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Literary Fiction

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cm
Original title: Der große
Wunsch

SHERKO FATAH

What You Wish For

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

Rights sold to: Egypt/Arabic (Red Sea Bookstores)

English Sample Translation available

A daughter disappears. A father in despair sets off for a dangerous journey to Syria.

"Sherko Fatah tells the most exciting and tension-filled stories in German literature." FAS

Sensitive and insightful, this is a heartbreaking story set against the backdrop of the conflict in the Middle East.

A daughter has disappeared. She has travelled to Syria to marry a jihadist she met online. Her father Murad blames himself. If he had only told Naima more about his old homeland, which he has left behind mentally, as well as physically; if only he had paid more attention to her feelings of alienation – perhaps then she wouldn't have gone to a strange country in the name of religion. Murad knows he must find Naima. He contacts human traffickers and travels to the Kurdish territory on the Turkish-Syrian border, where he comes face to face with his past. When the traffickers play him an audio diary recorded by a woman in Raqqa – probably Naima – Murad sets out on a perilous journey into ISIS territory...
For readers of Serhij Zhadan, Olga Grjasnowa and Orhan Pamuk.

One of our most politically astute authors.

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Sherko Fatah



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Sherko Fatah was born in 1964 as the son of an Iraqi Kurd and a German mother. He grew up in East Germany and, in 1975, moved to West Berlin with his family via Vienna. He studied philosophy and history of art. Fatah has received numerous awards for his narrative work, most recently the Großer Kunstpreis Berlin of the Akademie der Künste, the Adelbert von Chamisso Prize 2015, as well as the Aspekte-Literaturpreis for Borderland. His novels have been translated into several languages.

DIE ZEIT

**Sherko Fatah tells the most exciting and tension-filled stories
in German literature.**

FAS



Literary Fiction

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Original title: Terafik

NILUFAR KARKHIRAN KHOZANI

Terafik

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

English sample translation available

A life lived between alien worlds: the moving story of a daughter's relationship with her father and of a family and country in pain.

When Nilufar was a young girl, her father moved back to Iran, leaving her behind. Now, for the first time, she travels to his home country to meet the family she never knew. In Tehran, she finds a world of contradictions, and encounters new faces – all of them wounded, and each with their hopes and dreams. Nilufar slowly gets to know the life that might have been her own, yet her father keeps eluding her whenever she tries to get close to him. In the midst of this chaotic and restless city, among the well-meaning relatives who have welcomed her into their home, Nilufar little by little discovers a fragmented country, a fragmented family and her own fragmented identity.

An unusual and sensitively written autobiographical novel, which examines two worlds that only truly reveal themselves as they encounter each other.

Galore

Fascinating – it'll help you to better understand Iran [...]

| BLESSING VERLAG |

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AUTHOR

Nilufar Karkhiran Khozani



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Nilufar Karkhiran Khozani, born in Gießen in 1983, studied literature, comparative literature and psychology before qualifying as a behavioural therapist. She has contributed to several literary journals, and in 2020 published "Romance Would Be a Very Fine Bonus Indeed", a volume of selected verse. She was artist-in-residence at the 2020 Prosanova Festival, and translated the script for "Town Bloody Hall: A Dialogue on Women's Liberation" for the German feature "Als Susan Sontag im Publikum saß" ("The Time Susan Sontag Was in the Audience", 2021). "Terafik" is her first novel. She lives in Berlin.

compelling and deeply moving.

WDR 5 Scala

It'll prompt you to think more about your own perspective, as well as about this country of immense contrasts [...] truly fascinating. I haven't read a book like it.

Buchplauderei

The vivid descriptions make you feel like you're there with Nilufar on her journey, seeing and experiencing everything alongside her. Readers with an immigrant background won't fail to empathise with her.

yazzlicious

A captivating, deeply stirring work of autofiction about searching for your identity.

ProSieben, 'Must Read im Herbst'

The narrator's experiences come across as realistic, and I really empathised on an emotional level. She treats Nilufar's Iranian family as proper individuals as she describes what life is like for them, and the focus is on personal experience rather than criticising the politics or society. [...] I'm grateful to have been given an insight into a country I didn't know much about.

lust_auf_literatur

If you're interested in hybrid identity and family relationships – however complicated – you should read this.

oneveganbooknerd

This brilliantly written autobiographical novel is about the search for identity, family, belonging, cultural conflict and father-daughter relationships [...] it has opened my eyes to

different angles and ways of thinking, and given me a fresh perspective on Iran. Highly recommended.

isa.literature.love

Khozani has produced a gripping portrait of a city that never sleeps, and a touching profile of a young woman in search of her identity.

Berliner Morgenpost

A book that everyone will get something out of. It's brilliant.

nil_liest

Much more compelling than a novel would have been. Nilufar writes about alienation and understanding, and reveals what's beneath the surface, giving us an insight into her conflictedness and how removed she feels from her family's origins. Gripping and written in a way that really gets under your skin.

frollein_wunderbar

Women, life, freedom: Nilufar Karkhiran Khozani takes us on a sweeping search, deep into the heart of the (attempted) women's revolution in Iran. Simultaneously enlightening and self-enlightening (for the author), it is a view of the events from the margins: Instagram messages, chosen as if at random, are decoded to reveal words whose meaning Khozani has to learn first, before being able to understand what the messages are actually saying. This creates a vivid, if fragmented, mosaic of an already forgotten uprising, which captures the strength and patience of the protesters, as well as the unbelievable brutality with which they're confronted.

Shortlisted for the 2024 Wortmeldungen-Ulrike Crespo Book Prize



Literary Fiction

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JUDITH KELLER

Wild Maneuvers

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 13, 2023

Rights sold to: Georgia (Agora), UK/World English (Seagull Books)

English sample translation available

Selected by New Books in German

**"I have rarely read anything this refreshing, bold and funny."
Saša Stanišić**

A glittering novel about two friends who dare to do things differently. Big changes happen when no one's looking: this is Keller's fearless and irresistibly original story about breaking boundaries and an imaginative revolution – a fierce yet tender novel about two women determined to start something new. But how? Something happened on that warm summer's night, in the shopping centre car park. A van was pilfered – was it to do with drugs? Vera and Peli are suspected of being involved, but when the police interview them the two young women don't shed any light on the mystery. On the contrary: there's a mermaid in a pool, bicycles arranged in a circle on the train tracks, and an abducted horse – it seems that Vera and Peli have committed a whole series of crimes, one more improbable than the next. And so begins an adventurous search for answers in a city at night-time, as well as a quirky examination of our vanishing present.

I have rarely read anything this refreshing, bold and funny.

Saša Stanišić

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AUTHOR

Judith Keller



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Judith Keller, born in Switzerland in 1985, studied creative writing in Leipzig and Biel, and qualified as a German language teacher in Berlin and Bogotá. She has also been an editor at the literary journal Edit. She has won honorary awards from the city and canton of Zurich for her story collection "Die Fragwürdigen" ("The Questionable Ones").

It is amazing to see the ease with which this author finds a language, images for inner truths.

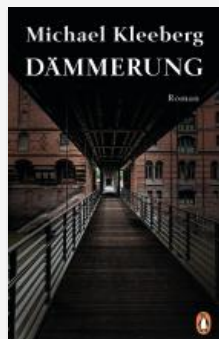
Süddeutsche Zeitung

Engaging, imaginative and open to interpretation, it reflects the current conversation on women's rights while also looking to the future on a broader scale. Keller employs an unusual structure and subtle elements of sci-fi to make this a timely and highly original read.

New books in German

Keller writes vividly about what it is to escape the everyday, about bonds of female friendship and the rapidly changing world we live in. Making a case for fiction being stranger than the truth, this is a bold and extremely readable novel by a standout voice in contemporary Swiss literature.

New Books in German



Literary Fiction

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Original title: Dämmerung

MICHAEL KLEEBERG

Autumn

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

English sample translation available

"Michael Kleeberg is an endlessly talented, shamelessly malicious writer, a master of all keys and registers of the grand organ of the novel." Die Zeit

It's Karlmann 'Charly' Renn's sixtieth birthday, and he's having a big knees-up to celebrate. What he also does is take stock – with his characteristic complacency and stubbornness, and without sentimentality. As always, he refuses to give in to the rampant groupthink around him without a fight.

What he thinks of as a second youth is overshadowed by thoughts of what he has irredeemably lost. But Charly knows nothing if not how to protect himself from overwhelming emotions. It's a skill he needs desperately now, because his self-esteem is being sorely tested indeed: not only by Covid, but also by his father's impending death and the conflicted relationship with his own children, who have long fled the roost. So Charly takes on one last project to once again prove himself a proper stayer. In a cultural centre in Hamburg, he becomes an involuntary activist – only to discover, when it's all over, that a new and very different era is dawning, one which may no longer have much time for him.

Another entertaining literary novel by Kleeberg, this time about a sixty-year old hero doing battle with everyday life.



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AUTHOR

Michael Kleeberg



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Michael Kleeberg, born in 1959, studied political science and history. After stints in Rome and Amsterdam, he lived in Paris between 1986 and 1999. He now lives in Berlin, where he freelances as a writer and translator and has received several awards for his literary work. His most important books include "A Garden in the North", "The King of Corsica", "Karlmann" and "Vaterjahre". His novel "The American Hospital" was nominated for the German Book Prize. In 2016, Kleeberg won the prestigious Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Literature Prize for authors whose work has "helped to establish human freedom and dignity".

In this sophisticated literary novel, Kleeberg takes on current issues.

Berliner Zeitung

As Kleeberg says goodbye both to Charly and his narrator, we find him on top form. Here, he tightly interweaves personal, social and recent political history [...] I can't think of another recent novel that examines its protagonist's life as much as contemporary society, or conjures up such profound thoughts via a kaleidoscope of tragic, comic, banal and existential moments.

Tagesspiegel

Kleeberg's Karlmann trilogy is a masterpiece which covers forty years of German social history.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

At last, a sophisticated novel that eschews the usual quirky characters to tell the story of an ordinary sixty-year-old man.

Welt am Sonntag

The question is never whether, after all this, we have come to like Charly – I suspect we haven't – but how emblematic, representative, typical he is of men of his generation. And on that point, Kleeberg [...] is consistently convincing. At the same time, he effortlessly combines contemporary history and private lives without resorting to quirkiness.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung

We keenly feel the loss of a fictional character whose life we have followed through three novels, with often superb dialogue

and some unforgettable scenes.

Hamburger Abendblatt

The plan has come together now, in an opulent and mighty work that makes Kleeberg a true successor to Marcel Proust, Adalbert Stifter and Thomas Mann.

Mannheimer Morgen

What he has achieved is nothing short of a masterpiece. Kleeberg is one of our greatest living writers.

Westfalen Blatt

An incisive novel, which toys with the difference between what the characters say, and what the author himself may or may not think.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Right down to the tiniest of its artfully written scenes, this trilogy is both a history of German mentality and a portrait of forty years of middle-class mores.

Glanz & Elend, Lothar Struck

This may be the saddest goodbye of the autumn – Karlmann “Charly” Renn will always have a place in our hearts.

Nürnberger Zeitung

Kleeberg is a meticulous observer of German society and its evolution, both the good and the bad.

lokalkompass.de

Kleeberg’s brilliance lies in his almost unique gift for considered empathy, and you’re always both inside Charly Renn and simultaneously watching him from the outside. The

series thus achieves something only rarely found in literature: it manages to tell the story of an entire epoch through the life of a single character.

DER SPIEGEL

A literary triumph.

Bayern 2, 'Diwan. Das Büchermagazin'

This funny and sophisticated series is an unusual fictional project. We need more books like these.

SWR1

What makes it so special is how easily it switches from the outside world to what's going on inside, and even speaks to us directly. [...] It sounds complicated, but it never interrupts the flow of the story. And you're rewarded with so many interesting thoughts that you sometimes forget how selfish Charly actually is.

filmsoundmedia.at

A smart and funny, sensitive yet ruthless, wide-ranging yet focused social novel.

