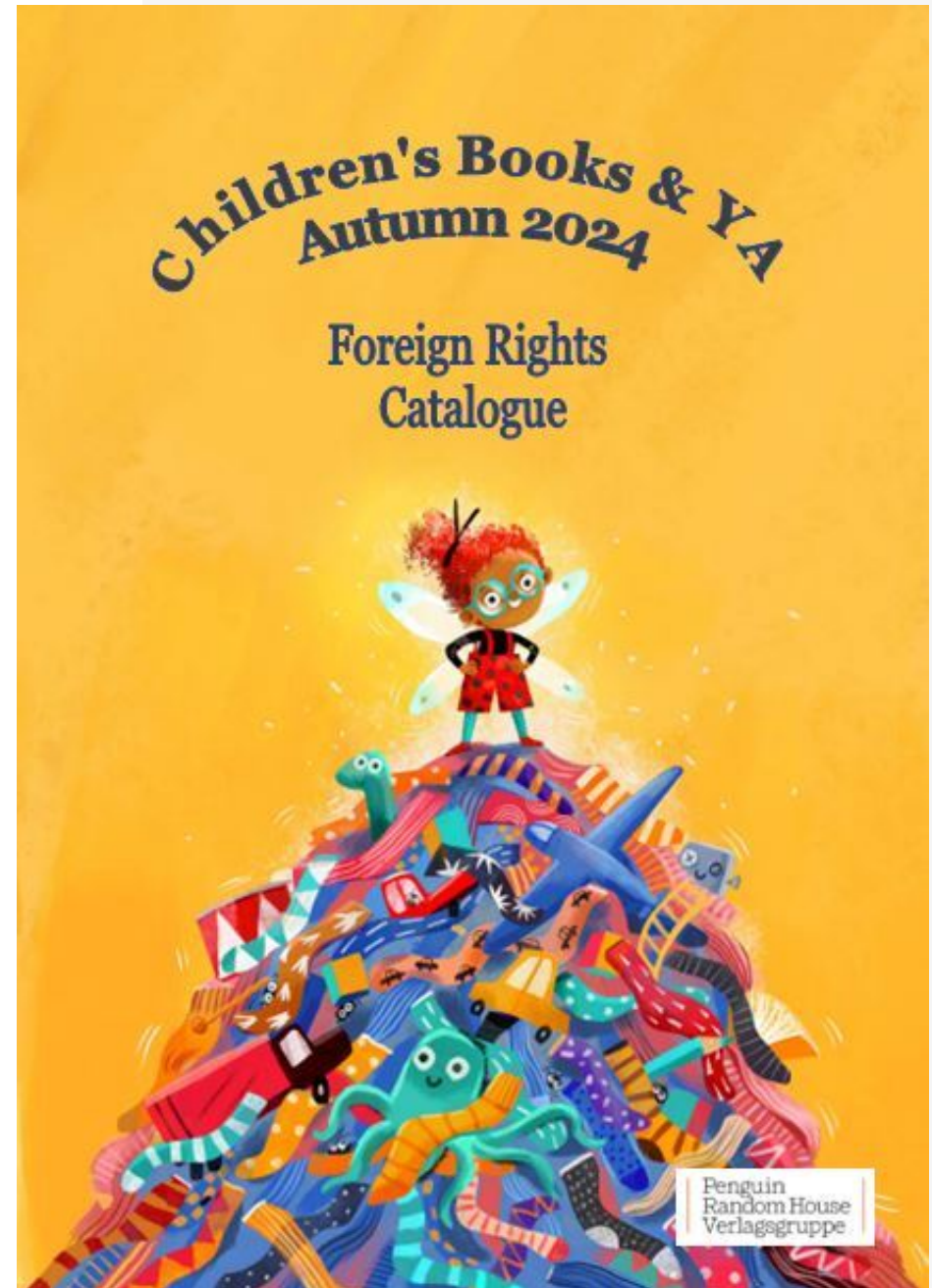


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CHRISTINE KUGLER

Kooky Poops!

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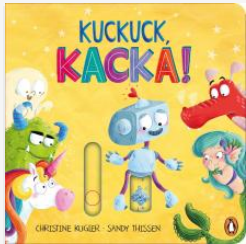
2+

With colour illustrations and slides

How do mythical beasts go to the loo?

Everybody poos, even if you're a dragon, a unicorn, a monster, a ghost, or a mermaid. Although when magical creatures are the ones on the toilet, things take a turn for the kooky. Learn all about it in this picture book packed with joyful rhymes and funny slide effects on every spread.

- Cheeky fun: un-squeamishly deals with a very important kids' topic
- All the most popular mythical beasts in one book
- Fantastic rhymes



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sandy Thißen

Pages & Size: 12 | 18,0x18,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Kuckuck, Kacka!



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CHRISTINE KUGLER

Hey, Who's Still Awake? Off to Bed – and Nighty Night!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK WITH SURPRISE FLAPS

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

2+

Lotte the witch can't go to sleep. Her tummy hurts. Frida the vampire isn't tired one bit and wants to play hide and seek for a bit longer. And the little spider is scared of being in the dark woods without a night light. Luckily, ghost boy Theo has lots of great ideas for helping his friends go to sleep. And then he starts yawning too... but who will put the little ghost to bed?

- A snuggly bedtime story with fun rhymes for little night owls
- Little ghosts need their sleep too! An everyday topic with a twist
- A bedtime story that's not just for Halloween

Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Christine Kugler


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

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Huiii, wer ist denn da noch wach? – Ab ins Bett und Gute Nacht!

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ANNETTE LANGEN

I'm Your Planet

BOARD PICTURE BOOK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

2+

Colour illustrations and large flaps

Hello, it's me, Earth!

What can we do to make Earth stay a beautiful and healthy place for all living things? In this book, Earth talks directly to kids, and explains how even the littlest of us can help our planet – instilling an awareness of how big and important Earth is, and how all things on it are interconnected. We're not alone, and together we can make it!

A hopeful book about sustainability and nature conservation for kids

- Your first non-fiction board picture book about how to take care of our planet
- With wonderful, lyrical illustrations by Sandy Lohß



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sandy Lohß

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

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Ich bin deine Erde

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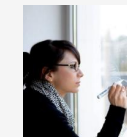


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REGINA SCHWARZ

Sniff, Bark, Pee: My Dogs and Me!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: November 06, 2024

2+

Wonderfully silly rhyming dog tales

Dogs are simply barking! Pugs, collies, schnauzers, dachshunds, poodles – their days are packed with oodles of exciting things! What things, you ask? Well: They sniff and bark, romp and play, steal snacks and have a wee. Dogs are brilliant! A wonderful rhyming board picture book to read and read again – for all kids and dog fans.

- Canine chaos from dawn till dusk: discover what dogs do all day
- Read out loud and have fun with brilliant rhymes and wordplay
- For all dog lovers, young and old – with felt artist Lindsey Thomas's stunning creations



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Lindsey Thomas

Pages & Size: 22 | 19,0x19,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Schnüffeln, bellen, Pipi machen, lauter tolle Hundesachen

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KATJA RICHERT

My Book with Lights & Flaps: Time to Snuggle Up!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

2+

With colour illustrations, flaps and LED lights

Sleep tight and sweet dreams! A cuddly board book with unique play and light effects

It's evening, which means it's time for bed for all animal kids! The little snail is snug as a bug in a rug, the hedgehoglet is curled up in its mossy nest, Mummy Mouse covers her little mouse child with a downy duvet, and Daddy Squirrel strokes the little squirrel's fur until it's fast asleep.

