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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Original title: Paula oder Die sieben Farben der Einsamkeit

STEPHAN ABARBANELL

Paula or The Seven Colours of Solitude

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

English sample translation available

Paula Ben-Gurion wanted to marry a man, but what she got was a state: a novel about an unusual and courageous woman

Paula grew up in Minsk, was sent to New York when she was young, dreamt of studying medicine and was a committed anarchist. But then she met her future husband, the founder of the state of Israel, David Ben-Gurion – and at the end of her life, she finds herself in a kibbutz in the Negev Desert. Her husband is expecting the arrival of his friend, Konrad Adenauer, who has just resigned as German Chancellor. Once again, it is down to Paula to organise the visit and arrange everything. Poverty, war, motherhood, and – again and again – loneliness: this novel is a memorial to a strong, courageous woman, who had to make many compromises in life, and became the First Lady of a country in which she did not believe. And who, even in old age, never stops doubting, searching and hoping.

Paula Ben-Gurion, the woman behind the founder of Israel, has almost been forgotten from the pages of history. Paula is an inspiring, fascinating figure. Stephan Abarbanells book does her justice and gives her finally the attention she deserves.

Yariv Mozer, filmmaker, "Ben-Gurion, Epilogue"

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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Luchterhand Literaturverlag
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cm
Original title: Die Arbeiter

MARTIN BECKER

The Workers

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

A love letter to a dying breed, whose children used to dream of hitting the jackpot, but made do with the consolation prize

Sometimes, the parents would leave the hot factory halls behind and drive off to the sea with the kids. Always to the North Sea, always for just a few days. The rest was drudgery, as they toiled to keep their terraced house, for their kids, for a slice of happiness – or as much as they could get for a small bank loan. In "The Workers", Becker tells the story of a smalltown family that no longer exists. Of parents and siblings who died too young, of an unexpected reunion by the seaside, of the miracle of becoming the father of a son, now that your own parents and siblings are dead. The mother's old-fashioned sewing machines, the father's heavy sledgehammer, the cheaply furnished holiday homes and the permanently smoke-filled family car bought third, fourth, fifth-hand: "The Workers" – topical, radical and poetic – is an experiment about humble origins, a memorial to a vanished family.

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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Original title: Das Gewicht eines Vogels beim Fliegen

DANA GRIGORCEA

The Weight of a Bird in Flight

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 28, 2024

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English sample translation available

Selected by New Books in German

A sculptor in 1920s New York and a writer in 2020s Liguria connect over the great question of what makes true art

In 1926, full of hope and longing, the ambitious young sculptor Constantin Avis moves to New York. A famous gallery owner wants to take him under his wing and facilitate his great breakthrough in this city of dreams. Constantin floats through his new life buoyed by an exciting new love affair, and the prospect of success – but threatens to lose touch with reality. How far can his art really take him? A whole century later, this is the question that Dora sets out to answer. It is early springtime on the Ligurian coast, and she is working on a novel about Constantin. She has moved here together with her son and a nanny, to find the peace that usually eludes her in her everyday life as an artist and mother. But the deeper she dives, the more her own story becomes intertwined with Constantin's. Eventually, she realises that she can answer the sculptor's questions only with her own life. An exceptionally charming tale of the unbreakable bond between art and life – as light as a feather, and yet so powerful that its thoughts will linger with you for a long time.



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Dana Grigorcea was born in Bucharest in 1979, she is a Germanist and Dutchist and has lived with her family in Zurich for many years. The Romanian-Swiss author's works have been translated into several languages and have received numerous awards such as the Ingeborg Bachmann/3sat Award. Her novel "Those Who Never Die" won the 2022 Swiss Book Prize and was longlisted for the 2021 German Book Prize. Dana Grigorcea is a recipient of the Romanian Order of Cultural Merit with the rank of Knight.

Grigorcea reinvents herself with each new book [...] What all her books share is her evident delight in storytelling, and her ability to see the funny side, even when the topic at hand is a serious one.

SWR2, 'Zeitgenossen'

A breezy springtime novel.

rbb Kultur

Elegant and lively. On the surface, it's an examination of what defines "art", but between the lines Grigorcea tells the story of the challenges and doubts that have beset art since time immemorial.

Neue Zürcher Zeitung (CH)

A novel like a dance [...] about what it takes for love and art to be possible, and about the vicissitudes of a writer's work.

SWR2, 'lesenswert Magazin'

It is a joy to witness Grigorcea's virtuosity in deploying her themes, and the power of her style.

Neue Württembergische Zeitung

Floods our senses with great images, sounds and smells.

Aargauer Zeitung (CH)

Tells the story of life's entanglement with art with unparalleled charm, in a style that has an overwhelming power and lightness.

jamaltuschick.de

The title alone perfectly describes its style: mysterious, lyrical and painstaking.

sda-Basisdienst (CH)

A self-assured tightrope walk – a pithy, pointed and witty novel bringing together the relationships of half a dozen women.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

A glittering, vital tale of art and love [...] charming and light-hearted, stylish and elegant [...] bright, breezy, light, but with some more serious moments too, and a few unexpected turns of events.

Long Story Short – Der Buch-Podcast

The story of two people who are as remarkable as they are different, which takes us on a delightful journey.

Kieler Magazin

A novel about art that has more to it than meets the eye.

buecheratlas.com

Simultaneously light and profound.

stories-hamburg.de



Fiction, Literary Fiction

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MATTHIAS JÜGLER

Mayfly Season

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

English sample translation available

Selected by New Books in German

A traumatic loss and the strength that comes with new beginnings – a family caught up in a dark chapter of East Germany's history

For Katrin and Hans, every parent's nightmare has come true: they have lost their firstborn son shortly after his birth. And then they lose each other. Katrin is tortured by doubts about the doctors' version of events, doubts that Hans wants nothing to do with. When she dies years later, it turns out that she may have been right all along. Hans starts looking into the past and is drawn deep into East Germany's history, where he encounters inconsistencies and a wall of silence. He knows that some questions he has about his son's death will remain unanswered, but the thought of having failed at a decisive moment – to have left something undone, to have made a mistake – won't let him go.

One day, the phone rings, and his son is at the other end of the line. The boy was adopted by another family, and his idea of the past differs fundamentally from what Hans tells him. Will these two men be able to bridge the chasm created by forty years of separation and life in an unjust state?

Jügler gives an entire generation a voice, and finds words for



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Matthias Jügler, born in 1984, has a degree in Scandinavian studies and history of art in Greifswald and Oslo and in creative writing from the Institute of Literature in Leipzig. His novels "Raubfischen" ("Predatory fishing", 2015) and "Die Verlassenen" ("The forsaken", 2021) have been awarded numerous prizes. In 2022, he won the Klopstock Book Prize, and in 2023 was appointed Halle's writer-in-residence. He lives in Leipzig with his family, and is also a freelance editor.

the horrors of East Germany about which many families have remained silent for decades.

NDR Kultur

You'll learn more here than from most history books.

lokalkompass.de

A remarkable father-son tale.

BR24, 'Neues vom Buchmarkt'

Compelling, very touching, and truly shocking.

hr2, 'Neue Bücher'

Wonderful descriptions of nature [...] Jügler's style is as if carved in marble, but at the same time, you keep finding these emotional depths.

WDR 3 Mosaik

Truly uncanny.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Jügler evokes the East German atmosphere without constantly bringing politics into it.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 'Büchermarkt'

Breaks through the surface to find a deeper level [...] what Jügler cares about is how a life can fragment, and an identity crumble.

Berliner Zeitung

The impetus of the events is subtly revealed in this classic drama [...] a timeless story about a topical issue, mirrored in Jügler's superb, enchanting descriptions of the landscapes of

the Unstrut river.

Mitteldeutsche Zeitung, Naumburger Tageblatt

**His vivid imagery makes you truly feel the guilt in your heart
and the trusted hand on your shoulder.**

Münchner Merkur

A small book about a great injustice.

Ruhr Nachrichten

**Thoughtful, subtle, irresistible [...] given the topic, it could so
easily have been a tearjerker, but instead we have a moving
novel that shows once again why nostalgia and East Germany
don't quite go together.**

MDR Kultur

**The literature about East Germany has finally grown from a
steady drip into a stream – and in it, Jügler's novel glitters like
a sparkling pebble.**

Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Bücher am Sonntag (CH)



Fiction, Literary Fiction

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SARA KLATT

The Country I Want to Show You

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

A young woman in search of her grandfather's past – and the true meaning of connectedness

Israel is the country where S. has spent countless childhood summers. It is also the country of the people whom S. encounters, now that she has moved here. She meets them as she hitchhikes and roams through the streets that lie shimmering in the hot sun. There is Yitzhak, the rabbi's son, with whom she celebrates an impromptu Shabbat. Debbie, who takes her along when she breaks into abandoned old villas. And Lior, the café owner, who never lets S. pay, and who dreams of a road trip with his daughter in a sky blue VW camper van. As S. learns more about the Jewish life of the people she meets, her own story begins to reveal itself, piece by piece – that of her father, her grandfather, and of her own identity.