Falter (A)

A wonderful, appropriate series finale which delivers both astonishing insights and tragicomic surprises [...] a fascinating, inventive novel that encapsulates a whole era.

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

A masterpiece which uses an apparently ordinary, everyday character to create a lucid portrait of contemporary society.

Gießener Anzeiger

An imaginative and gently ironic novel which you can enjoy even if you haven't read the other two books. Kleeberg has created a highly entertaining protagonist who reflects the end of an era and stands for a generation of old people who have fallen victim to the cult of youthfulness.

Ronald Schneider, Rheinische Post

Wonderful [...] Kleeberg uses a single character to sketch a whole era. Everyone should read Autumn – actually, the whole trilogy – because the world that he writes about is about to disappear for ever.

3sat, 'Buchzeit' von der Frankfurter Buchmesse

I envy anyone who hasn't read the first two books yet, because they can look forward to three first-rate works of literature.

Börsenblatt

Magnificently narrated, splendidly written, full of perceptive observations and illuminating thoughts [...] an accomplished, major social novel.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 'Büchermarkt'

One of the most important literary works about modern German history and society.

sounds & books

Once again, Kleeberg sketches an unflinching portrait of bourgeois mores, and the wonderfully detailed descriptions offer up useful points of reference.

Heilbronner Stimme

This trilogy covering almost 40 years of history represents a milestone in contemporary German fiction.



Literary Fiction

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ANNETTE MINGELS

The Last Lover

NOVEL

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Written with a light touch, "The Last Lover" is both psychologically insightful and stylish.

Former chemistry professor and womanizer Carl Kruger is lonely. He and Helen were married for more than half a century, and lived in this New York suburb for almost as long. After Helen's death, though, his adopted daughter Lisa and grandson Collin persuade him to join them on a trip to his old home country. For Carl, the journey turns into an encounter with a long-suppressed past: his family's escape from the Polish town of Sopot, his childhood in East Germany, the two brothers who are so very different from himself. As the threesome travel through a changing world, Carl wonders: has he, an 'old white man', actually made it into the twenty-first century?

Her brilliance as a storyteller comes down to her three-dimensional characters, a great sense of narrative timing, and hidden plots which it is a sheer joy to discover.


Hajo Steiner, Die Welt, on "Dieses entsetzliche Glück" ("This Terrible Happiness")

A story of intergenerational conflict, old age and disappearing certainties.

sda Nachrichtendienst

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Annette Mingels



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Annette Mingels, born in 1971, has a PhD in German studies. Her first novel came out in 2003, and she has since then published five more, as well as a collection of short stories. For "Was alles war" ("Everything that was"), she won the 2017 Family Story Prize of the Ravensburger Verlag Foundation. After years living in the US, Switzerland and northern Germany, she now lives near Berlin with her family.

Touching and melancholic, but because she always focuses on the positives it never makes you sad.

literaturkritik.de

Shows how hard and yet easy it can be to make peace with the past. Mingels's character portraits are restrained but meticulously drawn. A multilayered story about a man who knows that time is running out.

sda Basisdienst

Mingels is on top form with this one.

Madame

Mingels's portrayal of "her" old white man – this tactless, even ruthless "last of the lovers" – is both unsparing and open-minded. Subtle, perceptive and candid.

Hamburger Abendblatt

The writing is uncluttered, unpretentious and almost restrained, as she penetrates into the heart of this man who, despite his inability to confront his emotions, has been searching for his own kind of fulfilment.

WDR 3 'Lesestoff'

As with her previous books, Mingels explores big feelings and family relationships, intimacy, distance and guilt with great psychological insight.

SWR2, lesenswert Magazin

A smart, moving novel about getting older and about the conflict between the generations – psychologically convincing and pitch-perfect.

Moka

A gentle but very profound book.

lokalkompass.de

Mingels examines her hero inside and out over 300 pages, finding him in a way both guilty and innocent.

Tages-Anzeiger

A melancholic tale of one man's trials and tribulations, full of wise insights into marriage and friendship, the relationship between the generations and the inexorable approach of the end, which needn't always be terrible. [...] Notwithstanding its painful topic, it is an entertaining novel, written by Mingels with a twinkle in her eye.

Bücher Magazin

Impressive. It's also a wonderful father-daughter story.

DOMRADIO

Like with her previous books, Mingels exposes the fissures and fractures in her character's life.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

A lovely light novel about the end of a life, for the end of the year.

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

A nuanced portrait of middle-class life, which treats its characters – who find themselves caught in unexpected crises – with fairness [...] it's her seventh novel, and once again shows that she's a brilliant storyteller, who effortlessly makes you sympathise with characters who at first glance hardly deserve it.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung (CH)

Melancholic, sober, smart – and very American.

Neue Württembergische Zeitung

Again and again, Mingels proves how good she is at getting right inside ordinary people – their personalities, their inner lives, the effect they have on those around them – who are themselves shaped by events [...] an intelligent novel that offers a chance of reconciliation.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

It's impressive, the way Mingels [...] gets right to the heart of this man, while being more pragmatic, really, than melancholic.

59plus.de, 'Katharina stellt vor'

Absolutely brilliant.

literaturblatt.ch

A touching but also hilarious novel about missed opportunities and our inflated sense of our own importance.

Büchersofa



Literary Fiction

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Hälfte des Lebens

TERÉZIA MORA

Muna, or Half a Life

NOVEL

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English sample translation available

Muna loves Magnus. Whether Magnus loves anyone – and if so, who – is hard to say. What happens when you spend your life depending on someone else?

"I know what you want," he says. "You won't get it." Muna is about to graduate from high school when she meets Magnus, a French teacher and photographer. She spends the night with him. When the Berlin Wall comes down, he disappears. Seven years later, they meet again – and become a couple. Muna thinks she has found the love of her life. But as soon as they take their first trip together, cracks start showing in their relationship. Over the years the coldness, unpredictability and violence get worse. But Muna isn't willing to give up.

One of the best, most original and bravest voices in German literature.

Tilman Spreckelsen, FAZ

When (supposed) love makes life a living hell: [...] A book as harrowing as it is necessary.

Buchkultur

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Terézia Mora



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Terézia Mora, born in 1971 in Sopron, Hungary, has lived in Berlin since 1990. For her stories and novels she was awarded numerous prizes, among others the Ingeborg Bachmann Prize, the Kunstpreis Berlin, the Preis der Leipziger Buchmesse, the Deutsche Buchpreis and, in 2018, the Georg Büchner Prize. Her books have been translated into 20 languages. Moreover, Terézia Mora is one of the most distinguished translators from Hungarian.

www.tereziamora.de

Anyone who reads this novel will never be rid of it, will never be rid of her: the first-person narrator Muna.

rbb Kultur

Terézia Mora [...] has rightly made it onto the longlist (of the German Book Prize) once again with this. Is there more in it? Absolutely!

Bayern2

Measured prose, short and to the point, without false sympathies or cheap accusations. And therein lies the gigantic pull of this story [...].

SWR2

Like a multi-cut crystal that refracts light differently by angle of incidence, Moras novel offers [...] ever-changing, dazzling reflections like unpredictable refractions.

Die Zeit

I think its a very brilliant book. Its one of the best she has ever written.

SRF 1 Literaturclub

I think Muna Appelius is a character that many of those who will read this novel will not be able to forget.

Deutschlandfunk



**Contemporary Fiction,
Literary Fiction**

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Bertelsmann
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cm
Original title: Wo die Geister
tanzen

JOANA OSMAN

Where the Ghosts Dance

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

English sample translation available

Three generations linked by a yearning to put down roots – a moving and colourful novel based on the author's own family history

Jaffa is Sabiha and Ahmed's home. It is where they're raising their sons, and where they have opened their own cinema, so that they can sit in the back row and cry at Shirley Temple movies. But when Israel declares independence in 1948 and the Arab-Israeli war breaks out, the family is forced to flee. They embark on an Odyssey that takes them first to Lebanon and then to Turkey. As they search for a new home, all they find is derelict temporary housing and states that refuse to accept them. They grieve for the dead, but never lose their lust for life – not to mention their sense of humour.

Seventy years later, Osman travels to Israel in search of her family's past. Who were these two people, who raised her father on the run? What was the trip like which invisibly, but decisively, affected her own youth?

Fiction and biography merge as Osman seeks to salvage her family's story – an imaginative and delightfully funny novel, where the ghosts of the past come to dance.

For readers of Lena Gorelnik, Pierre Jarawan and Fatma Aydemir.

C.Bertelsmann

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AUTHOR

Joana Osman



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Joana Osman, born in 1982, is the daughter of a Palestinian father and German mother. After studying American studies, theatre and history of art, she co-founded Peace Factory, a Middle East peace movement, in 2012. She is now a novelist, lecturer and storytelling coach, and lives near Munich with her family. Her debut novel, "Am Boden des Himmels" ("The Bottom of the Sky"), appeared in 2019. Her acclaimed novel "Where the Ghosts Dance" about her Palestinian family was published in 2023 by C.Bertelsmann.

A brilliant new author.

NZZ am Sonntag on "Am Boden des Himmels" ('The bottom of the sky')

Vivid, detailed descriptions, poetic, intimate and at the same time objective.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

An excellent, very personal book about cultural identity, which gives us reason to hope for a reconciliation between seemingly irreconcilable peoples and religions.

'Long Story Short', Der Buch-Podcast

The insightful, humorous and vivid story of her father's Palestinian family.

BÜCHER magazin

A family history told with a wonderful sense of humour and a superb sense for the immense treasures to be found in her ancestors' memories.

BR24, 'Neues vom Buchmarkt'

Osman tells the astonishing story of her German-Palestinian family with great humanity and love, and without hiding the appalling injustices.

Freundin

With the intuition of a literary diplomat, Osman has written a smart, witty tale based on her family's own flight, which deals with the biggest political conflict of our time with great empathy [...] a humane novel that stands up to the fossilised narratives, hate and lack of understanding on all sides of the conflict.

BR, Bayern 2, 'Zündfunk'

A compassionate family history, and also partly an homage to her father – a modern history that (especially now) helps us understand how any war violently interrupts life [...] an important and humane book. Everyone should read it.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung's 'Bücher am Sonntag' literary supplement

An insightful, entertaining, moving autobiography.

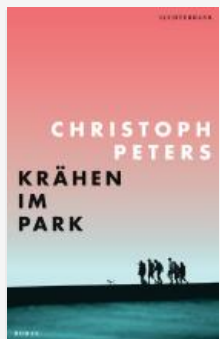
lehrerbilbiothek.de

The way Osman develops her characters and describes the family dynamics while keeping up a laconic, ironic distance, is very compelling.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 'Studio 9'

More than a family saga, this reads almost like a history of the Middle East conflict of the past 100 years, told with compassion and without placing blame.

Aachener Zeitung



Literary Fiction

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Krähen im Park

CHRISTOPH PETERS

Crows in the Park

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 23, 2023

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Berlin in a day: the superb, razor-sharp portrait of a society undergoing major change

It's the 9th of November, 2021. Berlin is in lockdown, but life goes on. The famous, but shy author Bernard Entremont has travelled here to accept an award – an event that indirectly touches half of Berlin. With "Crows in the Park", Peters has created an intricate web of tales that take place over the course of a single day, and which collectively tell the story of our modern lives: from a socialite frantically pulling strings and a politician's son who believes in conspiracy theories, to an influencer past the first flush of youth and her husband, who finally wants to get down to writing his second novel; and from a young German-Turkish couple caught between joy and fear after a positive pregnancy test, to an Afghan refugee searching for a foothold in the anonymous currents of the big city. "Crows in the Park" is a brilliant, razor-sharp, multifarious portrait of a society that can no longer rely on the old certainties, but hasn't yet found new ones.

