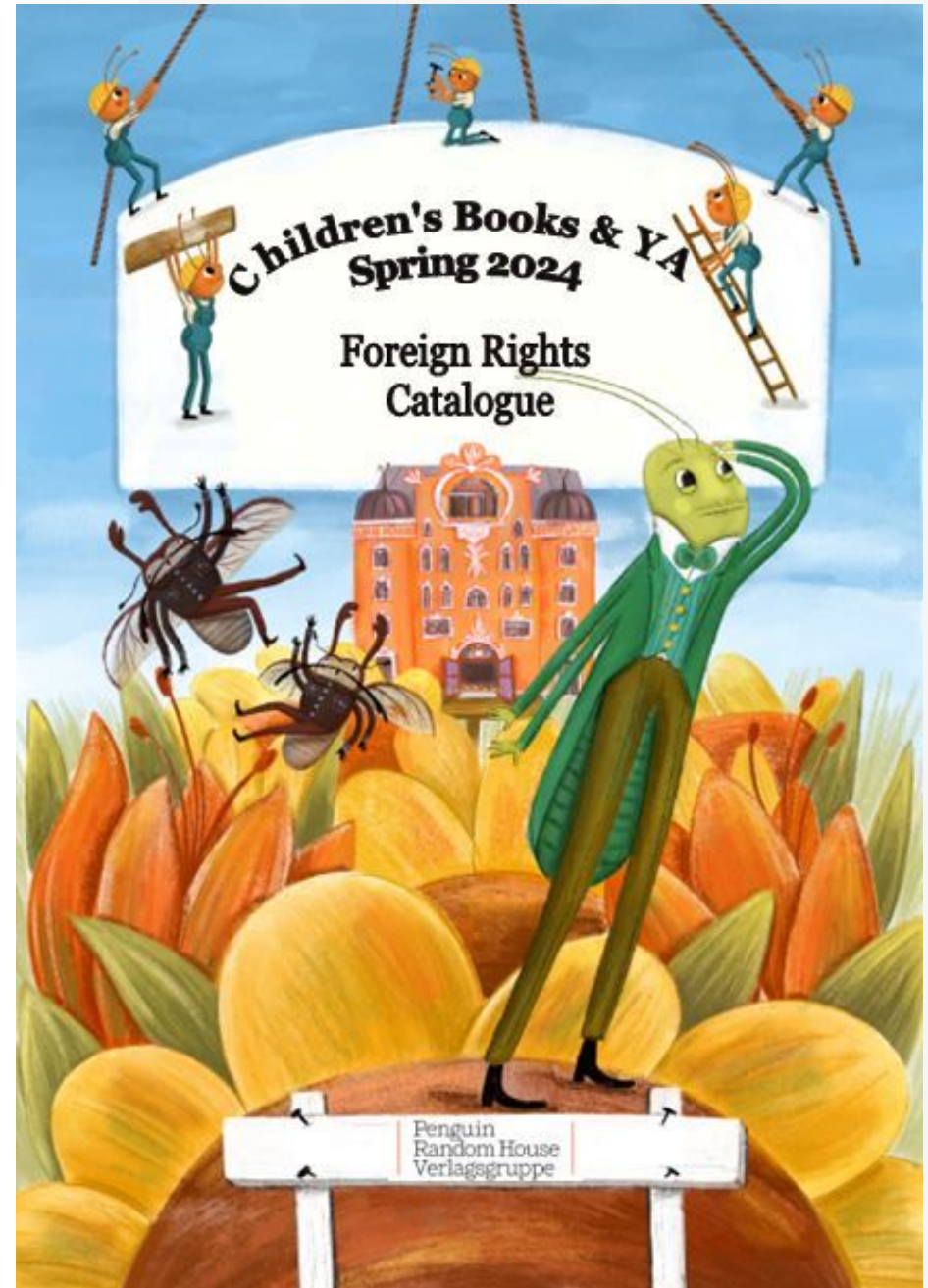


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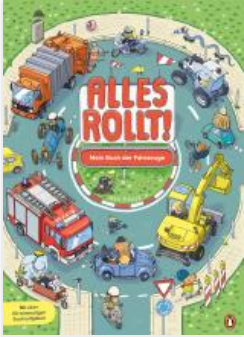
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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Max Fiedler

Pages & Size: 20 | 23,0x32,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Alles rollt! –

Mein Buch der Fahrzeuge

MAX FIEDLER

# Roll Up, Roll Up! My Book of Wheels

AN EXTRA-LARGE BOARD PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

Rights sold to: Belgium/Dutch (ZNU)

2+

With colour illustrations

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## All my favourite cars and trucks – in one hidden objects book

In the city, on the farm, on the building site or on the race track: there are brilliant cars and trucks everywhere! This book is packed with illustrations of the best, biggest, strangest and funniest of them. There's a lovely, busy new scene on every spread, and alongside vehicles there are tons of other fun things to discover. The drawings are both accurate and witty, and each vehicle is driven by an animal...

As a very special bonus, there are fun searches on every page!

- A busy hidden objects book about the most important vehicles around us – there are countless things to discover!
- Fun and fact-filled rhymes
- Detailed depictions of all the vehicles, right down to their technical aspects



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KATHRIN LENA ORSO

# Dr Bear: Going to the Doctor's Is Easy!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

Colour illustrations and flaps

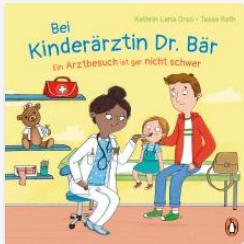
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## Doctors aren't scary!

Lina and Finn have come to Dr Bear for a check-up. But what happens when you go to the paediatrician? Should you be scared? Of course not! Dr Bear and her team are nice as pie, and the check-up is over before you know it. And when Lina starts feeling a bit tired, Dr Bear knows exactly how to help her.

A fun board picture book for children aged 2+, which takes away the fear of going to the doctor's

- An important everyday topic – seeing the paediatrician for a check-up
- Helps parents navigate tricky situations and teach their kids about essential everyday things
- Conveys everyday facts in a child-friendly way, and takes away the fear of going to the doctor's
- Modern illustrations by Tessa Rath accompany Orso's cheerful rhymes



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Tessa Rath

Pages & Size: 18 | 19,0x19,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Bei Kinderärztin Dr. Bär, - Ein Arztbesuch ist gar nicht schwer



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Tessa Rath



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KATHRIN LENA ORSO

# Otto the Easter Mouse

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 21, 2024**

Rights sold to: France (l'Élan Vert)

2+

With colour illustrations



## Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Ag Jatkowska

Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Otto, das Ostermäuschen

## The Easter Bunny needs help!

The Easter Bunny has a bad cold and needs bed rest. Deary me, who'll paint all the Easter eggs now? Fortunately, Otto the little mouse is there to help. The Easter Bunny may not think much of the result at first, but the kids love Otto's inventive artwork...


A fun board picture book for kids aged 2+ packed with colourful Easter surprises

- This year's Easter eggs are especially colourful
- A perfect Easter gift for little ones
- Cheerful illustrations by Ag Jatkowska



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Ag Jatkowska



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OLGA STROBEL

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

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 21, 2024**

2+

With 5 colour illustrations, slides and pop-up elements

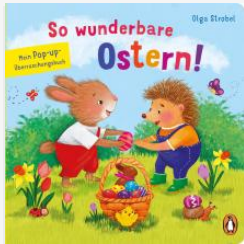
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## Easter fun with special interactive surprises – there's so much to discover!

Ben the Easter Bunny is allowed to distribute Easter eggs for the first time! But there's so much to see and do along the way, that the little bunny doesn't notice that all his eggs have gone astray. Oh no! Luckily, Ben has lots of friends who join forces to save the day. Isn't Easter wonderful?