"The Country I Want to Show You" is an extraordinary journey into Israel now and then: a country as diverse as its inhabitants, full of life, yet where pain is ever present.

A stupendous debut. Direct, honest, enthralling. I can't wait for Klatt's next book.

Rafael Seligmann



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Sara Klatt is the granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor from Berlin and the daughter of a German refugee from Kaliningrad. She herself grew up in Hamburg, but spent many childhood summers in Israel with her family, and always felt a close connection to the country. At the age of twenty-one, she moved to Tel Aviv for a year, and has returned to Israel many times since to work on photography projects, including spending time with Bedouins in the Judean Desert. She currently lives in Berlin, where she works as a photographer. The autobiographical novel "The Country I Want to Show You" is her debut.



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

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Original title: 153 Formen des Nichtseins

SLATA ROSCHAL

153 Ways of Not Being

A PRIZE-WINNING DEBUT ABOUT IDENTITY, MIGRATION, MARGINALISATION AND BEING A WOMAN
NOVEL

Date of publication: January 24, 2024

"More radical than Annie Ernaux [...] a smart, unideological novel about emancipation – a classic in the making." Der Freitag


Ksenia is Russian, German, Jewish, an ex-Jehova's Witness, a young woman, mother, writer and scholar, 'this, that and several kinds of intersectional' – and also none of the above. As Ksenia explores her own plural identity, she collects eBay listings containing the word 'Russian', takes notes as she eavesdrops on her colleagues' conversations, watches Russian mothers in town and Israeli relatives on Facebook, acts as interpreter for refugees attending psychotherapy sessions, recalls again and again the traumatic childhood feeling of being lost and manipulated, prods her body suspiciously and wonders who she is and what makes life worth living.

Słata Roschal's original and caustically witty debut novel is a collage of 153 observations from the everyday life of a young woman.

- A frank and funny interrogation of the meaning of life
- Longlisted for the 2022 German Book Prize
- Winner of the 2023 BücherFrauen/Women in Publishing Book Prize
- Winner of the 2023 Schubart Best Newcomer award
- For readers of Aglaya Veteranyi

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Słata Roschal, born in St Petersburg in 1992, is a writer and academic. She has a PhD in Slavonic Studies from LMU Munich, and has won several prizes and grants for her writing – including the 2023 BücherFrauen/Women in Publishing Book Prize and the 2023 Schubart Best Newcomer award for her acclaimed debut novel "153 Ways of Not Being", as well as the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Book Prize and a scholarship from the state of Bavaria. She is also the author of two poetry collections: "Wir verzichten auf das gelobte Land" ("We don't want the Promised Land", 2019) and "Wir tauschen Ansichten und Ängste wie weiche warme Tiere aus" ("We exchange views and fears like soft warm animals", 2021).

While people [...] are discussing the question of identity, Roschal has written a book that reveals how much we are shaped by what we are not.

Jury panel, the 2023 Schubart Best Newcomer award (winner)

Roschal's eclectic style, unusual structure and special gift for moments of deep uncertainty make this a first-rate novel [...].

Jury panel, Das Debüt 2022/Book Blogger Award for Best Debut (shortlisted)

One of the most fascinating debuts of 2022.

'Büchermarkt' book show, Deutschlandfunk Radio

[...] these ephemeral forms of apparent not-being reveal an identity [...] (which) oscillates between two languages and places of origin, between duty and desire.

SWR Bestenliste, June 2022

A brilliant instance of accessible modern storytelling that is at the same time a sophisticated and complex literary discourse.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

An impressive account of a woman's growing self-awareness and struggle for empowerment.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

If you are looking for an antidote to today's polarising, poisonous urge to be "well informed" – this is it.

Stuttgarter Zeitung

More radical than Annie Ernaux [...] a smart, unideological novel about emancipation – a classic in the making.

Der Freitag



**Fiction, Literary Fiction,
Fiction, Stories**

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Witwe angesprochen werden,
platziert sie auf dem Grab die
Gießkanne mit dem Ausguss
nach vorne

SAŠA STANIŠIĆ

When the Widow Wants Someone To Talk to Her, She Puts the Watering Can on the Grave with the Spout Facing Forward

STORIES

Date of publication: May 30, 2024

English sample translation available

What if I'd decided differently? What if I'd done that, instead of this?

What if I had defied expectations?

Wouldn't it be nice if you could give life a trial run first, before living it for real?

We sometimes worry that we've been a coward, hesitated too long – and missed out on something that would have made us a better, happier person, with better-looking and more fun pets and partners. This is what Stanišić's new stories are about: the constant, gnawing feeling that maybe you should have taken the road less travelled, made the less obvious choice, told a lie for once. Like the cleaner, for instance, who, holding a goat's-hair brush in their hands, finally decides to take the matter of life into their own hands too. Or like the author who travels to Heligoland for the first time, only to discover that he's actually been there before. Or like the father who's prepared to cheat, if that's what it takes to finally beat his eight-year-old son at Memory...

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Saša Stanišić, born in Višegrad in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1978, has lived in Germany since 1992. His novels and stories have been translated into more than 30 languages, and have won numerous awards, including the 2019 German Book Prize (for "Where You Come From") and the 2014 Leipzig Book Fair Prize (for "Before the Feast"), as well as the Eichendorff Book Prize, Schiller Prize and Hans Fallada Prize. He lives in Hamburg.

Wonderfully inventive and impressive.

Guardian

Stanišić is a poet and revolutionary who has found his true home in language.

Rolling Stone

Offensively gifted... Some kind of freak genius.

Irish Examiner

An exceptionally talented, impish and caring writer.

LA Times

One of the world's great storytellers.

Kristian Tees, SWR3



**Fiction, Stories, Non-Fiction,
Essays, Letters & Literary
Studies**

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cm
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der Liebenden

MARICA BODROŽIĆ

The Lovers' Revolt

HOW THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK
LITERARY ESSAYS

Date of publication: April 11, 2024

"Our age spells danger for everyone, everywhere, without exception, and it's forcing us to change our thinking."

In six deeply personal essays, Marica Bodrožić examines the question of how, among the violence and injustice that surround us, we can attain a new kind of openness in our thinking and become more humane. Everywhere in the world, the right to 'security of person' is being trampled on; every day, it is abused. The war in Ukraine, the continued oppression of women in Iran and Afghanistan... what does it take for change to happen? "To recognise the need for change and allow it to happen, we first have to acknowledge our vulnerability," she writes. Her essays are a heartfelt plea to live alongside each other in peace, in the spiritual tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Erich Fromm.

Bodrožić breaks up those cast-iron concepts – templates, clichés, slogans – and facilitates honest dialogue.

2023 Irmtraud Morgner Book Prize jury panel

War expels the human from humanity. It turns us into mere officials, nationalists, fighting over borders. Bodrožić counters this with a plea for more humanity [...].

NDR Kultur

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Marica Bodrožić was born in Croatia in 1973 and has lived in Germany since 1983. She studied cultural anthropology, psychoanalysis and Slavonic languages and literature. She has published poems, stories, novels and essays. For her writing she has been honoured with many prizes and scholarships, including an award from the Berlin Academy of Arts, the Kulturpreis Deutsche Sprache, the literature prize of the European Union and the 2015 literature prize of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation as well as the Walter Hasenclever Literature Prize (2020) and the Manès-Sperber-Prize (2021).

HALLDÓR GUÐMUNDSSON



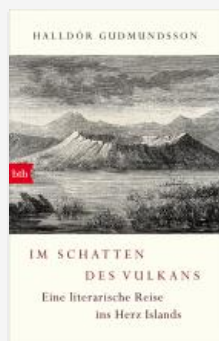
In the Shadow of the Volcano

A LITERARY JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF ICELAND

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English sample translation available



Fiction, Literary Studies

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Original title: Im Schatten des Vulkans

A journey through Iceland's literary history – and an encounter with the people who live in this wild and beautiful arctic landscape

Iceland, the land of geysers and volcanos, has a rich history and is home to a unique literary tradition. "In the Shadow of the Volcano" takes us on a fascinating voyage of discovery around its literary world, which has always also reflected life on this remote and legendary island. Starting with the ancient Poetic Edda and the sagas, which form the basis of the Icelanders' national identity, it reaches all the way into the vibrant present day.

