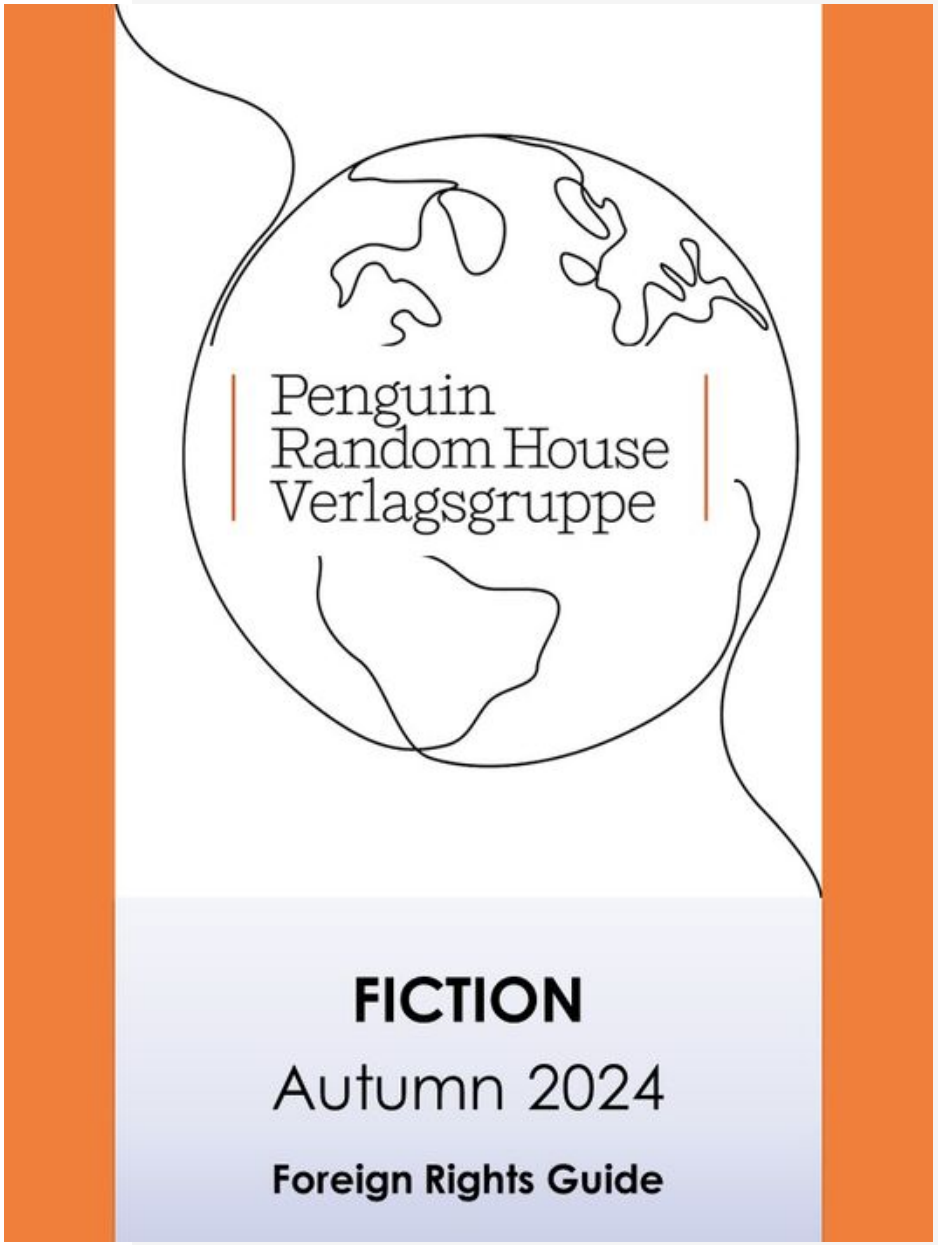
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MARGARETHE ADLER

Crossings

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

Shared silence: the story of a family divided by the Wall, and the healing power of truth

East Berlin, January, 1988: The Hauschke family have been bullied and ostracised ever since they submitted their application to leave the GDR. Now they have finally received their exit visa and must leave the country within 24 hourse, but only three of them can go: there's no visa for their son Christian because he just turned 18.
Many years after reunification, things come to a head at a party. East Germany, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the early 1990s… there have been too many secrets, too many lies. The burden of silence has become too much to bear.
Christian's niece Lou, who's studying journalism, is the first in the family to interrogate the past – and discovers how hard it is to live up to your own moral standards…
A touching novel inspired by the true story of the author's own family, based on often highly emotional interviews with family members who witnessed the events first-hand.
• A moving inter-generational family saga for fans of Susanne Abel and Anne Rabe

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MARICA BODROŽIĆ

Blade of Hearts

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

English Sample Translation available

Selected by New Books in German

A village in Germany – a Dalmatian family – a troubled childhood and rebellious youth: the multi-award-winning author's tale of a young woman fighting for independence

Pepsi loves life, and the searing summer heat on her grandfather's remote farm in Dalmatia. Her parents are working in Germany, and only visit once a year, during the summer holidays. Occasionally, she stays with other relatives, but wherever she is, she never feels at home. Nature is her only friend, and she spends her days barefoot in the grass, fascinated by the language of the birds. When Pepsi's parents finally take her to Germany, to live with them and her siblings in a tiny flat, she immediately wants to leave. Her mother's hands are rough from her cleaning job, and incapable of being gentle; and her father begins each day with a glass of schnapps. At the same time, Pepsi is enchanted by some of the things her new life has in store for her: the world of books and writing, the German language – with which she falls in love as quickly and passionately as with Aleksandar… But when Pepsi tells her parents she wants to keep going to school until she's eighteen, and then to university, they say no. After all, she isn't a boy! It's a stab in the heart, a departure – and a new beginning.