A board picture book for children aged 2+, with special effects on every spread

- A very special production with brilliant pop-up elements
- The perfect playful book – look, search, find and join in!
- The lovely verses make reading fun
- A magical tale for little ones looking forward to Easter



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Olga Strobel

Pages & Size: 12 | 17,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Illustrations: 5 color illustrations

Original title: So wunderbare

Ostern! – Mein

Pop-up-Überraschungsbuch



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LINDA STURM

# Tubby the Hamster's Training Sessions: Always Cute, Never Grubby! How to Stay Clean and Healthy

BOARD PICTURE BOOKS WITH FLAPS

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

With colour illustrations, flaps and stick-on figure

## Important but fun everyday know-how

Hooray! Tubby the hamster is having a sleepover! And Milli the mouse is there to help him get ready.

Brush your teeth, comb your hair, wash your paws, and plenty more – Tubby's training sessions teach little ones some important rules, but are lots of fun too!

A witty board picture book for kids aged 2+ – a playful way to learn about hygiene

- First hygiene lessons for little ones
- with 3D effects – a stick-on hamster on the cover
- plenty of flaps invite you to discover and play
- cheerful illustrations by Christine Kugler
- everyday know-how wrapped up in a sweet little story



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Christine Kugler

Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Knolles tolles

Hamster-Training - Immer

putzig, niemals schmutzig! –

Alles übers Saubersein und

Gesundbleiben



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LINDA STURM

# Tubby the Hamster's Training Sessions: Look Both Ways! All About Road Safety

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

With colour illustrations, flaps and stick-on figure

## Important but fun everyday know-how

Tubby the hamster would love a bicycle for his upcoming birthday. Luckily, Milli the mouse is there to teach him all about the rules of the road!

Zebra crossings, traffic lights, bicycle helmet, and plenty more – Tubby's training sessions teach little ones some important rules, but are lots of fun too!

A witty board picture book for kids aged 2+ – a playful way to learn about road safety

- First road safety lessons for little ones
- with 3D effects – a stick-on hamster on the cover
- plenty of flaps invite you to discover and play
- cheerful illustrations by Christine Kugler
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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Christine Kugler

Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x17,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Knolles tolles

Hamster-Training - Kein

Gehampel an der Ampel! –


Alles über Sicherheit im

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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Cynthia Cliff

Pages & Size: 14 | 26,0x34,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Illustrations: 16 color illustrations

Original title: Wir fahren weg!

Das Ferien-Wimmelbuch

CYNTHIA CLIFF

# We're All Going on a Summer Holiday!

HIDDEN OBJECT BOOK

**Date of publication: April 11, 2024**

2+

16 colour illustrations

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## The big hidden object book for the summer holidays

It's summer, and everyone's off to the seaside. On 14 lovingly illustrated pages, we join them as they do all the things you do when you go away: from packing your bags to the journey itself and going to the beach. The families' travel plans are as diverse as they are: Henry and his granddad have come in a camper van, and are looking forward to exploring nature. Tom and his mother love spending holidays with their noses stuck in a book. Siblings Olivia and Benito love splashing about in the sea with their dads, while Said and Sally spend their time drawing pictures. Thanks to Cliff's busy and detailed illustrations, little ones can not only enjoy a brilliant diversity of characters and holiday activities, but learn that 'family' can mean different things to different people.

- An inclusive hidden object book with exciting, diverse characters
- The perfect holiday companion for children aged 2+
- Detailed illustrations, with lots and lots to discover
- 14 pages of busy fun

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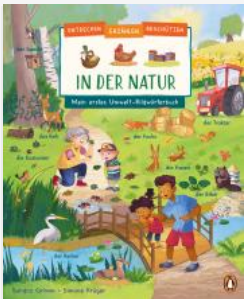
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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Simone Krüger

Pages & Size: 16 | 19,5x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Entdecken, erzählen, beschützen - In der Natur – Mein erstes

Umwelt-Bildwörterbuch

SANDRA GRIMM

# Discover, Share, Protect: Nature – My First Eco Picture Book

BOARD PICTURE BOOK PRINTED ON SUSTAINABLE PAPER

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

Colour illustrations

## A picture book about sustainable living for the little ones

Michel and Zola love being in the great outdoors. In the meadow, they watch the bees buzzing around the blossoms. In the forest, there's a woodpecker on the tree. And on the farm, Michel visits the chickens. There is so much to discover and tell each other about!

With this colourful board picture book, children can start learning about eco-friendly behaviour in the great outdoors, and there are plenty of plants, animals, fruit, vegetables and other things to discover and name on every page. You'll be dying to go outside and see for yourself!


A hidden objects book about nature and the environment, for children aged 2+

- A cheerful picture book that encourages you to treat nature and animals with great care
- Enables little ones to start developing a feeling for environmental protection and sustainable living
- Colourful, child-friendly illustrations with lots of details



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### ILLUSTRATOR

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SANDRA GRIMM

# Discover, Share, Protect: In the City – My First Eco Picture Book

BOARD PICTURE BOOK PRINTED ON SUSTAINABLE PAPER

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

Colour illustrations

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## A picture book about sustainable living for the little ones

Emma and Malek explore their city: there are little houses for birds and insects in the park, a rubbish lorry empties the bottle banks, and they're planting new trees on the building site. There's so much to discover and tell each other about!

With this colourful board picture book, children can start learning about eco-friendly behaviour in the city, and there are plenty of vehicles, objects, plants, animals and lots more to discover and name. You'll be dying to go outside and see for yourself!

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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Simone Krüger

Pages & Size: 16 | 19,5x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Entdecken, erzählen, beschützen - In der Stadt – Mein erstes Umwelt-Bildwörterbuch



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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Sandra Kissling  
Pages & Size: 14 | 23,0x32,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 2+  
Original title: Ein Jahr voller Abenteuer - Das große Jahreszeiten-Wimmelbuch

SANDRA KISSLING

## An Adventure in Four Seasons

EXTRA-LARGE HIDDEN OBJECT BOOK WITH LOTS OF FLAPS

**Date of publication: January 24, 2024**

2+

With colour illustrations and flaps

### Join us for a wonderful year in the woods!

Max and Molly's year has four colourful seasons: from green springtime, when everything blossoms, to summers by the bathing lake – and the big Midsummer feast – to busy autumn and cosy winter... until the birds return from their migration and signal the beginning of a new spring.

A large-format board picture book with busy hidden object pictures. There is so much to discover! With plenty of fun flaps to play with.

- A fun hidden objects book for kids aged 2+ – a book for all seasons
- XL format with lots of flaps – what will you find?
- A colourful book with endless things to discover
- Lovingly detailed illustrations by the author herself



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### Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Stefanie Duckstein  
Pages & Size: 36 | 25,0x25,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Wölfe in Rudeln  
kochen Nudeln mit Puddeln -  
Würzige Tierreime mit  
Rätselsalat

STEFANIE DUCKSTEIN

## Wolves Like Noodles with Poodles

PICTURE BOOK WITH FOLD-OUT PAGES

**Date of publication: March 27, 2024**

4+

With colour illustrations and fold-outs – a collaboration with picture book magazine

Gecko

### Riddling, rhyming fun with animals

Do wolves like noodles with poodles? Or has something gone very wrong?

Illustrator and author Stefanie Duckstein takes us on an exciting voyage around the world – a colourful and entertaining picture book packed with facts, curiosities and animal fun.