This brilliantly written book by Halldór Guðmundsson – author, publisher and organiser of Iceland and Norway's appearances at the Frankfurt Book Fair – shows how this small, remote country has produced a remarkable diversity of voices and stories. Filled with anecdotes, "In the Shadow of the Volcano" not only explores Iceland's literary history, but the human souls who live here, in the wild beauty of the northern landscape. A must for every culture lover.

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Halldór Guðmundsson, born in Reykjavík in 1956, spent part of his childhood in Germany and attended university in Denmark. He is a well-known publisher, author and cultural events manager, and spent many years running Mál og menning, at the time Iceland's biggest publisher, before heading up the publisher Edda (1984–2003). He joined the board of Forlagið in 2007, and was appointed its chair in 2019.

Guðmundsson has written several books, including a biography of the Nobel Prize winner Halldór Laxness, for which he won the Icelandic Book Prize, and which has been translated into five languages. He also played a key role in organising Iceland and Norway's appearances as guests of honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair (2021 and 2019, respectively).

Guðmundsson has been director of the internationally renowned concert venue and conference centre Harpa in Reykjavík, is involved in various cultural advisory boards, among others the Iceland Literature Festival (since 1987) and the Snorrastofa Cultural Heritage Site and Medieval Research Centre (since 2022), and is chair of the National Theatre of Iceland.



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

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 Original title: Am Tag, bevor der Frühling kam

ELLA CORNELSEN

The Last Day of Winter

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 19, 2024

It's a day when everything changes: a warm-hearted novel about family, relationships and the knowledge that it's never too late for a new start

Ellinor has always yearned for success. Career, marriage, a child, she had it all; but even as she was still adapting to her new life, her marriage fell apart. Her neighbour Els' kitchen has become a refuge for Ellinor and her son – until today, on the cusp of spring, when everything is suddenly turned upside down: death enters Ellinor's life, and when an old flame shows up unexpectedly, she faces a difficult choice. Is she too old for true love?
 For readers of Ewald Arenz.

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Ella Cornelsen, born in 1958, grew up in a large family and studied in Tübingen. She has a grown-up son and lives in Stuttgart, where she also works as a cultural ambassador. Ever since she was little she has loved writing, drawing, singing and playing instruments. She enjoys being out and about in nature, and loves old trees, wide vistas, tropical rainforests and colourful birds. "The Last Day of Winter" is her second novel for Limes Verlag.



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

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 Original title: Unter Wasser ist es still

JULIA DIBBERN

The Silence Below the Surface

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 24, 2024

A novel about arriving and letting go

After nearly twenty years away, Maira returns to her childhood town on the Baltic coast. She has only one thing in mind: clear her parents' house, which has stood empty since her mother's death, and sell it as quickly as possible to a developer. Bit by bit, Maira gets the house ready for demolition. Inevitably, memories come flooding back – hanging out at the seaside with her best friends, magical encounters with nature, her mother's terminal illness and death. And an old question rears its head: what really happened during Maira's last few days on the Darss peninsula?

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Julia Dibbern, born in 1971, has loved nature and the sea ever since she was little. After studying architecture and journalism, she spent several years writing non-fiction books and ran an adult education college. Her books have been translated into several languages. She lives on the coast near Hamburg with her family and an ever-changing number of animals. "The Silence Below the Surface" is her first novel for Limes.



**Fiction, Contemporary
Fiction, Fiction, Thriller &
Crime**

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: Kaiserwald

ANJA JONULEIT

Kaiserwald

THE KAISERWALD DUOLOGY (VOL. 1)

Date of publication: February 28, 2024

A gripping novel about a young woman's search for the truth behind her mother's death that leads her deep into the sinister circles of right-wing nationalists

'Your mother has disappeared.' That's all he said, while a series of emotions crossed his face: disbelief, shock, and finally that fear. That's what I remember most: the fear, which now haunted the world like a genie released from its bottle. St John's Eve, 1997: 15-year-old Alise is found unconscious on the shores of Lake Kisezers in Riga.

Easter 1998: Rebecca Maywald, a teacher at the German School in Riga, disappears without a trace. She leaves behind an 8-year-old daughter, who is convinced she'll find her mother again some day. The years that follow are years of uncertainty – and then an anonymous letter changes everything.

Berlin, 2023: Ex-mountain trooper Mathilda intentionally crashes her car in order to meet Falk von Prokhoff, scion of a distinguished diplomatic family. Mathilda desperately wants to break into their inner circle – but her motives are as yet unclear. Little does she suspect that she'll end up falling in love with Falk... and so begins a dangerous game of false identities, unsolved crimes and nefarious far-right political schemes...

For readers of Donna Tartt, Alena Schröder and Trude Teige.

What connects the characters is gradually revealed in



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increasingly tense, thriller-like fashion.

Ruhr Nachrichten

The tension never eases up, and the characters are well-rounded and brilliantly drawn – including the minor ones, who often turn out to be anything but. A moving, irresistible story.

Wat Löpt

A breathtaking thriller that's so intense, complex and suspenseful that you can hardly put it down.

Kieler Magazin



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Eine gute Ehe

LISA QUENTIN

A Good Marriage

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 24, 2024

Does a woman have to give up on her dreams in order to be a good wife and mother?

Germany, 1960. When Margarete discovers that she's pregnant, she abandons her university studies with a heavy heart and agrees to marry Lenz. She fled Hungary as a child and grew up in poverty, and all she wants is security. But motherhood is overwhelming, and Margarete – now the mother of two girls – feels like a failure every day. When she discovers that Lenz is having an affair, she breaks down. She loves her family – but does that mean she has to sacrifice herself completely?



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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 560 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Das Vermächtnis von Murano

JESSICA AMANKONA

The Murano Legacy

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

Where dreams are made of fire and sand: a moving family saga, as glowing and colourful as the famous Venetian glass creations

Murano, 1893. Orietta Volpato isn't in the least interested in marrying well. She is the rebellious daughter of a Venetian family of glassblowers, and has dreams of taking over the family business one day. Sibilla Veridiani, the influential high-society doyenne, is her idol, and one carnival season Orietta tries everything she can think of to get hold of an invitation to Veridiani's famous – and famously exclusive – masked ball. When her dream is almost within reach, she meets a mysterious stranger during a trip in a gondola who makes her heart beat faster. But then her brothers gamble away the family business, and Orietta is the only one who can save the Volpatos' legacy. If she makes the wrong decision, her life – and more – could break into a thousand pieces.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Original title: Das Haus Kölln.
 Glänzende Zeiten

ELKE BECKER

The Family Kölln - Golden Age

THE FAMILY KÖLLN TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 11, 2024

The women of the famous oatmeal dynasty have been fighting for more than half a century – for their lives, and for happiness

North Germany, 1886: The life of Charlotte Kölln's husband is tragically cut short by an accident at work. There is no time for Charlotte to grieve, though, because the gristmill has to keep grinding, otherwise her family will face ruin. As a woman, Charlotte can neither get credit nor officially run the business, but she doesn't let that stop her. When her eldest son announces that he plans to marry one of the workers, Bertha, Charlotte isn't pleased. She is worried about her family's status, which she wants to preserve at all costs. The two headstrong women must find a way to get along – and in the process realise that they can do anything, so long as they stick together.

This saga is an ode to courageous women.

Mallorca Magazin

I was gripped from the first page. The style is fluent, vivid and packed with emotion.

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Because it constantly kept up the tension, I was never bored,

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and I never knew what exactly would happen next. The characters were all really well described, and I could really picture them.

[meinelesecke](#)

An immersive novel about the birth of a famous brand and the family behind it. A touching, gripping family saga.

[seitentraeumerin.de](#)

The story is utterly fascinating, as well as hugely entertaining, and sometimes even properly suspenseful. Becker really knows how to hold your attention from the start.

[annette-traks.com](#)

The lively writing and convincing characters had me totally gripped. I could really empathise with the characters, especially Bertha, who's a very smart and tough woman.

[susisquerbeet.de](#)

Highly atmospheric and vividly told.

[buecherplaza.de](#)

Loved it.

[Die Niederösterreicherin](#)

The author has woven fact and fiction into a terrific, engrossing saga, and I can't wait to find out what happens next – there are a few loose ends that will probably be resolved in the sequel.