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Marica Bodrožić was born in Croatia in 1973 and has lived in Germany since 1983. She has published poems, stories, novels and essays, which have been translated into more than sixteen languages. For her writing she has been honoured with many prizes and scholarships, including an award from the Walter Hasenclever Literature Prize, the Manès-Sperber-Prize for her entire body of work, and the Irmtraud Morgner Prize.

What Bodroži is interested in most of all is the question of who we are.

3sat Kulturzeit

A style that captivates every one of our senses.

Bayern 2, Diwan – Das Büchermagazin

Bodroži brings together sensuous descriptions of nature with insightful, sometimes witty commentary on cultural differences in this tale of a young woman fighting for independence.

New Books in German



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
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Original title: Grand-papa

NATALIE BUCHHOLZ

Grand-père

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 14, 2024

When you love your country more than your own daughter: hunting down the truth about my family

One day, a trivial event makes Natalie think of her late grandfather Anatole. She wonders: who was this man, who felt so torn between Germany and France? For the first time, she really tries to understand her grandfather, who always felt like a stranger and yet helped shape her life. When he was young he joined the French Army, but was then drafted into the German army during the Second World War. Afterwards, he aligned himself with the French – going so far as to reject his own daughter when she married a German.
With lyrical precision, Buchholz examines the reasons that Anatole shut off his heart from his own daughter like that, tells the story of a German–French family whose ambivalence and uncertainty is reflected in the history of Alsace-Lorraine, and makes an unpleasant discovery in the process.
• For fans of Daniela Dröscher, Sylvie Schenk and Monika Helfer

It is a pleasure to follow this German-French author on her voyage of discovery, which takes her far beyond her old horizons [...] a captivating story.

SR2, Kulturradio

A fascinating novel that grows more dramatic with each

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Natalie Buchholz, born in France in 1977, studied Cultural Studies and Aesthetic Practice at the University of Hildesheim and at the Université Aix-Marseille. She has previously published two adult novels – "Der rote Swimmingpool" ('The red swimming pool') and "Unser Glück" ('Our happiness') – as well as a YA series. She has won several awards for her work.

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Abendzeitung München

Buchholz paints [...] a lyrical portrait of her Lorrainian grandfather – a portrait that is representative of the era, and always comes back to the question "Where do I belong?

Süddeutsche Zeitung Bayern

It's as if a black-and-white film had suddenly taken on colour [...] a sophisticated literary account of her German–French family background, told with a wonderful lyricism through the story of her "Grand-papa".

Spiegel.de

A both moving and gripping family saga.

dpa-Basisdienst



Literary Fiction

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STEFAN CORDES

Billie: To Heaven on Wild Horses

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 21, 2024

English Sample Translation available

Selected by New Books in German

A riveting novel about a wild young poet during the Thiry Years' War who speaks to us as if she were alive today

I felt it all: fear, rage, the irresistible urge to fight. Not with swords and pistols, but with my voice, which I had learnt to use like a sword, and like a heart that never froze during the winter of war…
Pomerania is at war. Wallenstein's men have made themselves comfortable in mayor Schwarz's house in Greifswald. Nothing is safe from them, least of all his three adolescent daughters. Billie, the youngest, protests that she wants a proper education just like her brothers. Billie is wild, a rebel: she fights with the pen, writes poems to counter the hate directed towards her as a woman, but also beautiful sonnets about her love for another woman. Poetry is her way of standing up to the terror of the Thirty Years' War, the horrors of the witch hunts, and the oppression of women.
• For fans of Lauren Groff's "Matrix", Daniel Kehlmann's "Tyll", Rivka Galchen's "Everyone Knows Your Mother Is a Witch" and Maggie O'Farrell's "The Marriage Portrait"

By turns witty and poignant, intellectual and tender, Billie is a

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Stefan Cordes, born in Brussels in 1969, studied journalism, history of art and philosophy, and spent many years working as a developer, creative director and producer in TV. He was inspired to write his debut novel, "Billie" (about the young Baroque poet Sibylla Schwarz), by his two daughters, whose freedoms he never wants to see infringed. In this, his second novel, he continues his endeavour to give a voice to women artists by telling the story of Nannerl, the gifted musician who was fated to stand in her little brother's shadow – until now.

captivating exploration of love, poetry and a little-known legacy. Thoroughly researched yet never less than accessible, Cordes's debut showcases an exciting talent, brings to life a dark era and draws illuminating parallels with the present day.

New Books in German

The way Cordes gives Billie a voice and makes the era come alive – simply brilliant.

