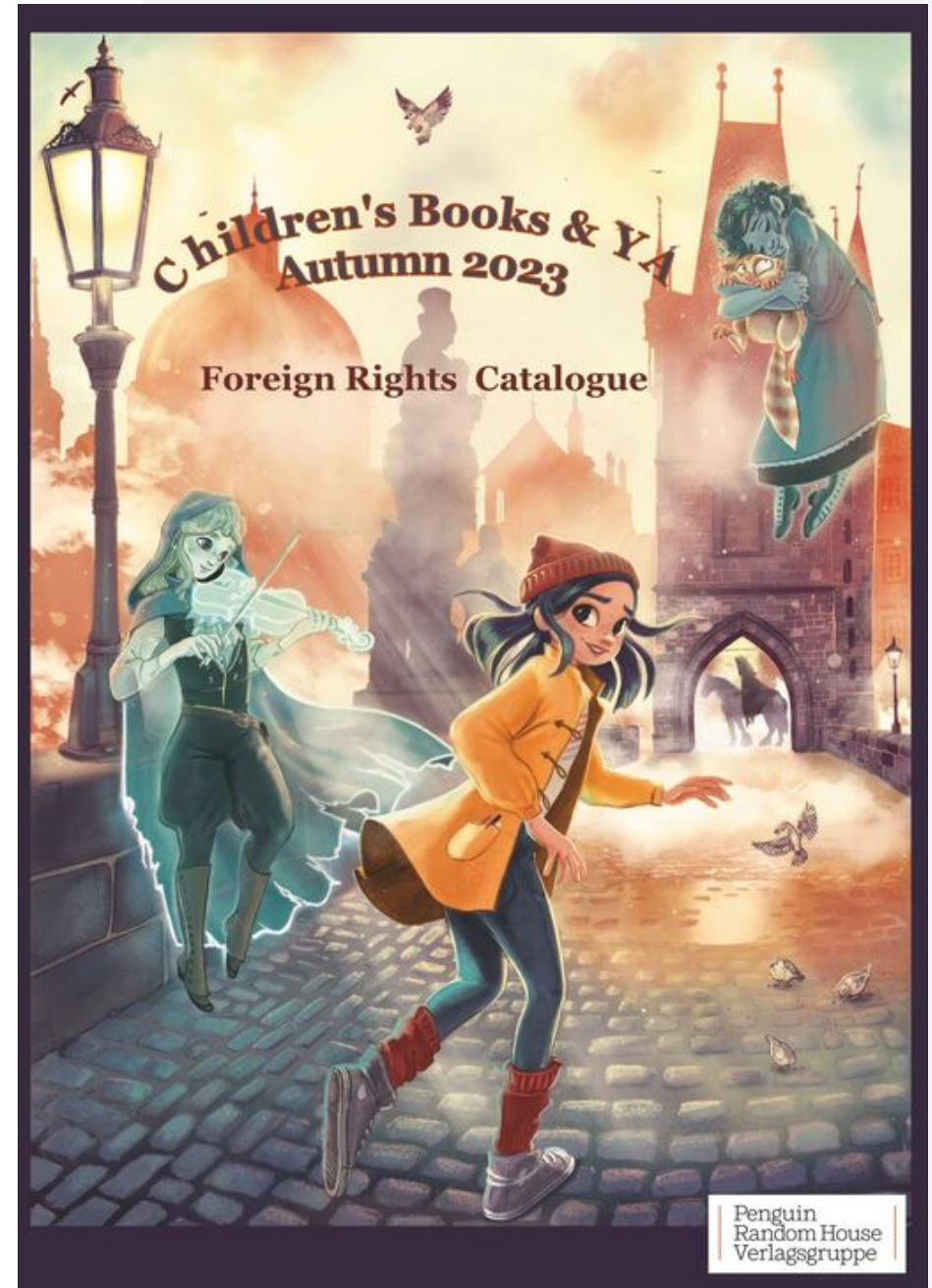


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#### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Yvonne Sundag  
 Pages & Size: 96 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Illustrations: 50 color illustrations  
 Original title: Weihnachtszauber hinter der geheimen Wichteltür

USCH LUHN

## There's Christmas Magic Behind the Elf Door

A YULETIDE STORY WITH CRAFTING IDEAS

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

Rights sold to: Romania (Didactica)

4+

Colour illustrations and foiled elements

### Elf doors: the latest Christmas trend

Bente can hardly wait to travel to the other side of the secret elf door! Now that he's a fully qualified Christmas elf, he can finally help make the season merry and bright. His first client is Nelia: he makes himself comfortable in her bedroom, and surprises her with letters and little handmade presents. Bente loves being an elf, even when things sometimes don't go to plan. Nelia and he become great friends – but the first and most important law of elfdom is that they must never see each other. Then Bente's little sister Milly disappears in the woods, and he urgently needs Nelia's help!

- Part of the new 'elf door' trend
- Includes brilliant crafting ideas and recipes
- An enchanting story about two very special friends
- A luxurious book with richly detailed illustrations, lovingly and wittily written



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### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Alex Peter  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 19,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Illustrations: 47 color illustrations  
 Original title: Flitz und Fluse - Gespenster-Training leicht gemacht

ANNETTE MOSER

# Flitter and Flutter: Haunting Made Easy

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

4 +

47 colour illustrations

## Flitter & Flutter and the ghost exam

Little ghosts Flitter and Flutter are worried. Aunt Twister is really mean and really old-fashioned, and now she wants to test the siblings' haunting skills. But haunting is boring! And dangerous too. But what can they do? If they fail the test, they'll have to spend the summer with Aunt Twister, so that she can turn them into 'real ghosts'. Luckily, they discover a monster in the attic which embodies everything ghosts are most scared of: order, cleanliness and powerful suction. Can the monster help them get rid of nasty Aunt Twister?

- Creepy-comic ghost story about two smart siblings who don't like haunting
- Perfect for Halloween
- Richly illustrated – helps ease the transition to independent reading
- Atmospheric illustrations by Alex Peter



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#### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 40 | 21,0x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Schüttel den Weihnachtsbaum. Ein Weihnachts-Mitmachbuch zum Schütteln, Schaukeln, Pusten, Klopfen und sehen, was dann passiert. Von 2 bis 4 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

## Shake the Christmas Tree: An Interactive Christmas Book – Shake It, Blow On It, Knock On it, and Watch What Happens!

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

Rights sold to: Belgium (ZNU), Czech Republic (Albatros)

2+

Colour illustrations throughout

### The new book by the bestselling author of Shake the Apple Tree

Christmas is coming! The little fir tree can't wait to be decorated by the forest residents. But its branches are still so full of snow! The squirrels are about to have a sled race and are eagerly awaiting the start signal. And the baby bunnies have built a snow bunny, but the wind has blown all its clothes off. Where could they be?

An interactive book for kids aged 2+: depending on what is happening in the story, they can shake the book, blow on it, put their hands up in the air, and more.

Packed with surprises, this book promises a whole lot of fun and excitement, perfect for the most wonderful season of all.