A richly detailed picture book, with a riddle for each of the twelve animals it introduces (the answer is hidden behind a flap)

- Puns, rhymes, jokes and brain teasers
- An opulent picture book with 12 fold-out pages

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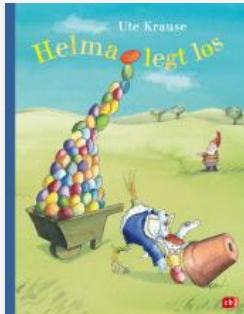
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### Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ute Krause  
Pages & Size: 40 | 21,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Helma legt los

UTE KRAUSE

## Helma's Big Egg Problem

NEW EDITION OF THIS CLASSIC PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 21, 2024**

4+

With colour illustrations

All rights available except Dutch and Arabic

### The truth about the Easter Bunny

Helma needs help: she's the only one in hen school who can't produce white eggs. She lays one after another, but they're all brightly coloured! No one must find out about it – but what to do with them? Helma has a brilliant idea: she'll put on a disguise and hide them all over the farm! The next morning is Easter Sunday, and the animals are puzzled by the beautiful eggs they're finding everywhere. The cow Mona saw who did it: it was the Easter Bunny!

Finally – a new edition of this humorous and wittily illustrated children's classic

- Magical Easter fun for young and old
- With cheeky, witty, idiosyncratic pictures by the author
- This classic tale is the perfect Easter gift

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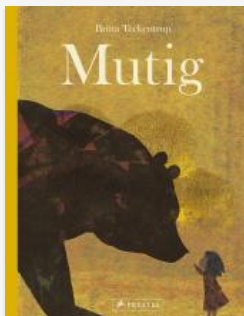
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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Britta Teckentrup  
 Pages & Size: 40 | 21,5x28,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
 Original title: Mutig

BRITTA TECKENTRUP

## When I Feel Brave

**Date of publication: March 13, 2024**

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4+

40 colour illustrations

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### A story about fear and courage

What you don't know can be scary. In this stunningly expressive picture book, Britta Teckentrup explores what it means to be brave. She tells the story of a girl who walks through a dark wood all on her own and is startled by a bear: at first, the girl is afraid of the bear – it's so huge and strange... But as she allows herself to get closer to it, the bear becomes her companion, and eventually even her friend.

This book is the perfect starting-point for a discussion about fear, with children of play school or primary school age. It shows how paralysing your fears can sometimes be, but also how good it feels when you confront and overcome them.

- The sequel to "Wütend" (When I See Red), this is yet another evocative picture book about emotions by Teckentrup
- Helps children understand their feelings and talk about them
- With powerful illustrations by the author

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Britta Teckentrup



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NICO STERNBAUM

## Shake the Apple Tree – The Cutout Book: Cut, Stick, Colour

THE FIRST CRAFTING COMPANION FOR THIS PERENNIAL BESTSELLER. WITH EASY-TO-DETACH PERFORATED PAGES

**Date of publication: February 28, 2024**

3+

Colour illustrations throughout

Cutting, gluing and colouring in – these are three basic skills that children aged 3+ can practise here, with help from the much-loved protagonists of Sternbaum's "Shake the Apple Tree". Includes simple motifs such as a picture drawn by Teddy Ticklemonster, a moon rocket and apples from the apple tree. These easy crafting exercises promote fine motor skills and concentration.

The book starts with the pages where you'll stick your finished pictures. The second part contains the motifs for you to cut out, accompanied by fun short rhymes. At the end, the little 'cut-out artists' will have created 14 lovely pictures, and earned their scissor skills certificate.

- The bestselling "Shake the Apple Tree" – now as a cut-out book
- 14 easy motifs to cut out and stick into the book, all themed around the apple tree, Teddy Ticklemonster, the Dwarf Knight and the Rabbit family, and much more
- With scissor skills certificate and perforated, easy-to-detach pages
- Cut out, stick and colour in – creative fun for kids aged 3+



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 3+  
 Original title: Schüttel den Apfelbaum - Das Ausschneidebuch. Schneiden, kleben, malen für Kinder ab 3 Jahren

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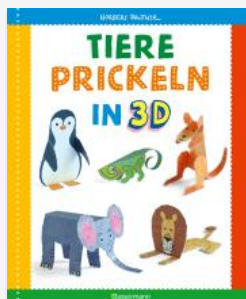
Nico Sternbaum



Nico Sternbaum\*

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



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 48 | 21,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Original title: Tiere prickeln in 3D. Zum Basteln, Falten und Spielen.

NORBERT PAUTNER

## My Pin-Prick Zoo: Prick Holes, Fold and Play – with 25 animals

PAPER ANIMALS FOR PRESCHOOL OR AT HOME

**Date of publication: March 27, 2024**

4+

Colour illustrations throughout

Pin-pricking is a popular crafting technique for little ones. It promotes fine motor skills, concentration and hand-eye coordination. If you still find using scissors a bit tricky, the pin is a great way to 'cut' paper. With the help of this book, young crafting artists aged 4+ can pin-prick their favourite animals, fold them, stand them up, and play with them. These 25 three-dimensional paper animals are easy to create, and include a sea lion, (land) lion, giraffe and flamingo.

- 25 three-dimensional paper animals you can 'cut out' with a pin, fold and play with
- Pricking holes is easier than cutting paper, and popular with kids still learning how to use scissors
- Promotes dexterity, focus and hand-eye coordination

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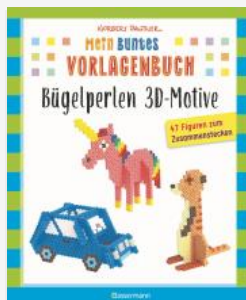
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Norbert Pautner has been drawing and painting ever since he has been able to hold a crayon. After learning Mandarin and having lots of exciting adventures, he now does what he always loved best as a kid: drawing, crafting, and writing stories.



### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 80 | 21,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 5+  
 Original title: Mein buntes  
 Vorlagenbuch: Bügelperlen  
 3D-Motive. 47 Figuren zum  
 Zusammenstecken

NORBERT PAUTNER

## My Colourful Template Book: Fuse Beads – 3D Crafts

3D FUSE BEAD PROJECTS FOR KIDS – INCLUDES STANDARD SQUARE AND HEXAGONAL PEGBOARDS

**Date of publication: September 18, 2024**

5+

Colour images throughout

These 3D fuse bead templates are simply brilliant – and there are more than 37 exciting things for you to craft. No matter what your interests are, or how dextrous (or not) you are, there’s something for everyone here: from your favourite animals to cars, and funny and weird creatures. The templates are shown in their actual size, designed for large square or hexagonal pegboards. Putting the 3D figures together is child’s play: all you need is standard or hot glue, double-sided tape or Blu Tack. Fuse beads are fun for young and old!

- 37 new 3D templates for fuse bead crafting
- The popular pastime, now in 3D: dogs, cats, horses, cars, ships and more
- Includes both easy and more sophisticated projects, and standard pegboards (square and hexagonal)

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### Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x26,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 8+  
 Original title: Ich bastel meine  
 Zaubershow - 15 spannende  
 Zaubertricks und  
 Bastelanleitungen für Kinder  
 ab 8 Jahren

NORBERT PAUTNER

## Let's Make Some Magic

Date of publication: June 26, 2024

6+

Colour illustrations throughout

### Do-it-yourself magic: craft and confound!

Want to create spellbinding magic tricks using just paper, scissors, glue and pens? No problem! With these simple crafts ideas, any child aged 6+ can become a proper little wizard. Here, they'll learn not only how to create the props for their own little show, but also how to perform tricks that will leave their audience speechless. Includes instructions for three performances, each based on five themed tricks, covering everything from disappearing felt rabbits to card tricks. Children learn how to present the tricks with a flourish, and at the back of the book you'll find crafting templates too. Great fun for little magicians – and of course their audiences!

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JAN HAFT

# My Meadow: Discover a Wonderful World

NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 29, 2024**

6+

With 80 colour illustrations and photos

## Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Claire Lenkova

Pages & Size: 64 | 21,0x27,0 cm

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 80 color illustrations

Original title: Meine Wiese. - Entdecke eine wunderbare Welt

Rustling grass, brightly coloured flowers, butterflies, humming insects – join Jan Haft on a journey of discovery in a meadow paradise. Here, hundreds of plants and fascinating animals live alongside each other in a fascinating community. It's the most diverse place of all, but also threatened more than any other.