A magical board book with nighttime rhymes and a unique effect for kids: when you cover up the animal kids, the lights go out!

- A unique, extraordinary special effect: the three electric lights go out when the animals are snug in bed
- Adorable rhymes make this the perfect bedtime story
- A story that deals with the important topics of going to sleep and having a good night



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sabine Kraushaar

Pages & Size: 12 | 18,0x18,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Mein

Lichter-Klappen-Buch – Ins Bett gehüpft, unter die Decke geschlüpft



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KATJA RICHERT

My Annoying Dummy

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

2+

Colour illustrations and slides

Goodbye forever, Dummy!

Oskar has finally done it! He no longer needs his dummy. But try telling Dummy that! No matter what Oskar's doing – harvesting carrots, fishing, playing in the sandpit or having a bath – Dummy just can't let go and keeps turning up everywhere. There's only one thing for it: send it off with all the other baby things!

A fun board picture book for a lovely, dummy-free time

- Provides support for kids who need help letting go of their dummies
- A light-hearted approach to a very important childhood moment
- See it from someone else's point of view: Dummy doesn't want to leave Oskar!
- Exciting sliders on each spread



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Inka Vigh

Pages & Size: 12 | 18,0x18,0 cm


Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Schnulli, du nervst!



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My Book with Lights & Flaps: Don't Worry, It'll Be OK!

BOARD PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

2+

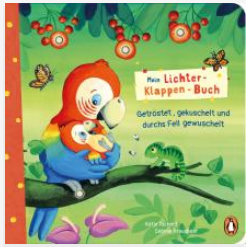
Colour illustrations, flaps and LED lights

Everything will be all right! A sweet board picture book with unique play opportunities and electric lights

Don't worry, little one – it's all going to be just fine! The little parrot has had a bad day, the little monkey is sad because it's raining, something has annoyed the tiger cub, and the little snake has a really sore throat... but all it takes is a good hug, a bit of cuddling, and lots and lots of love to cheer them up. Now they can all go to sleep and have sweet dreams!

A magical board book with comforting rhymes and a unique effect for kids: When you cover up the animal kids, the lights go out!

- Adorable rhymes make this perfect for some one-on-one time
- Deals with the key topics of comforting a child who's upset
- A unique, extraordinary special effect: the three electric lights go out when the little animals are hugged or snuggle up in bed



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sabine Kraushaar

Pages & Size: 12 | 18,0x18,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Mein

Lichter-Klappen-Buch –

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 16 | 16,0x16,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 1+
 Original title: Emil das kleine
 Einschlafschaf bekommt ein
 Geschwisterchen

NICO STERNBAUM

Emil the Sleep Sheep Gets a Sister

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

1+

Colour illustrations throughout

There's excitement in the sheep pen! Emil the little sleep sheep is getting a sister, and he can't wait. But when the lamb arrives, Mum and Dad no longer have much time to play with him... Still, it doesn't take long before Emma is big enough for Emil to show her all his favourite pastures, and when she's scared of the dark he sweetly reassures her. Being a big brother is brilliant!

Sternbaum's magical illustrations and short rhymes make this bedtime story about two siblings a wonderful book for little kids

- The second board picture book featuring Emil the cute sleep sheep wrestling with a key childhood issue: what happens when you get a new sibling
- A heartwarming bedtime story with rhymes that are great fun to read out loud together
- With magical, accessible illustrations – a book to fall in love with!

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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 48 | 21,0x21,0 cm
 Recommended age group: 2+
 Original title: Streichel den Siebenschläfer - Ein Gute-Nacht-Mitmachbuch. Für Kinder ab 2 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

Cuddle the Dormouse: An Interactive Bedtime Story

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

2+

Colour illustrations throughout

It's evening, which means bedtime for the little animal kids! But the dormouse wants one last cuddle, the racoon babies want a goodnight kiss, and the squirrel wants to count sheep before going to sleep. In this book, children ages 2+ can join in and cheerfully head towards sleep: They can pet the book, blow on it, baah like a sheep, or say 'sh!', depending on what the little story requires. A relaxing, engaging story perfect for bedtime.

- The latest instalment in Sternbaum's bestselling interactive series
- A wonderful bedtime story that helps children go to sleep with loving rituals
- What happens when you pet the book? How does the story continue when you close your eyes, yawn heartily or snuggle under the duvet?
- With lots of gentle tactile gestures that help children relax, perfect for all little dreamers

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Children's Books, Picture Books

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Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from:

Christian M. Weiss

Pages & Size: 128 | 15,0x20,0 cm

Illustrations: 12 b/w illustrations

Original title: Mit Kasperle durchs Jahr. Lustige Kasperlstücke ab 2 Jahren

CHRISTA BOEKHOLT

Kaspar in All Seasons

COMIC TALES FOR CHILDREN

Date of publication: September 18, 2024

2+

12 exciting stories for every season and holiday, including Christmas and Easter

b/w illustrations

Twelve funny, chaotic and exciting stories featuring the popular puppet Kaspar guarantee fun all year round! Kaspar and Seppel meet the fairy Snowflake, someone loses an Easter egg, Kaspar and the princess celebrate Christmas, and lots more... Kaspar in All Seasons fosters creativity via playful learning about seasons, festivals and customs, and helps children work out the world around them and learn to differentiate between imagination and reality.

- Explore the seasons with Kaspar and Seppel
- Entertaining stories that help foster the imagination

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Yvonne Sundag
Pages & Size: 26 | 26,0x36,0 cm
Recommended age group: 3+
Original title: Wichtelzauber zum Weihnachtsfest - 24 Adventskalender-Geschichten zum Vorlesen

USCH LUHN

Meet the Christmas Gnomes: 24 Advent Stories for Little Ones

BOARD PICTURE BOOKS WITH REMOVABLE GNOME DOORS AND DECORATIONS

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

3+

With colour illustrations and removable elements

A gnome for Christmas – with 24 stories for children aged 3+, plus a gnome door and decorations

Finally, the 1st of December has arrived, which means it's time for Gnome Milli to move in to the house behind the magic gnome door. Mats can't believe his eyes when he discovers the door in his bedroom: Does this mean that gnomes are actually real? Twenty-four wonderful advent days packed with Christmas surprises and wintry adventures await Milli and Mats. Milli makes herself comfortable in her gnome house, goes on night-time raids through Mats's room, helps Mats clean his boots and plays a prank on his parents. Together, they play music, take care of injured Mrs Chickadee, and become best friends. And before you know it, Christmas is here!

- Gnome Milli moves in behind the gnome door in Mats's room – 24 magical days await with advent surprises and wintry adventures
- Gnome doors are hugely popular! A lovely story which includes crafting ideas and Christmassy recipes
- Loving and witty story with atmospheric illustrations by Yvonne Sundag



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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 40 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Alles Käse!
Picandou feiert Weihnachten

UTE KRAUSE

Cheese Galore! Picandou's Christmas

A "MUSCLETEERS" YULETIDE PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

4+

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Merry Christmas, Picandou!

Picandou is the foodie among the Muscleteers. And as his name suggests, cheese is his favourite! He will do anything to hunt down the perfect specimen, even climb up to the Moon... At the end of the story, he finds his perfect Christmas feast – and learns that even the best cheese in the world only tastes delicious when you share it with friends. Merry Christmas, Picandou!

A magical, beautifully illustrated Christmas picture book for the whole family.