- Ho, ho, ho, winter is coming! Bestselling author Sternbaum's first interactive Christmas book
- Christmas magic à la Sternbaum: meet the little snow-covered fir tree and get ready for a wonderful woodland Christmas party

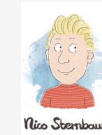
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#### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 3+  
 Original title: Mein kunterbuntes Ausschneidebuch - Feuerwehr.  
 Schneiden, kleben, malen ab 3 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

## My Colourful Cut-Out Book: The Fire Brigade – Cut, Stick and Draw

Date of publication: October 04, 2023

3+

Colour illustrations throughout


### Your little one's first crafting book, with perforated easy-to-tear-out pages

Cut out, glue and colour: with this book kids aged 3+ can learn these brilliant basic skills. These easy crafting activities will help children develop their dexterity and concentration skills. The first section of the book has templates for them to fill in, while the second section provides pictures for them to cut out (the pages are perforated for easy removal), all accompanied by short comic rhymes. When they're done, the little cut-out artists will have created 14 pretty pictures and acquired their scissor skills certificate.

- Book 5 in bestselling author Nico Sternbaum's popular cut-out series
- Promotes fine motor and concentration skills, and is a whole lot of fun

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CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES, TIMO KUEHN



#### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 80 | 19,5x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 3+  
Original title: Lecker, lustig und gesund. Die besten Rezepte für Kinder mit Meal-Prep-Ideen. Wird garantiert gegessen

## Tasty, Fun and Healthy: Brilliant Recipes and Meal Prep Ideas for Kids

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

3+

Colour photos throughout

### They'll gobble it up

This is how to make healthy eating fun! From packed lunches to fun family dinners and party food for your kid's birthday – young and old will have a ball creating simple, fun and yummy meals. The book's imaginative and child-appropriate approach will put an end to picky eating: thanks to these recipes, even your veggies will turn out delicious.

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CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES, NORA HASSEL-HOFF

Bassermann



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 64 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 3+  
Original title: Spiele basteln  
mit den Kleinsten. 25 einfache  
Bastelprojekte mit  
Haushaltsmaterialien für  
Kinder ab 3 Jahren

## Crafting Games with Little Ones

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

3 +

Colour illustrations throughout

### How about we do some crafting, then play a game with what we've made?

This book is a double dose of fun, suitable for very young children. Memory, marbles, noughts and crosses, and many, more games are included, and they're very easy to create. All you need is a few of the things you'll already have at home, and the instructions for the 25 crafts and games are accompanied by helpful photos. Each project comes with game rules, so that you can start playing right away.

- A big bundle of fun for little kids: create games and toys and start playing!
- 25 easy projects: 'memory', a marble run, mazes to help develop fine motor skills, a pom pom shooter, and much more
- With simple materials you'll find at home: egg boxes, loo roll tubes, cardboard boxes, etc.

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### Activity Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 64 | 19,0x26,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Der kleine  
Drache Kokosnuss – Mein  
erstes Zauberbuch

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut: My First Book of Magic

WITH STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS AND LOTS OF TIPS AND TRICKS

**Date of publication: June 12, 2024**

6+

Colour illustrations

## Perform your first magic tricks with help from Coconut

Coconut, Oskar and Matilda think it's great how student magician Freddy can transform things or make them disappear. They want to learn how to do it too! So they ask Freddy to teach them a few tricks. Among others, he shows them how to make a magic wand float, pass a coin through a tabletop and guess the right card – explaining everything in simple terms, with step-by-step guides, so that Coconut fans can easily copy each trick.

- Learn magic with Little Dragon Coconut
- Tricks with cards, coins, dice and more, and with useful tips for how to put on a great little show
- Promotes dexterity and concentration
- With lots of colour illustrations – delightful and informative

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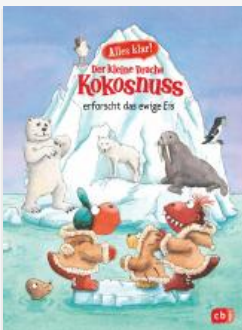
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#### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Alles klar! Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss erforscht das ewige Eis

INGO SIEGNER

## Now we Know! Little Dragon Coconut Explores the Arctic

PACKED WITH DELIGHTFUL AND INFORMATIVE ILLUSTRATIONS

**Date of publication: October 11, 2023**

Rights sold to: China (Jinan)

6+

Colour illustrations

### The friends from Dragon Island explore the polar regions

Coconut, Matilda and Oskar have come to visit their polar bear pal. When Björn tells them that his ice floe keeps getting smaller and smaller, they decide to help their friend. The three embark on a voyage of exploration, asking lots of questions: will the polar ice caps last for ever? Who lives in the Arctic, and who lives in the Antarctic? How have the regions changed since humans first explored them? What causes climate change, and how does it affect the animals and plants who live at the poles? And what do we have to do, if we want to save Björn's habitat? – Coconut, Matilda and Oskar have written down everything they learnt during their trip, so that Coconut fans can read all about it!

- Will the ice caps last forever? Coconut, Oskar and Matilda explore the polar regions
- Playful, easy to follow and educational – includes the latest research findings
- With numerous delightful and informative illustrations

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#### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Gütersloher Verlagshaus  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Sonja Wimmer  
Pages & Size: 36 | 23,0x25,0 cm  
Original title: Getröstet

KERSTIN HAU

## Comforted

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

3+

### I'll comfort you, I am with you.


In everyone's life there are dark or lonely moments that weigh us down. These can be crises, disputes, stress, illness or grief. These darker parts of everyday life can throw us off track. This book will help you in all of those moments.

It is a book to comfort us through the most varied challenges of life. It strengthens and encourages people of all ages: be comforted - you are not alone!

- It is a book full of wonderful imagery and colourful illustrations.
- The second book by Kerstin Hau and Sonja Wimmer, full of passion, powerful language and poetry.
- A book like a comforting hug
- A touching text for young and old
- Self-help or as a gift for anyone seeking comfort

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MARIE EHLERS

# The Magical Charm Points

DEALING BETTER WITH STRONG FEELINGS  
PLAYFULLY USING THE EFT TAPPING TECHNIQUE WITH CHILDREN

**Date of publication: November 22, 2023**

4+

With colour illustrations

## Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Mosaik Verlag  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Stella Eich  
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Illustrations: 4 color illustrations  
Original title: Die magischen Zauberpunkte



## The magically illustrated book for children on the EFT tapping technique

The emotional world of children is vast – some days they are just fine and then there are days when everything feels difficult, their tummies are doing tumblers, and there's a big lump in their throat. In a fun, child-friendly way, this book shows how through EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) children can become more aware of their feelings and better able to handle painful emotions and challenging situations.

This is where the magic points come into play, which we can activate so that energy can start flowing again where something was blocking it. This method improves our own body awareness and can be used in dealing with stressful feelings such as fear, sadness, and shame, and with problems falling asleep.