Emotion

Utterly captivating.

Domradio



Literary Fiction

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Pink Elephant

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

English Sample Translation available

A fresh look at white privilege, and a touching tale of friendship

It all started with a headbutt. It's summer 2006, and Germany's dreaming of winning the World Cup. Meanwhile, 14-year-old Vincent gets beaten up, and makes friends with the kids who did it. He smokes shisha with them, hangs around on street corners with them – but always returns to his parents' house at night. When things get serious, Vincent realises that it was all just a game… at least for him. While he covers his face in self-tan, Ali has jumped out of a window and is lying in a coma, Tarek is nowhere to be found – and reality arrives with a bang, to bring Vincent face to face with the sorts of problems he never knew existed.
A fast-paced, gripping novel about friendship and belonging.
• Luca Kieser was longlisted for the 2023 German Book Prize

Kieser is hugely talented.

Franzobel

A "coming of age" novel in inverted commas, but a really, really good one.

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Luca Kieser, born in 1992, studied philosophy and creative writing in Heidelberg, Leipzig and Vienna, where he now lives. He has won several awards, including the Wortmeldungen grant, the Lyrik Lichtungen stipend and the FM4 Wortlaut prize. His debut novel, "Weil da war etwas im Wasser" ('Because there was something in the water') hit the Austrian bestseller lists three times and was longlisted for the German Book Prize in 2023. "Pink Elephant", his second novel, was one of ten titles selected for presentation at the Books at Berlinale and won several prizes, including the Deutsche Literaturfonds Prize.
lucakieser.de/ (German only)

A novel that captures social tensions with both sensitivity and literary skill.

ORF ZiB-Beitrag

This multi-award-winning author's style is unobtrusive, reserved and careful, but there is power in the characters he conjures up in your mind.

Südwestpresse

A tale of friendship, belonging and those often invisible social divisions – with characters that shine, thanks to their youth and powerful authenticity.

Galore

A striking and profound novel that will linger with you and make you think. A poignant tale of growing up, friendship and the search for identity – an absolute must for anyone who likes profound and complex novels.

das.lesende.ich

I think it captures the reality of life for the three boys and their families really well.

anja._liest

Deals not only with everyday racism, but also with the desire to belong and the search for identity in a complex world.

sedef.liest.querbeet

An always convincing story of the lives of these fourteen-year-olds, a tale of adolescent anarchy, first drug experiences, dares, blossoming sexuality – including queer sexuality – untold cigarettes [...] and an attitude to life that sits somewhere between effervescent hopefulness and

disillusioned fatalism.

Literaturhaus Wien Magazin

The friendship that develops between Tarek, Ali and Vincent is shaped by difference, by cultural and social chasms that reveal that equal opportunities and equal rights are a travesty.

bjoernandbooks

A smart, moving and thought-provoking novel about current social issues.

aufgeblaettert

An honest coming-of-age novel with much potential, and a lovely, touching afterword.

librilicious

A story that is adolescent through and through, and which deals with serious topics. A must-read.

wortfinderin1

Mainly about friendship and identity, but also about racism.

belletristikerin_

On the other hand, Pink Elephant offers what seems like an authentic account of what living in a multicultural society is like, not only for "white" German teenagers, and the writing is powerful and vivid.

mamouliansgeschichten

The story allows us to immerse ourselves fully in the point of view of Vincenz, the narrator. With his unique style, hip hop references and detailed characterisation, [Kieser] achieves a unique sound which plays out to the rhythm of deftly placed

time shifts.

Anzeiger

Kieser has written a spectacular novel that drills deep and dissects the fragility of our society, exposing major family secrets handed down from generation to generation.

Deutschlandfunk Büchermarkt

Not just a book about white privilege and racism, but crucially and above all also a book about friendship.

Podcast Besser lesen mit dem Falter

So authentic, so honest, so real.

SWR Kultur am Abend

A very sympathetic and compelling tale [...] with a Hollywood-style final showdown.

Orte und Worte

A haunting, psychologically detailed, artful and gripping coming-of-age story that deals realistically with the challenges of growing up. What makes it one of the novels of our time is its daring, nuanced descriptions of everyday racism and discrimination.

Kranichsteiner Jugendliteratur-Stipendien 2025

Sensitive and compelling – highly recommended.

Der evangelische Buchberater



Literary Fiction

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JO LENDLE

Cardinal Directions

NOVEL

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‘As long as I keep talking, I’m alive. As long as I keep flying, I’m alive. The one thing I can be sure of is that if I don’t land, I don’t die’ Amelia Earhart

It’s the 2nd of July 1937, and Amelia Earhart is flying her Lockheed Electra high above the ocean. The shadows of the clouds look like islands. She is about to become the first human to fly around the globe. And she has just entered the toughest stage of all.
"Cardinal Points" is the story of a reluctant hero. Amelia flies, writes, campaigns for women’s rights – in short, she’s a role model. But she dislikes all that praise. She doesn’t recognise herself in any of it, not least the division between women and men. So she takes off and leaves it all behind, uncompromising to the last.
"Cardinal Points" is the portrait of an unbelievably courageous, charismatic and headstrong person. It is a love story with changing protagonists – some surprising, others fleeting like clouds. And it is a novel about how memory slowly unfurls, each layer showing the past in a new light. So what better way to tell the story than backwards? What Amelia doesn’t know is that this will be the last day of her life.