"My Meadow" uses child-friendly terms to describe the meadow habitat, and explain why it needs protecting.

- Jan Haft is the foremost specialist on meadows
- Children find out why, at a time when insects and other species are dying out, we must protect the meadows
- Haft couches his extensive knowledge in accessible terms in this non-fiction book for kids
- With lots of fascinating photos by the author himself
- Detailed and charming illustrations by Claire Lenkova

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The biologist Jan Haft, born in 1967, is a multi-award-winning documentary filmmaker and photographer specialising in nature and animals, whose films have been shown in the cinema as well as on TV. He lives on a farm near Munich with his wife and three children. His first book, "Die Wiese. Lockruf in eine geheimnisvolle Welt" ('The meadow: the lure of a mysterious world') was published in 2019, to coincide with his feature film "Die Wiese – ein Paradies nebenan" ('The meadow: a paradise next door'). Both were a major success. In his second book, "Heimat Natur" ('Homeland Nature', 2021 [HC]; 'Next door to nature', 2023 [PB]), he wrote about our neighbourhood habitats, animals and plants; while "Wildnis" ('Wilderness', 2023) proposes a new conception of wilderness.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Claire Lenkova

Claire Lenkova is an illustrator, comic artist, book designer and author for large and small publishers, newspapers and magazines. After working in Bavaria and Hamburg, she now lives and works in Leipzig. Her work is characterised by graphic precision, subtlety and humour and has won several awards.



### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Olena Kvitka  
Pages & Size: 112 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Illustrations: 48 color illustrations  
Original title: Der supercoole Haustier-Sitter-Club - Lustige Vorlesegeschichten

WOLFRAM HÄNEL

# The Epic Pet-Sitting Club

FUN FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

**Date of publication: March 20, 2024**

4+

With colour illustrations

## Pets for everyone!

Milli-Lilli, Lia and Tassilo love animals – but sadly their parents won't allow them to keep pets. The obvious solution, of course, is to set up a pet-sitting club. All animals are welcome, big and small, hairy or armoured, and even a real dinosaur finds his way there! The kids do everything to make sure that the animals have everything they need, and more. Whether it's a leisure park for the hamster or a beach paradise for the turtle – nothing is too much. Of course, sometimes things go wrong, but when there's three of you, everything's at least three times as much fun!

A hilarious story for children aged 4+ – with or without pets!

- Self-contained stories for the whole family to enjoy together
- Original, funny and realistic
- With tons of 4c illustrations, smoothing the transition to independent reading
- Supported by the reading charity Stiftung Lesen



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Wolfram Hänel (b. in Fulda in 1956) lives and works in Hanover. He has a degree in German and English Studies and spent a long time working in the theatre in various capacities, before turning to writing in 1987. He and his wife have published more than 150 books so far, which have been translated into 30 languages. He is a founding member of PEN Berlin.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Olena Kvitka



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Olena Kvitka was born in Ukraine in 1987, where she worked as a newspaper analyst. After moving to the EU in 2012, she returned to her favourite childhood hobby, drawing. She now lives in Germany with her husband and son, and creates cheerful illustrations for children's books in her cosy home studio.

KATHARINA E. VOLK

# Brave Like a Lion – Around the World in 15 Tales: My Favourite Stories, Told in 3, 5 or 10 Minutes

Date of publication: April 24, 2024

Rights sold to: Slovakia (Arkus)

4+

With colour illustrations

## The world is full of adventures! Stories of different lengths, for all occasions

Taio the lion isn't just hungry for adventure – he also has the best ideas. Now he's decided to travel around the world in a flying machine he has built himself. He really is a brave lion! Along the way he makes lots of new friends, and experiences exciting things every day: he searches for treasure, saves a stork that's got stuck, uncovers the truth about the monster cave, comforts a sad puma, joins in a crazy air-mattress party, and even meets the legendary Moon Wizard.

Exciting stories for the little ones, which are either 3, 5 or 10 minutes long and perfect for any occasion – from short afternoon breaks to long journeys

- 15 short, diverting stories to read to little ones – 3, 5 or 10 minutes long
- exciting adventures around the world with Taio the lion
- supported by the reading charity Stiftung Lesen
- for reading together at home or at playschool, in daytime or at bedtime
- lovingly detailed, colourful illustrations on every page



### Pre-School

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Anne Grobe

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

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Meine liebsten Vorlesegeschichten für 3,5

und 10 Minuten - Mit

Löwenmut ins Abenteuer – In 15 Geschichten um die Welt



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Katharina E. Volk was born in Westphalia and now lives on Lake Constance, where she works as a freelance writer. She loves going for long walks, and whenever a mermaid shows up in the lake or a water sprite hops onto the riverbank, she listens attentively to their stories. Her children's books are filled with all sorts of creatures – and so is her head...

### ILLUSTRATOR

Anne Grobe



© Anne Grobe

Anne Grobe already enjoyed drawing at school. After leaving school, she travelled the world for two years before studying communication design in Hildesheim and setting up an advertising agency. She now lives with her family in Hanover and works as a freelance illustrator.



### Pre-School

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner  
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 4+  
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokoshuss – Das große Eier-Rätsel

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut and the Big Egg Mystery

EASTER-THEMED PICTURE BOOK

**Date of publication: February 21, 2024**

Rights sold to: Greece (Metaixmio), Luxemburg (Editions Phi)

4+

Colour illustrations

## Whose egg is this?

Little dragon Coconut and his friends Oskar and Matilda are on the riverbank, searching for Easter eggs. But among the nests with the colourful eggs, the three friends stumble across a white egg, lying there all on its own. Whose is it? they wonder. They can't see anyone anywhere. So they carefully wrap the foundling in a warm scarf and set out to find the its parents...

- The bestselling author's heart-warming Easter tale featuring Coconut and his friends
- With lots of colourful illustrations
- The Coconut picture books are hugely popular and just keep selling

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Ingo Siegner



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



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner  
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss bei den alten Griechen

INGO SIEGNER

# Little Dragon Coconut and the Ancient Greeks

**Date of publication: May 30, 2024**

Rights sold to: China (Jinan), Greece (Metaixmio)

6+

With colour illustrations

Matilda is in a tizzy: she has to write an essay about Alexander the Great for school! Meanwhile, Coconut is dying to know if Hydra really existed, and Oskar would like to show this Hydra who's really boss. High time for another journey into the past with the laser phaser!

Coconut and his friends' thrilling adventures have become true children's classics. They are all about friendship and courage, with wonderfully original illustrations by the author. This bestselling children's series is perfect for early and improving readers.

- Travel back to Ancient Greece with Coconut, Oskar and Matilda
- A guaranteed bestseller

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### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Heribert Schulmeyer  
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Erst ich ein Stück, dann du – Theo vor, noch ein Tor!

THILO

## First Me, Then You: Theo Scores!

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

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

Theo loves nothing better than kicking a ball around. But he's never been a member of a proper football club. This changes when his new classmate Jenny heads off for a training session, and Theo tags along. He quickly becomes more self-confident, and soon develops into a really good player. If only there wasn't his annoying teammate Marcel to deal with. But when their team enters a competition, the two are forced to work together to bring the cup home...

When a child finds learning to read difficult, many parents say, 'Why don't we read together? Let's take it in turns: I'll do the first bit, you do the next.' That's why 'First Me, Then You', our most popular series for beginners, has been conceived especially for reading together.