- How children learn to deal with difficult emotions in a simple, step-by-step way using the EFT tapping technique
- Enchantingly illustrated by Stella Eich
- A method successfully applied and developed over years in psychological counseling of children

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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Inka Vigh  
 Pages & Size: 12 | 17,0x17,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Illustrations: 5 color illustrations  
 Original title: So wunderbare Weihnachten! – Mein Pop-up-Überraschungsbuch

JOHANNA MORITZ

## What a Wonderful Christmas! – My Pop-Up Book of Surprises

A BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH SLIDERS AND POP-UP ELEMENTS

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

30+ months

With colour illustrations , sliding panels and pop-up elements

### A beautiful picture book: Christmas magic and special pop-up surprises

Lille the mouse really wants to know what the other animals like best about Christmas. Squirrel, owl, fox and hare can definitely think of lots of things! The falling snow, decorating the tree, the presents, the visit from Father Christmas... in fact, everything about Christmas is wonderful!

- Magical reading fun for little ones looking forward to Christmas
- Plenty to look at, enjoy and discover
- Cosy rhymes
- Everyone can join in!
- Fosters motor skills and speech development



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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Marina Rachner

Pages & Size: 16 | 24,0x20,9 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Schlaf gut mit der kleinen Traumwolke - Gutenachtgeschichten

JANA FREY

## Sleep Well with the Little Dream Cloud – Bedtime Stories

BOARD PICTURE BOOK SHAPED LIKE A PRETTY CLOUD

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and cut-outs

### Sweet dreams! Nine short bedtime stories for children aged 2+

Mia wants to tell her lion teddy bear Bertram a bedtime story. How about the one about the polar bear cub who doesn't want to put on her pyjamas? Or maybe the one about the little bunny, who doesn't like going to bed with chilly ears? Perhaps the story of Crawly, the baby spider, who's been playing all evening and has got his legs all tangled up? Or the one about the squirrel who likes falling asleep to lullabies? – And then, finally, it's time for Mia and Bertram to have sweet dreams...

- Short bedtime stories for the little ones, with magical illustrations
- Perfect for bedtime reading
- Reading together is a precious time for the family, and can help kids feel stronger and more confident
- Stimulates their imagination



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Marina Rachner

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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Marina Rachner  
 Pages & Size: 16 | 24,0x20,9 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Traum schön mit dem kleinen Einschlafstern - Gutenachtreime und Lieder

ANNA TAUBE

## Sweet Dreams with the Little Sleep Star: Bedtime Rhymes and Songs

A BOARD PICTURE BOOK SHAPED LIKE A PRETTY STAR

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and cut-outs

### Relax and get ready for bed with these lullabies, rhymes and cuddle games for children aged 2+

When the stars twinkle in the sky, it's time for bed! But first let's have one more cuddle, sing a good-night song or read a story. Then Mum, Dad and the teddy bears will say good night – and the little sparkling stars and cloud sheep will make sure you have sweet dreams...

- Perfect for bedtime
- Short rhymes, songs and cuddle games for the very young
- Beautifully illustrated
- Makes children feel safe and loved
- Stimulates their imagination



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## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Laura Tschorn

Pages & Size: 16 | 19,0x19,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Tipp, tipp, tapp – Wer läuft da durch den Winterwald?

ANNA TAUBE

# Tap, Tap, Tap: Who Goes There in the Wintry Woods?

AN ATMOSPHERIC BOARD PICTURE BOOK, EMBOSSED AND FOILED

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations

## The Christmas woods mystery

What is that strange red thing Rita the raccoon has discovered in the wintry woods? And where do all those tracks in the glittering snow lead? Can the animals help Rita solve the puzzle of her mysterious discovery?

- Kids can join in and guess which animal has left which tracks
- Sweet and lively rhymes that are a joy to read together
- Playful learning
- Stimulates children's imagination



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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Barbara Scholz  
 Pages & Size: 14 | 19,0x19,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Mähne schneiden? Bitte sehr! Komm zu Kalle Tierfrisör

KATJA FRIXE

## Need Your Mane Cut? Welcome to Kalle's Animal Salon!

A JOLLY BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH FOLD-OUT PAGES

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and 6 fold-out pages

### Getting your hair cut is so much fun! A hilarious board picture book

Do you need your mane trimmed or washed? No problem, Kalle the animal hairdresser can help! Everybody loves going to his salon. Snip, snip, snip – and in a flick you'll have a cool new haircut, a practical ponytail, or freshly washed and nice-smelling fur!

- A hilarious story about going to the hairdresser's
- Witty, side-splitting interactive rhymes about getting your hair cut, washed, and styled
- Helps with speech development
- Popular illustrator Barbara Scholz's first board picture book
- Watch the pictures transform thanks to exciting fold-out pages



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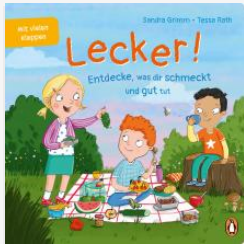
#### ILLUSTRATOR

Barbara Scholz



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Barbara Scholz, born in 1969 in Herford, initially learned the profession of a process engraver. Since completing her design studies in Münster, she has been working in a joint studio and has been very successful in illustrating children's books.



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Tessa Rath  
 Pages & Size: 18 | 19,0x19,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Illustrations: 8 color illustrations  
 Original title: Lecker! – Entdecke, was dir schmeckt und gut tut

SANDRA GRIMM

# Yummy! Food that Tastes Nice and Is Good for You

BOARD PICTURE BOOK ABOUT EATING HEALTHILY – WITH FLAPS

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and flaps

## Healthy eating explained for children aged 2+

What do you do when your stomach rumbles? That's right, you eat something! But why do we have to eat and drink? And what food taste nice and is good for you? Whether at home, at nursery or on the road, there's delicious and healthy food all around us... Why don't you have a taste!

- A playful way to learn about healthy eating
- Big flaps invite you to explore
- Loving and informative rhymes by this famous author and educator
- Modern illustrations by Tessa Rath



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#### ILLUSTRATOR

Tessa Rath



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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Tanja Stephani

Pages & Size: 24 | 20,0x20,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Mit dir tanz ich im Sonnenschein – Mein kleines Buch vom Freundschaftsein

SANDRA GRIMM

## Let's Dance in the Sunshine: My Little Book of friendliness

A BOARD PICTURE BOOK ABOUT ATTENTIVENESS

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

2+

Colour illustrations

### What a wonderful world we live in – take good care of it! Poems for young children

If you look closely, you can spot little miracles all over the world. Every human and every animal, no matter how small, is something very special. It's wonderful when you spend the day together and discover new things, give each other confidence and help each other out. A smile can be comforting and heartwarming, too, like a ray of sunshine... Why don't you try it?

This book will make children marvel at all the wonderful things in the world, and inspire them to be protective and kind.

- Lyrical poems that reveal the world's many little miracles to very young children
- Inspires old and young to be attentive, open and kind
- A lovely present for little ones
- Fosters social skills, awareness and speech development



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#### ILLUSTRATOR

Tanja Stephani



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## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Rebecca Mönch  
 Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x32,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Illustrations: 6 color illustrations  
 Original title: Weihnachtszeit!  
 Bald ist's so weit

ANNETTE MOSER

# It's Almost Christmas!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH LOTS OF FLAPS AND SEEK & FIND PICTURES

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

2 +

With colour illustrations and flaps

## Waiting for Christmas can be so much fun!

The animals who live in the big oak tree in the wood are beside themselves with anticipation. It'll be Christmas soon! But there's still so much to do: Bibi the bunny wants to craft paper stars and garlands, Bobo the badger is searching for the perfect tree, Harry the hedgehog is taking care of the lights, Stevie the squirrel is baking delicious gingerbread, and Ollie the owl is in charge of the Christmas carols. They're just missing a few things... can you help find them?