[klusiliest.blogspot.de](#)

A fascinating novel that shows how different life once was.

[schreiblust-leselust.de](#)

I love Becker's writing, and practically devoured the book from first to last. It's really authentic, totally gripping, emotional and vivid.

Mareike Lenz

All the characters are brilliantly portrayed, I felt as if I actually knew them in real life. I love that, because it allows you to get really immersed in the story.

katjas-buecher-und-rezepte.de

She has an easygoing style, and the historical background has been well researched.

herzensangelegenheitbuch.blogspot.com

Becker brilliantly combines reality and fiction into a story that feels very authentic.

sylvias-lesezimmer.de

A brilliant start to a new family saga. It doesn't matter if the story occasionally moves away from the Kölln company's history; Becker has done a lot of in-depth research and evidently knows her onions, and skilfully interweaves the period elements. An exciting tale, which leaves you wanting more.

Radio Mülheim

I like Becker's writing. I've never read her before. I honestly cared about the characters and felt like I knew them, because they're so well written and detailed.

booksofloveblog.wordpress.com

It shows really well what life was like for women back then, and the female characters are so strong and decisive, they

make the story truly dynamic and compelling.

maerchens.buecherwelt



Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Original title: Das Haus Kölln. Große Hoffnung

ELKE BECKER

The Family Kölln - A New Hope

THE FAMILY KÖLLN TRILOGY (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 11, 2024

The sequel to the exciting family saga about the legendary oatmeal dynasty

Northern Germany, 1912. Bertha Kölln's new breakfast oatmeal is a huge success, and her family is working tirelessly to increase production. But then the Great War arrives in the sleepy little town near Hamburg, and the Kölln family, too, is affected. But they refuse to be broken, either by the war or by several accidents that have occurred in the mill. When Bertha's son Peter marries the young bohemian Else Voormann, the couple don't have it easy: Peter doesn't understand confident, decisive Else – and Else for her part doesn't trust her husband, who is spending far too much time with a pretty seamstress. Once again, two very different women must decide: will they fight each other, or stick together?

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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CORINA BOMANN

Moonlight Garden

NOVEL

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Exotic locations, multiple time periods and five strong and very different female characters whose fates are intertwined: an exciting and mysterious journey into the past that finds a wonderful happy ending in the present

Since her husband's death, Lilly's life has been a largely humdrum affair. One day, a stranger enters her little antiques shop and hands her a beautiful violin. He doesn't want to sell it – he claims it belongs to her. Lilly is puzzled, but feels magically drawn to the instrument. What does the rose etched onto the back mean? And what about the sheet music someone has left in the violin case? Gripped, she decides to uncover the violin's secret. Her search takes her and best friend Ellen to London and then Indonesia, where they immerse themselves in a world filled with unfamiliar colours and sounds, with music expert Gabriel Thornton by their side. As Gabriel discovers new clues, he becomes more and more fascinated by the mysterious violin – and by Lilly...



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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 560 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Die Schmetterlingsinsel

CORINA BOMANN

Butterfly Island

A SENSUAL STORY, FULL OF TWISTS AND SECRETS, WHICH TAKES THE READER INTO AN EXCITING AND MYSTERIOUS WORLD WHERE COLONIALISM AND RIGID TRADITIONS PREVAIL, BUT TRUE LOVE CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED.

NOVEL

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Fateful love in Sri Lanka's cinnamon groves

When Diana learns her great aunt has had a stroke, she drops everything and goes to her. On her death bed in Tremayne House, Emmely reveals to Diana that her family is burdened by an old, old secret – and she makes her promise to finally reveal all. Among her aunt's things, Diana finds her first clues: a scented rosewood box and a palm leaf inscribed with mysterious characters. They point the way to the other end of the world – to Sri Lanka. After her husband's recent affair, Diana is more than happy to journey into the unknown. Together with Jonathan Singh, a friend of the family, Diana immerses herself in a stunning and colourful world, and walks in her ancestor's footsteps on a tea plantation. And while feelings as delicate as butterfly wings slowly unfurl in her heart, she gets closer to discovering



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her family's shocking secret...



Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Träume von Glanz und Glück

ANNETTE FABIANI

The Ritz Hotel: Dreaming of Glamour and Happiness

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 20, 2024


Glamour, love, fateful events: the Ritz is a very special place – for both staff and guests...

Venetia Grey, the director's secretary, is the beating heart of the Ritz Hotel in London. She has seen kings, actors, politicians and princesses come and go. She has witnessed back-room business deals and political conspiracies. What no one knows is that Venetia has a secret: she has an illegitimate daughter, the result of a love affair with Bertie, Viscount Ainsdale. During the First World War, she becomes friends with Eva, who is living in the hotel while her husband's in the army. Little does Venetia know that Eva is Bertie's wife – until she bumps into Bertie on one of his visits to the Ritz. Soon, their passion is rekindled...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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MARIO GIORDANO

The Carbonaro Women

THE TERRA DI SICILIA SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Bruna)

A German-Italian family epic by the bestselling author Mario Giordano: sensuous, colourful, striking

Pina is the daughter of a powerful landowner living in early twentieth-century Sicily. Following a dramatic childhood, she marries the once dirt-poor businessman Barnaba Carbonaro, and defies social convention by secretly becoming the real head of the family.

Anna, a generation younger than Pina, has grown up in a fishing village, and it seems that she's fated to live the same life as all the other women around her. But then she marries Pina's son Nino, and when he proposes to become a fruit wholesaler in Munich, she takes a big step: she follows him with their children and starts a new life in Germany.


Years later, Anna's daughter Maria wins the autonomy her predecessors fought for, by becoming the first woman in the Carbonaro family to set up her own flourishing business.

This hero's quest is a truly, truly immense pleasure. It's entertaining, gripping and literally wonderful.

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Emotional, electric, seductive, heady.

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Giordano knows how to keep rekindling and dialling up the intensity of memory and storytelling over its 500 pages.

NDR Kultur

Gripping.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
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Original title: Der Pakt der Frauen

JULIA KRÖHN

They Made a Pact

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

Two women, two lives – one inspiring story

Vienna, 1976. Young academic Katharina Adler takes her male colleagues' breath away. She confidently wears bright lipstick, and – gosh! – trousers in the lecture theatre. She has also decided to revolutionise how history is studied and taught, and is focusing her research on books written by women, specifically cookbooks. When she comes across a collection of recipes written by her mother Jule, Katharina realises she has to uncover her own family's secrets before she can start changing the world. Together, she and Jule travel to Silesia, where Katharina was born – and learn that there's nothing stronger than women who stick together.

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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.



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: C.

Bertelsmann

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 432 | 12,5x20,0
cm

Original title: Der Himmel,
unter dem wir Kinder waren

MARION LAGODA

The Skies of Our Childhood

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 24, 2024

"All I know is there was hope. We believed in the future, a better future, a more just world. We had something to live for."

Gently undulating hills extending to the horizon, a seemingly infinite sky above...

Clara's 1930s childhood on a small farm in western Germany is little short of idyllic.

Her father is editor at a Communist daily and her mother works for a Jewish bookseller, and even though hers is a family of 'freethinkers' interested in all things cultural, Clara is very much part of the village community. When Hitler comes to power, however, her idyllic childhood ends at a stroke. Her father is arrested; her mother loses her job, and struggles to make ends meet while tirelessly fighting for her husband's release. Meanwhile, Clara notices their neighbours and friends acting differently towards her. Only her godfather Artur is there for her, like a guiding star. But soon he's at risk of being arrested as a member of the Communist Party, and has to leave.

An extraordinarily sensitive and well-observed novel inspired by Lagoda's own family history – the story of a rural Nazi-era childhood, where home and resistance are inextricably linked.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Original title: Das Erbe von Talgrund

REBECCA MARTIN

The Talgrund Legacy

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

Cut off from the outside world, a family faces up to a dark chapter in its history

After the death of Bruno Hofer at the age of 97, his fractured relatives are ordered to the family seat at Talgrund. Everyone is tense, because Bruno recently announced he would be making changes to his will. Then a terrible storm hits the area, and when Maya Dudek arrives she brings with her a flood that'll isolate the family for several days. Who is this young woman, who claims to have been a friend of Bruno's? And where does she get the idea that Talgrund employed forced labour during the Second World War?

With no one to help, the family starts searching for Bruno's will, which seems to have disappeared – and for a chapter in the Hofer history that's been suppressed for decades.