A nuanced and compelling account of this strong woman, her

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Jo Lendle was born in 1968 and has a degree in literature, cultural studies and philosophy. DVA has so far published his novels "Was wir Liebe nennen" (‘What we call love’, 2013), "Alles Land" (‘All the Land’, 2011), "Mein letzter Versuch, die Welt zu retten" (‘My final attempt to save the world’, 2009) and "Die Kosmonautin" (‘The cosmonaut’, 2008). In 2021, Penguin published his novel "Eine Art Familie" (‘A kind of family’).

daring and her courage, and her dry yet generous sense of humour. Lendle allows Amelia Earhart to fly once again, and we readers are lucky enough to be able to sit alongside her in the cockpit.

NDR Kultur, 'Neue Bücher'

A highly entertaining novel about an extraordinarily impressive woman. A joyful literary flight.

Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger

Enthralling.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung

Fabulous.

Stern

Funny and inspiring.

Abendzeitung München

Tells Amelia Earhart's compelling story from her point of view. The first-person narration creates some highly emotional scenes, for instance those dealing with Earhart's difficult childhood and alcoholic father. The novel's particular charm, however, springs from the immensely beautiful descriptions of the technical side of flying. These metaphorically charged passages make the novel feel unbelievably plastic, almost three-dimensional. You get the feeling that you're diving into the world of a revolutionary who was idolised by a whole era, but who, on the inside, never quite landed in the place she wanted to get to.

MDR Kultur – Das Radio

A tragic story.

Laura

Hard to imagine anyone who isn’t fascinated by aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, and Cardinal Directions is Jo Lendle’s literary memorial to her.

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A deeply touching book that you’ll finish in no time.

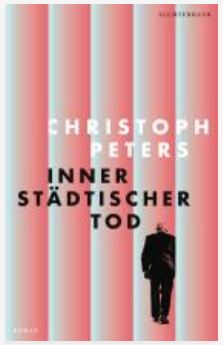
Fränkische Nachrichten

A chronological biography of a thoroughly charismatic, intelligent, funny and single-minded woman, who was afraid of no one and nothing.

WDR2, Lesen

Lendle’s smart, funny dialogue allows quick-witted Amelia to shine. What emerges is an authentic portrait of a headstrong woman.

LiteraturSeiten München



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CHRISTOPH PETERS

Inner City Death

NOVEL

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Family rifts and political radicalisation: a sharp-tongued, witty tale of what divides us

Berlin, the 9th of November 2022. The Russian attack on Ukraine is affecting people's private lives, as well as the atmosphere generally. Tonight, aspiring artist Fabian Kolb will open his first solo exhibition at the famous Konrad Raspe gallery. Fabian's family are his hometown's last surviving tie manufacturers, and they have travelled across the country especially for the event. His uncle Hermann, the ageing ideologue-in-chief of the German parliament's New Right faction, is contemplating how to catch the media's attention at the launch; while Fabian's father hopes to use his brother-in-law's international contact list to find a way to keep exporting his ties to Russia. As the exhibition approaches, Fabian begins to have doubts about the compromises he's making for the sake of international renown – particularly when some of Raspe's former staff go public with some very serious accusations against the gallery owner.

One of the best contemporary German-language writers.

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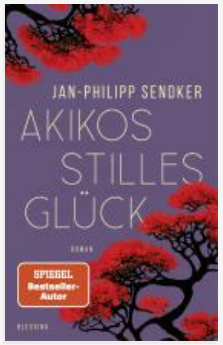
Christoph Peters, born in 1966, is the author of numerous novels and short-story collections. He has won multiple awards, including the 2018 Wolfgang Koeppen Prize, the 2021 Thomas Valentin Prize, the 1999 and 2022 Lower Rhine Literature Award and, most recently, the 2025 Schubart Prize. His latest book for Luchterhand, "Innerstädtischer Tod" ('Inner-city death', 2025), is the final instalment in a trilogy inspired by the work of Wolfgang Koeppen. He lives in Berlin.

Peters writes brilliantly about the tough times we’re living in.

NDR Kultur

Peters writes how Escher paints – calmly heading for the abyss.

Hamburger Morgenpost



Literary Fiction

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Akiko's Quiet Happiness

NOVEL

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Where does your own personal story begin?

Ever since her mother's death, 29-year-old Akiko has led a modest and reclusive life in Tokyo. Her monotonous job as a bookkeeper offers little excitement, and she has no real friends or family. Then, one evening, she runs into an old face from her schooldays: Kento is an outsider, just like her, and even back then she always felt drawn to him. As if that wasn't enough, Akiko is shocked to discover that the man she thought of as her dad was in fact only a hired actor, paid by her single mother to play a part. Akiko begins to wonder: is everything a lie? And, more profoundly: who is she, really?
And so Akiko embarks on a journey into her own history – a physical and emotional journey she never thought herself capable of...