The fun rhymes will encourage young readers to help search for the missing objects, so that the animals can have a wonderful Christmas party at the end!

- Entertaining, seasonal search & find activities make this the perfect advent present
- Lovingly detailed, heartwarming and modern illustrations by Rebecca Mönch
- Will motivate young readers to play and discover



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Rebecca Mönch



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## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Pina Gertenbach  
 Pages & Size: 12 | 19,0x23,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Mein Zauberklappen-Buch - Mach mit in der Autowerkstatt!

KATHRIN LENA ORSO

# My Magic Flap Book: Join in at the Garage!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH 3D FLAPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 2+

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and secret flaps

## There's all sorts going on at the garage!

Car mechanic Marie urgently needs help. There's so much to do at the garage! She has to tow a VW camper van, repair a police car, and varnish a motorbike. When she's done, Marie speeds off in her fancy convertible.

The rhymes encourage little would-be mechanics to join in. All you need to do is fit together the two flaps integrated into each page, and the work is done!

- Interactive fun for children who love wheels: join Marie for a typical day at the garage
- A unique effect: when you fit together the two flaps hidden in each picture, they make a 3D object
- Cheerful and brightly coloured pictures by famous illustrator Pina Gertenbach
- Stimulates children's imagination
- Promotes speech development



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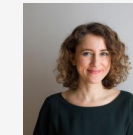


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## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Pina Gertenbach  
 Pages & Size: 12 | 19,0x23,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Mein Zauberklappen-Buch - Mach mit auf dem Bauernhof!

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# My Magic Flap Book: Join in on the Farm!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH 3D FLAPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 2+

**Date of publication: August 30, 2023**

2+

Colour illustrations and secret flaps

## There's all sorts going on at the farm!

Farmer Lukas urgently needs help. There's so much to do on the farm today! He has to drive the tractor to the field, feed the animals, fetch the hay, milk the cows and build a new chicken coop.

The rhymes encourage little would-be farmers to join in. All you need to do is fit together the two flaps integrated into each page, and the work is done!

- Young farm-lovers can join Lukas for a day on the farm, and will be motivated to join in
- A unique effect: when you fit together the two flaps hidden in each picture, they make a 3D object
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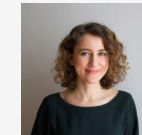


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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Dominik Rupp  
 Pages & Size: 12 | 19,5x24,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Fahrzeuge sind toll! - Bei der Polizei

LINDA STURM

# Wheels Are the Best! At the Police Station

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH FLAPS

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

2+

Colour illustrations and flaps

## The police have lots of fantastic vehicles!

Wheels are brilliant – especially police cars. Discover all about police work as officers pursue suspects on a motorbike or in a patrol car with flashing blue lights, watch traffic from a helicopter or secure a crime scene. You can look right into the vehicles to find out what they're transporting! Did you know that police officers also ride horses and bicycles, and use patrol boats too? Isn't that interesting?

- Early learning about the police
- There are so many things to discover, and lots of flaps to encourage you to join in
- Fosters motor skills
- There's something new on every spread: a story, search & find pictures, and exciting facts about both familiar and unusual police vehicles
- An ever-popular topic explored in an exciting and contemporary style



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## Picture Books

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 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Dominik Rupp  
 Pages & Size: 12 | 19,5x24,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 2+  
 Original title: Fahrzeuge sind toll! - Beim Rettungseinsatz

LINDA STURM

# Wheels Are the Best! The Emergency Services

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH FLAPS

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

2+

Colour illustrations and flaps

## Look at all these fantastic emergency vehicles!

Wheels are brilliant – especially emergency vehicles. In this book, you'll discover all about the vehicles used to help people in an emergency. Ambulances take people to the hospital; police, fire engines and mechanical assistance are there too; boats and ships save people on the high seas, and helicopters fly to hard-to-reach places. You can even look inside the emergency vehicles to discover what they're used for, and learn about some of the more unusual vehicles used across the world.

Interesting, right?

- Early learning about the emergency services
- There's something new on every spread: a story, search & find pictures, and exciting facts about familiar as well as unusual emergency vehicles
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## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Olena Kvitka  
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Mein Bauch sagt Nein!

KATHRIN LENA ORSO

# My Tummy Says No!

LEARN TO SAY NO, WITH THIS CONFIDENCE-INSPIRING PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: July 26, 2023**

4+

Colour illustrations

## How do I say no?

What a stupid day! Luca is really annoyed with himself. All he wanted to do was play quietly in the sandbox, but then Mama's friend gave him a big kiss on the cheek, an older girl pushed him aside at the water fountain, and his friend Mia persuaded him to go to the bakery all on his own.

Why did all this happen, when his tummy clearly told him that it wasn't right? Luckily, Eddy the meerkat is there to help. He's Luca's favourite teddy bear, and the world's best 'no'-sayer. Eddy explains to Luca that, in future, he can avoid things like that by following the 'Being Brave is Good for Me' method, with its three easy steps. Saying no is easy when you listen to your tummy!

- With meerkat teddy Eddy's help, young Luca learns to say no in three easy steps
- Learning to say no is an important tool to prevent discomfort and harm
- Child-friendly and grounded in pedagogic theory
- Colourful illustrations by Olena Kvitka, which prioritise children's perspectives



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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sarah Dietz

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

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Ein kleiner Engel sorgt für Weihnachtswirbel

ANNETTE LANGEN

# The Little Angel Causes Christmas Mayhem

A SEASONAL PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

4 +

Colour illustrations

## A very special Christmas story for children aged 4+

The littlest of all the angels is desperate to do everything the big angels do, up there in the sky: sing songs, create stars, pass on important messages... But something always seems to go wrong! One night, the little angel even loses its halo. Down and down and down it falls, all the way to earth. And there, in a stable, where a baby lies in a crib, a big Christmas miracle awaits the little angel.

- How a little angel became a Christmas angel
- Perfect for reading together at Christmas time
- Discover the classic Christmas story hidden in the pictures
- A lovely story, told with much humour



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#### ILLUSTRATOR

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#### Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Katja Gehrmann  
Pages & Size: 32 | 23,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Der Marmeladenwolf

NICOLE RÖDIGS

# The Marmalade Wolf

Date of publication: July 26, 2023

4 +

Colour illustrations

## What's that rumbling and grumbling in my belly?

Once upon a time, there was a village on the edge of the woods, and in the village there lived lots of children. Their way to the school ran through the big, dark wood, and one day little Carlo walked right past the hungry wolf's snout. Naturally, the wolf wanted to eat Carlo. But because the wolf wasn't the cleverest of his kind, Carlo was able to trick him with a little lie. Luckily, he had something in his pocket that the wolf liked much, much better than little children...