- Christmas with Picandou, the gourmet mouse
- A story from the old days, before Picandou met the rest of the Muscleteers
- Wit, humour and a lot of heart: this book is 100% "Muscleteers" – and 100% Ute Krause
- Krause's stunning drawings are loved by young and old alike

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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Denise Hughes
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Mipsi Moorlicht und das Waldgeheimnis

NINA BLAZON

Whispy the Will-o'-the-Wisp and the Secret of the Woods

THE FIRST PICTURE BOOK BY THIS BESTSELLING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

4+

Big adventure in the autumn woods

Whispy the Will-o'-the-Wisp and her best friend, the hazel dormouse Hoo, live in a little ball-shaped nest in a hawthorn hedge. Whispy would love to dance the nights away with her fellow moorland lights, but she's too shy. One day, a glis glis accidentally knocks down their nest. By way of an apology, he invites them to the Big Glis Glis Hibernation Party. Will they play it safe and stay hidden in the hawthorn hedge? Or will they pluck up the courage to venture into the big, dark woods?

A magical picture book in which two scaredy cats learn to be more daring

- A heartwarming tale about being brave
- With magical illustrations by Denise Hughes
- For fans of Lucy Fleming and Ramona Kaulitzki

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ILLUSTRATOR

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CHRISTIAN SELTMANN

The Most Wonderful Christmas Ever

PICTURE BOOK

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

4+

19 colour illustrations



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Anna Galitskaya

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

Recommended age group: 4+

Illustrations: 19 color illustrations

Original title: Das schönste Weihnachtsfest von allen

Little hedgehog's first Christmas – a very special picture book

Hibernate? Not this year! The little hedgehog is enchanted by the glittering wintry wonderland awaiting him outside his nest. What is it all about? It seems that Mummy Hedgehog was wrong: not everyone sleeps all winter long. In fact, the other animals are all really busy. They're preparing for something very special called 'Christmas'. It sounds wonderful! But how do you celebrate Christmas? The little hedgehog is curious, and sets out to discover everything he can about the most wonderful festival of all...


A wonderful picture book about advent for children – and everyone else who loves Christmas

- A magical story about a little hedgehog celebrating his first Christmas
- Be surprised and enchanted by these magical Christmas rituals
- Ideal for cosy advent reading sessions



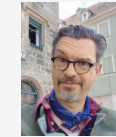
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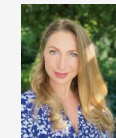


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ILLUSTRATOR

Anna Galitskaya



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Anna Galitskaya is a freelance children's book and puzzle illustrator. She has a degree in philology and business studies, and became a popular illustrator for both German and international publishers. Her colourful, atmospheric illustrations enchant young and old alike with their expressive characters and countless details.



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Irina Avgustinovich
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Original title: Feechen Meier - So ein Durcheinander!

ANKE GIROD

Fairy Smith: What a Mess!

AN ENTERTAINING PICTURE BOOK ABOUT TIDYING YOUR ROOM

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

4+

Fairy alert!

One day, Simon finds a very special visitor in his bedroom: Fairy Smith is as short as a pencil stub and has wings like a dragonfly. Judging by the state of Simon's room, Smith must be the famous tidying fairy Mum's told him so much about! Simon's so embarrassed by all the mess... after all, if you're going to have a fairy over for a visit you want them to be comfy, to make sure they stay a while! So Simon starts tidying up while Smith carefully inspects the room. But it turns out that Smith has a very different reason for being there...


A fun, fairy-based cleaning adventure for kids

- A picture book about tidying your room, with a big dose of fairy humour
- Playful approach to a topic that can cause friction at home
- With illustrations by popular international illustrator Irina Avgustinovich



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ILLUSTRATOR

Irina Avgustinovich



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Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Illustrations: 15 color illustrations
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss – Geheimauftrag Kindergarten

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: Mission Kindergarten

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

4+

Colour illustrations throughout

A very special challenge awaits!

Coconut, Oscar and Matilda are helping to organise a sleepover at the nursery. While the teachers are out getting provisions for the barbecue, a big storm suddenly rises up over Dragon Island. It shows no signs of stopping. The three friends have their hands full trying to calm down the little dragon toddlers and getting them go to sleep. It's a whole new experience for Coconut, Matilda and Oscar!

- A new picture book featuring little dragon Coconut
- Coconut, Matilda and Oscar are looking after a temperamental troop of little dragons
- There's lots to discover in the large-format illustrations

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ANNETTE MOSER

Mumble and Mr. Wide-Awake

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

4+

A picture book about going to sleep

Colour illustrations



Children's Books, Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Olga Strobel

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

Original title: Marmel und das wilde Wach

When Mr. Wide-Awake just won't give up

The marmot kids are all sleeping peacefully in their beds. Except for Mumble. He's wide awake! He would love to go to sleep, but Mr. Wide-Awake, who lives in his tummy, won't let him be. Nothing seems to help: he's tried drinking water, running around, being shouted at... Mr. Wide-Awake just keeps hopping about Mumble's tummy, all excited. But then Mumble's mum has a splendid idea: why don't they say a big thank you to Mr. Wide-Awake? After all, it's wonderful to have him around during the day, when there's so much to do and discover! And that's why Mumble and Mr. Wide-Awake have to rest a bit now, so that they'll have lots of energy for tomorrow. Finally, Mr. Wide-Awake quiets down and lets Mumble go to sleep...

- The perfect bedtime story for overexcited kids
- A gentle bedtime story focusing on a specific children's issue
- The calm and cuddly illustrations by Olga Strobel will help your child relax

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ILLUSTRATOR

Olga Strobel



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Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 80 | 17,0x24,0 cm
 Original title: Tolle Ideen für Schatzsuche und Schnitzeljagd rund um Weltraum, Elfen, Piraten, Sport uvm.

CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES

Fantastic Treasure and Scavenger Hunts

THE SOLUTION TO THE PERENNIAL CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY PROBLEM

Date of publication: September 18, 2024

Colour illustrations throughout

Kids love treasure hunts and scavenger hunts – they're the highlight of any birthday party. Whether the theme is space, pirates, fairies or sports, Sinnwell-Backes has 10 brilliant ideas for the coolest parties. The invitations, crafting ideas and treasure hunts are perfectly matched to each theme, and there are puzzling riddles, secret codes and secret writing for slightly older children too.

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CHRISTINE SINNWELL-BACKES

Arts and Crafts with Animals

25 BRILLIANT CRAFTING IDEAS FOR PLAYFUL LEARNING

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

2+

With colour illustrations throughout



Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 64 | 17,0x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 2+

Original title: Tiere basteln mit den Kleinsten. Für Kinder von 2 bis 6 Jahren

Conjure up a gang of mice on paper with a potato, make a chameleon sun catcher, turn play dough into sparkling fish or wool into a llama – in this crafting book, animals are the stars. Here, little animal lovers ages 2+ learn how to turn simple household materials into a whole zoo. The illustrated step-by-step instructions bring quick results. Alongside 25 crafting projects, they'll also learn fascinating facts about animals.