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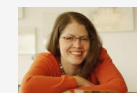
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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 560 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Danzig

HILKE SELLNICK

Danzig: Stormy Days

THE DANZIG SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti), The Netherlands (Xander), Poland (Czarna Owca)

Dark clouds loom on the horizon as brave young Johanna fights for her shipyard and a secret love... the fantastic Danzig saga continues

Johanna is happy. Construction of the new Forster shipyard just outside Danzig is going well, and her husband Berthold and his son from his first marriage, Pawel, are working away enthusiastically on the first ship – launch day is fast approaching. Johanna too is keen to get more involved in the business. Berthold and Pawel have come to appreciate her hands-on approach, but to Johanna's great frustration they still think that she, as a woman, shouldn't have a proper say in the business. And Pawel keeps avoiding her – because he can't get what happened during the warehouse fire out of his mind...

On top of all that, there's a man who hates seeing Johanna so successful: her brother. Theodor schemes against her whenever he can, and does his best to scupper both her life and the shipyard. When the launching ceremony ends in mayhem, the Forster yard's reputation is at stake – and Johanna's marriage, too, is sorely tested...



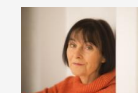
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Fiction, Women's Fiction

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HEIKE ABIDI, URSI BREIDENBACH

We'll Always Be Friends

THE PERFECT PRESENT FOR YOUR BFF – OR YOURSELF!
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

Two friends, a holiday home among colourful tulip fields, creamy dunes, and the certainty that you can always rely on your best friend

Eva and Judith have been best friends since childhood. And even if life has taken them in different directions, their annual weekend away is non-negotiable. Judith, especially, is looking forward to an exciting city break – things aren't going too well in her marriage, and she feels like she's being consumed by everyday life... But Eva has booked a holiday cottage on the Dutch coast, far away from culture and excitement. At first, Judith is a bit disappointed. But then she falls in love with the stunning dunes, the endless, calming sea and the colourful tulip fields. The usually so restless Eva, too, seems to have changed. Is she keeping a secret from Judith? How honest have the friends been with each other over the years? As old issues are dug up again, the question is: will their friendship survive?

A fantastic story of friendship.

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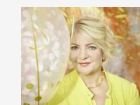
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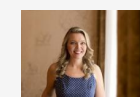


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Fiction, Women's Fiction

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 Original title: Träume in Wildberry Bay

MIRIAM COVI

Wildberry Bay Dreams

THE WILDBERRY BAY DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 11, 2024

Where wild berries grow and the waves tell stories – welcome to the bay of your dreams!

On her wedding day, Florentine Schiller catches her fiancé Jay in bed with his best man. Distraught, she flees to Wildberry Bay with Jay's brother Raven, to recover from the shock. This is the place where she and the two brothers used to spend their childhood summers, until one fateful day which tore their families apart. As Florentine (with Raven's help) gradually finds peace in the cosy little fishing village, she realises that she and Jay were never really more than best friends. And she starts wondering: why did she never notice how much she meant to Raven? Does he still feel the same way about her? But Raven is already in a relationship... Does their love stand a chance?

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 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 544 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Herzklopfen in Wildberry Bay

MIRIAM COVI

Butterflies in Wildberry Bay

THE WILDBERRY BAY DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

Love among the waves

Twenty years after the traumatic loss of her mother in a plane crash, Helena Stern finally returns to the site of the accident near Wildberry Bay, a picturesque fishing village on Canada's east coast. While visiting the memorial, Helena loses her footing during a storm and falls into the sea. A stranger saves her life. The chemistry between them is instant. And then they realise that they've known each other for far longer than they realised. But why is Luke suddenly acting so weirdly towards Helena? What she doesn't know is that he has a secret that could destroy her blossoming love for him...

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IRENE DIWIAK

The Last Ever Empress

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 24, 2024

If you think you're an empress, you are

Claudia Hendl isn't exactly happy. She isn't particularly imaginative either. One day, an egotistical old lady enters her inn. The lady's name is Johanna Fialla, and once she's decided that she can trust Claudia, Johanna reveals her unbelievable secret: she is the granddaughter of Austria's Crown Prince Rudolf. She claims that Rudolf never did shoot himself, as history records, but only went underground and started a new family under an assumed name. And his son from that marriage was Johanna's father. Bit by bit, she tells Claudia her life story, and Claudia, who has never harboured ambitions to be an author, starts writing it down. As she listens, she discovers – well, perhaps not historical facts, but that a little imagination really makes life worth living.

"The Last Ever Empress" sparkles with wit, satire and imagination. With much affectionate irony, Diwiak gifts her protagonist an unforgettable swan song.

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 432 | 12,5x20,0 cm
 Original title: Der längste Sommer ihres Lebens

AMELIE FRIED

The Longest Summer of Her Life

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

If you give up, you've already lost

Hard-working businesswoman Claudia is about to realise her dream of becoming mayor of her home town. But suddenly, her 18-year-old daughter Anouk shows up among a group of radical ecological activists and is arrested. The police even search Claudia's house. The media is loving every moment of it. Claudia's candidacy is at risk, the reputation of her car dealership – which has been in her family for three generations – is badly damaged, and the customers are staying away. It doesn't help that her mother Marianne, the company's secret de facto boss, is busy undermining her, and that her husband Martin, instead of showing his support, has become an unpredictable opponent. Claudia's entire existence is at stake – and as it turns out, so is her daughter's life. Can Claudia save her?

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Because of You I Want to Stay

NADINE KERGER

I'll Stay for You

THE BECAUSE OF YOU SERIES (VOL.1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024


A summer job on Martha's Vineyard turns out to be even more exciting than expected for marine biologist Josie

Josie impulsively takes on a summer job on the picturesque island of Martha's Vineyard, with her best friend Liv in tow. When She meets Blake the very first evening on the island, she's irresistibly attracted to his ocean-blue eyes. But the next morning she discovers that he's one of the Sullivan brothers, scions of an old-established local family – and therefore her new boss at the yacht club. Josie and Blake do their best to keep things professional, but find it increasingly hard to ignore the chemistry between them. Does their love stand a chance, though – given that, in the coming autumn, Josie's off to Greenland on a research trip?

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 368 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title:

Strandversprechen

SVENJA LASSEN

Promises on the Beach

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

Whatever you long for, the sea can grant – even love

It's wedding time! Mia's best friend Hanna is getting married, and planning a week-long celebration on the Baltic Sea. It should be a happy event, but Mia knows it'll be a catastrophe: her ex Julius will be attending with his new girlfriend. Being around them is the last thing she wants. To top it all, Hanna asks Mia to give her brother, Jonas, a lift to the coast. Which means she'll have to spend the long drive talking to the bloke who always acted like an idiot when they were at school together. But there's nothing Mia won't do for her best friend – and she has to admit that Jonas is still utterly gorgeous...

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 320 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Ein Tanz für zwei

KATHRYN TAYLOR

It Takes Two

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

A glamorous ball under a starry sky

Costumier Lucy Evans has always dreamt of going to a Regency-style ball – so she's over the moon when Penelope Rowe, owner of a stately home in Cornwall, asks her to sew the costumes for just such a ball at Penrose House. Lucy gets to work right away, and can already see herself floating across the dancefloor... in the arms of the man she's crazy about: Penelope's son James. But then it turns out that James is determined to stop the ball from happening. When Lucy discovers why, she decides to fight for him. Will she dance her way into happiness in James's arms?

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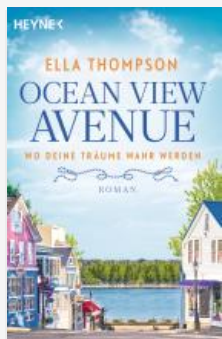
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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 496 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Ocean View Avenue – Wo deine Träume wahr werden

ELLA THOMPSON

Ocean View Avenue - Where Your Dreams Come True

THE OCEAN VIEW AVENUE SERIES (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: February 14, 2024


Welcome to Ocean View Avenue – where love is at home

Harper McNally would do anything for her family... Ten years ago, she and her sister Brooke fled their abusive parents' home in Kansas. Since then, they've been raising Brooke's daughter Reeva in the safety of Jamestown, a small town in Rhode Island. In this cosy little island community, among the colourful houses along Ocean View Avenue, Harper is finally settling down. If only there wasn't dishy chef Blake Marshall, making her heart beat faster – while he doesn't even seem to realise she exists. But then, out of the blue, he invites her to spend the weekend at his family's ranch. Little does Harper know that Blake has sworn never to trust women ever again.