- A jolly fairy tale about a big, bad wolf with a sweet tooth
- Funny and witty
- Wonderful illustrations by Katja Gehrmann
- Reading fun for young and old

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#### ILLUSTRATOR

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#### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Laura Bednarski  
 Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 5+  
 Original title: Doktor Honiglöffel, Praxis für magische Wesen - Der aufgetaute Flugsaurier

ANNETTE HERZOG

## Doctor Honeyspoon's Clinic for Magical Beings: The Defrosted Pterodactyl

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5 +

Colour illustrations

### The patient who came in from the cold

Torn fairy wings, scraped troll knees, injured unicorns? There's nothing Dr Honeyspoon can't fix. He's a specialist in magical creatures, and not only has the right medicine for every patient, but serves delicious dragon's root tea. One day, a prehistoric guest drops from the sky and lands right outside Dr Honeyspoon's clinic. It's a defrosted pterodactyl! And then things get even more interesting: the pterodactyl lays a huge egg – which promptly disappears... Everyone lends a hand in the search for the precious egg, and luckily magic is on their side too!

- Dr Honeyspoon really is the best: from dragons to unicorns, from witches to fairies, he can help them all
- A rollicking adventure featuring a surprise prehistoric patient
- The short chapters make it perfect for bedtime reading
- Can help children lose their fear of going to the doctor's
- Magical illustrations by Laura Bednarski



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### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Theresa Schwietzer  
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 80 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Erst ich ein Stück  
dann du – Das Rätsel um den  
Weihnachtsstern

KAREN CHRISTINE ANGERMAYER

# First Me, Then You: The Christmas Star Conundrum

A STORY FOR EARLY READERS

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

6+

Colour illustrations

## The new instalment in the popular children's series – a proven concept for acquiring reading skills

Spick the reindeer and Span the raccoon are the best of friends. But when they find a shining star in the woods at Christmas, they have a big row: you see, each wants to keep the prized treasure for themselves. The wise old owl suggests that they put the star back where it came from. But how do you hang a star up in the sky? Spick and Span ask the woodland animals for help. Finally, when they arrive at Mother Moose's, they are in for a real surprise!

- A woodland Christmas tale, sweetly told by the author of the popular Schnauze ('Snout') series
- Recommended by the literacy organisation 'Stiftung Lesen'

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Theresa Schwietzer



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stories and holding a cup of tea in her hands.



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Stefanie Jeschke  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 50 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Wilde Woche –  
Montags ist immer Safari

JOHANNA PRINZ

# Wild Weeks: Safari Mondays

THE FIRST BOOK IN A NEW SERIES OF COMIC STORIES

**Date of publication: August 23, 2023**

6+

Colour illustrations

## Mondays in the savannah

Pippa the aardvark likes her life. She and her friends Horst the oxpecker, Manolo the lion, the three meercats and bird lady Gisela live by a beautiful watering hole – with its glittering waves, sandy shore and shady trees. Monday is the highlight of their week, when the safari jeeps show up and the animals perform their well-rehearsed theatre programme. Pippa would like things to stay exactly the way they are for ever. But then the humans decide to build bungalows on the edge of the watering hole. The friends must stop them, no matter what! They decide to ask the famous oracle for advice. But does the oracle actually exist? And what does it look like? Together, the animals set out on an adventurous journey across the savannah.

- 'Wild Weeks' is a new series for young children – there's an exciting adventure for every day of the week
- With charming animal characters, fast-paced adventure and lots of witty wordplay
- With Stefanie Jeschke's comic colour illustrations throughout
- Learn useful facts about the animals that live in the savannah
- Book 2 is out in Spring 2024 – reading fun for the whole family

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Stefanie Jeschke



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Stefanie Jeschke studied visual communication at the Bauhaus University in Weimar. She has been a freelance illustrator since 2012, and has her own illustration studio.



#### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Alexandra Helm  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Stella - Heute bin  
ich Weihnachtsmann

SIBYLLE WENZEL

## Stella: Today I'll Be Santa Claus

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR THE LITTLE ONES, WITH AN INSPIRING MESSAGE

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

6+

Colour illustrations

### An adventurous sleigh ride from the North Pole to the Easter Meadow

When Santa Claus doesn't show up for work on Christmas Eve, his daughter Stella's hour has come: with the help of reindeer Ralph and elf Wilma, she sets off to make sure everyone gets their presents. But the night doesn't have the smoothest of starts, and after a quick stop at the Easter Bunny's place, they find themselves in a race against time. So Stella turns old traditions upside down: at last, Ralph can show off his organisational skills, and sporty Wilma is finally allowed to pull the sleigh on the big night. Can Stella Claus and her friends save Christmas?

- An empowering and witty seasonal story for the whole family
- Stella Claus turns stereotypes upside down and saves Christmas
- Funny and warm-hearted
- With cheeky colour illustrations on every page, by Alexandra Helm
- For fans of Marc-Uwe Kling's Der Ostermann

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#### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Barbara Korthues  
Pages & Size: 112 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 40 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Die Krumpflinge  
– Egon und der  
Schrumpfzauber

ANNETTE ROEDER

## The Crumplings: Egon and the Shrinking Spell

A SERIES FOR IMPROVING READERS

**Date of publication: October 23, 2024**

6+

Colour illustrations

### Albi's first ever visit to Crump Castle

For the Crumplings, stinky morels are a delicacy! Naturally, human boy Albi can't wait to try them too, so Egon Crumpling cuts his best friend a little piece. Mmm, delicious! But suddenly, Albi starts shrinking. He gets smaller and smaller, until he's only the size of a pencil – just like Egon. At first, the friends have a great time running around Crump Castle and hanging out in Egon's watering can. But when Albi overhears his parents say how much they miss him, his heart grows heavy and he becomes really homesick. Now Egon and Albi have to find a way to return Albi to his usual size...

Join the loveable Crumplings as they mess about in the nursery and make crump tea out of swearwords – tons of fun for young readers!

- Help! Albi has shrunk down to Crumpling size!
- For fans of Little Dragon Coconut and the Olchis
- Includes some splendid Crumpian swearwords

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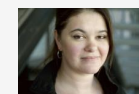


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#### ILLUSTRATOR

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### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Marie Braner  
 Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 7+  
 Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
 Original title: Eine Weihnachtsgeschichte

CHARLES DICKENS, BETTINA OBRECHT

# Penguin Junior – Children’s Classics for Early Readers: A Christmas Carol

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

7 +

Colour illustrations

## The Christmas classic retold for young readers

Miserly old Ebenezer Scrooge doesn’t think much of Christmas, and has no sympathy for his fellow man. But then his late partner Marley announces that three ghosts will visit Scrooge on Christmas Eve. The ghosts take him on a journey into Christmases past, present and future, and he slowly comes to understand the true meaning of the season – and of life. Fortunately, it isn’t too late for him to change...

- Dickens’s classic tale lovingly retold for readers aged 7+
- Divided into several short chapters
- Perfect for improving readers
- Beautiful colour illustrations throughout, by Maria Braner



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Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens (1812–1870) grew up in poverty in Portsmouth on the south coast of England. He worked as a reporter before turning to writing, publishing classics including Oliver Twist, David Copperfield and Great Expectations, which made him famous throughout the world. A Christmas Carol is loved by old and young everywhere, and has been adapted countless times. Dickens is often regarded as one of the most important nineteenth-century authors.