- 25 crafting ideas from the animal world: craft, play, learn
- Varied projects: potato-stamp mice, play dough fish, colourful salt spiders, dragonfly pipe cleaners, crocodile bottle caps, a bat lantern, a cat handbag, and lots more
- Age-appropriate, with step-by-step photographic instructions
- Includes crafting templates
- For little animal lovers

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NORBERT PAUTNER

I Can Draw 500 Animals

Date of publication: November 20, 2024

8+

Illustrated throughout



Children's Books, Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 176 | 21,0x26,0 cm

Recommended age group: 8+

Original title: Ich kann 500

Tiere zeichnen. Die

Zeichenschule für Kinder ab 8

Jahren

Elephant, goat, blue whale, butterfly – the detailed instructions accompanying these 500 animal motifs create a comprehensive drawing school with quick results. Short, step-by-step instructions show the animal's basic geometric structure, from which the drawing is then created. Great drawing fun for young and old!

- The comprehensive sequel to the bestselling "I Can Draw 1,000 Things"
- Child-friendly: each motif needs no more than 6 steps to be conjured up on paper
- Step-by-step instructions for creating a fascinating animal world, including African elephants, yellow tangs, toucans, hazel dormice, llamas, great green bush crickets, and hundreds more

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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Greta Wagener

Pages & Size: 80 | 17,0x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Illustrations: 40 b/w illustrations

Original title: Loni und Radieschen – Das unglaubliche Zauber-Fahrrad

MILENA BAISCH

Loni and Radish: The Amazing Magic Bicycle

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

4+

With colour illustrations

Adventure stories featuring a magical bicycle

Loni is speechless when she finds a real magic bicycle outside her house! Radish can not only talk, but turn into any animal Loni wants. With Radish, Loni has the best adventures: she rides through the park on a pony, hops around with a frog in the PE lesson, lazes around in the sun with a seal, flies through the air on a dragon, and lots more.


Exciting stories for the little ones

- Very special adventures with an amazing bicycle that can turn into all sorts of animals
- A wonderfully imaginative story by a winner of the German Children's Book Award
- Self-contained stories, perfect for bedtime or in between times
- Joint Penguin Junior / Stiftung Lesen project
- With practical tips for helping your child learn to read



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ILLUSTRATOR

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Greta Wagener grew up in a small village in the middle of the countryside, and even as a kid loved making up stories and illustrating them. Later, she studied illustration in Münster, where she now lives. In her spare time, she enjoys reading biographies, crime and picture books, and loves walking in the meadows and woodlands, crocheting and crafting her stories.



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Sarah Garbers

Pages & Size: 144 | 17,0x24,0 cm

Recommended age group: 4+

Original title: Paula Puderzucker – Weihnachten mit Zimt und Zauber

EVA HIERTEIS

Izzy Icing: Christmas Magic with a Pinch of Cinnamon

A STORY IN 24 CHAPTERS

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

4+

With colour illustrations

An enchanting Christmas tale

Every year, in a little valley in the far North, the elves wake the animals with the delicious scent of magical cinnamon biscuits. Until one day, they discover that the biscuit tin is empty! Little elf Izzy is the only one who knows how to bake them. Though to do so, she needs not only a secret ingredient, but a pair of helping hands – and that pair happens so belong to a real Grumpy McGrumpyface...

This entertaining Yuletide story is sweet as sugar and as charming as Christmas.

Enjoy reading together – a Penguin Junior / Stiftung Lesen project

- Ideal for nursery children, with its imaginative setting, fun characters and biscuit recipe
- With practical tips for reading with your little ones

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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ute Krause
Pages & Size: 192 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Die Musketiere und das Weihnachtswunder

UTE KRAUSE

The Muscleteers and the Christmas Miracle

NEW EDITION WITH 24 CHAPTERS, RECIPES AND CRAFTS

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

6+

Christmas is here! A Muscleteers adventure, now as an 'advent calendar' book

It's nearly Christmas, and Mrs Merry's deli is busy-busy. The Muscleteers are loving it. Then Gruyère spots a little girl who keeps coming to the shop to gaze longingly at Mrs Merry's delicious chocolates but never buys anything. When someone starts stealing stuff from the shop, Margarethe suspects the little girl – but the Muscleteers won't believe it for a minute, and start their own investigations.

Along the way, they stumble into a very big Christmas adventure...

Ute Krause's bestselling children's series is wonderfully heartwarming and opulently illustrated. Friendship, empathy and always being ready to lend a hand – big topics for little heroes!

- The Muscleteers help a little girl celebrate an unforgettable Christmas
- 'A wonderful story, which shows that everyone can be a brave and indispensable Muscleteer in their own way' Tages-Anzeiger (on "The Muscleteers", Book 1)

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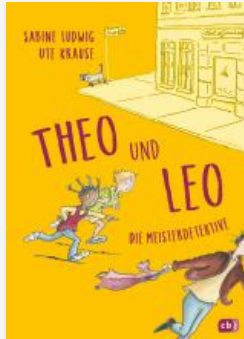
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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ute Krause
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Theo und Leo – Die Meisterdetektive

SABINE LUDWIG

Theo and Leo, Master Detectives

THREE EXCITING STORIES IN ONE, FOR EARLY READERS

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

6+

Watch out for the red herrings!

What on earth is going on with Leo's best friend Flora? For days now, she's nowhere to be seen. Master detective Theo straightaway suspects that her uncle, who's come over from America to visit, has something to do with it. As always, though, Leo is sure that Theo's on the wrong track. Still, the two set out to investigate – and uncover not the uncle, but an entirely different secret...

Three exciting detective stories in one book.

- Exciting stories for junior PIs: Theo and Leo, detectives for all seasons!
- 100% Sabine Ludwig: witty, funny and profound stories featuring uncliché heroes with some rough edges
- Entertaining illustrations by Ute Krause

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Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Stefanie Jeschke
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Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 30 color illustrations
Original title: Wilde Woche – Mittwochs surft der Pinguin

JOHANNA PRINZ

Wild Weeks: Wednesdays are for Surfing

FUN STORIES FOR EARLY READERS

Date of publication: November 06, 2024

6+

With 30 colour illustrations

Wednesdays in Antarctica

Everything is calm on the Antarctic ice. Darwin the Penguin is enjoying the peace and quiet, and going snow-surfing with his mate Ro and the cormorant lady Fred. Until one day, when all hell breaks loose: A few whales have got themselves trapped in the ice and can't find their way back to the ocean. They need help, and they need it quickly! Annoyingly, their only hope is the most irritating bird in Antarctica. The skua Lametta is a show-off, and they all avoid her – ever since she met some humans, she thinks she knows everything about everything. No way do humans have swimming machines that can break the ice! (Or do they?) And so an adventurous expedition across the ice begins.

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

- The hilarious third adventure in the series takes young readers to the South Pole
- Wednesdays are for surfing – but the three humpback whales need help now
- Fast-paced adventure with charming animal characters and lots of wordplay
- Witty illustrations by Stefanie Jeschke
- Packed with info about animals in the Antarctic

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ILLUSTRATOR

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

ANNETTE ROEDER

The Crumplings: Egon and the Shrinking Spell

A SERIES FOR IMPROVING READERS

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

6+

Colour illustrations

Albi's first ever visit to Crump Castle

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

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

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

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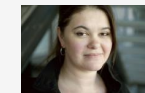


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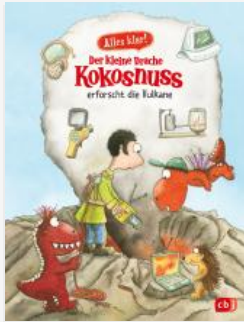
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Children's Books, First Readers, Children's Books, Non-Fiction

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Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Alles klar! Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss erforscht die Vulkane

INGO SIEGNER

Now we Know! Little Dragon Coconut and the Volcano

PACKED WITH INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING PICTURES

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

6+

Colour illustrations throughout

Coconut, Matilda and Oskar explore the world of volcanos

One day, as Coconut, Oscar and Matilda are playing on the beach, they notice that Bundt – Dragon Island’s volcano – is spitting out more ash and bits of rock than usual. Just as well that volcanologist Dottie has come to visit from another planet, because she can explain everything to the three friends. Why do volcanos erupt, and what exactly happens when they do? What’s the difference between magma and lava? Are there volcanos at the bottom of the ocean? The three friends learn lots of fascinating stuff along the way, and here they tell you all about it!