- An exciting story for early readers by football expert THILO
- This popular children's series has a proven track record
- Recommended by the prestigious reading charity Stiftung Lesen

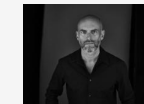
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### ILLUSTRATOR

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### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Christiane Fürtges  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 60 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Willkommen im  
Hotel Zur Grünen Wiese -  
Wegen Umbau geschlossen

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

# Welcome to Green Meadows Hotel: Closed for Renovations

INSECT ADVENTURES FOR YOUNG READERS

**Date of publication: February 21, 2024**

6+

60 colour illustrations

## A topsy-turvy insect adventure with a big heart

Hotel manager Adlon is worried. Margot, the cook, is suffering from a broken heart and unable to look after the guests anymore. The kitchen is in a mess – and it couldn't come at a worse time, either: they're expecting the meadow police to drop by for an inspection any moment, to make sure the hotel is following the hygiene rules properly. Adlon needs help, and he needs it now! But stag beetles Max and Moritz have already marched into the hotel, and are noting down everything that's wrong. Will Adlon be able to stop them from closing the place down?

Book 2 in the charmingly chaotic and lovingly illustrated insect adventure series for young readers

- A busy and entertaining story with big dreams, hilarious mix-ups and crazy adventures
- An exciting, colourful cast of idiosyncratic insect characters
- A wonderfully witty tale by the bestselling author
- Fun for the whole family

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JOHANNA PRINZ

# Wild Weeks: Toilet Tuesdays

FUN STORIES FOR EARLY READERS

**Date of publication: April 17, 2024**

6+

With 30 colour illustrations

## The sequel to the hilarious Safari Mondays is finally here!

Life in the jungle is peaceful, so long as you stay in your tree. Apollo the toucan and his friends strictly stick to the first rule of the forest: never climb down! Even the bravest animal in their treeshare, Ronaldo the sloth, only dares to clamber down the ancient tree once a week – on Tuesdays – to go to the loo. It's a daring feat, which none of the other beasts would ever attempt themselves! But one evening, everything changes: humans arrive and set up a research camp. It looks like they'll be staying for a while. But Ronaldo is dying for the loo... what can his friends do to help? How do you get a sloth down from a tree, when you're scared of the unknown?

"Wild Weeks" is an exciting new series for early readers, with lots of animal adventures, loveable characters and fun facts

- Loveable animal characters, fast-paced adventure and lots of witty wordplay
- Charmingly illustrated throughout in 4c by Stefanie Jeschke
- Learn useful facts about the animals that live in the rainforest
- Book 3 is out in Autumn 2024



### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Stefanie Jeschke  
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 30 color  
illustrations  
Original title: Wilde Woche –  
Dienstags muss das Faultier  
aufs Klo

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Stefanie Jeschke



© Henrike Hiersig

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



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Philipp Ach  
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 48 color illustrations  
Original title: Der geheime Drachenwald

SANDRA GRIMM

## Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: The Secret Dragon Forest

Date of publication: March 27, 2024

6+

With 48 colour illustrations

### Learn to read with the help of short sentences – and a thrilling dragon adventure!

Oh no, the horses on the farm are ill! Lise and Max know that only the legendary potion from the Dragon Forest can help. But in the Dragon Forest there are huge, fire-breathing... dragons! (Of course.) Will Lise and Max find the potion and get it back to the horses in time? One thing is clear: they'll have an unforgettable dragon-y adventure!


An exciting story for early readers

- The perfect first book for new readers
- Large typeface, short sentences, few and short chapters
- Every spread is richly illustrated with 4c pictures by Phillip Ach



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Philipp Ach



© Philipp Ach

Philipp Ach, born in 1993, studied illustration and design at Münster University of Applied Sciences and HAW Hamburg. He now works as a freelance illustrator in Emsland. He illustrates games, books and everything that allows little adventurers to immerse themselves in fantastic and strange worlds. When he's not working, he enjoys his time gardening or playing a good board game.



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Isabelle Göntgen

Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 48 color illustrations

Original title: Endlich ein Einhorn!

SANDRA GRIMM

## Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: At Last, My Very Own Unicorn!

Date of publication: March 27, 2024

6+

With 48 colour illustrations

### Learn to read with the help of short sentences – and a magical unicorn adventure!

For her birthday, Alma wants nothing more than a real unicorn. But instead all she gets is unicorn pyjamas, a unicorn pillow, a unicorn cycle helmet and a unicorn lamp. That evening, when she turns on the lamp, something amazing happens: suddenly, a unicorn flies around her room in a cloud of glitter – and takes her on a wonderful adventure...


A magical story for early readers

- Unicorns are always hugely popular
- Large typeface, short sentences, few and short chapters
- Every spread is richly illustrated with 4c pictures by Isabelle Göntgen



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Isabelle Göntgen



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### First Readers

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Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Christine Thau  
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
Original title: Eine Klasse mit Wuff – Schulhund auf Probe

KATJA REIDER

## Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: Top Dog: Joshi’s Trial Run

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

### Learning to read with Joshi is fun

The whole of 2A is excited: they’ll be getting a new classmate today! And he’s got four legs! Joshi is big, shaggy, and everyone loves him, and he helps the form teacher during lessons. Even maths is fun now! The only one who doesn’t seem too happy is Mats. His dad is the school janitor, and doesn’t like having Joshi around. Will Joshi prove that he’s a good boy?


An exciting shaggy-dog story for children aged 6+

- A new trend: animals that listen without judging
- Large, easy-to-read typeface, several short chapters, straightforward sentences
- With playful comprehension exercises and a fun canine quiz
- Humorous colour illustrations by Christine Thau



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Christine Thau



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### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Christine Thau  
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
Original title: Eine Klasse mit Wuff – Joschis erster Schulausflug

KATJA REIDER

# Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: Top Dog: Joshi's First School Trip

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

## At the adventure park

School dog Joshi is part of the 2A family now, and his classmates are looking forward to their first school trip with him. Only new girl Ida seems to have no time for the four-legged creature – or her new classmates. Can 2A bring her on side? At the adventure park, Joshi shows everyone just what he's made of – and finally Ida, too, embraces both the cuddly canine and the rest of 2A.


Book 2 in this exciting new series for kids aged 6+

- School dog Joshi joins 2A on a super-exciting school trip
- A new trend: animals that listen without judging
- Large, easy-to-read typeface, several short chapters, straightforward sentences
- With playful comprehension exercises and a fun canine quiz
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USCH LUHN

# Penguin Junior – Books for Early Readers: Koralla the Sea Witch: Pirates in the Lighthouse!

A STORY FOR EARLY READERS

**Date of publication: May 15, 2024**

6+

Colour illustrations

## Hullabaloo at the lighthouse

The Schmitt family are overjoyed when Dad Arne discovers that he's inherited a lighthouse. The timing couldn't be better, because the holidays are just around the corner. Sea witch Koralla, who has secretly been squatting in the lighthouse, is less happy about it all. Together with water sprite Blubber, she tries everything she can think of to get the Schmitts to leave...

- A holiday at the lighthouse – a new magical-realistic adventure by this bestselling author
- Large, easy-to-read typeface, perfect for early readers
- Cheerful 4c illustrations throughout by Dorothea Blankenhagen
- Includes an appendix about lighthouses and marine biology



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Dorothea Blankenhagen

Pages & Size: 64 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 50 color illustrations

Original title: Koralla, die Meerhexe – Piratenalarm im Leuchtturm



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### ILLUSTRATOR

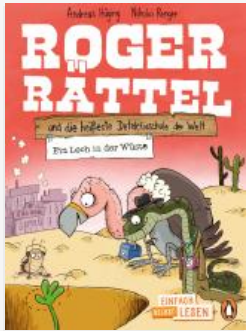
Dorothea Blankenhagen



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Dorothea Blankenhagen studied communication design in Potsdam, specialising in illustration. Her illustrations can be found in children's books, puzzle books, card games and exhibitions for children and young people. She is passionate about playing the guitar, enjoys going on expeditions with her small family and adorns herself with unconventional hairstyles. She lives with her family

in Munich.



### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Nikolai Renger

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

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Roger Rätzel und die heißeste Detektivschule der Welt – Ein Loch in der Wüste

ANDREAS HÜGING

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

A STORY FOR IMPROVING READERS

**Date of publication: May 15, 2024**

Rights sold to: Iran (Iranban)

7+

With colour illustrations

### Operation Fireball: a new case for Roger and Fenny

The new school year at Gerda Gecko's Detective School in Olbycorky starts with a bang: a thief has stolen Sheriff Karamelo's chewing gum, and a fireball appears in the night sky over the desert. Roger's nose tells him that the two are related – but can he solve the case before they start arresting innocent creatures?

A detective adventure illustrated in colour throughout, featuring two brilliant desert heroes with adorable little weaknesses

- Book 2 in the hilarious series featuring Roger the rattlesnake and Fenny the desert fox
- Large, easy-to-read typeface, perfect for improving readers
- Includes an appendix with a pronunciation guide and glossary, for the trickier names and words



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### ILLUSTRATOR

Nikolai Renger



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Nikolai Renger was born in Karlsruhe and studied visual communication in Pforzheim. He works as a freelance illustrator for various publishers and agencies and has been working in Atelier Remise in Karlsruhe since 2013.

- Hüging's stories are always funny, exciting and entertaining
- Charming 4c illustrations by Nikolai Renger

JULES VERNE, SVEN GERHARDT



# Penguin Junior – Children’s Classics for Early Readers: Around the World in 80 Days

A STORY FOR IMPROVING READERS

**Date of publication: May 15, 2024**

7+

With colour illustrations

## Jules Verne’s world-famous adventure for young readers

Can you travel around the world in just 80 days? Mr Fogg bets that he can – and so begins an exciting journey across five continents with his manservant Passepartout by his side. The two have one adventure after another, while mysterious Inspector Fix is on their trail. Will Mr Fogg and Passepartout win the race against time?

A classic adventure retold for early readers

- Large, easy-to-read typeface for improving readers
- Witty colour illustrations by Martina Schachenhuber
- Includes appendix with a pronunciation guide for tricky names and words

### First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Martina Schachenhuber

Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

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Jules Verne

Jules Verne (1828–1905) was a passionate observer of the world around him. He lived in an age when everything was changing: physics, chemistry, engineering – everywhere new things were being discovered and invented. Verne got truly caught up in the whirlwind of change and progress, and the idea that nothing was impossible inspired him to write his world-famous adventure stories. He is now known as one of the great sci-fi pioneers.

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

## ILLUSTRATOR

Martina Schachenhuber



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### First Readers

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Petra Bergmann  
Pages & Size: 96 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 7+  
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations  
Original title: Hainer der kleine Hai und der rote Zahn

TERESA HOCHMUTH

# Shannon the Little Shark and the Red Tooth

THE SECOND BOOK IN A NEW SERIES FOR EARLY READERS

**Date of publication: May 15, 2024**

7+

With colour illustrations

## A little shark on a big mission

One morning, Shannon the little shark's red tooth starts tickling weirdly. At first, he doesn't think anything of it, but then he starts worrying: has he been eating too many sweets? Or is something really wrong? Soon after, a big underwater quake shakes Sharkford, and a rock threatens to fall on the town. Shannon knows that if they want to save Sharkford, there's no time to lose! But no one listens to a shark with rainbow teeth... Can Shannon and his friend Neyla save their home?

Shannon the little shark – a new series with short chapters and lots of colourful illustrations, printed in an easy-to-read typeface

- Perfect for early and improving readers
- Exciting adventures and tales of friendship set in a wonderful underwater world
- Shy little shark Shannon discovers that his colourful teeth give him superpowers
- For fans of "Little Dragon Coconut" and "Finding Nemo"
- Helps kids understand eco issues and the fragility of marine habitats

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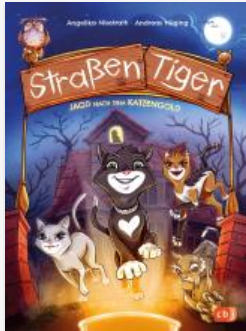
### ILLUSTRATOR

Petra Bergmann



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



ANDREAS HÜGING, ANGELIKA NIESTRATH

# Street Tigers: The Hunt for the Cat's Gold

A HILARIOUS NEW ADVENTURE SERIES

**Date of publication: March 13, 2024**

8+

With b/w illustrations

## Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Timo  
Grubing

Pages & Size: 176 | 15,5x21,0  
cm

Recommended age group: 8+

Illustrations: 20 b/w  
illustrations

Original title: Straßentiger -  
Jagd nach dem Katzensgold

## Not cuddly, but cool!

MEEEEOWWW! When spoiled pet kitty Caruso bumps into cool alley cats Sushi and Puma, his life changes for ever: he joins them at Madame Coco's School for Cats, where Madame Coco and martial arts ace Claws teach kitties everything an alley cat needs to know to be a top-class hunter. They also have enemies to keep in check: the Market Mousers, led by notorious gang chief Donatella, employ every trick in their book to outdo Madame Coco and her lot. Caruso throws himself into the fray alongside Sushi and Puma, and proves that he's more than just a cuddly little pet...

- An original new series
- Fast-paced, hilarious alley cat adventures
- A spoiled pet befriends two bold alley cats, twists everyone around his little paws with his charming ways, and becomes Madame Coco's star pupil
- Caruso, Sushi and Puma are three likeable protagonists – especially Caruso, who shies away from nothing and, when the moment comes, proves there's more to him than meets the eye
- With cool, dynamic b/w illustrations by Timo Grubing

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## AUTHOR

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Angelika Nierstrath used to be a bookseller, has worked for publishing houses and as a consultant. She and Andreas Hüging now write and create children's books and stage shows with music to go with them.

## ILLUSTRATOR

Timo Grubing



© Maren Jakobs

Timo Grubing was born in 1981 and studied illustration at the University of Applied Sciences in Münster. He freelances as an illustrator for children's and school books and regularly works for magazines and agencies.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Marie Braner  
Pages & Size: 192 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 40 b/w illustrations  
Original title: Der fabelhafte Herr Blomster - Eine Schulübernachtung mit Überraschungen

SVEN GERHARDT

# Fabulous Mr Blomster: The School Sleepover Surprise

THE NEW BOOK IN THIS EXCITING SERIES BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**Date of publication: February 14, 2024**

8+

40 b/w illustrations

## The new Mr Blomster adventure

A vaulted cellar packed with mysterious treasures? It must be Mr Blomster's secret store! At his tuck shop, you'll find tasty sandwiches, chilled drinks, as well as all kinds of secret stuff that can turn school days upside down.

Serena, Anton, Mascha and Cem are really excited about the school sleepover.

They'll be going for a night-time walk, lighting a bonfire and telling stories. When Mr Blomster volunteers to supervise, they know it'll be more fun than ever. But suddenly, Cem disappears – and that's not the only mysterious event on this starry night...