### AUTHOR

Bettina Obrecht



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

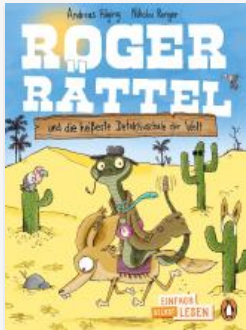
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Marie Braner



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#### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Nikolai Renger

Pages & Size: 96 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Roger Rätzel und die heißeste Detektivschule der Welt

ANDREAS HÜGING

## Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: Roger Rätzel and the Hottest Detective School in the World

Date of publication: October 25, 2023

Rights sold to: Iran (Iranban)

7+

Colour illustrations

### Sometimes you need to blow your own trumpet!

Gerda Gecko's Detective School in the desert town of Olbycorky is the hottest detective school in the world. The two budding investigators Roger (a rattlesnake) and Fenny (a desert fox) may be struggling with the theoretical stuff, but outside class they're ace detectives, solving one case after another. When the water mysteriously starts running out in Olbycorky, Roger, Fenny, Taptap the deathwatch beetle and Scrappy the vulture discover a whole gang of unscrupulous thieves...A detective adventure set in the desert, featuring two great heroes with cute weaknesses.

- Watch out, criminals: Roger the rattlesnake and Fenny the desert fox are on the case!
- Hüging's books are witty, exciting and highly entertaining
- Charmingly illustrated by Nikolai Renger
- A hilarious detective adventure told in short chapters, perfect for early readers



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- Book 2 is out in Spring 2024



#### 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: 40 color illustrations  
 Original title: Zauberhufe – Unser magischer Ponyhof – Lieblings-Pony gesucht

AMELIE PLAAS-LINK

## Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers – Our Magical Pony Farm: Searching for the Perfect Pony

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

7+

Colour illustrations

### Ponies, friends and plenty of magic!

Lina is really happy, because her new friend Thea is allowed to come riding with her! She plans to show her everything, especially the great ponies – and maybe she'll even reveal the pony farm's big secret! But Charlotte is jealous, and really mean to Thea. Finally, Thea just wants to go home. Luckily, Lina and her chaotic pony Kaspar – who can understand each other perfectly – have a brilliant plan to help Thea and her favourite Pony, Caramel...

- There's trouble at the pony farm! They really need Lina and Kaspar's help
- Pony stories are always popular – add a touch of magic, and you have an irresistible recipe
- Divided into short chapters, perfect for improving readers



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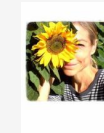


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Amelie Plaas-Link has always loved telling stories. What started with a tape recorder in her childhood bedroom has turned into storytelling for stage, screen and audio. Alongside acting and public speaking, she loves nothing more than writing stories. Especially stories that help children feel more confident, and which make them laugh and dream. She lives in Berlin.

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Miriam Cordes



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Miriam Cordes (b. 1970) studied children's illustration at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, and has illustrated numerous picture books and YA novels.



#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Simona Ceccarelli  
Pages & Size: 176 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 41 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Das fantastische  
fliegende Fundbüro - Die  
Suche nach Juma

ANDREAS HÜGING, ANGELIKA NIESTRATH

## The Fantastic Flying Lost Property Office: Searching for Juma

THE NEW BOOK IN THE BRILLIANT NEW CHILDREN'S SERIES

**Date of publication: August 16, 2023**

8+

Colour illustrations throughout

### Presto-chango-disappear-o! A new case for the special agents of the magic lost property office

Ever since shy Anton took on the job of special agent, exciting times have almost started to feel normal. But then magician Ms Zampana comes to town and causes chaos: Pogo is stolen from the lost property office only to reappear at the zoo at the same time as baby hippo Juma vanishes from her enclosure. Anton's classmate Leo feels terrible: his parents own the zoo, and Juma was their biggest attraction. Anton and Alex pull out all the stops to find the baby hippo, but Pogo's predictions sound crazier than ever, and even the rocket bed starts playing up... The case seems to be cursed, and there are lots of surprises in store for these special agents! Adventurous, exciting and funny, this is the brilliant, vividly written second tale about the flying lost property office for treasured objects – with colour illustrations throughout

- A lost baby hippo, a magician and the Great Chopstick Confusion: the fast-paced new instalment in this fun series for readers aged 8+
- Fluser the dog and smarty-pants crystal ball Pogo are great sidekicks
- The best kind of children's book: funny, filled with adventure and heartwarming

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## ILLUSTRATOR

Simona Ceccarelli



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After half a lifetime as a chemist, Simona Ceccarelli traded in her lab coat for a pencil to pursue her childhood dream.



#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ute Krause  
Pages & Size: 184 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Original title: Die Muskeltiere und die verfluchte 13

UTE KRAUSE

## The Muscleteers and the Cursed 13

Date of publication: September 20, 2023

8+

Colour illustrations

### Get ready for another marvellous Muscleteer adventure

Oh no, it's Friday 13th! Picandou is a superstitious mouse, and knows only too well that today's an unlucky day. And then things start to go wrong in the Muscleteers' cosy cave in the basement of Mrs Merry's Delicatessen: poor Bertram the hamster hits his head and now he thinks he's someone else, and then Pomme de Terre tries to help him and disappears without a trace... Can Gruyère and Picandou stop this unlucky chain of mishaps and misadventures, and save their friends? Surely they can – but they'll need an extra-large dose of good luck...

Ute Krause's bestselling and wonderfully warmhearted series is packed with opulent illustrations, and perfect for story-time as well as independent reading. The brave little Muscleteers champion friendship, feelings and fraternity – big topics for young heroes!

- A big new adventure in our popular Muscleteers series, a real classic for our times
- One for all, and all for one – especially when it's Friday the 13th!
- With lots of colour illustrations by the author herself

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#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Stefanie Klaßen  
Pages & Size: 192 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 32 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Das  
Tierpark-Team – Ein echt  
elefantöser Fall

KIRSTEN VOGEL

## The Zoo Team: An Elephantastic Case

FIRST BOOK IN A NEW CHILDREN'S SERIES

**Date of publication: August 16, 2023**

Rights sold to: Russia (Clever Media)

8 +

b/w illustrations

### A mysterious case for Team Elli and Tom

Elli Shepherd loves animals. Whenever something's wrong with one of her charges at the zoo, the young animal whisperer and her best friend Tom investigate – and they always solve even the most puzzling cases!

Today, Elli's excited, because Kira the elephant is finally coming back to the zoo with her new baby. But when Kira arrives, she starts acting all jittery. Elli and classmate Tom are worried: what is Kira so scared of? They do everything they can to solve this elephantastic mystery. And when they discover the answer, they're in for a real surprise...