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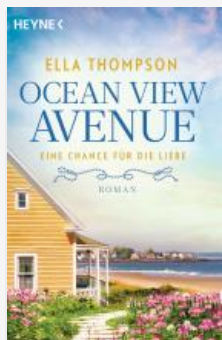
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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 464 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Ocean View Avenue – Eine Chance für die Liebe

ELLA THOMPSON

Ocean View Avenue - A Chance at Love

THE OCEAN VIEW AVENUE SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: May 15, 2024


Are you ready to open your heart to love?

Brooke McNally has taken over a carpenter's workshop just around the corner from Ocean View Avenue, where you can watch the sun set over the Atlantic Ocean. While she tries to reconcile her new job with raising her daughter Reeva, she meets web designer Owen. He has moved to Jamestown following his wife's death, hoping to make a fresh start with his young son. While the two kids become friends, freedom-loving Brooke tests Owen's patience every time they meet. But as everyone knows, opposites attract...

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Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
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Pages & Size: 496 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Die Liebenden von Islay

CONSTANZE WILKEN

The Lovers of Islay

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 19, 2024


If you start digging up the past, you'll expose some dangerous secrets

A stroke of fate has changed Shona MacLean's life overnight: her sister Freya, a single mother making her living running a B & B on the Isle of Islay, has had a serious accident. Shona drops everything and travels to Islay to look after the B & B and her niece, Erin. One day, Erin shows Shona a brooch she's picked up while out walking. It's clearly a piece of Viking jewellery. Together, the two set out to uncover its history, accompanied by Gavin Ramsay, the exceedingly nice owner of a small distillery. Shona and Gavin soon grow closer. But thanks to their investigation, they also make a few enemies – they're obviously getting too close to some very dangerous secrets...

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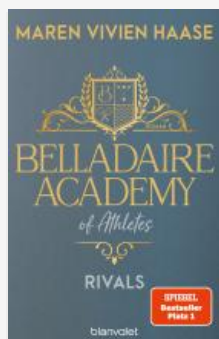
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Belladaire Sports Academy of Athletes - Rivals

THE BELLADAIRE TRILOGY (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: January 17, 2024

Lova & Luis: when rivalry turns into love...

When Lova Sandberg hears that Luis Fernández is also joining Belladaire Academy, she almost packs her bags and turns her back on the South of France. She and Luis once shared a passion for more than just tennis – but their relationship came to a bad end. Ever since, Lova has sworn never to mix love and sports again. When an opportunity comes up to join the academy's elite squad, she's over the moon. The only trouble is that Luis has also been shortlisted, and he won't give up his place without a fight. 'May the better player win' – isn't that what they say? But what if old feelings start interfering with their rivalry?

Fiction, New Adult

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Belladaire Sports Academy of Athletes - Misfits

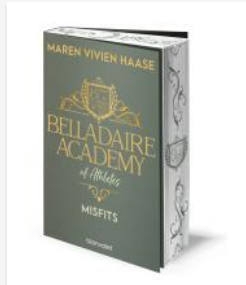
THE BELLADAIRE TRILOGY (VOL. 3)
NOVEL

Date of publication: April 17, 2024

Delphine & Covey: when secrets turn into hope...

Delphine Fleury has always been brilliant at gymnastics. But no one knows about the sacrifices she has made to become so strong and graceful. They don't know it's all a façade, and that she can't stand looking at herself in the mirror.

Covey Jenkins has loved acting for as long as he can remember, and has come to Belladaire Academy for a few weeks to train for a role in a sports biopic. He needs to perfect his stunts – and Delphine is assigned to help him. Soon, Covey realises that Delphine is the one who needs help. But if she is to escape her dark secret, Covey first has to win the cool beauty's trust...



Fiction, New Adult

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Pages & Size: 608 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: Pretty Scandalous - Heißer als Rache

TAMI FISCHER

Pretty Scandalous - Hotter than Revenge

THE MANHATTAN ELITE TRILOGY (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 13, 2024

English sample translation available

Nothing is hotter than revenge – other than perhaps Manhattan's richest bad boy...

When Sarah's twin sister returns after a year of radio silence covered in bruises, Sarah's world falls apart. Payton had always dreamt of studying architecture, but her wealthy new friends at Columbia University have broken her.irate, Sarah decides to pretend to be Payton and take revenge on those spoilt high-society kids. But the moment she arrives in New York, scandals and secrets start piling up. And then Sarah runs into handsome Monroe – whose smile threatens more than her plans for revenge...

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Pretty Savage - Sweeter than Betrayal

THE MANHATTAN ELITE TRILOGY (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 576 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Pretty Savage - Süßer als Verrat

Nothing is sweeter than betrayal – unless it breaks you too...

After everything Sarah's experienced in New York, she doesn't know who to believe anymore. She can't even trust Monroe, or her twin sister Payton. To top it all, she's starting to see her neighbour Holden as more than just a friend. In order not to endanger her plans for revenge, she decides to carry on playing the high-society clique's unscrupulous games. Little does she know that someone's hot on her trail, threatening to reveal her true identity – and worse...

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Fiction, New Adult

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Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Dark Elite – Regrets

JULIA HAUSBURG

Dark Elite - Regrets

THE DARK ELITE SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 14, 2024

Rights sold to: Poland (Foksal)

How far would you go to find out the truth?

Introverted Lucia hopes that taking part in Corvina Castle's climbing course will force her out of her comfort zone. Unfortunately, her ex-boyfriend Ben is also there, and Lucia isn't happy at all when she discovers that there's still chemistry between them. The problem is that Ben is a member of the Fortuna Society, who Lucia suspects of being involved in her roommate's death. Can he help her find out what really happened? Can they ever get a second chance at love, if both future and past stand between them? Lucia and Ben face the ultimate decision: will they choose their ambitions – or each other?

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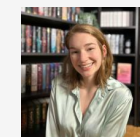
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Fiction, New Adult

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Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Dark Elite – Redemption

JULIA HAUSBURG

Dark Elite - Redemption

THE DARK ELITE SERIES (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

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When your true love has a secret that could destroy everything

Simona's life is thrown into chaos when a video of her goes viral: it shows her, the daughter of a noble Swiss family, arguing with fellow student Sara shortly before Sara dies in an accident. Rumours start spreading, and when Simona encounters Sara's dishy childhood friend Emil, he at first accuses her of being involved. As they join the preparations for the summer solstice, the pair grow closer – but Emil has a secret that could totally destroy not only their trust in each other, but Simona's growing feelings for him. And then there's the added challenge of the Fortuna Society, which will ultimately decide Simona's future...

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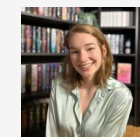
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Fiction, New Adult

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 Feeling it all

AYLA DADE

Blackwell Palace: Feeling It All

THE BLACKWELL PALACE SERIES (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 07, 2024

When it's cold outside, things hot up in Blackwell Palace: the breathtaking finale of the bestselling Blackwell Palace series


Blair loves being around the rich and famous. Working in the glamorous Blackwell Palace Casino, she knows every rumour and every scandal involving high society. She would give anything to be one of the elite, instead of handing over people's winnings at the roulette table. When a new dating show is created, where ten young women will fight it out for a mysterious rich heir, she gives in to temptation and applies. But when she learns that one of the two dishy Blackwell brothers is the prize, she regrets her hasty decision. She has known for a while that, with his charm and wit, he's merely hiding a darkness in his heart. Yet Blair has no choice but to get closer to him in front of the cameras. Will she stake everything to realise her dream – or protect her heart before it's too late?

If you want a gripping story and an irresistible setting, read Blackwell Palace!

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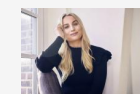
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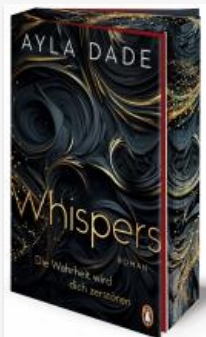
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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 528 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: WHISPERS. Die Wahrheit wird dich zerstören

AYLA DADE

Whispers - The Truth Will Destroy You

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 26, 2024

English sample translation available

Four elite students, four deadly secrets and a dangerous game: they can trust no one – but will they get too close to each other for their own good? – Spicy thrills and high-society vibes from this bestselling author

Harvard University: instead of being conscientious, hard-working students, members of the elite fraternity Alpha Phi Omega have wild parties and set each other high-risk dares. Everyone wants to be part of the hype, and film their challenge live for the Whispers app: Noktura. But what starts as a game spins out of control when Willow, Benedict, Deepika and Jacob find Henry's body during a team challenge at Langdell Hall. They are shocked – but relieved too: all four have a guilty secret that's somehow linked to Henry.