One of the best modern German-language authors.

Christoph Schröder, SWR2

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Christoph Peters was born in 1966. His literary work has won him several awards, including the Wolfgang Koeppen Prize (2018), Thomas Valentin Book Prize (2021) and Niederrheinische Book Prize (1999 and 2022). Most recently, Luchterhand has published his works "Tage in Tokio" ('Tokyo Days', 2021) and "Der Sandkasten" ('The Sand Box', 2022).



Literary Fiction

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Jaromír 99
Pages & Size: 96 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Illustrations: 30 color
illustrations
Original title: Weihnachten in
Prag

JAROSLAV RUDIŠ

Christmas in Prague

WITH NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS BY JAROMÍR 99

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (LABYRINT), Italy (EDT), Poland (Klimaty), UK/English (Jantar)

A Christmas story set in snowy Prague, movingly told by Jaroslav Rudiš and brilliantly illustrated by his best friend, Jaromír 99

Christmas Eve. On what is probably the quietest day of the year in Prague, Rudiš walks through the Czech metropolis on the Vltava and tells us about the river and all the old bridges, and of life in the shadow of the Hradčany, the world's largest castle complex.

It is snowing, and the wind is bitterly cold. The streets are empty. Yet they are also full of old and new stories and encounters. Again and again, Rudiš enters pubs whose names start sounding like a zoo: the Black Bull, the Hippopotamus, the Two Cats, the Stag, the Golden Tiger... This is where he meets his friends. Then he sets off again, to walk with those who went before us, including Kafka, Hašek and Hrabal. And then he meets a man sitting alone in the Shot in the Eye pub with a carp in a gherkin jar, hoping for a Christmas miracle – waiting for his wife and for the Christkind, who'll be bringing the presents.

On his Christmas adventure, Rudiš is accompanied by his best friend, Jaromír 99, who has drawn the illustrations for this magical, tragicomic stroll through snowy Prague.

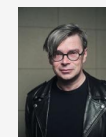
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Jaroslav Rudiš, born in 1972, is a writer, scriptwriter and dramatist. He studied German and history in Prague, Zürich and Berlin and has worked as a teacher and journalist. In 2012 and 2013 he was the Siegfried Unseld guest professor at the Humboldt University in Berlin. His novels "Grand Hotel", "The Stillness in Prague", "On the End of Punk in Helsinki", "National Route" and "The Sky Under Berlin" were originally written in Czech. He was awarded several prizes and two of his novels have been made into films. "Winterberg's Final Journey", his first novel in German, was nominated for the 2019 Leipzig Book Fair Prize. He has also been awarded the Usedom Prize for Literature, the Literaturhäuser Prize and the Chamisso/Hellerau Prize.

ILLUSTRATOR

Jaromír99



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Jaromír 99, born in Czechoslovakia in 1963, is a comic artist, painter and singer and lyricist for the Czech cult band Priessnitz. With Jaroslav Rudiš he wrote the graphic novel "Alois Nebel", which was made into a film in 2012 and awarded the European Film Prize. He lives in Prague and the Altwater Mountains.



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: C.

Bertelsmann

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x21,5
cm

Original title: Im Schatten der
blauen Pferde

UWE FLECKNER

In the Shadow of the Blue Horses

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 01, 2023

English reader report available

A captivating novel about one of art history's biggest mysteries

Art historian Maximilian Kisch is obsessed. For many years now, he has tried and failed to track down a missing painting by the Blue Rider painter Franz Marc. It was last seen in Hermann Göring's private collection, shortly after the 1937 Munich exhibition of 'degenerate' art. Ever since, the art world has wondered what became of it. Max wants to make one last attempt to recover the painting, and travels to the Getty Museum archives in Los Angeles. There, with the help of his colleague Jessica Steiner, he makes a startling discovery...

Grippingly told and based on historical evidence, "In the Shadow of the Blue Horses" tells the story of the famous painting – its creation, its collectors, its cleverly planned theft – and of a chilling suspicion.

An expert, multi-layered panorama that keeps the suspense going as you become immersed in the labyrinthine story.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

A great amalgam of art (history), crime, suspense and emotion.

Mannheimer Morgen

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An accessible read for anyone interested in art history.

HÖRZU

A gripping detective story and an expert compendium of contemporary history. German history (of art) has never been this thrilling.

Westdeutsche Zeitung

Fleckner is a wonderfully vivid storyteller, and always strikes the right note.

Eschborner Stadtmagazin

It tells the story of this painting using compelling flashbacks, rooted in actual events.

RHEIN Exclusiv

A highlight for art lovers, it's the story of the complex search for this long-lost Franz Marc painting.

belletristik-couch.de

A cleverly written debut novel about one of art history's greatest mysteries.

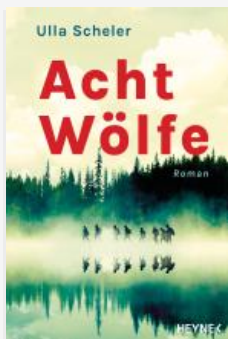
kultbote.de

An extraordinary story, compellingly told.

Gesundheit!

Smoothly written, and so vivid that the story really comes to life, illuminating both the painting and its history. A perfect blend of reality and fiction.

Kristall86



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Acht Wölfe

ULLA SCHELER

Eight Wolves

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 13, 2023

Eight young people, lost in the Canadian wilderness – if they want to get out alive, they must stick together


Eight young people join a guided hike through Canada's biggest national park. For the next three weeks, they will experience the wilderness and see the Northern Lights. But even in the wilderness, you can end up in the wrong place at the wrong time. When they witness a crime, the eight have no choice but to run. Lost in the middle of nowhere, they have no equipment and nothing to help them find their way home. They also can't stand each other. But their only chance of getting out of this alive is to work together.

A survival thriller for fans of "Rust Creek".

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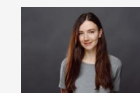
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Ulla Scheler, born in 1994, studied psychology and IT in Munich and Karlsruhe. Her debut novel "Es ist gefährlich, bei Sturm zu schwimmen" ("Swimming during a storm is dangerous") was a big popular and critical success, and shortlisted for the German YA Prize. "Eight Wolves" is her first non-YA novel.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: I love you, Fräulein Lena

HANNA ADEN

I Love You, Miss Lena

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 13, 2023

Two young refugee girls are starting a new life after a dramatic flight in Post WW II Germany

North Frisia, 1945. Germany's defeat is only days away. The occupying forces are coming closer. Exhausted, nineteen-year-old Lena and her sister knock on the door of the vicarage in Niebüll. The two refugee girls from Pomerania have a dramatic journey behind them, and are relieved to finally have arrived at their new home. The dangerous nights, the constant fear – they are finally in the past. Confident Lena is more than ready to start a new life, but the villagers are suspicious of the refugee girls. Only the intelligent apothecary's assistant Rainer becomes something like a friend to Lena. Because she speaks English, she is able to work for the British, and even learns how to drive. At the wheel of a military jeep, for the first time in years, Lena rediscovers what it feels like to be free. But it isn't long before the summer turns and there is a sudden awakening. Someone else has come back too, and is threatening Lena's fragile peace – and her actions during her flight finally catches up with her...

A moving story of love, war, forgiveness, and the feeling of guilt that never leaves you.

For readers of Susanne Abel and Katharina Fuchs.

Unbelievably tender and moving.

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Hanna Aden, born in Heidelberg in 1983, is a special needs teacher and writes articles and opinion columns for various periodicals. She has also been a judge on the Delia Book Prize panel. Her first novel "I Love You, Miss Lena" was inspired by her grandmother's story.

Captivating.

Gong/HÖRZU

A moving novel about love, war, forgiveness, and the guilt that remains – inspired by the author’s grandmother’s true story.

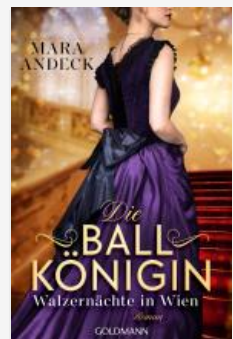
Die Niederösterreicherin

A moving story inspired by Aden’s own family history, about love, war and forgiveness, and the feeling of guilt that just won’t go away.

Elternforum

Aden deftly weaves the end of the war, the aftermath of the Holocaust and the story of a girl on the brink of adulthood into a novel that radiates hope, despite its many darker moments.

erf.de



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Die Ballkönigin - Walzernächte in Wien

MARA ANDECK

The Queen of the Ball

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 15, 2023


A magical love story set against the backdrop of Vienna's glamorous ball season

Vienna, 1877. Plans are afoot to make sure that Countess Clea de Conteville makes the best possible match – but she can't think of anything more boring than life as an aristocrat's wife. At her first Viennese opera ball, Clea meets the charming and handsome Nikolaj. She mistakes him for a commoner, and thinks that he couldn't ever be a candidate for marriage – so she agrees to dance with him. When her delighted mother informs her that Nikolaj is in fact the most eligible bachelor of the season, Clea is determined to stay away from him. But the ball season is long, and their paths keep crossing...

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 512 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Zeiten der Versöhnung

CARMEN BELLMONTE

Times of Reconciliation

THE MALLORCA SAGA (VOL. 4)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Nieuw)

The grand finale of the Delgado saga: Will the children repeat their parents' mistakes?

Mallorca 1952: The old hatred among the Delgados is still smouldering, family peace is far from tangible. The winery estates are in competition with each other, secrets kept for years are bubbling under the surface, and almost everyone carries a secret guilt.

Can they finally forgive each other? Or will the clan be torn apart for good?

The Delgado family lets us experience world history – for readers of Marie Lacrosse and Corina Bomann.

Volume 1 and 2 have been sold to The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam).

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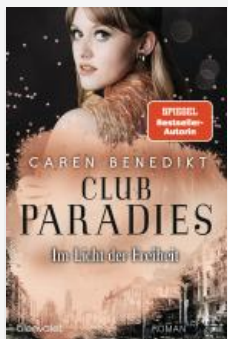
AUTHOR

Carmen Bellmonte



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



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Club Paradies - Im Licht der Freiheit

CAREN BENEDIKT

Club Paradise: The Light of Freedom

THE CLUB PARADISE DUOLOGY (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 13, 2023

After the fall and death of the building tycoon, his wife and his daughters are rebuilding their lives in the glamorous and dangerous underworld of the Berlin 1970s

Maria Borchardt is no longer the woman she was that terrible Christmas in 1976, when the police came to Villa Borchardt and she found out about her husband Hanns's shady dealings. But now is not the time to feel sorry for herself. Somehow, she has to find the strength to rebuild her life. And she is not alone: Klaus Schröder, her family's solicitor, has always been by her side – and now too, he does everything he can to help...
 For readers of Carmen Korn.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Eine Dame mit Geheimnissen

HANNAH CONRAD

A Lady With Secrets

THE LILY PALACE SAGA (VOL. 4)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

The final volume of this Regency Romance series set in Munich.

Munich 1827: Nanette has been the Seybachs' governess for seven years. For seven years, she has also been keeping a dark secret. Now that her charges Johanna, Maximilian and Isabella have – with her help – found happiness and love, Nanette is looking for something to give her life a new meaning. So she starts writing risqué serialised novels, which are published anonymously. Her stories cause outrage in Munich's smallminded society, even as more and more readers are secretly enjoying them. But newspaper publisher Ferdinand von Rückl is making life difficult for Nanette. He constantly challenges her, and their discussions are always heated. At the same time, Nanette finds the fire smouldering within him irresistible, and an exciting game begins...
 Volume 1 and 2 have been sold to Czech Republic (Alpress).

The best book of the series. Aside from some minor stuff, it was 100% brilliant. I adored it!

tintenhauch

An absolutely perfect ending to the series. Not just that, but my favourite character finally takes centre stage.