- An exhilarating story with real heart
- Can animal whisperer Elli calm the grey giant down?
- Detailed, cheeky and cheerful illustrations by Stefanie Klaßen

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Stefanie Klaßen



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#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu  
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Original title: Ella Löwenstein  
– Ein Feenreich aus Farben

GESA SCHWARTZ

## Ella Löwenstein: The Colourful Fairy Kingdom

ANOTHER MAGICAL, EXCITING AND POETIC STORY

**Date of publication: September 27, 2023**

8+

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...**

It's so silly: the moment Oberon, King of Magical Beings, leaves for his annual tour, Otherworld is in chaos. Now that he's gone, the fairies have seized the opportunity and are playing lots of pranks on humans. Ella has her hands full trying to get things under control. Unfortunately, goblin Kasimir is being no help at all for a change. He has chosen this, of all times, to start a row with the fairies. Before she knows it, Ella is hit by a spell – and she, Kasimir and their friend Milo are reduced to the size of fairies. Now Titania, the legendary Queen of the Fairies, is their only hope...

- Book 5 in the fantastic children's series by this famous storyteller
- A young, unconventional heroine and her unusual, magical friend must learn to fly to protect the fairy realm
- Ella's wonderful imagination takes readers into a cosy little fairy world
- With atmospheric b/w vignettes by Cathy Ionescu

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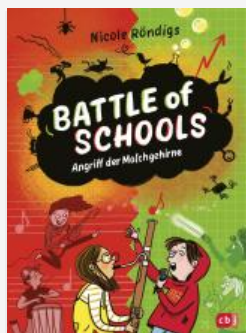
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#### ILLUSTRATOR

Catherine Gabrielle Ionescu



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#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Tine Schulz  
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Battle of Schools  
- Angriff der Molchgehirne

NICOLE RÖDIGS

# Battle of Schools: Invasion of the Newt Brains

THE FIRST IN A NEW SERIES

Date of publication: August 02, 2023

10+

b/w vignettes

## A terrific trickster contest

Leafcutter ants in the school garden? Stink bombs in the staff room? A tarantula as class pet? Joe Schulz never imagined his first day at the Emmy Noether School would be like this! Instead of learning maths, chemistry and physics, Joe gets drawn into his schoolmates' bitter rivalry with their mortal enemies from the musical Willibald Gluck School. With astonishing inventiveness and clever acts of sabotage, the 'Emmys' and 'Billys' make life hell for each other – it's a shame that Joe's new friend Pia is one of the Billys... When the two schools find themselves competing for the same musical prize, it turns into a battle between two sets of terrific tricksters, involving a flooded school hall and a burnt-out staff room. Joe and Pia realise that they need each other to win – but will they secure an armistice? And can their friendship survive?

- Magnificent pranks, fantastic manoeuvres – this book is a dizzying rollercoaster
- You'll follow the ups and downs of this super troupe of loveable heroes with bated breath
- Told by Rödigs in her inimitable style, full of wit and heart
- Cool drawings by Tine Schulz

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Tine Schulz



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#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 256 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Nur 300 km

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

## Just 200 Miles

AN INCLUSIVE ROAD TRIP

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

10 +

### A very special inclusive road trip: great fun, and told with sensitivity and a light touch

When a flip-flop hits Carl on the head as he sits by the Baltic in his ugly beach wheelchair, his life changes overnight. Carl is spending the summer holidays with his mother – but he'd much rather be at the summer camp for wheelchair skaters. The flip-flop belongs to Fee, who's the same age as Carl, and soon Fee is whirling through Carl's life like a typhoon, hurricane and tornado all at the same time. When she learns that Carl's relationship with his dad has been strained since the accident, she persuades him to visit his dad in Berlin – after all, it's only 200 miles away.

During their road trip, though, Carl finds out that Fee has an ulterior motive for the journey: she wants to meet the former German chancellor – and Carl's dad knows her, because he used to be her chauffeur. But by the time Carl realises, they're already halfway to the German capital...

- Bertram is one of the best and most versatile children's & YA authors
- Film rights have been snapped up by the makers of Babylon Berlin (X Filme Creative Pool)

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#### Middle Grade

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Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 304 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Foxgirls – Wenn  
die Fuchsmagie erwacht

SABINE STÄDING

## Fox Girls: Let the Magic Begin

TWO SHAPE-SHIFTERS HAVE A MAGICAL ADVENTURE

**Date of publication: September 13, 2023**

10+

b/w vignettes

### A marvellous encounter

Thirteen-year-old Cane Sugar and Bonnie Vanzetti are a pair of true-blue Hamburg girls, and love wandering around their lively city. One evening, they meet a creature who introduces himself to them as a Spirit Fox called Mellow. When Mellow's magic powers transfer themselves to Bonnie and Cane, the two girls are suddenly able to transform themselves into vixens – and discover a side to Hamburg they never knew existed. It turns out that the city is brimming with magical creatures. But the realm of Elbe Nymphs, Metro Monsters and City Wolves is in grave danger, because the evil Hunters are after them...

- A magical encounter: Spirit Fox Mellow turns Cane and Bonnie into shape-shifters
- A thrilling new shape-shifter fantasy, set in the famous port city of Hamburg
- Penned by a bestselling author
- Exciting adventures for fans of Aimee Carter and Katja Brandis

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#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 288 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Foxgirls -  
Fuchsmagie liegt in der Luft

SABINE STÄDING

## Fox Girls: There's Magic in the Air

THE MAGICAL ADVENTURES OF TWO SHAPE-SHIFTERS

**Date of publication: September 13, 2023**

10+

b/w vignettes

### Hamburg, city of magic

Cane Sugar and Bonnie Vanzetti are still getting used to being Fox Girls. Ever since they encountered Mellow the Spirit Fox, they've been able to turn themselves into vixens. As they start to get to grips with their new magical powers, they're making new friends among Hamburg's magic creatures. Their powers also prove useful in their 'real' lives: Bonnie's classmate Mungo is stressed because he might have to repeat the year, so the cheeky Fox Girls decide to teach his maths teacher a lesson. But the vixens face a much bigger challenge when the notorious Hunters return to the city, together with their boss, the Black Abbot. Black Abbot is dead set on taking revenge on the Fox Girls, and on Cane's new friend, Silas the City Wolf...

- Book 2 of this thrilling shape-shifter fantasy, set in the famous port city of Hamburg
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#### Middle Grade

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Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 272 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
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Prag drehen die Geister durch!

ANJA WAGNER

## Magic Agents: Prague's Ghosts Are on the Rampage

A NEW CASE FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AGENT

**Date of publication: October 04, 2023**

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Leopold), Russia (Eksmo), Slovak Republic (Albatros), Turkey (Maxi)

10+

b/w vignettes

### Elia Evander: a magic service agent ('magent' for short) on another top secret mission

Elia can't believe it: the secret magic agency have tasked her of all people with another top secret job. She has to leave for Prague immediately. It turns out that Elia must free a ghost princess from the clutches of her kidnappers. If she fails, the entire legendary city might be destroyed... Luckily, Elia quickly picks up the trail. But the ghost hunt soon becomes too difficult for her: she can't walk through walls, and not all magical creatures are on her side. Quite the opposite, in fact. Someone seems to be sabotaging her mission – and things get very scary. Fabulous creatures, magical action and a touch of Czech flair: join magent Elia Evander on her second case!