A school full of secret mysteries! The thrilling new series by this bestselling author, with inspiring messages about openness, tolerance and curiosity

- the second book in the lovely, nostalgic series set at a school
- subterranean corridors, hidden rooms and mysterious events
- evocative b/w illustrations by Marie Braner
- includes adventurer (and school founder) Meta Magnolia's diary entries

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Marie Braner



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Marie Braner studied illustration in Münster, and is now an author and freelance children's illustrator. When looking for inspiration for new adventure stories, she loves roaming through nature with her dog Momo, before putting her ideas down on paper back home.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from:  
Martina Schachenhuber  
Pages & Size: 160 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 8+  
Illustrations: 40 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Schwapp, der  
Geheimschleim – Der große  
Schleimassel

TINA SCHILP

# Ick the Sticky Slime: What a Mess!

THE START OF THE SLIMIEST CHILDREN'S SERIES EVER

**Date of publication: March 27, 2024**

Rights sold to: Brazil (Leiturinha)

8+

40 b/w illustrations

## An icky-sticky so-and-so

It's blue, glittery and has a speech impediment. It shouldn't actually exist at all. Its name is Ick, and it's a blob of sticky slime secretly living in the sink. Siblings Lou and Lukas were only planning to create one last batch of slime with the mysterious glittery sand they got at the flea market. But who'd have thought that the slime would suddenly take on a life of its own? Ick is quite obstinate and a bit of a know-it-all. But it's also hilarious, and can turn into all kinds of things: a hula hoop, a washing-up sponge, a rubber ball and more. No wonder Lou and Lukas want to spend all day with Ick! But keeping their chatty friend hidden from the rest of the world isn't easy...

Kids are guaranteed to love this hilarious new series

- The brilliantly icky first book in a new series about Ick the sticky blob of slime
- Lou and Lukas are experts on slime, and have managed to bring Ick to life (despite warnings not to)
- Ick can't stop moving, and keeps the kids on their toes with his shenanigans
- A magical new friendship leads to all kinds of chaos and adventure
- Witty, lively and perfect for the target readership

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•Hilarious illustrations by Martina Schachenhuber



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 144 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Dusty - Retter in  
der Not

JAN ANDERSEN

## Dusty Saves the Day

**Date of publication: May 22, 2024**

Rights sold to: Brazil (Leiturinha), Czech Republic (Albatros), Slovakia (Albatros)

10+

### Lost in the fog

Carlotta's friend Nuria never makes it home from the birthday party at the woodland playground. Paul decides to go looking for her – with his trusted dog Dusty, of course. But even clever old detective Dusty can't seem to find any trace of Nuria. The police suspect that the girl might have got into a stranger's car and been abducted. Paul and his friend Alex don't believe it for a moment: Nuria would never do something like that! But time is running out – and the woods border on a treacherous, foggy moorland...

- Paul and Dusty search for a missing child
- Gripping entertainment for boys and girls
- Exciting, funny and full of canine know-how
- Children love animal heroes

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



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Tine Schulz  
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Illustrations: 30 b/w illustrations  
Original title: Battle of Schools - Die Rache des Robonators

NICOLE RÖNDIGS

# Battle of Schools: Revenge of the Robonator

BOOK 2 IN THE "BATTLE OF SCHOOLS" KIDS' SERIES

**Date of publication: March 27, 2024**

10+

30 b/w illustrations

## The janitor's been kidnapped!

There's chaos at the Emmy Noether School: much-loved janitor Montgomery Power has disappeared! There are blocked toilets and flickering strip lights that need fixing, the smart whiteboards are going nuts, and in the 'Room of Failed Experiments' a few particularly volatile inventions are on the loose. The pupils and teachers have their hands full getting the situation under control. The head, Dr Renate Schröder, a.k.a. Doc, pulls out all the stops and creates a task force consisting of Elton, Zuleika, Tessa, Franjo and Jo – who instantly suspect their arch-enemies, the 'Billys' from the neighbouring Willibald Gluck School. Are Jördis, Yuri 'the Weasel' Ossowski and their scheming head, Sibylle van Vogel, behind all the trouble? And what does Monty Power's mysterious robot have to do with it?

- Magnificent pranks, fantastic schemes – a dizzying rollercoaster action ride
- Two rival schools trying to outdo each other; hilarious and quirky
- You'll follow the ups and downs of this super troupe of loveable heroes with bated breath
- Epic illustrations by Tine Schulz
- Told by Röndigs with her inimitable dry wit, and full of heart

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Tine Schulz



© M. Mauermann

As a child, Tine Schulz was just as shy as one of the heroines in her illustrations and preferred drawing to talking. She studied communication design and illustration in Wismar and now works as a freelance illustrator for publishers and magazines. She lives on and around the Baltic Sea in Rostock.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 256 | 15,5x21,0  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Magic Agents –  
In Stockholm stehen die Trolle  
kopf!

ANJA WAGNER

# Magic Agents: Stockholm's Trolls are on the Loose

THE THIRD MISSION FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AGENT

**Date of publication: May 22, 2024**

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Leopold), Slovak Republic (Albatros)

10+

With b/w vignettes

- 1. What the magic service agents (or magents) do is top secret**
- 2. You must study and respect the local legends**
- 3. Trust no one – and be ready for anything**

Evil never sleeps... as magic service agent Elia Evander quickly finds out when she is sent to Sweden on a risky new job. Together with magent-in-training Emil, she goes undercover in a boarding school, where there's been a series of dark magical events. But as the duo search for clues, Emil is more a hindrance than a help, and they are trapped by a bunch of angry trolls. Have the mythical beings joined the power-hungry organisation 'Elite'? Elia has one last chance to make sure that evil doesn't win – and to bring peace and goodwill back to Stockholm and its inhabitants.

Mythical beings, magical action and a little Swedish glamour: join Elia Evander on her third exciting case!

Elia Evander is the coolest secret agent since James Bond – truly magical

•On their third mission, Elia and her magical friend Selmor are caught by the scary

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

troll fish trap

- Thrilling adventure set in the fantastic Swedish capital



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj  
Kinderbücher  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 10+  
Original title: Laqua - Der  
Fluch der schwarzen Gondel

NINA BLAZON

# Laqua: Curse of the Black Gondola

Date of publication: February 14, 2024

10+

## Welcome to Venice, the city of many faces

A horrid ancient palazzo, constant rain and a crotchety great-grandma – Kristina and her brother Jan wish they didn't have to spend the holiday in their family's old Venetian hotel. But one night, they watch eerie spectres rising from the lagoon and slipping up the facades like cats, and their curiosity is awakened. As they follow a trail of strange clues which leads to a mysterious black gondola, they discover Venice's dark side – but it's only when they're about to uncover the secret, which turns out to be connected to their own family history, that the siblings realise they're in grave danger...

An enchanting, breathtaking, sparkling new fantasy adventure by popular author Nina Blazon

- An ancient palazzo, a mysterious family secret and Venetian shadows: once you've read Laqua you'll never look at Venice the same way again!
- Winner of the 2013 Kalbacher Klapperschlange Prize and the Leipziger Lesekompass Award
- Blazon's books have sold 290,000 copies so far

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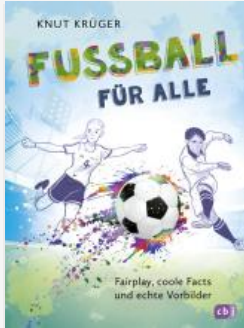
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Nina Blazon loved fantasy when she was a teenager, and started writing her own fantasy stories when she was a student. She is now a successful children's and YA author with numerous awards under her belt, most recently the 2016 Seraph Prize for Best Book, for "Der Winter der schwarzen Rosen" ('Black rose winter'). She lives in Stuttgart.

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KNUT KRÜGER

# All About Football: Fair Play, Cool Facts and Role Models

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

10+

40 colour images

## Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj

Kinderbücher

Format: Paperback

With illustrations from: Timo Grubing

Pages & Size: 128 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 10+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Fußball für alle! - Fairplay, coole Facts und echte Vorbilder

## Exciting facts for girls and boys

Football is for everyone! In this colourful, exciting compendium, you'll discover all sorts of surprising facts. But there's more to it: here, you'll learn about some of the negative aspects too – because it's high time we made football the most beautiful game in the world again...

Includes a fun quiz, statistics and world records, special insider info and mind-boggling facts.