- How can you tell that a volcano is about to erupt? Coconut, Matilda and Oscar explore the volcanos of the world
- Age-appropriate, easy-to-follow information based on the latest research findings
- With fun Coconut illustrations and informative graphics

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– Der Tag, an dem Bo plötzlich
Oma war

JOHANNA VON VOGEL

Oh No, I'm You! – The Day Bo Turned into Grandma (and Everyone Else Acted Weird Too)

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

An entire family swaps bodies – a surefire recipe for chaos!

Bo and the rest of the Kugel family haven't had a good day at all. Every single one of them is thinking: 'If only the others could walk in my shoes for a day, they'd understand that I have it hardest of all.' That night, there's a mysterious glow, and the next morning everything's different: Bo is suddenly Grandma, and the rest of the Kugels have also swapped bodies. So Daddy Mats goes to playschool, Grandpa spends the day as a female police officer serving and protecting the community, and Bo runs Grandma's lethargic friends ragged. It promises to be the craziest day of their lives!

A topsy-turvy "Freaky Friday"-style tale for early readers – and the whole family

- Fun and imaginative
- Packed with cheeky, colourful illustrations on every page
- Endorsed by the Stiftung Lesen reading initiative
- With practical tips for parents and guardians

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Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Erst ich ein Stück, dann du – Stinktier & Co - Weiter, schneller, stinkiger!

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

First Me, Then You: Skunk & Co.: Faster, Higher, Stinkier!

A STORY FOR EARLY READERS

Date of publication: August 21, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

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

Zora isn't in the mood for school sports day. But her talking skunk pal Dieter can't wait! The pair join Zora's friends and their magical animals in all kinds of competitions. Throwing, jumping and running is so much fun – if only Jessica, Lili and their superanimals wouldn't insist on cheating all the time! Zora and her friends decide to do something about it... and already have a plan.

When reading is still difficult for the little ones, many families say: 'Let's read together. I'll do the first bit, you'll do the next. We'll take it in turns.' And so our popular series for beginners, "First Me, Then You", has been conceived especially for reading together.

Reading together can be fun!

- "First Me, Then You" is the real deal
- "Skunk & Co." by popular author Rüdiger Bertram is the latest title to join the series
- Alternate passages for experienced and new readers
- With shorter passages for beginners in easy-to-read script font

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Children's Books, 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: Penguin JUNIOR

– Einfach selbst lesen: SOS für

Tiere – Theos Team im Einsatz

(Lesestufe 2)

KATHRIN LENA ORSO

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: Animal SOS – Team Theo's on the Case

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

6+

With colour illustrations

A talking squirrel, two animal-loving children and a big rescue mission

Help, the dam is about to break! Right in the middle of the national park! Someone needs to warn the unsuspecting woodland animals!

Luckily, Nela and Finn have a very special friend: Theo, a talking squirrel and animal translator. Together, they're called Team Theo, and make it their business to help other animals. Will they get there in time?

An entertaining, suspenseful story for early readers

- Printed in a large, easy-to-read typeface, the story is divided into short chapters with simple sentences
- Witty colour illustrations throughout by Christine Thau
- With playful questions on the text and a fun quiz



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Kathrin Lena Orso spent her childhood in Bavaria, where she made up her first adventures and scribbled her first stories. A few years later, she qualified as a teacher, but she remained true to her passion for writing. In 2018, she became a full-time author and now writes YA novels, stories for early readers, children's songs, picture books and comics.

ILLUSTRATOR

Christine Thau



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Christine Thau grew up near Stuttgart and studied visual communication at the Pforzheim School of Design. She moved to the Netherlands, where she now lives with her family. She has been a freelance illustrator since 2004, working under the name of Légumes Internationales. She adores drawing amusing animals (often with big noses).



Children's Books, First Readers

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Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Barbara Korthues
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen: Der Keine-Langeweile-Klub

BETTINA OBRECHT

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: The Unbored Club

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

6+

Boredom is so last season!


Mia and her friends are bored. They ask to play on her mum's computer, but her mum says, 'Why don't you find a new hobby instead?' The kids go into the garden and start brainstorming. Frisbee? Gardening? Start a band? Do some insect research? They try everything – but the frisbee ends up in the tree, the chips they've planted refuse to grow, the neighbours complain about the noise, and the spiders and beetles aren't playing ball either. But then Mia's neighbour Mr Dibbel comes up with a brilliant idea...

- Four friends looking for a hobby – funny and entertaining
- Printed in a large, easy-to-read typeface, the story is divided into short chapters with simple sentences
- Lively colour illustrations throughout by Barbara Korthues
- With playful questions on the text and a fun quiz



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ILLUSTRATOR

Barbara Korthues



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ANN-KATRIN HEGER

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: The Turbo Tooth-Fairy Adventure

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

6+

With 48 colour illustrations

Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Cathy Ionescu

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

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 48 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR

– Einfach selbst lesen: Das

Turbo-Zahnfee-Abenteuer

(Lesestufe 1)

Learn to read with short sentences and a chaotic tooth-fairy adventure

Tooth fairy Denta is on her first mission: Yuri has lost a tooth, so off she goes on her turbo toothbrush to make his wish come true. But when Denta arrives at Yuri's, she loses one of her own teeth! Now they can both make a wish – and race off on a chaotic adventure on the turbo toothbrush!

An exciting story to help children learn to read

- A great version of the ever-popular fairy story: what happens when the tooth fairy herself loses a tooth?
- Chaotic adventure with an electric toothbrush
- Large print, very short sentences, few and short chapters, and a fun quiz

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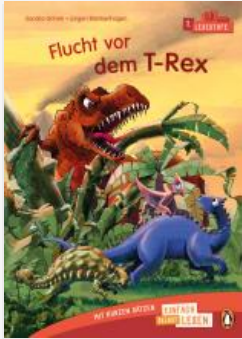
ILLUSTRATOR

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Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Jürgen Blankenhagen

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

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 48 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen: Flucht vor dem T-Rex (Lesestufe 1)

SANDRA GRIMM

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: Watch Out for the T-Rex!

Date of publication: July 31, 2024

6+

48 colour illustrations

Proper friends can do anything!

Dinosaur kids Bronto, Anki and Tera have got lost in a deep gorge. Suddenly, a scary T-Rex attacks them! They escape by the skin of their teeth and head into the water – but danger lurks there too... Will they find their way back home? Of course! Proper friends can do anything!

- Exciting, action-packed dinosaur adventure
- Large print, very short sentences, few and short chapters
- Introduction and a fun quiz about the text
- Every spread is in 4c, with illustrations by Jürgen Blankenhagen



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Sandra Grimm studied pedagogy, then worked as an editor at a children's book publishing house. She has been writing books for both young and older children for many years, and her head is always filled with fun and exciting new stories that are just dying to be told...