This book brought me back to my home country, Japan. It was redolent of many familiar places, such as the streets, the sea and the people. Full of longing, I immersed myself in this beautiful labyrinth and enjoyed my time with Akiko and Kento.

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www.jpsendker.de

Sae Esashi

It really occurred to me that perhaps the author was born in Japan and spent a long time here. (...) I could immerse myself naturally in everything the characters said and didnt say. (...) The scattering of ashes scene at the end brought tears to my eyes, while I finished the last chapter on my train. Im looking forward to seeing how Akikos relationship with Kento-kun develops and how she starts her journey stronger in the upcoming installments. I can imagine this as a movie – performed by Japanese actors, and broadcast in here.

Mariko Adachi, Japanese author

Finishing (to read) Das Herzenhören, the first thing that came to my mind was: what if Jan-Philipp Sendker writes a romance set in Japan? Could he capture those subtle sentiments beyond our unspoken words? Our daily struggles in Tokyo's concrete jungle? The trembling air we, Japanese, try to read? The result is in our hands – Akikos stilles Glück, a tenderly nurtured and meticulously polished pearl-like novel about a Japanese woman who is so earnest, so delicate, so modest, yet... (the answer is in the book); thus, so real. Akikos journey will bring unexpected surprises, delight, and awareness to even those readers in Japan and/or who have no interest in Japan.

Dr. Sayaka Funada Classen

Profound, convincing and sensitive.

buchpost.blogspot.com

A moving tale that also gives us a fascinating insight into certain aspects of Japanese culture, including solo weddings, hikikomori and rent-a-families.

Walsroder Zeitung

I devoured it in three days and loved it [...] I enjoyed every second.

lafemmecorbeau

A wonderful book with lots of important things to say. Everyone should read it – one of my books of 2024.

book_fairy04

I've been lucky enough to read another great book. In this one, we meet Akiko, whose friend has "married herself", prompting Akiko to question her own life.

dachshundmamas_bookworld

Not an ostentatious novel, rather one that silently unfolds its considerable power.

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I absolutely loved it.

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Told with great delicacy.

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But in the end, the story clearly tended towards the hopeful and life-affirming. I liked that – I thought it was important.

einsamkeit-10

Who you were, who you are, who you could be or might have been: these questions lend depth to this subtle novel's crystal-clear surface. At the same time, [it] is a closely observed portrait of a society where loneliness and social alienation are everyday phenomena – while the novel can also be read as a love letter to Japan, a simultaneously fascinating and in many

ways unfamiliar country.

Berliner Morgenpost

But the hikikomori Kento inspires Akiko to ask herself those important questions and try to find answers, allowing her “quiet happiness” to unfurl.

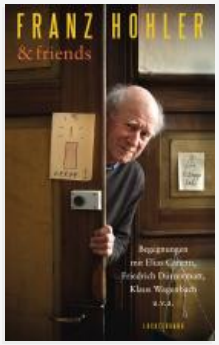
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You’ll be spellbound by the story of Sendker’s young heroine and her old classmate.

n-tv

Poignant and vivid [...] a cinematic work of rich emotional depth

Publishers Weekly



Stories

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Format: Hardcover
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Original title: Franz Hohler & friends

FRANZ HOHLER

Franz Hohler & Friends

ENCOUNTERS WITH ELIAS CANETTI, FRIEDRICH DÜRRENMATT, KLAUS WAGENBACH AND MANY OTHERS
STORIES

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

A bestselling author reflected in his friends

Franz Hohler would not be who he is, without all the people he has met along the way. "Franz Hohler & Friends" is his collection of very personal portraits of those who have had an undeniable influence on his life and work, including Wolf Biermann, Friedrich Dürrenmatt, Dieter Hildebrandt, Gardi Hutter, Peter Härtling and Mani Matter. His portraits range from anecdotes and songs to poems, hymns and eulogies, and cast a sideways glance at their subjects – snapshots brimming with love and a sense of what they shared. They also touch on Hohler's favourite topics: language and music, the sense in nonsense, the dark side of everyday life, and political commitment in troubled times. Yet together, these sketches also create another, bigger portrait: of Franz Hohler himself.

An astute observer with a big heart.

Rafik Schami

If he didn't exist, we would have to invent him.

Emil Steinberger

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Franz Hohler was born in Biel, Switzerland, in 1943. He lives in Zurich and is considered to be one of his country's most prominent writers. He has been awarded many prizes, including the Alice Salomon Prize and the Johann Peter Hebel Prize. Luchterhand has been publishing his books for over fifty years.



Stories

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
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Original title: Die Welt wartet

CHRISTIANE NEUDECKER

The World Awaits

STORIES

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

Literary goosebumps: seven chilling tales of the familiar-but-strange everyday

A painting schemes against its buyer. An author is deployed into a stunning AI world. A Bavarian lake island threatens to disappear into the fog. Christiane Neudecker gives us the traditional ghost story with a modern twist for our digital, post-pandemic world. In these seven gothic tales, the uncanny lurks beneath everyday life. But the world doesn't wait. It keeps on turning. And the incomprehensible is always already online… and here.