The best present for all football fans, in time for Euro 2024

- Published to coincide with Euro 2024, this is a fun compendium that doesn't shy away from some of the more 'difficult' aspects of the game
- Lots of amazing and exciting facts from the world of football, with a fun quiz at the end
- Written by football expert Knut Krüger, with cartoonish illustrations by Timo Grubing
- The perfect present for football-mad girls, boys and parents

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ADRIANA POPESCU

## The Summer We Learnt to Dream

A DEEPLY MOVING COMING-OF-AGE NOVEL

**Date of publication: March 13, 2024**

14+

### Four 'troubled teens' on a very special Swedish boat trip

Leo, Grete, Alex and Yannis have one thing in common: their families have lost all patience and sent them to a 'therapy camp'. The Swedish woods aren't exactly a desert, but the four of them still feel cast out and betrayed. Alex hates being without her friends, but can be a one-girl-gang if need be. Grete is the perfect victim, with her fancy clothes – and it's clearly the first time she's been away from her mum. For Yannis, the camp is his last chance, so he does exactly what he always does: he lashes out. Leo normally avoids guys like Yannis, but since they've confiscated his smartphone he's close to losing his cool too.

- This new book by the much-loved author is even more authentic and moving than her last
- Teenage angst, aggression and crime are highly topical
- For all fans of "Tschick" and "The Son"
- Heart-breaking yet hopeful

#### Literary Fiction

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Der Sommer, als wir träumen lernten

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### Fantasy

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Arcadia – Die  
Zukunft der Welt

YASMIN DREYER

# Arcadia: The Future of the World

THE FINALE OF THIS ACTION-PACKED FUTURISTIC FANTASY

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

14+

## Can these two reluctant heroes stop the apocalypse?

Now Emily and Ben know what their elite boarding school, Arcadia, is really after: it is secretly getting its students ready to create a new civilisation, after the total collapse of the Earth's climate. Until then, they'll be taken to a secret safe place, where they can survive the climate catastrophe. But they'll pay a high price for it: they'll never see their families again. Some of the young tech geniuses aren't prepared to pay that price, and they form a resistance group. Emily and Ben must decide what's more important to them: their own future, or the survival of the people they love most...

The amazing finale of this thrilling fantasy/action adventure

•For fans of Suzanne Collins, Lena Kiefer and Ursula Poznanski

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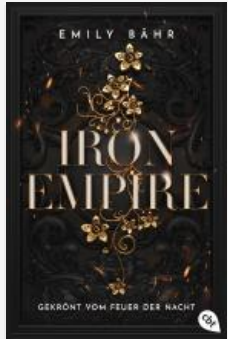
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### Fantasy, Romance

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Illustrations: 2 b/w  
illustrations  
Original title: Iron Empire –  
Gekrönt vom Feuer der Nacht

EMILY BÄHR

# Iron Empire: Crowned by Night's Fire

THE BREATHTAKING FINALE OF THIS TWO-BOOK FANTASY SERIES

**Date of publication: May 15, 2024**

14+

## A seer without powers, an emperor without a crown, and a love that could save them – or spell disaster

Ever since Kae and Hunter have fled the palace, the whole empire is on their trail.

While Hunter has to decide whether to withdraw further or fight for his birth right and end this pointless war, Kae discovers that she's lost all her powers.

When the Iron Empire decides to raze the Whispering Forest to the ground, the pair travel to Kae's home to warn the Eijn. But now that Kae is no longer a seer, they don't consider her one of their own anymore, and her words go unheeded.

The only way for her to stop the approaching battle is to recover her powers and earn back her place. But to do that, she has to go deeper into the forest and face an ancient legend. Meanwhile, Hunter returns to the Empire, even though it could make him and Kae mortal enemies for all eternity...

- For fans of "Avatar" and "The Lost Crown"
- The gripping conclusion of this breathtaking two-book romantasy series

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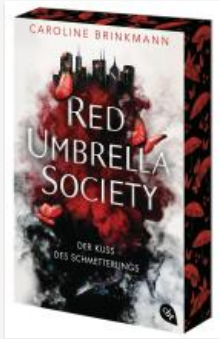
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CAROLINE BRINKMANN

## Red Umbrella Society

Date of publication: June 26, 2024

14+

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**A quick-witted thief, an attractive detective, and a dark secret between them**

A mysterious murder shakes New York. The victim is, of all people, a member of the powerful Red Umbrella Society, whose members supposedly have special abilities. The last thing Skadi needs is to be dragged into this, because she has enough problems of her own. She and her brother owe money to an unscrupulous underground boss and have to do risky jobs for him. But then, during one of these assignments, Skadi stumbles upon a dead body and becomes the target of the young and extremely attractive investigator David Bell. He is convinced of her guilt and does everything in his power to catch her. But someone is interested in protecting Skadi. Someone to whom she owes more than she would like and who demands a dark favour in return.

The start of the exciting urban fantasy dilogy full of tingling feelings and a dark, secret society.

### Fantasy, Romance

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Red Umbrella  
Society – Der Kuss des  
Schmetterlings

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## Romance

Publishing House: cbj  
Jugendbücher  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Recommended age group: 14+  
Original title: Shelter Me

AMELIA CADAN

# Shelter Me

THE HOTLY ANTICIPATED SECOND BOOK IN THE NEW ADULT ROMANCE SERIES

**Date of publication: March 13, 2024**

14+

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## She's a real estate heiress – he's a bad boy hockey player. What could possibly go wrong?

Rosalie is about to make her debut as the head of her family's Canadian business. But the past has terrible timing: somehow, the media have got wind of old nude photos and a last-gasp escape from cyberbullies. They've pursued her all the way to her college on the East Coast in the US. But she's not the only one in trouble. Jayden, who's about to hit the big time as a professional hockey player, is in the same boat as her: if the media get wind of his party-boy lifestyle, he can wave goodbye to his contract. Rosalie and Jayden make a pact: to keep the gossips happy, they'll pretend to be a dream couple in love. But will it work? If only Jayden didn't have a yen for one-night stands, and people would stop spreading rumours about Rosalie...

The eagerly awaited new book in this romance series set at Atlantic University

- Romantic, sexy, gripping – a love story that'll melt your heart
- For fans of Elle Kennedy, Mona Kasten and Stella Tack
- Also deals with the serious issue of cyberbullying

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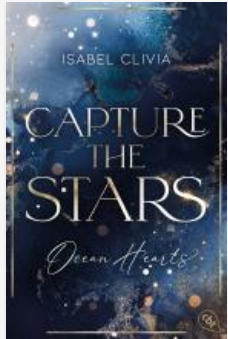
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## Romance

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Jugendbücher  
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Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Recommended age group: 16+  
Original title: Ocean Hearts –  
Capture the Stars

ISABEL CLIVIA

# Ocean Hearts: Capture the Stars

THE GLAMOROUS NEW MUST-READ NEW ADULT SERIES SET ON THE LUXURY LINER "BABYLON"

**Date of publication: March 13, 2024**

16+

## 'Someone once told me that the stars signify hope. And you've shown me that it's true'

When Carey takes a job as waiter on the modern luxury liner Ocean Heart, she has just one goal: to find her mother, who has disappeared without a trace. On board, she unexpectedly bumps into Eden, her childhood friend from the orphanage. The introverted boy with storm-grey eyes, who was so passionate about the stars, has grown up into a good-looking guy. But for some reason, he wants nothing to do with Carey, and drops her for his mates and all the glittering parties on board the liner. Hurt, Carey resolves to focus on finding her mother.

Yet soon after, Carey and Eden's paths cross again, and sparks fly. But their feelings are doomed to come to nothing – relationships between staff and guests are strictly taboo. And it's not just the house rules that stand between them...

A glamorous cruise ship, unforgettable summer nights, and a love that spells trouble: the first book in a fantastic new NA series

- A very special setting: the Mediterranean, the cruise ship Babylon
- "The Great Gatsby" meets "Kiss Me Once"
- The first book in a new NA series featuring three young women who find true love – and themselves – on a glamorous cruise ship

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