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A wonderful series finale which ties up all the loose ends, covering the entire timespan of the previous books. What makes it so special is its unconventional, wilful and strong heroine.

tiroler_zeilenreisende

A must-read for anyone who loves the series and is dying to have all their remaining questions answered.

sven_weidners_world

I loved the Bavarian setting of the series. I love Munich. The Bridgerton vibes are once again present and correct too.

lauras_bunte_buecherreagl

Have you read the previous books? If yes, you need to read this one too, because it ties up all the loose ends. It's hugely entertaining.

liceys_buecherwunderland

A fitting end to this fantastic series – with Nanette as the heroine it's quite surprising and different from the others, but just as captivating and fun.

marasbuecherglanz.blogspot.com

A brilliant ending. You'll love it.

lesehertzen.wordpress.com

You don't need to have read the other three books to be able to follow the plot.

erdhaftigschmoekert.wordpress.com

The pages just flew by. The suspense keeps ratcheting up, and I simply couldn't put it down. I was totally immersed in all the

romance and drama.

booksofloveblog.wordpress.com

Honestly, every single book in the series is fantastic.

blindbooklove

You can't help but sympathise with the characters, with all their loving and agonising, and you'll be charmed by the period feel and magical Munich setting.

maerchens.buecherwelt

I'm grateful to the author for creating this delightful series.

SecretBookdreams



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 544 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Alte Hoffnung, neue Wege

PETRA DURST-BENNING

The Chef: Old Hopes, New Paths

THE CHEF (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 20, 2023

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A gifted young chef is torn between her passion for cooking and her love for her son: the second book in this trilogy by a bestselling author

The South of France, 1888. Fabienne Durant has faith in herself and in her dreams. She is determined to take her place in the male-dominated world of haute cuisine, and planning to cook for a sophisticated clientele at her very own restaurant. Talented chef Noé becomes her mentor, and constantly pushes her to do better. But although things seem to be going in the right direction, Fabienne can't forget her beloved son, who disappeared without a trace as a baby. Little does she know how close she already is to her beloved child – and the price that fate will exact from her for a chance to be reunited with him...

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 736 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Gut Friesenhain - Zwischen Traum und Freiheit

LOTTE GRÜNEWALD

The Friesenhain Estate: Between Dreams and Reality

THE FRIESENHAIN TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 18, 2023

Torn between social convention and wanting to be free, the young daughter of a count battles to fulfil her dreams...

Münsterland, 1895. Luise is Count von Scheweney's oldest daughter, and her life is all planned out: she will marry nobleman Johan van Leeuwen, and spend the rest of her life among the elegant ladies of high society. But headstrong Luise wants to decide her own future. She wants to become a vet, and look after the horses on her family's estate. When she secretly attends a women's suffrage meeting, she meets Max Brugge. But the young Social Democrat merely scoffs at Luise's problems, while Johan reveals himself to have not only good manners but an open mind. It seems that she has found the perfect husband – but why can't she get Max out of her head?

A historical novel packed with drama and feelings – superb.

Anne Jacobs, bestselling author of the "Cloth Villa" saga

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 720 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Der Teegarten

ELISABETH HERRMANN

The Tea Garden

THE TEA SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 20, 2023


From Bremen to Darjeeling: the major saga about the Vosskamp family's tea emporium continues

Bremen, 1874. Ever since she was a little girl, Bettina Vosskamp couldn't wait to leave home and travel to India, where her beloved grandmother Lene had a tea plantation. When, many years later, Bettina inherits 'Brenny's Garden' in Darjeeling, she decides to continue Lene's life's work. But she is facing an almost impossible challenge: there are financial problems, an earthquake threatens to destroy everything, and she struggles to assert herself in a men's world. Bettina is exhausted. But she doesn't give up – instead, she works even harder, not only to preserve the Vosskamp legacy, but to find true happiness...

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 576 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Etwas verborgen Schönes

ARNE JENSEN

Hidden Beauty

NOVEL

Date of publication: December 13, 2023

A novel about living the life you want, inspired by the true story of trans woman Charlotte von Mahlsdorf

Uckermark, July 2018. On an old estate in the middle of nowhere, ninety-year-old Ottilie Rabe gathers her extended family around her to finalise her will. But when they come together, old wounds are opened. There is one thing from her past which Ottilie knows she must deal with – a terrible secret she has been hiding for decades, and which will change all their lives for ever.

Berlin, 1944. The body of a high-ranking Gestapo officer is found in a flat. He has been battered to death with a hammer. Investigating officer Werner Beltheim is under pressure to solve the case quickly. His prime suspect is the dead man's daughter, who was found sitting next to the body. Her name is Ottilie Rabe...

Radical insights into the tyranny of the Nazi regime under Hitler.

TV Star (CH)

Truly gripping [...] highly recommended.

Levkojen

A gripping mix of family saga, crime and historical fiction with multi-layered, realistic characters, and an original plot.

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Arne Jensen



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Medic and therapist Arne Jensen has always been interested in modern German history and how it has affected the postwar generation. "Hidden Beauty" is partly about his specialist subject of how war trauma is passed down through families.

The ending is deeply touching, but also reveals how easy it is to tar everyone with the same brush. It forces us to look beyond our own narrow preconceptions.

lesegenuss.blogspot.com

What makes it so gripping isn't just the crime aspect, but the psychology of the characters and their complex relationships. The various strands of the plot force us to think for ourselves and try to work out what really happened.

schmoekerstunde

It's so vividly told right from the start, it was like watching a film.

Mainhattan Kurier

It's the first book of Jensen's I've read. It's a wonderful novel, full of tragic stories [...] a book filled with secrets, and deeply moving tragic events.

Edel Lenz

To this gripping story, Jensen has added a subplot – told from the point of view of Ottilie's granddaughter – about a reunion of her descendants and relatives.

Radio ZuSa

Switching between two timelines, this spectacularly entertaining and thrilling novel tells the story of a family of strong characters, deeply moving secrets and tragic fates – entertaining and thought-provoking. Highly recommended.

Frischer Wind

A really good, multilayered novel.

www.seite101.de

A thought-provoking story with an interesting protagonist, effortlessly gripping right to the end.

Radio Euroherz

An extremely realistic portrayal of police work in those days.

anja_reads

You can really feel Jensen's passionate interest in German history and its consequences for the postwar generation, and he superbly evokes the mood of 1944.

laudibook_

Impressive not only for its gripping plot and complex characters, but for how it makes us think about human nature.

leselustich.com

JULIA KRÖHN

Paper Children

NOVEL

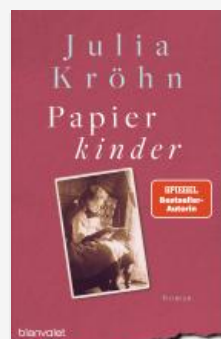
Date of publication: October 18, 2023

An unforgettably captivating and piercingly topical novel on the first campaigners for children's rights.

Berlin, 1874. In the Steglitz district workhouse, eight-year-old Emma and nine-year-old Mathilde begin a friendship that will last their whole lives. Although they have to work hard all day, these two unusual girls never give up their dream of a better world. Later, Emma becomes a young activist and campaigns against the exploitation of women in factories, while Mathilde hopes to be rescued by true love. But when the two of them become mothers, Emma has to do what she can to stave off poverty – for her family as well as Mathilde's. And this is how Emma Döltz entered history as one of the three headstrong women who fought against starvation and child labour, opened Germany's first Montessori children's homes, and changed the law – thus paving the way for the historic children's rights movement.

The prominent campaigners Emma Döltz, Clara Grunwald and Eglantyne Jebb are the reason that our children have rights at all – in this novel, their life and work is interwoven with a dramatic family saga.


For readers of Lisa Wingate and Ruth Kornberger.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 560 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Papierkinder

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



Historical Fiction

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

MARIA NIKOLAI

Daughters of a New Dawn

THE LAKE CONSTANCE SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

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

A spirited young woman, passionate about medicine – a fateful misunderstanding that may yet destroy her big dream – and a love she never hoped to find

München and Lake Constance, 1927. Ever since she was a girl growing up on the shores of Lake Constance, Katharina has been passionate about medicine. When her dream comes true and she wins a place at the university in Munich, she devotes herself especially to women's health. But it isn't easy being a woman at the university, and she constantly has to battle conservative views and rigid social mores. Then Katharina meets the charming doctor Thomas von Bogen, who runs a clinic for the poor alongside his highly sought-after private practice. The two grow closer – but when Katharina is falsely accused of a crime, both her professional future and her love for Thomas hang in the balance...

The dramatic conclusion to this bestselling family saga.


Volume 1 and 2 have been sold to Czech Republic (Euromedia).

Gripping, multi-layered, inviting – a saga that promises a lot and delivers more.

Denglers-Buchkritik.de, on the 'Lake Constance' saga

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Maria Nikolai loves the stuff of history and tender love stories. With her debut "The Chocolate Villa" she wrote her way into the hearts of her readers and spent many months in the bestseller lists. The saga sold about half a million copies. Maria Nikolai's fans were also enchanted by her second historical fiction trilogy, set on picturesque Lake Constance towards the end of the First World War. "Little Germany", her new émigré saga, tells the story of two bold young women seeking their fortune in the New World.

www.marianikolai.de/

The superb conclusion to the Lake Constance-set saga is everything you could possibly want: suspenseful, dramatic, sentimental and emotional.

Elizasbuecherparadies

The romantic and enthralling conclusion to the Lake Constance family saga.

StadtRadio Göttingen, 'Book's n' Rock's'

A wonderful finale.

Lese_gerne



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 544 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Illustrations: 5 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Der Eispalast

RENA ROSENTHAL

The Ice Palace

THE ICE PALACE SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 15, 2023

Nineteenth-century Vienna, the early days of ice dance, and three strong characters who conquer the ice together

Fin-de-siècle Vienna: Nicolette loves skating more than anything. The moment her blades touch the ice, she feels happy and free. But her wealthy parents' house has become a gilded cage, and she can only skate in secret. One day, she makes an impulsive decision: she joins ambitious worker Julianna for skating practice on a remote lake. Julianna becomes Nicolette's first ever real friend. When the pair meet Jackson Haines, they can't take their eyes off his fluid and beautiful movements, which are so different from anything Vienna has ever seen. The trio decide to introduce the city to this new style of ice dance – but can Nicolette get out from under her family's shadow, and fight for her dreams? And what about the feelings that she's beginning to develop for Jackson?

Heartwarming.

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Rena Rosenthal



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Rena Rosenthal grew up in a little town in Lower Saxony. She climbed the bestseller lists with her Royal gardener trilogy, and when she heard the story of the women who introduced Vienna to ice dancing, she knew that this would become the subject of her new saga.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 432 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Die Reporterin - Worte der Wahrheit

TERESA SIMON

The Reporter: Words of Truth

THE REPORTER (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

The story of a woman who defies social convention – and a unique portrait of life in the 1960s

September 1965. Malou Graf has found success as a reporter. Her articles are sensitive and perceptive, and she manages to extract private information from her interviewees without making them feel exposed. She is nicknamed 'the countess of the society column', and everyone from the Rolling Stones to Romy Schneider is queuing up to be interviewed by her. When Malou becomes a mother and tries to fix her relationship with her parents, she learns the painful lesson of how hard it is for women to combine a career with a personal life. Does she have to choose one or the other? And can she?

A fantastic duology.

martinasbuchwelten.blogspot

Fascinating insights into life in 1960s Munich. Pure reading pleasure.

buecherplaza.de

You become so immersed that you really absorb the zeitgeist and can sense what life was like back then. Fans of historical

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fiction will love it.

dietestfamilie.de

It made my weekend. A moving and escapist read. Highly recommended.

nicigirl85.blogspot.de

This second instalment was exactly what I'd hoped for, and deserves at least five big stars. But make sure you read part one first.

engineerwife.wixsite.com

Be warned: once you start reading, you won't be able to stop.

büchertanz.de

Not to be missed. Anyone who loves novels about brave women fighting for their rights will adore this.

grazia.de

I was totally enchanted and loved every page. Go out and buy a copy right now. Five out of five.

lesehertzen.wordpress.com

The perfect ending to this two-book series. I really enjoyed it.

