew up on always seemed like a gilded cage. When the young ice dancer fails to shine at the famous iSkate school in Aspen, her parents are deeply disappointed. One day, Harper meets handsome Olympic champion Everett, and immediately feels like he's her soulmate. But her hopes melt away like snowflakes when she discovers that he's her new coach. Coach-athlete relationships are strictly forbidden at iSkate. Everett starts distancing himself from Harper, but she knows it's only because he doesn't want to risk both their careers. She, too, tries all she can not to think of him – but can't help yearning to be close to him. What Harper doesn't know is that there are other, darker reasons for Everett to stay away from her...

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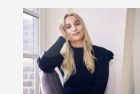
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Young Adults, Literary Fiction

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Jugendbücher
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Euer Antisemitismus ist mein
Alltag

REINER ENGELMANN

I am Jewish – Your Anti-Semitism is My Everyday Reality

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14+

Based on true events that reflect the reality of many Jewish adolescents' lives

Simon Weiß lives in Frankfurt, where he attends a grammar school and is a member of a football club. So far, so normal – except that Simon is Jewish. He doesn't think there is anything special about it, but his schoolmates tease, harass and bully him. He becomes more and more afraid, and his grades get worse and worse. But it's only when Simon becomes the target of two of his schoolmates, and the violence against him escalates, that the school finally wakes up. A moving coming-of-age story and a compelling tale of liberation which questions our social structures.

- Simon is bullied at school for being Jewish
- Anti-Semitism is rife in almost all aspects of German society

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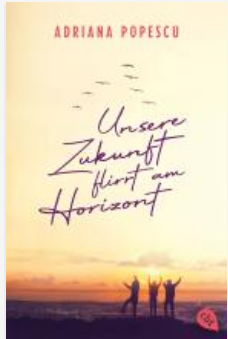
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ADRIANA POPESCU

Our Future Trembles on the Horizon

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14+

Three lives – three challenges – one chance of a future

Simon, Lia and Marcin are convinced they have nothing in common. Well, except that they all have to do community service at the same place. They've all done something they shouldn't have, and they are all one way or another troubled. On the surface, each fits a certain type: the popular pretty girl; the boy who no one notices, and who looks like butter wouldn't melt in his mouth; and the ultra-cool bloke, who must have done some very bad stuff. But if the three of them learn one thing over the next few months, it is that nothing is as simple as it seems. And that, if they look closely, they might even find something like friendship – or love.

- Topical, inspiring, moving, this novel explores the fine line between responsibility and guilt
- Popescu is a popular author and YA-lit master, her books have sold 80k copies so far
- 'Her great skill lies in her ability to wrap sometimes tough topics into a beautiful, light summer read' 1LIVE on Wie ein Schatten im Sommer ('Like a shadow in summer')
- For fans of Jenny Downham and Ava Reed

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Young Adults, Literary Fiction

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MANFRED THEISEN

We're the Last Generation

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14+

Hambach Forest's last hope

When Ben stumbles upon a photo of eco activist Johanna spraying paint on a CCTV camera, he is immediately fascinated. Johanna's life is very different from his own: she lives in a tree house settlement in Hambach Forest, and is a member of the resistance. Ben's mother, meanwhile, works for a security firm hired by the other side. Ben can't get Johanna out of his head... and as the two grow closer, he decides to join the eco activists – against his parents' wishes.

- Ben lives a perfectly normal life – until he meets eco activist Johanna in Hambach Forest
- A highly topical novel about climate change, eco activism and political resistance
- A interesting literary format: short sections told from the point of view of Ben and Johanna, respectively
- As part of his research for the book, Theisen interviewed Hambach Forest activists together with his 15-year-old daughter Emilia

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wäre Frieden

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Imagine There's No War

20 VISIONS OF PEACE

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14+

A plea for peace

The Ukraine invasion came as a shock. Suddenly, there was war again in Europe – something many people never imagined would happen. However, there's hardly ever been a time in history when there wasn't a war raging somewhere. Global peace remains a dream. But what would it be like if there was no war? In this book, twenty authors contribute their visions of peace in the shape of short stories, poems and reportage, and share their thoughts, wishes and dreams, as well as real experiences.

- Visions of peace: rousing, inspiring and hopeful
- Twenty thought-provoking writings – perfect teaching material
- The stories and true accounts provide much food for thought
- First-rate authors writing on highly topical subject-matter
- With contributions by Reiner Engelmann, Manfred Theisen, Christine Fehér, and many more

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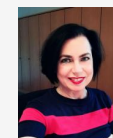


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