Meanwhile, mysterious Noktura has her eyes and ears everywhere, and sends them an anonymous message saying that she knows that one of them is Henry's killer. If they want her to keep quiet about their secrets they'll have to be good kids and keep playing this pitch-black game. The four students have no other choice. As the challenges get more and more dangerous, they are driven to the brink of madness – and into each other's arms. Are their all-consuming feelings for each other are real, or just a vile attempt to discover their secrets?



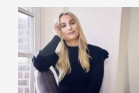
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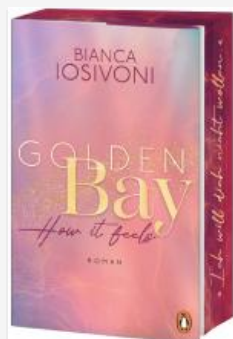
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Ayla Dade spends every spare minute she has writing stories. The popular book blogger fills the pages of her New Adult novels with deep emotions and magical settings. Her readers adore her books. Her Winter Dreams series was a phenomenal success, with each instalment spending weeks in the bestseller lists, and the first book in her eagerly anticipated new Blackwell Palace series – which takes readers to the luxurious palace hotel in snowy St Moritz, a place of glamour, intrigue and a firework display of emotions – went straight to no. 3. Her latest novel, "Whispers", not only spices things up, but there's more at stake – with risky online dares and plenty of intrigue at an elite college, as she takes her readers on a thrilling, pulse-quickening ride.



Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Golden Bay – How it feels

BIANCA IOSIVONI

Golden Bay - How It Feels

THE GOLDEN BAY TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 28, 2024


Book 1 – Ember's Story: Sweet memories, hot tears, and the fateful night she lost everything...

Ember has promised herself two things: she'll never fall in love again, and she'll never again think about what happened five years ago. But when she returns to her home town on the Canadian island of Golden Bay, she's overwhelmed by memories of long days at the beach and watching shooting stars with Holden – the man who broke her heart.

When Ember bumps into Holden at a wedding, all the old feelings come flooding back. She's also angry and disappointed, and determined to never allow anyone to hurt her again the way Holden did, that night they planned to run away – and he broke her heart instead. But along with the old feelings, a new, dangerously intense attraction flares up between them. An attraction that Ember must under no circumstances submit to, if she doesn't want to lose everything a second time...

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Fiction, New Adult

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Original title: Golden Bay – How it hurts

BIANCA IOSIVONI

Golden Bay - How It Hurts

THE GOLDEN BAY TRILOGY (VOL. 2)

NOVEL


Date of publication: May 22, 2024

Book 2 - Holden's Story: Sweet memories, hot tears, and the fear that he has lost the love of his life for ever...

By returning to Golden Bay, Holden has once again thrown Ember's feelings into turmoil. It kills him to see her suffer, but he can't give her what she so desperately wants – the truth about that night five years ago, when everything changed between them. Instead, he wants to be the good friend she needs to much right now. But it's hard to concentrate with her so close, and every time they touch it drives him crazy... Yet Holden has to fight not only his feelings for Ember, but his own dark past: shady characters, lies and secrets once again threaten to drag him down – and he knows that as long as Ember is by his side, she'll always be in danger.

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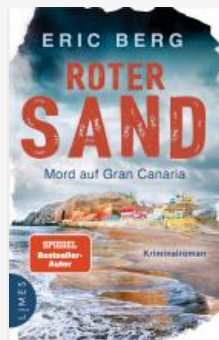
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Limes
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Roter Sand - Mord auf Gran Canaria

ERIC BERG

Red Sand - Murder on Gran Canaria

THE RED SAND SERIES (VOL. 1)

CRIME

Date of publication: February 28, 2024

There is evil under Gran Canaria's sun: welcome to the first in a new series featuring Fabio Lozano, the smartest detective on the island

Fabio 'Flaco' Lozano was once the youngest and most successful DCI (Detective Chief Inspector) on Gran Canaria. But then he was bullied out of his job by a totally unfounded allegation of corruption. So now he works as a security guard for the eccentric owner of a luxury hotel in Meloneras.

When Flaco literally stumbles across a dead body – with a bloody pitchfork sticking out of his chest – on the hotel's beach, his boss is pretty cross. Unlike his ex-colleagues at the police: Flaco and the victim have history, which makes him the prime suspect. If Flaco wants to save his skin, he has no other option but to investigate the case himself and find the true killer. His search takes him all over the island, and his life is threatened more than once...

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Provenzalische Flut

SOPHIE BONNET

Provençal Tides

A CASE FOR PIERRE DURAND (VOL. 10)

Date of publication: May 08, 2024

Over 1 million copies of the "Pierre Durand" series sold!

It's May in the South of France. Pierre Durand and Charlotte are enjoying their honeymoon on the broad sandy beaches of the Côte Varoise. But one morning, Pierre discovers a dead diver – and the idyll is broken. The local police think he's died from a gas embolism, but the emergency physician thinks otherwise. Pierre doesn't want to upset Charlotte by letting work interfere with their holiday, so he tries to ignore his suspicions. But then the doctor disappears without a trace, and Pierre feels compelled to investigate. He discovers that there's been a series of other strange incidents, all apparently related to the construction of a new water pipeline. The honeymoon seems to be well and truly over – until Pierre receives help from an unlikely source...

The reason Bonnet's crime novels are so popular is that they have plenty of everything: suspense, romance, atmosphere and delicious food.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 544 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Vermisst - Der Fall Anna

CHRISTINE BRAND

The Missing: Anna

CRIME

Date of publication: April 24, 2024


A charismatic investigator takes on the shocking unsolved case of a young mother who disappeared on her young son's birthday – and she isn't the only one

When DSI Malou Löwenberg meets Dario, she's gripped by his story: on his fifth birthday, his mother vanished without a trace, and despite all evidence to the contrary he is convinced she's still alive. Reminded of her own history – she is herself an orphan – Malou takes on the case. Soon, she discovers a long list of similar cases: like Dario's mother, all of them disappeared on their children's fifth birthday, and the children keep receiving mysterious birthday cards...

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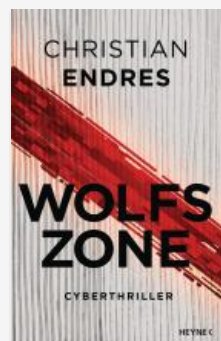
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**Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction, Fiction, Thriller &
Crime**

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 512 | 12,5x20,0
cm
Original title: Wolfszone

CHRISTIAN ENDRES

Wolf Zone

THRILLER

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

**A young woman vanishes in a forest where a pack of
AI-infected wolves is on the loose...**

Germany, in a few years' time. Average temperatures have topped 40°C, and the country is paralysed. Detective Joe Denzinger is tasked with searching for a wealthy heiress last seen in Brandenburg's half-dead forest – that is, precisely where the German Army has just deployed its troops and artillery, ready to battle a pack of AI-infected wolves. These mutant beasts seem unstoppable, and war is imminent. Among these soldiers, monsters and pro-wolf demonstrators, Joe has to find a girl. And so a hunt begins, and its outcome is anything but certain...

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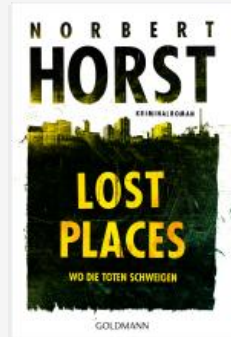
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Lost Places

NORBERT HORST

Lost Places

WHERE THE DEAD DON'T SPEAK
CRIME

Date of publication: June 19, 2024

Abandoned places, forgotten names – and a terrible mistake

In the woods near Essen, a ragged vagrant lies dead in his tent. In a smart apartment block in Essen's city centre, an old lady is found dead in her flat. In an empty, derelict hospital in Bochum, three corpses are discovered behind a freshly plastered wall – one of them already a skeleton. District attorney Camilla Lopez and Detective Chief Inspector Deniz Müller only realise that the three cases are linked when they get a tip from their friend, journalist Alexander Rahn. While the three of them investigate, the killers are already lining up their next victim ...


Horst is not just one of Germany's best crime writers, but an actual expert in solving real-life crimes.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Tod auf dem Opernball

BEATE MAXIAN

Death at the Opera Ball

THE SARAH PAULI SERIES (VOL. 14)

Date of publication: April 17, 2024


Mysterious deaths, puzzling messages, and Vienna high society's shady secrets

The whole of Vienna has caught opera-ball fever. Even journalist Sarah Pauli is on duty at the Wiener Boten newspaper's glamorous ball. But the party is suddenly cut short when celebrated actor Nina Seidling collapses in front of live cameras and is pronounced dead. Everyone's in shock. Sarah has a sneaky suspicion that the star's death might be connected to an ominous message received by the Wiener Boten's editors recently. A few days later, another mysterious message arrives – but before Sarah can decipher it, a new victim is found...