ILLUSTRATOR

Jürgen Blankenhagen



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Jürgen Blankenhagen was born in the foothills of the Alps in 1974, and shortly after started drawing his first dinosaurs, robots, and spaceships. A little while later, when he thought he should really grow up a bit, he studied product design, and then created very serious street furniture and exhibition stands in Berlin. Today, he spends his time illustrating children's and YA books and puzzle books.

CHRISTIAN SELTMANN

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: Drago Kadabra – Monster Hunts and Botching Magic

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

6+

How do you use magic to fight monsters? ‘Easy-peasy!’ says Drago, and saves Magic School with his botching magic!

There are monsters on the loose! Once again, one of them has managed to sneak through the gate leading to Otherworld – but instead of hunting the monster down, Drago is made to stay at home. People say he’s too little to be a magician, but Drago’s the only one who knows botching magic! So off he goes to help Dad and sister Laura fight the nasty creature...

An action-packed tale for early readers

- For Drago, anti-monster magic is easy-peasy!
- Large, easy-to-read font ideal for early and improving readers
- Includes a fun appendix with practical magic spells that act as useful mnemonics
- Action-packed 4c illustrations throughout by Folko Streese



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Folko Streese

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

Recommended age group: 6+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR

– Einfach selbst lesen: Drago

Kadabra. Monster-Jagd und

Murks-Magie (Lesestufe 3)



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ILLUSTRATOR

Folko Streese



© Laura Jost

Folko Streese started his artistic career as a graffiti artist in Hamburg’s nocturnal streets. His job as a computer game illustrator eventually took him to Berlin, where he now lives with his family. After his two daughters were born, he started specialising in children’s books and board games. He now combines illustration, exciting stories and a passion for escape rooms in his crime

puzzles for children, and finds inspiration on long woodland walks with his dog Knut.

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT, KAREN CHRISTINE ANGERMAYER

Penguin Junior – Children’s Classics for Early Readers: Little Women

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

7+

With colour illustrations

The timeless story about family, girls and togetherness, adapted for early readers

The four sisters Jo, Beth, Meg and Amy couldn’t be more different: Meg dreams of wearing a lovely dress to the ball, whirlwind Jo wants to be a writer, sympathetic Beth is usually to be found at the piano, and Amy loves drawing and wants to be a great artist. No matter how different they are, though, the four sisters always stick together! They tirelessly help the poor and weak, make friends with their young neighbour Laurie, overcome tough times and always follow their hearts.

Louisa May Alcott’s classic tale retold for younger children

- Large print format, ideal for improving readers as well as beginners
- With colour illustrations throughout, and divided into several short chapters
- The basis of the popular film with Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan and Timothée Chalamet



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Alina Spiekermann

Pages & Size: 88 | 15,5x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 40 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR

– Einfach selbst lesen:

Kinderbuchklassiker – Betty und ihre Schwestern

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Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Her enthusiasm for writing began at an early age, and she sometimes published under a pseudonym (A. M. Barnard). "Little Women", which is based on her own childhood experiences, is one of the most successful books for young people in the English-speaking world. It was translated into 27 languages and brought her worldwide fame. She died in Massachusetts on March 6, 1888.

AUTHOR

Karen Christine Angermayer



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Karen Christine Angermayer qualified as a visual engineer in Cologne, after which she worked in the movie industry before going freelance in 2000. She is now an author and ghostwriter and teaches seminars. She spent eight years heading up her own publishing company. Her children’s, YA and self-help books have appeared with prestigious publishers, and have sold all over the world.

ILLUSTRATOR

Alina Spiekermann



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Alina Spiekermann is a qualified interior designer and created film sets before illustrating her first children's book in 2021. Now, she can't think of anything she'd rather do, and particularly loves drawing pictures of brave children from all walks of life. When she isn't drawing, she does crafts with her daughter, plays cards in the garden with her friends, or renovates her family home.

AMELIE PLAAS-LINK

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: Our Magical Pony Farm – A Riding Contest with Obstacles

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7+

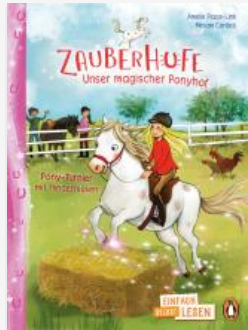
With colour illustrations

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

Lina is very excited: the pony farm is having a competition, and Team Magic Hooves is taking part! But without mean Charlotte, they don't stand a chance – and Charlotte has been acting really weird lately. Luckily, Kaspar isn't just the best pony ever, but the best detective in the world too! Will they uncover Charlotte's secret?

A magical, exciting story for early readers

- What on earth is going on with mean Charlotte? Lina and Kaspar decide to find out
- Book 4 in the series of stories set on a pony farm, for both beginners and improving readers, printed in a large, easy-to-read font
- The perennially popular topic of horses with a magic twist, perfect for its target readership
- Plaas-Link is a popular author of suspenseful, magical stories with plenty of horse know-how



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Miriam Cordes

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

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 50 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen:

Zauberhufe – Unser magischer Ponyhof - Pony-Turnier mit Hindernissen

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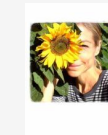


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Amelie Plaas-Link has always loved telling stories. What started with a tape recorder in her childhood bedroom has turned into storytelling for stage, screen and audio. Alongside acting and public speaking, she loves nothing more than writing stories.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

ILLUSTRATOR

Miriam Cordes



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



Children's Books, First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Stefanie Klaßen

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

Recommended age group: 7+

Illustrations: 30 color illustrations

Original title: Penguin JUNIOR – Einfach selbst lesen: Frida und Filu – Die unsichtbaren Detektive - Der verflixte Flohmarkt-Fall

SVEN GERHARDT

Penguin Junior for Early Readers: Frida and Filou, the Invisible Detectives – Mystery at the Flea Market

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

7+

With 30 colour illustrations

An invisible detective, a talking rabbit and lots of excitement

Frida dreams of being a famous detective. All she needs is a proper detective's cap. Luckily, the flea market is back at last! But instead of the desired cap, all Frida finds is an old top hat, which apparently once belonged to a magician. Frida can't believe her eyes when a white rabbit pops out of it! The rabbit can talk, is pretty cheeky, and says its name is Filou. Not only that, but when Frida puts on the top hat, she turns invisible! Which comes in handy when Frida and Filou suddenly find themselves in the midst of an actual mystery...

An exciting, magical detective adventure for early readers

- Large, easy-to-read print, perfect for improvers
- The ever-popular genre of detective stories, mixed with a hint of magic – ideal for the book's target readership
- Gerhardt's stories are guaranteed to be funny, exciting and entertaining
- 4c colour illustrations by Stefanie Klaßen
- Book 1 in a new series – book 2 is out in Spring 2025



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Stefanie Klaßen started drawing and painting when she was little, and hasn't stopped since. She studied illustration at the Münster Academy of Design, and decided to remain in the city after graduating from her MA. She now illustrates books for various publishers.



Children's Books, Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj
Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Monika Parciak
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0
cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 30 b/w
illustrations
Original title: Die Geisterhelfer
– Traue sich, wer kann!

TINA BLASE

The Ghost Helpers: I Dare You!

A CREEPY NEW SERIES FOR KIDS

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

8+

30 b/w illustrations

Ghosts need help too

Shy ten-year-old Leo Helsing Krüger has no idea that he has a very special skill: he can see and talk to ghosts. But then, one fateful night, he meets ghosts Ferdinand, Agatha and Harry, and all becomes clear. The three spooky friends desperately need his help. It's not a matter of life and death, perhaps, but their souls are at stake. And they will never find rest – unless they can do something about the horrid, moody ghost brat that's been tormenting them. Leo is terrified, but luckily his fearless friend Antonia is by his side, and the two of them make a deal with the three ghosts. But can they really trust them?