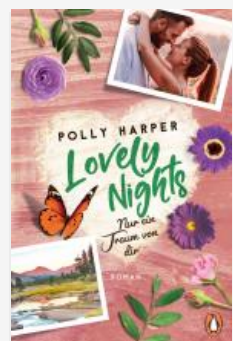
meinelesecke

Magnificent. It's even better than the first, and I found that one irresistible already. The writing style is nice and smooth, and the book is really gripping and powerful.

Ariettas Bücherwelt

Gripping from start to finish.

SecretBookdreams



Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Lovely Nights.
 Nur ein Traum von dir

POLLY HARPER

Lovely Nights: Dreaming of You

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 12, 2023

One night with him is all it takes – now she can't get him out of her head...

Lauren, owner of Nowhere, the only bar in the pretty and peaceful town of Goodville, is usually cool as a cucumber. Her bar is a thorn in the mayor's side, but his constant threats can't faze her. People think her tough and unapproachable, and although she sometimes shows her friends her vulnerable side, she doesn't tell them everything. Such as that whenever she sees Ryan, she feels deliciously dizzy. His tousled hair, the cheeky glint in his eyes as he grins at her from his bar stool... she must stop thinking about him. Especially because they've been friends for more than twenty years, and it's better that way. But one day, Ryan makes her an irresistible offer – and by the next morning, it isn't just Lauren's life that's changed for ever...



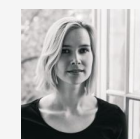
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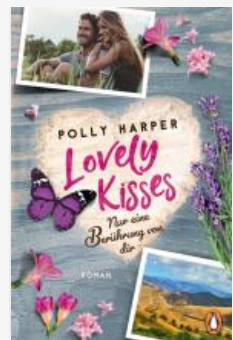
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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Lovely Kisses.
 Nur eine Berührung von dir

POLLY HARPER

Lovely Kisses: A Touch from You

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

All he has to do is touch her, and the world disappears...

Ever since her twin Jonah died, teacher Josephine has kept a lid on her emotions. But when Aiden returns to the idyllic town of Goodville after years away, her façade starts crumbling. After all, it was Aiden who came up with the dare that killed her brother, and Josephine can't and won't forgive him for abandoning her to her grief. To distract herself, she gets involved in all sorts of projects with her friends – but she finally has to admit that even after all this time, her heart flutters whenever Aiden is around. Even more so when she realises that the handsome troublemaker's is still the same boy who once meant so much to her...



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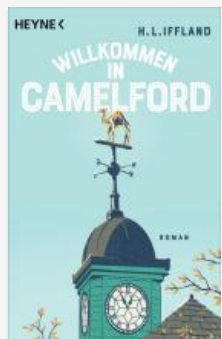
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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Willkommen in Camelford

H. L. IFFLAND

Welcome to Camelford

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 11, 2023

A sleepy little town, a handsome actor, a disastrous film shooting - and a lot of dry humour

At first glance, Camelford isn't exactly the prettiest place in Cornwall. No wonder, then, that the whole community is excited when the famous – and still handsome – soap actor Cosmas Pleystein announces that he'll be shooting his new film here. Will Camelford soon be as famous as the locations used in Game of Thrones? Probably not. For one thing, the production company has, without his knowledge, turned Pleystein's smart script into a tacky tearjerker – and when he discovers what they've done, he storms off the set. And now Camelford needs to find a new leading actor...

A lovely, easygoing read.

Buecherjule

A delicious fish-out-of-water tale of a German actor who finds himself in the midst of a quirky little English village. You're itching to find out what happens to the village, the film, Cosmos and the artist Susanne.

Radio F/Funkhaus Nürnberg

Thoroughly entertaining – and you'll find out what the rather

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routine film industry is really like, where everyone involved firmly believes that they're a true artist.

karinhahnrezensionen.com

First-rate comedy.

FÜR SIE

All the characters are lovingly detailed, so I could picture them really well as I read.

Meinelesecke

An entertaining mix of humour and romance set in picturesque Cornwall. A real joy.

Schmoekerstunde

A distinctly British debut, part crime, part showbiz satire. Easy-going fun.

Die Presse am Sonntag

So much fun. The place, the people, the humour, Iffland's writing – everything works. She never lets the story become tacky or really silly, but gives it some depth and emotion.

melissa_schreibt

Simultaneously razor-sharp and sympathetic.

WDR 5 Literaturmagazin 'Bücher'

A surprising, sometimes beautiful and sometimes also very sad story.

mareike_liest_buecher



Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 336 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Ein Wunsch im Winter

PAULINE MAI

Winter Wishes

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 20, 2023

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

"Dear Father Christmas..." – An accidental letter spells the start of a very special love story

Madita isn't in the mood for mulled wine and gingerbread men. Her boyfriend died on a December evening three years ago, and ever since the advent season has been hell for her. The only light in her life are her sweet little niece Ella and nephew Janosch. When the children write their letters to Father Christmas, they persuade Madita to write one too, and tell him her innermost wishes. The problem is, her letter doesn't end up in the bin – instead, it falls into the hands of someone who would do anything to see Madita smile again...

A wonderful, wintry little masterpiece, which takes you into a world filled with deep emotions and Christmas magic.

Sheena

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Pauline Mai



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Pauline Mai, born in 1987, grew up on Lake Tegel near in Berlin. After a degree in literary studies, she became commissioning editor for a large trade publisher. Today she is a literary scout, but spends most of her time writing her own enchanting stories. Her favourite thing is travelling to stunning locations all over the world – but the magic of Christmas comes a very close second.



New Adult

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: The Way We Kiss

ELLA ADAMS

The Way We Kiss

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 18, 2023

Henry and Bonnie: when two worlds collide, love changes everything

On the Huntingtons' estate, preparations are underway for the big equestrian event of the summer. It is the biggest day in the social calendar of the rich and famous, and although Bonnie is only a groom on the estate, she can't wait. When news spreads that the Duke of Winterset, the most eligible bachelor in the country, will be taking part too, everyone's excited. But when Bonnie meets Henry, she can't believe that this arrogant man is the sweet horse-loving boy she once knew. She decides to stay out of his way, but can't help her heart beating faster whenever she thinks of him...



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Ella Adams



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Ella Adams is the pen name of an Austrian author. After graduating from business school, she worked first as a student mentor at a tourism college abroad, and then turned to full-time writing. The first book in her new NA series "The Way We Kiss" was inspired by her love of horses. "The Way We Love" is the second and final instalment of the NA series featuring Bonnie and Henry.



New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Blackwell Palace.
 Risking it all

AYLA DADE

Blackwell Palace - Risking It All

THE BLACKWELL PALACE SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 18, 2023

Rights sold to: Hungary (Central), Spain (Alma Books), US/World English (Sourcebooks)


English sample translation available

Glamour and intrigue in a winter wonderland: in a luxury hotel in snowy St. Moritz, a young woman tries to extract dark secrets from two handsome hotel heirs...

As Paola gazes up at the façade of the imposing Blackwell Palace with its snow-topped turrets and steep roofs, she can hardly believe that she'll be living and working here. This luxury hotel in St. Moritz is as famous as its owners, Charles and Edward, the heirs to the Blackwell hotel dynasty. When Paola meets them, she's instantly intrigued: the powerful brothers are ridiculously handsome, but also troubled by a mysterious sadness that makes them unpredictable. Despite all warnings, Paola wants to get close to them, whatever the risks. In fact, she has no choice: she has made a secret promise, and is driven by a desperate wish. Paola knows Charles and Edward have the power to destroy her – but if she plays her cards right, she could just as easily destroy them...

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New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 544 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Blackwell Palace.
 Wanting it all

AYLA DADE

Blackwell Palace: Wanting It All

THE BLACKWELL PALACE SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 29, 2023

Rights sold to: US/World English (Sourcebooks)

Torn between two unequal brothers: the feverishly anticipated series by the New Adult bestselling author continues!

For Paola, the luxurious Blackwell Palace hotel feels like home – but after what happened at the polo match, all she wants to do is turn her back on it and get out of St. Moritz. But she has made a promise she can't break, and has no choice but to put her trust in the one person she most wants to hate. But now Paola faces an even bigger challenge: can she hide her true feelings from Edward and Charles? The handsome but unpredictable Blackwell brothers have entangled her in a web of secrets even darker than she'd first feared. And isn't only her special connection with them that fills Paola with dread – the worst thing is, she can only save one of them from herself...



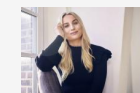
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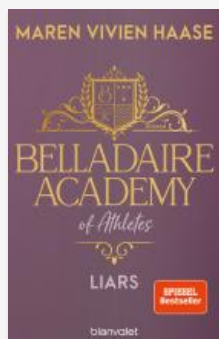
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MAREN VIVIEN HAASE

Belladaire Sports Academy of Athletes – Liars

THE BELLADAIRE TRILOGY (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: September 27, 2023

English sample translation available

New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Belladaire Academy of Athletes - Liars

An elite sports academy on the Côte d'Azur: Deep feelings meet serious subject-matter, including bullying, the pressure to succeed, competitiveness and doping

Nika Blum has won a place at the prestigious Belladaire Academy in Monaco. At last, she'll have the chance to realise her dream of becoming a champion fencer. She wants to be popular, no matter what it takes – so why not lie a little, if it makes her more interesting?

Swimmer Ambrose Kennedy has always lived in his brother Aaron's shadow. So when he discovers Nika's secret, he offers her a deal: if she gets Aaron to fall for her and makes sure that his performance suffers, he'll help her become more popular. Nika agrees – but soon wonders how far she's prepared to go to cover up a lie...

From the first page, it's steeped in love. I was captivated by the wonderful writing, and it was over all too soon.

Jessica R.

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www.youtube.com/marenvivien



New Adult

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Dark Elite – Revenge

JULIA HAUSBURG

Dark Elite – Revenge

THE DARK ELITE SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 11, 2023

Rights sold to: France (Hachette), Hungary (Cartaphilus), Poland (Foksal), Russia (Eksmo)

Dark Academia at its best: An elite university, a dubious fraternity and two students in love who are about to uncover a dark secret

When Elora meets unapproachable Gabriel at the elite university of Corvina Castle, she suspects that there's more to him than meets the eye. The two of them are competing against each other for a coveted spot in the powerful Fortuna Society. While Elora is fighting for a future as a medic, Gabriel wants to solve the mystery of his sister's death. By the time the pair discover that the Fortunates are involved in nefarious dealings, they've already become their pawns. As Elora and Gabriel join forces, they grow increasingly closer – until Gabriel makes a decision that spells danger for Elora. If he doesn't want to lose her for ever, he must let go of the past.

An suspect elite university, a secretive college society, plot twists and plenty of thrills and suspense.