• For fans of Ottessa Moshfegh, Margaret Atwood and E.T.A. Hoffmann

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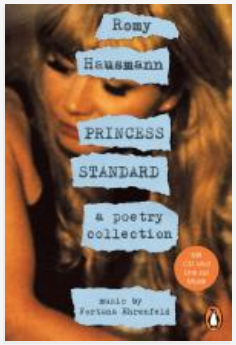
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Christiane Neudecker, born in 1974, studied stage directing at the Ernst Busch Theatre Academy, and is now a freelance author and director living in Berlin. Since 2001, she has worked with the artists' collective Phase7, among other things on the Neues Musiktheater forum, Bergen International Festival, and New Vision Arts Festival in Hong Kong. She also wrote the libretto for "Himmelsmechanik – eine Entortung" ('Heavenly mechanism – a dislocation') for the German Opera in Berlin. She has won numerous prizes for her much-acclaimed novels and short stories (including the Wetzlar Phantastik Prize), some of which have been bestsellers.



Poetry

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 112 | 13,5x20,0 cm
Illustrations: 96 b/w illustrations
Original title: PRINCESS STANDARD

ROMY HAUSMANN

PRINCESS STANDARD

A POETRY COLLECTION - MUSIC BY FORTUNA EHRENFELD. BUCH + CD

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

52 poems about love and fear, written on an old typewriter – without the option to delete, and without worrying about a few blemishes on a highly polished ‘superwoman’ image

I’m typing on an old typewriter;
my Princess Standard 300, from the sixties,
when it was not as easy as nowadays for a writer
to add and change,
to go back or forth,
to improve or delete.
I’m writing on yellowed paper
from a box I found in my grandma’s house.
It has proven how much it can take
after so many years in the attic.
I’m typing on the old typewriter,
I’m depriving myself of escape.
No adding, no changing,
No back or forth
No shame, no doubts.
‘Over the past four years, I have published four books – three thrillers and one true crime book. My life basically consisted of writing about the dark side of human nature. I now realise that everything that drives us, what we do and what we think,

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Romy Hausmann was born in East Germany in 1981, and her family later fled to the West. She is “one of the most successful thriller authors in Germany.” (Sunday Times). Her debut novel "Liebes Kind" (‘Dear Child’) immediately landed at number 1 on the SPIEGEL bestseller list. The Netflix series of the same name won the International Emmy Award in November 2024. She continued her success in 2020 and 2022 with the thrillers "Marta schläft" (‘Marta sleeps’) and “Perfect Day”. Her first non-fiction book was also published in 2022: “True Crime. Der Abgrund in dir” (‘True crime: the darkness within you’), and in 2024 the poetry book “Princess Standard”, set to music by Fortuna Ehrenfeld. All of her books are SPIEGEL bestsellers and her works are published with great success in 30 countries.

can be traced back to two factors: love and fear. And when I write, it's one of my non-negotiables that love should always be granted a little more space than fear.'
Romy Hausmann

• Book + CD – the perfect gift for all readers looking for the truth beneath the surface

Hausmann avoids all the old clichés about femininity [...] goodbye, sad girl pop!

Aachener Zeitung

[A poetry collection about] dancing on the edge between pain and ecstasy.

Neue Presse



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 608 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Wie es leuchtet

THOMAS BRUSSIG

Glorious

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

Relaunch, first published in 2004

1989–1990: Anything is possible – an exciting novel by the author of "The Short End of the Sonnenallee"

Between summer 1989 and summer 1990, East Germans hopped the border via Hungary, the Wall came down, and West Germany won the World Cup. In "Glorious", Brussig tells the stories of roller-skating Lena, who writes a hit song; her big brother, a Leica photographer with a difference; Leo Lattke, the star reporter who has chosen now of all times to have writer's block; Alfred Bunzuweit, the Palast Hotel's farting manager; Jürgen Warthe, a citizens' rights campaigner; Gisela Blank, a talented lawyer; and a nineteen-year-old exploring a whole economy for an international conglomerate. It's a time of change, newly won freedoms and uncertainty – a time when everything is possible, nothing is unthinkable, and more happens than people ever dared dream of. A unique novel that vividly evokes the zeitgeist of those heady days.

Brussig is an entertaining writer, but also utterly serious.

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Thomas Brussig, born in 1964, had his first literary success with his 1995 novel "Helden wie wir" ('Heroes Like Us'), followed by "Am kürzeren Ende der Sonnenallee" ('At the Short End of Sonnenallee', 1999), "Wie es leuchtet" ('Glorious', 2004) and "Das gibts in keinem Russenfilm" ('They don't show that in Russian films', 2015). His books have been translated into more than 30 languages. He is the only living German author who has won millions of admirers not only with his literary output, but also with a film and a play.



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Limes
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 352 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Wie wir waren

HEIKE DUKEN

The Way We Used to Be

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

Two women, two worlds, one unbreakable friendship...

Paula always tries to do everything right, but everything feels wrong: her husband Maik keeps putting her down, their rows are getting worse, and their daughter Lou is bearing the brunt.
Zett is the complete opposite: hungry for life, independent, uncompromising. But no one knows the dark secret she's been carrying around all this time.
They're chalk and cheese, and best friends forever. As each finds herself in a time of crisis, she wonders what the other would do to free herself from old ties. The one bond that will never break is theirs – and they'll always trust that things will turn out OK…
• For fans of Anne Gesthuysen, Mariana Leky and Julia Holbe

Duken has a light, easy-going style, always hits just the right note, and has a sure sense of pace.