"I Dare You!" Is the exciting first book in the new Ghost Helper series featuring ghost helpers Leo and Antonia.

- Original, charming and funny
- Wonderfully rounded and eccentric characters – perfect for Halloween
- With b/w illustrations by Monika Parciak ("The Least Boring School in the World")
- Named Best Children's Book by the Hamburg Book Prize

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Children's Books, 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: 20 b/w illustrations
Original title: Der fabelhafte Herr Blomster – Eine Klassenfahrt voller Abenteuer

SVEN GERHARDT

Fabulous Mr Blomster: A Very Unusual School Trip

THE EXCITING SERIES BY THIS BESTSELLING AUTHOR CONTINUES

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

8+

40 b/w illustrations

A thrilling treasure hunt uncovers a few secrets

If you want a vault full of mysterious treasure, you should see Mr Blomster's snack stand: alongside delicious sandwiches and cool drinks, it's filled to the brim with curiosities and secrets. There's no such thing as a boring school day with Mr Blomster in the house!

All the kids are hugely excited about the impending school trip – especially since Mr Blomster's taken over chaperone duties from Mr Achilles, the unpopular PE teacher. And it only gets better: the youth hostel is right on the shores of a lake, across from a mysterious villa that once belonged to the school's founder, Meta von Magnolien. While Masha, Cem, Serena and Anton set off on an exciting treasure hunt, back home all sorts of weird things start happening...

This is no ordinary school! The exciting series by this bestselling author continues, with inspirational messages about greater openness, tolerance, joy and curiosity!

- The third book in this wonderfully nostalgic series by a bestselling author
- An old villa, mysterious diaries and a strange treasure reveal their secrets
- Thrilling, funny and smart
- An exciting layout, with evocative b/w illustrations by Marie Braner

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ANDREAS HÜGING, ANGELIKA NIESTRATH

Street Tiger: The Battle of the Magic Bone

THE NEW INSTALMENT IN THE HILARIOUS ADVENTURE SERIES

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

8+

Cool, not cuddly!

No sooner has Caruso finally found his place at Madame Coco's School for Cats, than the Street Tigers are facing a fresh challenge: Racoons have been plundering their best feeding grounds! And when the cheeky robbers land the legendary magic bone, things get really unpleasant – because whoever possesses this enigmatic object has complete control over all the dogs in the city. It's a bad time for cats! Madame Coco and the Street Tigers have no choice but to join forces with their arch enemies, the Market Mousers. But even united, the cats have no chance of reinstating the old order – until Caruso has a brilliant idea...

- Not for lap dogs or lap cats: Exciting adventures await tom cat Caruso and the Street Tigers!
- Cats versus dogs: who are the real kings of the city at night?
- Fast-paced, witty cat adventures: "Aristocats 2.0" meets "The Muscleteers"
- With lots of fun and lively b/w illustrations by Timo Grubing

Children's Books, 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
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ILLUSTRATOR

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Children's Books, Middle Grade

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Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from:
Martina Schachenhuber
Pages & Size: 160 | 15,5x21,0
cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Schwapp, der
Geheimschleim – Schwapplaus,
Schwapplaus!

TINA SCHILP

Ick the Sticky Slime Goes on Stage

THE NEW INSTALMENT IN THE SLIMIEST CHILDREN'S SERIES EVER

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

8+

He sure is sticky, but he's our Ick!

Hooray! Lou's form is putting on a musical, and Lou can't wait! But her excitement comes to an abrupt halt when she isn't given a part to play. Who's to blame? Ick, the mysterious slime, of course – he just keeps getting Lou and Lukas in trouble! When Lou makes a bet with the popular girls in her form, Ick rolls his sleeves up – after all, he has a lot to make up for... But then he suddenly vanishes!

Wonderfully slimy: the second hilarious adventure featuring Ick the mystery slime

- Annoying Ick causes chaos at school
- Witty, spirited, age-appropriate
- With funny illustrations by Martina Schachenhuber

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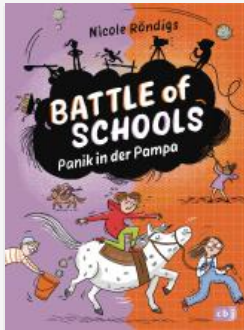
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Martina Schachenhuber



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Martina Schachenhuber is a freelance illustrator. After a few very exciting years in logistics and supply chain management, she swapped mouse and computer for pen and paper in 2017. It was time to realise her dream as a children's book illustrator. The colourful everyday life with her three children Luise, Oskar and Egon is her greatest inspiration.



Children's Books, Middle Grade

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Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Tine Schulz
Pages & Size: 240 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Original title: Battle of Schools – Panik in der Pampa

NICOLE RÖNDIGS

Battle of the Schools: Panic in the Prairie

BOOK 2 IN THIS NEW CHILDREN'S SERIES

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

10+

With b/w illustrations

Oh no, not the pony farm!

It's a proper punishment: the maths and music wizzes from the Emmy Noether Comprehensive School and the Willibald Gluck Grammar School have won a two-week class trip – but to a pony farm, of all places! They have no interest WHATSOEVER in ponies. And soon it becomes clear that their stay here at Pony Paradise Farm will be anything but bliss. Stable boss Imke Bosau runs a tight ship: they have to clean out the stables daily, and everyone has to take equestrian vaulting lessons. She's planning a big end-of-holiday show, which will be broadcast live on TV. What a nightmare! To force an early departure, the kids join forces and let their creative juices flow, as they come up with the most spectacular pranks. But not even a ghost pony galloping through the yard at night can faze Imke Bosau. And then everything changes: Jo and Pia discover that the horrid stable manager actually saves old and sick ponies from the slaughterhouse in her spare time, and that Pony Paradise Farm is facing bankruptcy. Jo and Pia do everything in their power to fix things – maybe a brilliant horse show live on TV is just what they need, to save the farm!

•With lovely illustrations by Tine Schulz

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Children's Books, Middle Grade

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Kinderbücher
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With illustrations from: Sonja Gebhardt
Pages & Size: 304 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Original title: Magic Agents – In Barcelona flippen die Drachen aus!

ANJA WAGNER

Magic Agents: Barcelona's Dragons are Running Wild!

THE FOURTH MISSION FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AGENT

Date of publication: June 25, 2025

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**

There's uproar in Barcelona: when the élite finds out about the International Magical Creatures Convention, special magic service agent Elia Evander is the only one who can protect the creatures. The Spanish mission turns out her biggest challenge yet – and to prevent enemies from exploiting the convention for their own nefarious ends, Elia activates every magical resource she can find in the Barcelona. But when the city's dragons suddenly decide to fight for the other side, people's lives are in grave danger...

Mythical beings, magical action and a touch of Spanish flair: join Elia Evander on her exciting fourth case!