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Die Sehenden und die Toten

SIA PIONTEK

The Seeing and the Dead

CRIME

Date of publication: May 15, 2024

You once left the past behind – but now it's back...


Ex-murder squad detective Carla Seidel has transferred from Hamburg to the idyllic Wendland region in eastern Germany. She has moved into an old timber-frame house, and is hoping to make a fresh start with her highly sensitive daughter Lana. But then 18-year-old Justus is found dead, his eyes gruesomely replaced by mirror shards. Carla takes on the case, and soon has a worrying feeling that no one, not even his parents, really knew Justus.

When Lana discovers that one of the girls in her class has a tattoo the same shape as a scar on the dead boy's thigh, things start happening thick and fast. Carla realises that the past is relentless – and will always catch up with you...

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Romeos Tod

SABINE THIESLER

Romeo's Death

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 17, 2024

A brilliant actor meets a mysterious woman – and a fatal love affair begins

Gifted actor Jan Jespik has fallen head over heels for an erotic, passionate woman. Mona has just been released from prison, and has told him her painful story. She hasn't heard anything from her Italian ex-husband for years – he has evidently gone underground in Italy with their children. While Jan's hugely successful play keeps him busy on stage every night, Mona travels to Florence to search for her family. Jan is deeply affected by her story, and finally decides to follow her to Tuscany, to help her get revenge. It'll be the toughest role of his life – and it could end in disaster...

Thiesler dives into the murky depths of the human psyche.

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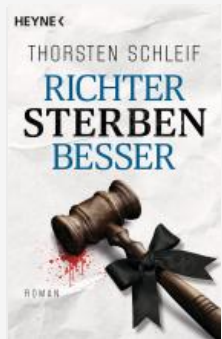
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 240 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Richter sterben besser

THORSTEN SCHLEIF

Judges Die Better

VOL. 3 OF THE BESTSELLING JUDGE SERIES

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

All good murders come in threes

While his fellow judges are driven to despair by a new digital platform, Siggie Buckmann can barely manage a weak smile. Sweet worries! No sooner has he returned from his ex-wife Britta's wedding, than he is nearly run over by a car. Shortly after, a falling flower pot misses his head by a hair. His old friend, Chief Inspector Hiller, thinks it's just a coincidence, but Siggie is convinced someone's after him. It's not like he's short of enemies. And because one more won't make a difference, he quickly devises a plan to foil the killer...

Deliciously funny.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Portugiesischer Pakt

LUIS SELLANO

A Very Portuguese Pact

MURDER IN LISBON (VOL. 9)

Date of publication: April 11, 2024

A mysterious book, a client who's disappeared without a trace, and a deadly secret – a criminally entertaining novel set in one of Europe's most beautiful cities

Henrik Falkner's antique shop in Lisbon's old town is an oasis for lovers of old books and unusual finds. And it desperately needs renovating. So Henrik's lucrative new job couldn't come at a better time: a customer has asked him to acquire books from the estate of the recently deceased Senhor Monteiro. The fee is almost too good to be true. But then evidence emerges to suggest that Senhor Monteiro's death may not have been an accident. When, soon after, Henrik's client vanishes into thin air, it becomes clear that there's more to the story than meets the eye. Henrik starts investigating, and the trail takes him back to the 1970s, a time of political upheaval – and step by step, he begins to uncover a deadly secret.

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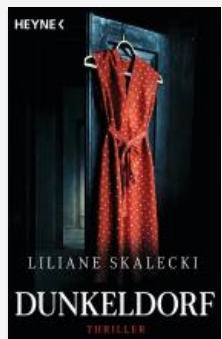
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 11,8x18,7
cm
Original title: Dunkeldorf

LILIANE SKALECKI

Darkfields

THRILLER

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

An idyllic village, a gloomy hot summer and a horrifying secret

A sad occasion brings famous author Niklas Westphal back to his childhood home: his mother has just passed away. No sooner has he entered his old family home than Niklas starts having disturbing dreams. The images seem to be related to the events of a searing hot summer, years ago, at the end of which not only three people died, but a mysterious young woman disappeared. When the young woman's body is discovered, Niklas suspects that his nightmares conceal a grim truth. He starts investigating – but the villagers put up a wall of silence. Only his old schoolfriend Tessa seems willing to help.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Limes
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Das Haus am Gordon Place

KARINA URBACH

The House on Gordon Place

CRIME

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

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A body is found in London's most expensive neighbourhood. Spies are at work in postwar Vienna. And a famous film shoot is used as a cover.

Vienna, 1948. MI6 agent Daphne Parson is working in a surveillance tunnel under the divided city. To get to the Soviet sector without being noticed, she infiltrates a film crew. It's a mission that'll have deadly consequences.

London, 2024. The historian Professor Hunt lives in Daphne Parson's old flat on Gordon Place. When a dead body is found, he embarks on a disturbing journey into the past.

The new novel by the author of the international bestseller "Alice's Book. How the Nazis stole my grandmother's cookbook".

"The House on Gordon Place" is based on true events.

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**Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction**

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 608 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: Zeta

ANDREAS BRANDHORST

Zeta

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 14, 2024

A cosmic object near Saturn, several research missions – and a discovery that'll change the course of history

The thing has appeared from somewhere in the deepest depths of outer space. At first, they think it's an asteroid. But then Zeta starts orbiting Saturn and sending out signals at regular intervals. A research group stationed on Titan, another stationed on Mars and a research vessel from Earth set out to uncover its secrets. No one suspects that Zeta will pose humanity's greatest ever challenge...

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Fiction, Fantasy & Science Fiction

Publishing House: Penhaligon
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Strom - Das dunkle Erwachen

ROBIN HILL

Currents: Dark Awakening

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

As atmospheric as "Dune", as visionary as "Mortal Engines": a stunning fantasy novel on the trending topic of AI

The world in which Fiora grows up is a nightmare of sand and rock under a searing hot sun. Worse, though, is the hate she encounters everywhere – because her origins are shrouded in a dark secret. Fiora has always been in her half-sister Mara's shadow, and is desperate to prove herself. So she asks Master Konstantin, the only scholar in the city, to be her tutor. But the master isn't who he claims to be, and the energy flowing through him is powerful enough to reduce the entire world to ashes. Fiora must find out who she really is – her life, and more, is at stake

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Fiction, Graphic Novels & Cartoons

Publishing House: C. Bertelsmann
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 280 | 21,0x27,0 cm
 Original title: Die sieben Leben des Stefan Heym (Graphic Novel)

GERALD RICHTER, MARIAN KRETSCHMER

C.Bertelsmann

The Seven Lives of Stefan Heym

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Date of publication: March 20, 2024

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The first graphic-novel biography of this waspish twentieth-century celebrity

Even when he was a schoolboy, Stefan Heym, son of a Jewish merchant, already wrote political poetry. The Nazis consequently threw him out of his home town of Chemnitz, and after completing high school in Berlin he fled first to Prague and then the US, where he edited a newspaper and published his first few novels. He joined the US Army's Ritchie Boys, where he fought the Nazis by writing propaganda flyers that were distributed behind enemy lines. During the McCarthy era, he was forced to leave the US. He returned home to East Germany, but was critical of the GDR's regime and excluded from the national authors' association. Until his death in 2001, he never stopped speaking his mind, and he always remained true to his convictions.

An expressively drawn and compellingly written graphic novel, "The Seven Lives of Stefan Heym" tells the story of the life and work of this important German writer – a beacon of moral courage whose life also reflects the twentieth century, with all its highs and lows.

A “picture book” that reveals Heym as a true character, even for readers unfamiliar with his work.

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Gerald Richter, born in 1955, is an architect. He is involved in a group campaigning for peace and tolerance which has won several awards. He is the founder of a school art project, which has seen thousands of children and teenagers create banners for an annual Peace Day, some of which bear quotations by Stefan Heym. In 2021, Richter and Kretschmer were awarded the Stefan Heym Grant for their campaign work.

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Marian Kretschmer, works on art projects with children and teenagers, some of which have involved the writings of Stefan Heym. His paintings have been exhibited in Germany and abroad, and he creates graphic novels and illustrates poems, fairy tales and other writings.