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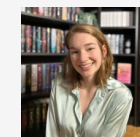
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Well written, fast-paced, great fun. I was really sad when I finished it.

ninas.booklove

Intrigues, secrets, interesting protagonists – if you like dark academia, this is for you. The ending only leaves you wanting more.

aga_lovebooks

Once I started it, I couldn't put it down. It was gripping and thrilling, and I loved the writing.

www.heavyfun.at

Hugely thrilling. The style is so fluent that I just kept turning the pages. Unfortunately I didn't have time to read more than a few chapters at a time – I really didn't want to put it down!

hepskaa

Couldn't stop reading. A gripping first instalment.

traumwelt.lesen

The ideal introduction to the dark academia genre. A “rivals to lovers” story told from the point of view of both protagonists.

reading_with_anita

I got it in a brilliant blogger giveaway a few days ago, which is why I started reading it right away. I thought it sounded totally exciting, and was desperate for a copy.

chapteraway

They promised it was amazing, and it was. The perfect dark academia book for autumn – gripping, charming and romantic.

about.brina

What can I say: it's fantastic! I couldn't put it down. It was suspenseful and exciting, but also romantic and emotional. Totally amazing, brilliant. Absolutely perfect.

soph_i_es_books

A great start to the series.

buchplausch

Emotional and suspenseful. I can't wait for the next one.

readaboutitonce.wordpress.com

Brilliantly written, and you're totally immersed right away.

zeilenzimmer

A seriously brilliant, mysterious "enemies-to-lovers" story which everyone will love [...] all of you should read this. It's a masterpiece!

safebookplace_

Utterly gripping. I read it in one go, because I just couldn't put it down. It was really gloomy, exactly what you want from dark academia. I think it delivers 100% what you want from it, which is rare.

lenaliebtDasLesen

If you like dark academia and lots of secrets and deep feelings, you'll love this.

book.storylove

I LOVED IT! It's epic, so passionate and emotional, totally unputdownable.

celest_reads

I loved the suspense and the recurring themes. The chapters are of a nice length.

booksbyjaenelle

It's written in a really enjoyable way, you just keep turning the pages and not wanting to put it down.

linaaas_buecherwelt

It was the first of Hausburg's books I've read, and I really liked her style – easy-going and quite descriptive, although the characters take it in turns to narrate the story.

fruggielicious

I was gripped from page one. Highly recommended.

simply_another_bookaholic

The interplay of power, destructiveness and emotions drew me in right from the start.

ancla_books4life

Highly readable, but with some more profound moments, which I liked too. The combination of the two was really well done.

hyggereadings

A really fantastic start to a gloomy mystery series packed with intrigue, lies and emotions. I was gripped by the ending – clearly there are more thrills to come!

moppisleseliebe

The character of Gabriel evolves nicely over the course of the

book, and so does Elora. You grow with them, and feel for both of them.

lovelybooksandtravel

A must-read!

OK!

The gripping first book in a new “dark academia” series. I couldn’t put it down.

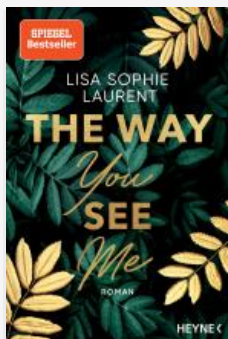
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A gripping first instalment. I also immediately fell in love with the stunning setting.

leonieisreading

I loved the setting, the Fortuna Society, the protagonists, the vivid and fluent storytelling, the suspense, and lots more.

nadine_bookloveandmore



New Adult

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: The Way You See Me

LISA SOPHIE LAURENT

The Way You See Me

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

Passionate environmentalist Mila becomes involved with charismatic Oscar - will this exciting, but difficult relationship make her lose sight of her true goals?

At a meeting of the environmental group Future Force, student Mila meets Oscar, the group's handsome, confident and charming leader. But Mila is suspicious of him. He reminds her too much of Niklas – who she once trusted, who she once loved, and who once broke her. Ever since, Mila hasn't been able to trust anyone. She decides to stay away from Oscar – but it's already too late. Bit by bit, her defences weaken. She likes that he wants to save the environment. But can they save each other? Because Oscar too is struggling with something in his past...

Wow! So emotive!

laras_zeilengefluester

The perfect read for anyone looking for an authentic and tender story set in beautiful surroundings.

partofpoetry

There's much more to it than the cover and blurb suggest.

zeilen_traeumerin

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Lisa Sophie Laurent, born in 1994, is a content creator, presenter and author. She has a degree in politics and psychology and has spent the past ten years talking about mental health, queerness and sustainability on social media.

Deals with depression, sexuality, toxic relationships, etc. brilliantly. A real must-read.

literaturmaedchen

Deals with important subjects like toxic relationships and mental illness, as well as queerness, acceptance and green issues. The characters are totally realistic and authentic, so you really feel for them.

my.own.bookworld

Heart-warming and told with much attention to detail.

leonieisreading

A unique story about unique characters.

laylasbuecherwelt

A fantastic, cosy slow burn of a novel.

glitzerliebe_

One of my favourites.

theladywithblueglasses

One thing leads to another, and I just couldn't stop reading.

buchplausch

Slow burn romance for anyone who likes books about authentic characters and important issues (like the environment and queerness), with a pinch of spice.

einfach_klara_

I'm pleasantly surprised by how she weaves sustainability and green issues into the plot without it seeming weird [...] I'm giving it 5 out of 5 stars. I can't stop talking about it and keep

recommending it to all my friends because I'm so pleasantly surprised by it.

jennesreads

A true feelgood novel.

franzis.book.passion

Definitely in my top 10 books of the year.

natalovesbooks

I couldn't put it down.

libraryofabookaddict

Superbly written, likeable characters, and a passionate love story. I totally fell in love with it.

anchor.fm/buchcast-mafia

Has everything you want from a good novel. It tackles a whole range of emotions –sadness, pride, courage, forgiveness, despair, happiness [...] if you love stunning settings and fantastic characters, this one's for you!

toriglorybooks

Very atmospheric and cosy, with a charming love story and some serious elements too.

zauberhaftebuchwelt

I wanted to read it because it was about green issues, but it also covers other key topics, e.g. mental health, toxic relationships and queerness.

ricis_bookworld

A gut-wrenching but also heartwarming and cosy romance.

alenas_buecherwelt

The setting is unbelievably stunning and vividly described. I fell head over heels for Elderstedt.

lina_booklover

The book really surprised me. I picked it up because of the tagline on the cover, and when I started reading I instantly loved it.

kopf_kribbeln

A novel that deals with important topics, but which you can also dip in and out of. A slow-burn story with plenty of romance.

lunaszeilen

A book for all seasons – summer holidays or autumn weekends, whether you're spending a quiet afternoon by the lake or it's cold and rainy and you're curled up in bed.

mrs.unfold

In addition to what's mentioned in the blurb, it also deals with other urgent topics like toxic relationships and mental health. I liked that a lot, and it left enough room for character development too [...] a must-read for anyone who likes proper character development and romance.

chiyo.reads

A real feel-good novel. Everyone should read this. A unique setting, great character development and a lovely atmosphere.

library_booktalk

Highly recommended. A perfect little novel, no matter what the

season.

booksbyjaenelle

It never gets boring, and covers lots of different topics without feeling overloaded. Everything fits together very smoothly.

leonieisreading



New Adult

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: The Sky Above Us

MAJA SCHENDEL

The Sky Above Us

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 23, 2023


He doesn't want to be tied down. She doesn't want to lose someone she loves again. But when the freeclimber and the young film-maker meet, everything changes.

For Sky, it's the opportunity of a lifetime: star freeclimber Eric Knox wants her to shoot a film of him climbing the most dangerous rockface in Yosemite. A thousand metres up, without a rope. Sky thinks he's crazy, but the job could land her a place at the legendary LA Film School, so she says yes. Yet the mere thought of making the film brings back terrible memories for her. When they arrive in Yosemite, Sky is blown away by the breathtaking scenery. And by Eric. With each day of filming, the two grow closer. Soon, Sky wonders if she can carry on filming Eric as his life hangs in the balance...

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Maja Schendel was born in Schleswig-Holstein and now lives with her partner and pets on an old farm. Before she turned to writing, she was a nurse and educator. Her love for stunning landscapes led her to California and the Yosemite National Park, where she found inspiration for this very special love story.



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Skorpion

MATT BASANISI, GERD SCHNEIDER

Scorpion

A CASE FOR KELLER (VOL. 1)

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

English sample translation available

**"A fantastic international plot – bound to be a massive hit."
Romy Hausmann, author of "Dear Child" and "Sleepless"**

Summer 2002. In Palermo, a priest is shot dead. In Antwerp, police seize three tons of cocaine. In Zurich, a pilot commits suicide. Three seemingly unconnected events – but Swiss Federal Criminal Police are convinced they're all somehow linked to ex-banker Baumann, who is on the payroll of a gang of South American Narcos. David Keller, Federal Police detective and mafia specialist, soon realises that this is no routine case: an international conspiracy is afoot, which threatens everything that he believes in – and his enemies are already closer than he thinks...
A gripping conspiracy thriller, written by a real-life former investigator.

A fantastic international plot – bound to be a massive hit.

Romy Hausmann, author of "Dear Child" and "Sleepless"

In the customary, effective thriller form, the two authors succeed in drawing an almost script-perfect scenario of a Europe financed by all the drug barons of the world.

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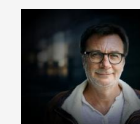
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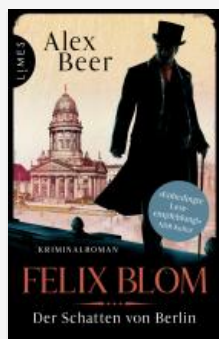
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Gerd Schneider, born in 1974, is the youngest child of a police officer and a verger. After studying Catholic theology in Bonn and Vienna and training to become a priest, he did a degree in directing at the Baden-Württemberg Film Academy. His 2015 debut feature "Verfehlung" ('The culpable'), about the Catholic Church's attitude to sexual abuse, won numerous national and international prizes. He now works in TV – where his work includes episodes for the long-running crime series "Tatort", and the tragicomedy "Now or Never" – and is currently working on a number of new film projects.



Historical Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Limes
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Illustrations: 5 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Felix Blom. Der Schatten von Berlin

ALEX BEER

Felix Blom: The Shadows of Berlin

A CASE FOR FELIX BLOM (VOL. 2)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 18, 2023

A broken coffin, a dead nightclub dancer and a scrupulous property dealer – the bestselling author's second book featuring ex-con man Felix Blom

Berlin, 1879. The Voss detective agency is making hardly any money. Felix Blom and his business partner Mathilde are about to go bankrupt. Then Blom has an idea: he smuggles himself into a fancy party and mingles with the illustrious guests. He promptly meets a rich old widow called Wilhelmine Rohland, who asks the detectives to find out who broke into her husband's tomb. Because nothing was stolen, the police have closed the case – but she wants to know what the burglar was looking for. Little do Felix and Mathilde know that they will soon be caught up between two rival gangs...

Beer is a brilliant storyteller. After just a few pages, you're totally drawn in by the atmosphere, and by her three-dimensional and authentic characters.

NDR Kultur "Crime Book of the Month"

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 272 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Der Rabbi und der Kommissar: Fremde Götter

MICHEL BERGMANN

The Rabbi and the Inspector: Alien Gods

THE RABBI AND THE INSPECTOR (VOL. 3)
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: December 13, 2023

Rights sold to: Italy (Emons)

Don't believe everything you believe

You can't tell someone's past simply from their face, so when Rabbi Henry Silberbaum learns that a member of his congregation once belonged to a cult in Ticino, he travels there to find out more. In the dizzy heights of the Swiss Alps, he encounters the cult's self-proclaimed guru, and the two men have a fierce fight about God. Only a verbal fight, of course – but the next day, the guru is found dead. Suddenly, Henry is the prime suspect in a murder case, and is arrested. Fortunately, he has at least one boy in blue on his side: his friend Inspector Berking. Berking knows he's innocent, and together they forge a plan to entrap the real murderer.

Suspenseful, with a wonderful sense of humour plenty of quirkiness and absurd sense of humour. Everyone should read it.