Berliner Zeitung

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Heike Duken, born in 1966, studied psychology and is a psychotherapist with her own practice. Her novel "When Life Gives You a Tortoise" was awarded a scholarship from the German Literature Fund and won high praise from both the media and readers. In "The Way We Used to Be", Heike Duken once again displays her particular talent for creating realistic and vivid characters.



Contemporary Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Sonnenwende

ANJA JONULEIT

Solstice

THE KAISERWALD DUOLOGY (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

"A breathtaking thriller that is so intense, complex and suspenseful that you can hardly put it down." Kieler Nachrichten on Kaiserwald

Twenty-five years after the disappearance of Rebecca Maywald in Riga, her daughter receives an anonymous letter that points the finger at the Prokhoff diplomat family, whose Drei Linden foundation is financing dubious eco villages around Europe. Rebecca's daughter wasn't supposed to fall in love with their son – and she must keep her identity secret from him, no matter what. Clearly, he too has a secret, or why else does he keep having nightmares? And who is the 'J' mentioned in his calendar? The trail eventually leads to Latvia, where she pretends to want to check out the Tris Liepas eco village, while actually planning to find out exactly what happened to her mother all those years ago. Meanwhile, the Prokhoffs are doing everything in their power to keep their dark secret…
A tragic family, a passionate love affair – and a journey into the dark heart of contemporary Germany.

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Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 736 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Käpt'ns Dinner

GISA PAULY

Captain's Table

AHOY THERE! FAMILY CHAOS ON BOARD SHIP
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

A family reunion on the high seas – what could go wrong?

At least, that's what Maria thinks when she takes a job managing the on-board shop on a ship captained by her brother Lukas. And if the two of them are going to be there, why not invite the whole family? One by one, the relatives come on board, and things soon start kicking off. All the while, Maria knows full well that reunions like this aren't always a great idea: last time they met up like this, one of her relatives disappeared from the ship without a trace… Between captain's table and entertainment, between sun deck and inside cabins, Maria and her family confront cases of mistaken identity, misunderstandings and secrets – and then a proper storm breaks out on board the good ship Soleil…

Vivid descriptions that make you feel as if you're right there strolling along the wind-blown deck taking in the scenery.

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This fast-paced, funny family comedy by bestselling author Pauly is definitely one to pack for your next cruise.

Welcome Aboard

A comedy that fires on all cylinders.

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Gisa Pauly spent twenty years teaching at a business school before turning to writing. In 1994 she published her first book, "Mir langt's – eine Lehrerin steigt aus!" ('Enough! A teacher quits'), followed by several screenplays and novels. Her crime novels set on the island of Sylt featuring amateur detective Mamma Carlotta have repeatedly hit the bestseller lists and won the hearts of a wide readership. Her Sylt saga featuring "Fräulein Wunder" ('Miss Miracle') was an instant no. 1 bestseller, and remained at the top for many months. Today, Pauly is one of the most successful German-language authors.

Exciting, funny and surprising, with some memorable characters [...] a real delight, and not just for people who like going on cruises.

Ruhr Nachrichten

A light-hearted novel with likeable characters you'll quickly take into your heart.

meine-news.de

Even her descriptions of the ports of call are wonderful; at times, you feel like you're on a voyage around the world yourself.

through_the_crystalball

Another light and breezy novel by Pauly. Her descriptions are so good that you practically feel like you're right there on the deck of the cruise ship, the wind in your hair, seeing the world.

aebbies.buechertruhe

The best-selling author's action-packed comedy about a family on a cruise.

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Seriously funny.

TV für mich

A funny, suspenseful comedy with plenty of maritime atmosphere.

Crucero

A great mix of comedy and suspense.



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Der längste Schlaf

MELANIE RAABE

The Longest Sleep

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 18, 2024

English Sample Translation available

A sleep researcher who can't sleep. Dreams that spill over into reality. An old man struggling to make amends.

In young scientist Mara Lux's life, practically everything revolves around sleep. She lives in London, and is a leading scholar in the field – but has herself been tortured by insomnia for years. She's scared of her dreams, because they have an uncanny habit of blurring with reality. Which is particularly tough for Mara, because she's nothing if not rational, and likes to be in control.
Mara's parents died a long time ago, and she hardly ever visits Germany, so she's surprised when she learns from a notary that someone wants to give her a big, old villa as a gift – anonymously. Mara thinks it must be a case of mistaken identity. Still, she's curious, and decides to check it out. When she arrives in the small town she's never heard of, she discovers that the place has somehow been in her dreams all along…
• For fans of Lauren Groff, Mariana Leky, Alex Schulman and Ewald Arenz

Fascinating, gripping, and very special.