- Elia Evander is the coolest secret agent since James Bond
- Their second mission sees Elia and magical companion Selmor on a dangerous ghost hunt in the Czech capital

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- Fast-paced adventure set in a city rich in mythology
- Book 3 is out in Spring 2024



## Thriller

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
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Arktische Rache

ELISABETH HERRMANN

# Ravna: Revenge in the Arctic

A NORDIC THRILLER BY A BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Date of publication: July 26, 2023

14+

## Snow-white and blood-red: the gripping sequel to Ravna: Death in the Arctic – a thriller for all ages by a bestselling author

Ravna is now a student at the police academy in Oslo, but she still feels like her true home is in Norway's far north, with her mother Hedda and the reindeer. When Ravna's biological father, who she barely knows, unexpectedly suggests a meeting, she agrees. But before they can exchange a single word, he collapses at her feet with a Sami knife in his back. He is taken to hospital, seriously wounded. It turns out that the knife belongs to Ravna's mother and the police starts investigating Hedda. Ravna is the only one who believes in her innocence – but Hedda is definitely hiding something...

Elisabeth Herrmann's gripping and atmospheric thrillers have won her a wide readership. Her books promise strong heroines, dark and mysterious cases and sophisticated thrills.

- Ravna's father is fighting for his life after an attack – and her mother is the prime suspect: her third case is her most personal yet
- Fast-paced, mysterious, mystical: a gripping sequel written by a bestselling author
- Ravna 2 – The Dead Woman in the Night Mountains was awarded the GLAUSER 2022 Prize for best YA crime novel

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## Fantasy

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Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Misfits Academy  
- Als wir Helden wurden

ADRIANA POPESCU

# The Misfits Academy: When We Were Heroes

BOOK 1 IN AN AMAZING NEW URBAN FANTASY SERIES

**Date of publication: October 25, 2023**

14 +

## Five teenagers – five superpowers – one mysterious and magical academy

Anyone born with the skill-gene has special mental powers. You can do good things with them – or bad ones, if you prefer. If you've ended up at the Misfits Academy, you've no doubt made a big mess. Like Taylor, for example, who teleported herself to Dubai to take some cool pictures for her Insta account; or Eric, who can manipulate people's emotions and has made a mint selling happy feelings to schoolkids. Together with June, Frankie and Fionn, Taylor and Eric are sent to the Misfits Academy on Guernsey. Against all expectations, the five troublemakers become friends, and start opening up to each other about their skills. But then mysterious accidents start happening at the academy, and the teenagers face a life-or-death challenge...

The thrilling first book in an amazing new urban fantasy series featuring tough characters and a gripping setting: welcome to Misfits Academy!

- Popular author Adriana Popescu enters the fantasy genre with these five extraordinary heroes
- For fans of The School for Good and Evil, Vortex, Legend Academy, and The Umbrella Academy

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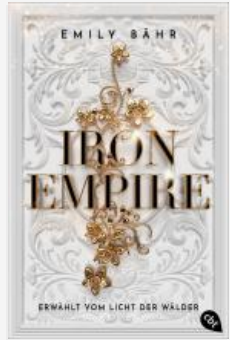
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Adriana Popescu loves writing stories in all shapes and sizes – whether as a TV writer or as a novelist for several prestigious publishers. When she isn't typing away, she dreams of having a house on the shores of Lake Garda and loses at cards to make sure she stays lucky in love. She, her husband and her dog live in their beloved city of Stuttgart.



#### Fantasy, Romance

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Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Illustrations: 2 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Iron Empire –  
Erwählt vom Licht der Wälder

EMILY BÄHR

# Iron Empire: Chosen by the Forest Light

BOOK 1 IN A NEW 2-BOOK FANTASY ROMANCE

Date of publication: December 13, 2023

14 +

## A seer afraid of the future – a reluctant prince – a world where each breath could be your last

A plane crashes in the Whispering Forest. Its passenger is none other than Hunter, Prince of the Iron Empire – the same Iron Empire that's been gradually destroying the Whispering Forest for centuries, and with it the lives of its inhabitants. The plane crash instantly changes Kaeliah's life for ever: she has just been chosen as the new seer, but people still haven't fully accepted her, so when the plane crashes, she spots a chance to prove herself. Hoping to help save her homeland, she accompanies the prince back to his realm. Soon, it becomes clear that their feelings for each other are more than just diplomatic. But when Kae arrives at the imperial court, she discovers intrigue and a country on the edge of war, while humanity will soon be literally fighting for breath...

- An enthralling, highly emotional fantasy romance set in the breathtaking worlds of the Iron Empire and the Whispering Forest
- For fans of Avatar and The Lost Crown
- Book 2 is out in Spring 2024

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## Romance

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Leave Me

AMELIA CADAN

# Leave Me

BOOK 1 IN A THRILLING NEW YA ROMANCE SERIES

**Date of publication: August 16, 2023**

14+

Rights available except: French

## Real estate heir versus hockey bad boy

Ever since Summer can remember, she's been in love with her best friend Jayden. But in Jay's case, anything lasting longer than one night is practically a long-term relationship. Still, Summer can't stay away from him, so she transfers to his college on the East Coast – only to look on as Jay, the star of the college hockey team, hooks up with fans at every party they go to. Then she meets Calvin, a charming Canadian student who also happens to be Jay's biggest hockey rival. Jay is by turns jealous and worried about Summer, and does everything to drive a wedge between his best friend and the guy with the violent past...

- Two rival hockey players – a tight-knit clique – and a girl caught between two guys
- Deals with the important subject of cyberbullying
- For fans of Mona Kasten and Stella Tack
- The sequel in this two-book series is out in Spring 2024

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## Romance

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

YASMIN SHAKARAMI

# Tokyo Rain

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14+

English sample translation available

Winner of the DELIA Literature Prize 2024 in the Young Love category

## ‘Once, he found me when I was lost – now I must find him, no matter what’

Malu can’t wait to leave: leave home, leave Germany, leave her old life. So when she gets a chance to take part in a Japanese exchange programme, she signs up for it. Malu thinks she’s ready for Tokyo, but it’s a culture shock, and the city makes her feel dizzy – as does Kentaro, her new classmate. Slowly, Malu lets him in, and when Kentaro introduces her to his own special Tokyo, she discovers a side to herself she never knew existed. The two slowly start falling for each other, as they go on romantic walks through the rain-soaked, neon-lit streets, enjoy crazy karaoke sessions and experience magical moments on Tokyo’s moonlit rooftops. But then disaster hits the city – and Malu desperately tries to find the love of her life amongst the devastation...

- A unique, deeply moving novel about loss, looking for love and finding yourself
- Original, unique and deeply moving: a brilliant new voice in YA
- Perfect for fans of Dustin Thao

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- Winner of the 2024 Delia Prize for YA Romance and longlisted for the 2025 Ulla Hahn YA Prize
- Rights already sold into seven territories (Italy, Spain, France, Russia, Lithuania, Ukraine and Slovakia)
- A bestselling novel by a debut author
- Tokyo makes for a very special and atmospheric setting
- 'Shakarami's writing is fast-paced, inventive and entertaining, and deeply moving at the same time' Antje Babendererde (YA author)