- The coolest spy since James Bond: meet Elia Evander, magic service agent
- As if fairies, spirits and trolls weren't enough – now the dragons have lost it too!
- Fast-paced adventure in magical Barcelona
- A new exciting ingredient: discover additional info about the mission at the end of each chapter

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ILLUSTRATOR

Sonja Gebhardt



Young Adults, Romance

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

YASMIN SHAKARAMI

Storm Flickers

THE GRIPPING, MOVING AND SHOCKING NEW NOVEL BY THIS BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

14+

In Qatar, a girl finds love, courage – and danger

Rea is usually so calm and collected. But these days, life is starting to get to her: exams, play rehearsals, driving lessons – everything seems to be going wrong at the moment. And then, to top it all, she learns that her diplomat father has been transferred to Doha in Qatar. Rea is upset. How is she meant to get on in that strange world, with its totally unfamiliar rules and values? But although Rea has sworn to hate Doha, she is somehow charmed by the ultra-modern and luxurious desert city. After a few initial hiccups, she makes friends with rebellious Farah, who in her spare time performs daring car stunts in the desert with other young women. One night, the two girls go to an illegal desert party, and Rea's life changes for ever when she meets and falls in love with Shabah. Little does she know that he's harbouring a risky secret – and that her presence is putting him in grave danger...

The hotly awaited new book by this bestselling author – a deeply moving love story, and an homage to the strong women who are fighting for equal rights.

- "Tokyo Rain", Shakarami's debut novel, was an instant bestseller
- Women's and LGBTQ+ rights in the Middle East are highly topical

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Young Adults, Fantasy

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cm
Recommended age group: 14+
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– Ein Reich aus Silber und
Magie

AMELIA CADAN

Everlasting Fate: Kingdom of Silver and Magic

THE SENSATIONAL START TO AN EXCITING NEW HIGH FANTASY SERIES

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

14+

An innocent girl who can talk to the dead and a charming master thief – united against a tyrant

Ilya is an infamous thief, legendary throughout the kingdom – but he can't escape the law forever. When he's finally caught by bounty hunters, he finds himself sharing his cell with a girl who for some mysterious reason seems to scare the life out of those coarse bloodhounds. Ilya himself feels only pity for this delicate girl, and when he plans his escape decides to take her with him. When the pair make their break, she risks her life to protect him, and is gravely wounded. But Ilya refuses to leave her behind – and so begins a long journey through a realm beset by warmongering demons and a heartless ruler, with the bounty hunters hot on their heels. It isn't until things are at their worst, though, that Leinna will finally reveal her true name – and her big secret... and Ilya, desperate to save his exploited and oppressed people, forges a daring plan.

•A world as opulent as anything conceived by Sarah J. Maas, two heroes as bold and loveable as those of Jonathan Stroud, and settings as dazzling as Tahereh Mafi's

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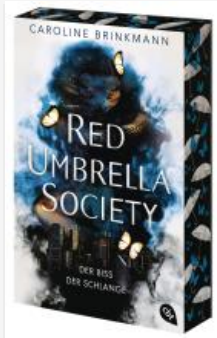
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**Young Adults, Fantasy,
Young Adults, Romance**

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Jugendbücher
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cm
Recommended age group: 14+
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Society – Der Biss der
Schlange

CAROLINE BRINKMANN

The Red Umbrella Society: Snakebite

THE GRIPPING CONCLUSION TO THIS URBAN FANTASY DUOLOGY

Date of publication: December 11, 2024

14+

A heartbroken heroine caught between a loving traitor and a bloodthirsty saviour

Turns out that Skadi has opened her heart to the very person who's hiding the darkest secret of all. Seriously wounded, she braces herself for death – but at the eleventh hour, Ikaris de Cruz reappears and takes her to the other members of the Red Umbrella Society. Skadi couldn't think of a worse place – or a more unbearable protector than Ikaris – but she has no other choice: His blood is the only thing keeping her alive.

While Skadi suffers panic attacks and a burning desire to kill, David offers her a deal which will mean that she'll no longer have to depend on Ikaris and the Red Umbrellas. But how can she ever trust David again? Are the White Umbrellas really what they seem? Only one thing is certain: Everyone has a secret, and many of them are still to be discovered...

Emotional thrills and an occult secret society

- Vampire meets crime meets spice
- New York-based urban fantasy
- Enemies to lovers
- Diverse cast of characters

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Young Adults, Romance

Publishing House: cbj
Jugendbücher
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cm
Recommended age group: 16+
Original title: Ocean Hearts –
Admire the Lights

ISABEL CLIVIA

Ocean Hearts: Admire the Lights

THE MUST-READ SEQUEL TO THE FIERY NEW ADULT SERIES SET ON THE LUXURY LINER "OCEAN HEARTS"

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

14+

‘Even if all the light went out of the world, I would still adore you. You shine even in the deepest darkness.’

Gemma has just started working in the fitness studio of the Ocean Heart , a modern luxury cruise liner for the rich and famous. When she’s hired to train with Callan King, it turns out a major challenge: The handsome young actor is so arrogant that she can’t bear to spend more time with him than absolutely necessary. But then she’s offered a lot of money to keep an eye on him, and to find out why he’s been involved in all those scandals lately. Gemma doesn’t think it would be right to accept, but when she discovers that her family is in serious financial trouble, she feels forced to say yes.

The more time she spends with Callan, the worse she feels about it, because the tight-lipped star turns out very different from what she expected. Soon, she can no longer ignore the fact that she’s falling for him – and ultimately has to choose between her feelings and her family.

A glamorous ocean liner, fateful decisions and charged feelings set the Arctic night on fire

•"The Great Gatsby" meets "Kiss Me Once"

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Young Adults, Fantasy

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cm
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– Wir gegen die Welt

ADRIANA POPESCU

Misfits Academy: Us Against the World

THE THRILLING URBAN FANTASY ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

14+

Five best friends – plenty of superpowers – three rival elite academies

It's a new school year, and our friends from the Misfits Academy are facing fresh challenges: Taylor is still looking for Dylan, June is on the trail of a mysterious new student, Fionn is struggling with the aftermath of his mother's nefarious deeds, and Eric is discovering a whole new side to his abilities. Meanwhile, rumours are going round about Fionn's mother's superskills experiments, and the political situation is becoming tense. And then there's mysterious Sam, whom Taylor is strangely drawn to, who turns out to be hiding a terrible secret that puts them all in danger...

Welcome to the second year at Misfits Academy: a fascinating world featuring students with epic mental powers – fantastic adventure awaits in this gripping urban fantasy series!

- Five misfits against the rest of the world: exiled to new schools and surrounded by powerful enemies, they deploy their superskills
- Popular author Adriana Popescu conquers the fantasy genre with these five extraordinary heroes
- For fans of School for Good and Evil, Vortex and Legend Academy

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Young Adults, Literary Fiction, Young Adults, Romance

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Illustrations: 8 b/w illustrations
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REINER ENGELMANN

They Gave Us Hope: The Story of Edward Galinski and Mala Zimetbaum

BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

14+

Tragic love in Auschwitz

Edward Galinski, nicknamed Edek, is sixteen when he arrives in Auschwitz with the first prisoner transport; he quickly learns to adapt, and after two years starts a locksmith's workshop. Mala Zimetbaum is arrested by the Nazis in 1942 and deported to Birkenau, part of the Auschwitz camp complex; she speaks five languages and is soon enlisted as a translator and office assistant. Now, Edek and Mala are leading a dangerous double life: Their special positions mean that the camp commanders trust and like them, and they secretly exploit that trust to help their fellow prisoners.

For Edek and Mala, it was love at first sight. They manage to keep meeting secretly, but how can their love have a future in Auschwitz? Together, they plan their escape, and promise never to leave each other's side.

Based on a true story, sympathetically told by an award-winning author

- A moving love story in the midst of the horrors of Auschwitz
- With numerous photos and a comprehensive glossary
- Includes educational materials

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