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A cosy crime novel in the style of Father Brown, only instead of

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Michel Bergmann was born in Basel, but spent his childhood in Paris and his adolescence in Frankfurt am Main. After graduating from university and a spell at the Frankfurter Rundschau, he decided to join the world of film, and has since then been a producer, a director and, most recently, a screenwriter. He wrote his first book in 2010, and "The Rabbi and the Inspector" is his first crime series.

a priest we have a rabbi investigating crime in Frankfurt and Switzerland.

erdhaftigschmoekert.wordpress.com

In this third story featuring the rabbi-inspector couple, it's once again a real pleasure to accompany eccentric amateur detective Rabbi Silberbaum on his investigations, and we learn a lot about Jewish life and humour along the way. The upcoming screen adaptation is great news.

[WDR 4](http://wdr4.de)

It has a gripping plot, the characters and subplots are also very interesting, and the writing is lovely. Wonderful.

lektorat-chuchra.de/buecherfreuden

Describes Jewish culture and communities with real sensitivity; a truly gripping tale.

tinaliestvor.de

Compared to the first two, this one is a lot more political and topical.

literatur-blog.at

Guaranteed suspenseful entertainment.

[Frau mit Herz](http://frau-mit-herz.de)

A thrilling plot, with engaging subplots and loveable characters. A wonderful novel.

michele-und-silvi-sommer.mozello.de

This third book in this series is once again great fun. Spirited amateur sleuth Rabbi Silberbaum is a wonderful companion.

[Jüdische Rundschau](http://juedische-rundschau.de)

Easy to read, diverting – proper cosy crime.

huckleberryfriendz.wordpress.com



Historical Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: C. Bertelsmann
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Tag des Triumphs

CHRISTIAN V. DITFURTH

Day of Victory

KARL RABEN'S SECOND CASE
 CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: November 01, 2023

Raben's new case takes him first to Prague and then to Nürnberg, where the NSDAP is holding its party conference

Berlin, 1935. The constitutional state is dead, and Karl Raben is taking ever bigger risks to keep up his balancing act. Then Inspector Lichtigkeit discovers the body of a high-class prostitute. It turns out that Gestapo chief Reinhard Heydrich was one of her clients, so it's odd that he orders Raben to take charge of the so-called Aphrodite case. During his investigations, Raben comes across Werner Ehrig, a member of the SA and one of the men who murdered Red Flag editor Kurt Esser shortly before the Nazis came to power. Ehrig was also Aphrodite's chauffeur. The young inspector once swore to bring Esser's murderers to justice. But the conspirators are fighting back. Raben realises that he has no other choice: either he makes Esser pay – or Esser will kill him.

A fantastic historical thriller [...] about how hard it is to be a good man in evil times.

Bielefelder on "Tanz mit dem Tod" ('Dance with Death', vol. 1)

A superlative read, not least because of its convincing descriptions of the characters' psychology and everyday lives. Deeply engrossing.

C.Bertelsmann

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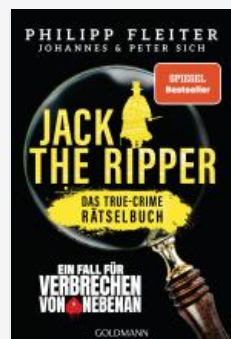
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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Illustrations: 5 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Jack the Ripper – ein Fall für „Verbrechen von nebenan“

PHILIPP FLEITER

Jack the Ripper: A true-crime puzzle book for adults

Date of publication: October 18, 2023

A true-crime puzzle book for adults

Jack the Ripper is one of the most famous killers of all time, responsible for six brutal murders in nineteenth-century London. At least, that's what the police think – but he was never caught, despite confessing to the murders in a letter. Who was he really? No one knows. He seemingly chose his female victims at random, killed them in the dark alleyways of London's East End, and became a myth. In this gripping, playful and clever true-crime puzzle book for adults, Philipp Fleiter – star of the "Verbrechen von nebenan" ("Neighbourhood Crimes") podcast and bestselling author – reinvestigates the famous mystery.


Every famous detective has failed to solve the Ripper murders. Now, true crime expert Philipp Fleiter takes up the case and proposes an exciting and clever solution that'll leave you gobsmacked.

Andreas Gruber, bestselling author

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Philipp Fleiter works in radio and is considered a true expert in criminology. In early 2019, he launched his podcast "Verbrechen von nebenan" ("Crime on Your Doorstep"), which quickly became one of Germany's most popular podcasts ever.



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Der Pakt – Zwei Frauen. Eine Flucht. Und ein dunkles Geheimnis.

BENEDIKT GOLLHARDT

The Pact

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 16, 2023

Two girls on the run – and a terrible secret that must remain hidden, no matter what...

Caroline has sworn to uphold the law, and no one suspects that she has already broken it. When she's told to report to headquarters in the middle of the night, her biggest fear seems to have come true: there's been an explosion at a remote ranger's lodge, several people are dead, and two teenagers are on the run. Caroline is put in charge of the case, even though it's the last thing she wants – because a terrible secret from her past links her to one of the suspects... and the closer she gets to them, the greater the danger she's in.

You won't be able to put it down.


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Immensely gripping.

BENET, 'Lesbar'

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 608 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Rache Frühling

ANDREAS GRUBER

Spring of Revenge

THE PULASKI SERIES (VOL. 4)

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 13, 2023

The flowers of revenge can be gruesome indeed... a new case for police inspector Walter Pulaski and lawyer Evelyn Meyers

Martin Kilian has a popular true crime podcast. Thanks to his investigations, several innocent people have been exonerated. But then Viennese surgeon Dr Rashid is gruesomely murdered, and Kilian himself is suddenly the prime suspect. Desperate, he turns to star lawyer Evelyn Meyers. When her investigation turns out more complicated and dangerous than expected, she asks Inspector Walter Pulaski for help. He happens to be in Vienna on holiday, and unlike her can move around the city incognito. Soon, he discovers a shocking secret...

Andreas Gruber's books have sold more than 5 million copies and have been translated into numerous languages



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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Ein tödlicher Jahrgang

BEATE MAXIAN

A Deadly Year

A CASE FOR CONRAD AND GERBER (VOL. 1)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 20, 2023


Deli owner Lou Conrad and star chef Fabio Gerber's first case: cozy crime set in the lovely Danube valley of Wachau

Welcome to the Wachau valley and its sunny highlands along the Danube, dotted with picturesque villages where you can find all manner of culinary delicacies. Lou Conrad, ex-inspector and wine-grower's daughter, has come home to run a deli and enjoy the good life. But during the big wine festival in September, the piece is rudely disturbed when a vineyard burns down and renowned grower Markus Haller is found dead. Who has the Riesling King's death on their conscience, and what dark secrets have been fermenting in his barrels? With her friend, star chef Fabio Gerber, and Bernese mountain dog Michelin by her side, Lou goes about solving the case...

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 224 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Miez Marple und die Pfote des Todes

FABIAN NAVARRO

Kitty Marple and the Paws of Death

THE KITTY MARPLE SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 15, 2023


Kitty Marple is back! A new case for the clever cat detective

When her partner, tom cat Watson, tells Kitty Marple that a street kitten has disappeared, the cat detective thinks the little stray will soon pop up again. But she's wrong. Not only that, but the kitten's disappearance turns out to be a dastardly case that makes even Kitty's fur stand on end. When she, Watson and pigeon Betti start investigating, they discover a series of puzzling murders and a cult that performs horrid rituals. Yet Kitty Marple is determined to solve the case, and stand up to evil (on all four paws).

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Fabian Navarro, born in 1990, is an author, slam poet and cultural event organiser living in Vienna. His feline crime novel featuring the sharp-witted detective Kitty Marple is published by Goldmann.



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: btb
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Ich bringe dich zum Schweigen

SARAH NISI

I Will Silence You

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

Date of publication: July 12, 2023

The rivalry between two step sisters becomes deadly when both try to break through in London's theatre scene.

Since their childhood, the relationship between stepsisters Phoebe and Charlie has been characterised by competition. An incident in their school years turned them into open enemies. So they are all the more surprised when now, in their late 20s, they are to share a larger financial inheritance. The only condition: they must support each other – because only by working closely together can they achieve a breakthrough in London's theatre scene. What sounds like an invitation to reconciliation turns into a nightmare for Charlie and Phoebe. And the struggle for a successful production into a fatal game of life and death...

In her new thriller, Sarah Nisi shows the abysses of the human psyche and blurs the boundaries between truth and lies, power and powerlessness.

So many red herrings and plot twists that it'll make your head spin, topped off by a brilliant ending.

NDR Kultur

A clever and compelling psychological thriller with plenty of plot twists.

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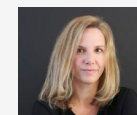
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Sarah Nisi has lived in London since 2012. She worked as a corporate lawyer in Düsseldorf for several years before moving to London to study creative writing. Since then the German-British author has dedicated most of her time to writing. London's particular atmosphere and social diversity are key ingredients of her thrillers. Her debut "Ich will dir nah sein" ('I want to be close to you') was a bestseller in Germany, and shortlisted for prestigious prizes including the Glauser, the Viktor Crime Award and the Crime Cologne Award.

Hugely gripping and unputdownable.

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Villa

LEON SACHS

The Villa

A CASE FOR BÖHM AND FALK (VOL. 2)

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 30, 2023

When a girl is kidnapped, a desperate search for answers begins

Police cadet Johanna Böhm wants to leave her past behind, but can't stop thinking about her father, who has gone into hiding. She decides to use her upcoming holiday to look for him – but then she gets a call for help from her best friend Alice, who fears that her cousin Faith has been kidnapped in Nigeria and smuggled to Hamburg. Johanna drops everything and travels to the northern metropolis to help Alice look for her. Has Faith fallen into the hands of unscrupulous human traffickers? Johanna turns to Rasmus Falk, a figure from her past, for help – but when Johanna and Alice delve into a grim world of greed and oppression, they find themselves in grave danger...

A perfect mix of real life, hot topics and a gripping plot.

krimi-couch.de


The story of Johanna and her friends is intimately told and unbelievably suspenseful. The short chapters and frequent scene changes make this fast-paced thriller a genuine page-turner.

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Sachs is a master of his trade. The Villa is well researched, fast-paced, and features a pair of chalk-and-cheese investigators – one of my favourite thrillers of the year.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 'Lesart'

A fast-paced thriller, well researched, brilliantly plotted, with a proper showdown at the end [...] one of the best thrillers this year.

WDR, 'hier und heute'



Thriller & Crime

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

KESTER SCHLENZ, JAN JEPSEN

Shadow Man

A CASE FOR KNUDSEN AND LA LOTSE (VOL. 2)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 11, 2023

"Seaside charm meets Nordic noir – a spine-tinglingly delicious thrill." Frank Schätzing, author of "The Swarm"

A man is found dead and wrapped like a mummy in a flat in Hamburg's Altona district. It looks like he has died of thirst. On the wall, someone has scrawled a cryptic message: "The other of reason." What does it mean? Inspector Knudsen, lead detective at the state police, is in the dark. Soon, more bodies are discovered – frozen to death, poisoned, locked in a dark chamber of horrors. In each case, there's another mysterious message on the wall. What is the killer trying to say? The one thing Knudsen does know for sure is that he's dealing with a serial killer. But how can the police stop more people from dying, if they don't know the killer's motive? With help from his father's old mate, former sea dog La Lotse, Knudsen and his colleagues finally discover a link between the victims. The trail leads them into the past, to an uninhabited island in the Elbe – and to a building whose former inhabitants called it "the cold house"...

Gripping dark crime with lots of fantastic ingredients and compelling descriptions.

Claudiabr

I really like this series, and hope it won't be too long before

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Knudsen and La Lotse's next case is out.

aebbies.buechertruhe

It left me totally speechless.

anjasbuchliebe

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Jan Jepsen



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Jan Jepsen, born in 1962, grew up in a former ship's pilot settlement. He discovered a passion for writing, travel and photography at an early age. His first novel ("Wie die Wilden" – 'Wild things') was about his childhood on the banks of the Elbe, and has been described as Hamburg's answer to "Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn".



Historical Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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 Illustrations: 1 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Die Toten von Königsberg

RALF THIESEN

The Dead of Königsberg

A CASE FOR AARON SINGER (VOL. 1)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: December 20, 2023

In the tumultuous 1920s, young inspector Aaron Singer takes on a spectacular murder case

Königsberg, 1924. On a snowy March night, the scion of a highly respected shipping family is found dead in the courtyard of the castle. His aorta has been severed, and the wall behind him is smeared with Hebrew letters, written in his own blood. The Reichstag elections are imminent, and to avoid stoking the existing tensions even further, the police order ambitious Jewish inspector Aaron Singer to take on the case. Singer isn't happy to leave Berlin, and his modern investigative methods make him unpopular – not only with dyed-in-the-wool Prussian inspector Heinrich Puschkat. And the body at the castle is only the start of a series of sensational murders...



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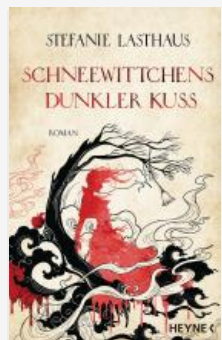
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Fantasy & Science Fiction

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 Original title: Schneewittchens dunkler Kuss

STEFANIE LASTHAUS

Snow White's Dark Kiss

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 15, 2023

What if the evil stepmother isn't really evil – and Snow White is a cruel being, who must be stopped at all costs?

Once upon a time, the legendary Night Folk plagued the world with their evil deeds and stole the hearts of the living. They have long since disappeared, but rumour has it that anyone with magic powers is somehow linked to those grim creatures. Cyntha is the 23-year-old daughter of one such woman, and the villagers mistrust her. When the Earl of Falstone proposes, she has no choice but to say yes. On her future husband's estate, Cyntha meets his daughter Snow – a young woman of bewitching beauty. Suddenly, the earl's land is beset by an eerie fog, people disappear without a trace and hearts are stolen from the dead. Have the Night Folk returned? And why is Snow acting so strangely? To stop the evil in their midst, Cyntha must recall her own magical heritage...

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Fantasy & Science Fiction

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WALTER MOERS

The Island of a Thousand Lighthouses

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 06, 2023

Rights sold to: Italy (Salani)

More than 100 b/w illustrations


Only Walter Moers can make an apocalypse at once gripping, entertaining, quirky and funny

Hildegunst von Mythenmetz should really have known better. On the crossing to the island of Eydernorn, where he's planning to cure his book-dust allergy, he only barely escapes the clutches of death. But when he arrives at the hotel, he finds a musical humdrone waiting for him, his fame wins him the rank of first-class patient, and helpful coastal gnomes offer their services. He explores the island's bizarre flora and fauna and devotes himself to gazing at the one hundred and eleven lighthouses – which, at night, twinkle like a thousand. It would all be so relaxing, if it wasn't for the increasingly worrying encounters with the island's creatures: hungry belphegators, intrusive beachlopers, monstrous frostfrats, creepy cloud spiders, and the most dangerous of all demons, the legendary Quaquappa, who lives in the depths of the Zamonian ocean.

"The Island of a Thousand Lighthouses" is an opulently illustrated, epic story about a secret society willing to sacrifice everything to save Zamonia from the apocalypse, and an author at the mercy of a merciless fate who becomes a

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The wyvern Hildegunst von Mythenmetz is the most famous author in Zamonia. He attained fame with his 25-volume autobiography "Travels of a Sentimental Dinosaur", a literary memoir of his adventures all over Zamonia, especially in the bookish town of Wye-on-Wye. Walter Moers has written himself into the hearts of readers and critics far beyond the borders of the German-speaking world. All his novels, such as "The 13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear", "The City of Dreaming Books" and most recently "The Island of a Thousand Lighthouses", were bestsellers. Apart from the continent of Zamonia, Walter Moers has also created such popular characters as Captain Bluebear, Optimus Yarnspinner and the cartoon character Adolf.

reluctant hero. As with the other Zamonía novels, this is a self-contained story and a wonderfully effortless introduction to Moers's fantastical universe.

Those already familiar with Moers's Zamonía novels will find everything they might expect, although he moves away from the usual tight plotting to take us instead on a pleasant voyage of discovery.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Moers's overflowing, quirky imagination is always a joy.

ZEIT ONLINE

I was obviously itching to read the latest, and let me say right away that I [...] wasn't disappointed.

WDR5, 'Scala'

A subtle send-up of literature, the business of culture, food critics, sport and movie history [...] which will no doubt end up being discussed by this or that PhD thesis [...] a novel about the impending apocalypse that'll make you cry with laughter.

Neue Ruhr Zeitung, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Westfälische Rundschau, Westfalenpost

He artfully imitates all kinds of genres, styles, epochs and movements, from fairytale to Bildungsroman, and uses his wealth of knowledge to enrich his imaginatively, lovingly created continent, holding up a wittily distorted mirror to our real world.

bz (CH)

A travel report of sorts, illustrated with dozens of drawings, culminating in a spectacle of a kind never seen before – even in Zamonía.

Südkurier

Like the previous books, one of its attractions is once again Moers's sheer love of detail.

Deutschlandfunk, 'Büchermarkt'

An entertaining read and a feast for the imagination.

WDR2, 'Buchtipp'

An exquisite, witty story with wonderful characters.

Münchener Merkur, Frankfurter Rundschau

Moers is imaginative, funny, absurd, pithy, and a unique stylist. A brilliantly preposterous book.

Ruhr Nachrichten

Without giving anything away, the ending is simply magnificent.

Nautilus, Fantasy-Magazin

This epistolary novel is a literary adventure perfect both for enjoying in solitude and reading to your kids.

Tiroler Tageszeitung

Anyone planning to read it should probably take some time off work to do so – it'll pull you in more inexorably than an Eydernorn hurricane.

Fuldaer Zeitung

An imaginative novel that's also a parable about modern-day issues, and an escapist delight.

Prisma

It is one of the great joys of our time that we can accompany the German grandmaster of fantasy into the realm of Zamonia,

where his wyvern Hildegunst von Mythmetz is spending a spa break on a magical island.

Tagesspiegel

Its very excess is what makes it so profoundly charming.

NRD Kultur, 'eat.READ.sleep'

Moers is a brilliant, infinitely inventive wordsmith, and practically reconstructs the German language.

General-Anzeiger

650 pages of pure fun.

selection.blog

Expect nothing but extraordinary adventures, as Moers sends his poet-prince Hildegunst von Mythenetz to an island in the far north. It begs to be read out loud to anyone, young or old, who loves totally bonkers fantasy.

Freundin

A firework display of originality, fantasy [...] and rhetoric [...] a right royal celebration of the German language.

BÜCHER magazin

An authentic, original Zamonian travelogue – brilliantly written, imaginative, eccentric and funny in all the right places.

nicole-rensmann.de

Moers stages a juicy apocalypse for us, which you'd love to see on the big screen, directed by Roland Emmerich.

Augsburger Allgemeine, Wochenend Journal

Totally epic. Brilliantly written as always, and with more than 100 illustrations.

Radio Mülheim

A worthy new instalment in the Zamonía series.

Comics & mehr

Fantastic, grotesque, deftly written.

ZEITENWENDE Magazin

A first-rate Moers novel – if you love his other books, you'll love this one.

lesen.bayern.de

Perfectly suited to reading on a cold winter's day, ideally in front of a roaring fire, with a cup of tea steaming by your side.

APA (A)

A compelling tale set in a surreal world.

Die Rheinpfalz

The long wait has been worth it. The tenth Zamonía novel is one of his best yet.

Badische Neueste Nachrichten

Moers has once again created a firework display of the imagination.

VdB Magazin

Trying to solve the island's final secret with Mythenmetz is immense fun – albeit things get a bit stormy...

Gießener Allgemeine, Alsfelder Allgemeine, Wetterauer Zeitung

This firework display of brilliantly inventive, creative and sometimes absurd ideas is designed for anyone with a healthy sense of humour and curiosity.

TrokkenPresse

Moers's literary continent has outgrown his fiction, which shows that, in our postmodern age, the freedom of writing and adventure of reading are anything but dead. Rather, they are so vivid and alive that they can create new worlds that become like a second reality for us readers.

BR Podcast, 'radioWissen'



Fantasy & Science Fiction

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MAIKE VOß

Sirens: Shining Magic

NOVEL

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Rights sold to: Russia (AST)

When the Nox threaten to destroy the world, Regan must not only come to terms with her mysterious past, but deal with an impossibly handsome Siren prince

Regan Seaborn is twenty-one, and loves the sea and damned good music. But ever since her parents' violent death, she has been on the run. She is now in London, and although she knows she will have to leave again soon it feels like home. One evening, the ravishingly handsome Penn shows up and turns her life upside down. She reluctantly feels more and more drawn to this charming bad boy, but Penn is interested in more than mere flirtation. He is the Prince of the Artaga, powerful sirens, and Regan is the last survivor of an ancient siren family. And now the Artaga need her help...

The characters were convincing, and it was easy to understand their behaviours and actions.

lovebooksandpixiedust.blogspot.com

A brilliant, enchanting start to the series. Anyone who loves sirens and/or mermaids will love it.

kat.loves.books_

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Maïke Voß, born in Hamburg in 1995, is a graduate of the Hamburg College of Applied Design. She loves books and travelling. London has become something like a second home, and it's where she started writing her debut novel "So sieht es also aus, wenn ein Glühwürmchen stirbt" ('So that's what it looks like when a glow-worm dies'). "Sirens: Shining Magic" is her first fantasy novel.

I felt as if I'd read a perfect blend of Jennifer L. Armentrout's Wicked and Jonathan M. Schiff's H2O: Just Add Water.

beccasbibliotheca

The dynamic between them was simply wonderful, and I loved their conversations. But it was Shen I really fell in love with. No spoilers, but it's worth reading the novel for this minor character alone.

kathis.books

The chemistry between them is what drives the novel on – the second Regan and Pen meet, sparks fly. The smart, funny dialogue is out of this world.

tintenweberin_

New adult” fantasy with some fun murkier elements.

buechertraumerin.wixsite.com

Aside from the main protagonists [...] Voß has created soooo many other fun characters. I could really picture them as I read.

lorelaisparadise

It gave me real H2O vibes, I love it! The writing is great, and it's so quick to read.

honey.bookshelf

The start was brilliantly executed and thrilling. It even reminded me of Crescent City.

kimbos_fairytale

A great romance with an easy-to-follow fantasy element, ideal for newcomers to the genre.

lauris.leseglueck

Compelling, with unpredictable twists that make the story really gripping.

Anothersadlovebook

Funny, really well written, great world-building, and Regan is a strong, kick-ass, confident hero.

f.m.winkel

A fantastic new urban fantasy series. The mystical sea creatures are a real novelty, and they're brilliantly executed.

Moppisleseliebe

Regan and Penn's story is adventurous, emotive and full of mystery. I was gripped from the start and couldn't put it down.

jessis_lesezeichen

At one point, the book unexpectedly becomes a bit "academic", which I didn't expect from the blurb. But it fits in really well with the story and helps explain the background to what happens.

stefanieleben_2.0

Really easy to read. I practically flew through it, because I was so curious to find out what happens, and I was blown away.

the2bookaholics

A fascinating universe, and it was fun to become more and more immersed in it.

kadis.buecherwelt

Lots of things properly caught me by surprise [...] Voß has

breathed new life into the siren genre. Imaginative and breathtaking.

readingbookdreamer

Stunning urban fantasy with an enemies-to-lovers story between two sirens, which kept me entertained all the way through, and ends on a cliffhanger that means I can't wait to read the next book, but unfortunately it doesn't come out till September.

claudiasbuecherregal

The best thing about it were the characters, which were three-dimensional and really well drawn, and the cheeky dialogue and thrilling romance.

europeantravelgirl