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The perfect read for dreary days when all you want to do is

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Melanie Raabe has written thrillers, novels, radio dramas and non-fiction books. Her first thriller, "Die Falle" ('The trap') appeared in 2015, and was followed by three more, all of them bestsellers. Between 2020 and 2025, she published two suspense novels – "Die Kunst des Verschwindens" ('The art of disappearing') and "Der längste Schlaf" ('The longest sleep') – as well as two self-help/mindfulness books, "Kreativität" ('Creativity') and "Das Jahr der Wunder" ('The year of miracles'). Her books have been published in more than 20 countries; "Der Schatten" ('The shadow') and "Die Falle" ('The trap') have been adapted for ZDF and Netflix, respectively, and several further TV versions of her books are in the works.
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The ideal novel for those grey autumn and winter days, when you desire nothing more than to forget everyday life and enter a gloomy, magical dream world.

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An excellent novel about a woman who needs to learn to trust herself, and not always scientifically dissect everything.

Schreiblust Leselust

A must-read for anyone curious about the mysteries of the human spirit and the connection between dream and reality.

Ironmanbookclub

Gets under your skin – a compelling magical voyage that I highly recommend to anyone who's willing to enter the realm between sleep and dreams.

Liberlesen

Definitely a very special book, which will stay with me.

Booknatureparadise

A gripping novel in which Raabe skilfully mixes suspense with elements of magical realism, whose mysterious atmosphere makes it perfect for the dark end of the year. A very special read.

Steffislesezimmer

An enchanting and touching novel about letting go and losing loved ones, about resilience and carrying on, about ghosts of the past catching up with you, and about the persisting

insomnia that can plague us at night.

Lottimania

A gripping and moving book about taking a breath – and carrying on.

Beas-leseecke

An entertaining, suspenseful as well as touching novel with a heroine you can't help but like, and about things that affect us all – such as sleep and dreaming.

Letteratura_blog

If you like stories that combine the supernatural with science, you'll love this. Mysterious, suspenseful and at the same time magical.

Im_lesehimmel

A wonderful novel, suspenseful and captivating. It's thought-provoking, and you'll feel like you're in a state somewhere between waking and dreaming.

Lesbarer



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Lass uns tanzen, Fräulein Lena

HANNA ADEN

Shall We Dance, Miss Lena?

THE MISS LENA SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

A refugee searches for happiness in postwar Germany – gripping and authentic

North Frisia, 1946. Having been forced to leave Pomerania, young Lena Buth hopes to make a new life for herself here on the North Sea coast. Like countless other refugees, though, she is still being treated like an outsider by the locals in Niebüll. Her only ray of sunshine are her walks with Rainer. She longs for him to give her a sign that he wants more than just friendship. Does his reticence have something to do with the vicious rumours someone's been spreading about her? Thankfully, Lena's new colleague Doro is there to take her mind off her troubles: the lively Berliner teaches her how to dance after work, and takes her to the jazz club frequented by the British occupying troops. Here, Lena finds that life has more to offer than privation and hard work.
Meanwhile, Rainer can't get over the fact that his brother-in-law worked as a guard in one of the death camps – and that he seems to be getting away with it. When an old friend returns to Niebüll, Rainer faces a tough decision, which will threaten his relationship with Lena…
Between the past and new beginnings, between a love for life and indelible guilt: a gripping and emotional novel.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
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Original title: Goldene Träume. Die Münchner Ärztinnen

INA BACH

Golden Dreams: The Munich Doctors

THE DOCTORS SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

Munich, 1898: three young women dreaming of studying medicine

Lulu, Elsa and Fanny couldn't be more different – but they share one ambition: all three want to become doctors. But the university doesn't officially accept female medical students, and in Munich generally, equal rights are a distant dream. Lulu's father, director of the Hauner children's hospital, wants his daughter to marry well instead of having a career, but Lulu has no intention of becoming a mere housewife. So she joins forces with novice Elsa and clever Fanny, and together they stand up to conservative society. But the three young women have some serious challenges to overcome, if they want to turn their dream into reality…

• For fans of Lisa Graf's Dallmayr saga and Ulrike Schweikert's Charité series

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Historical Fiction

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Format: Paperback
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Original title: Das Haus Kölln. Wahres Glück

ELKE BECKER

The Family Kölln: True Happiness

THE FAMILY KöLLN TRILOGY (VOL. 3)
NOVEL

Date of publication: July 10, 2024

In Germany's darkest hours, the Köllns stick together

Elmshorn, 1938. The Kölln business is flourishing: the company's first registered trademark, its deliciously delicate oat flakes, have set a new standard, and their range of products is starting to grow. But the country's politics have entered a dark phase, and support for the Nazi Party is on the rise. Times are getting ever more dangerous, and when Germany goes to war, Else fears for her husband and sons. But at times of crisis, the Kölln family sticks together more than ever.

Finally, the third book in the saga is out. Once again, I was surprised by just how brilliant the story is.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Der Geschmack von Freiheit

LADINA BORDOLI

The Taste of Freedom

THE CHOCOLATIER FRANçOIS CAILLER SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 11, 2024

How a young couple invented milk chocolate and revolutionised the world of cocoa

Vevey, Lake Geneva, 1861. It is almost ten years since the death of Fanny's father, famous chocolatier François Cailler. Fanny's mother and brothers have taken over the family business, but although she's fascinated by chocolate-making, Fanny is only allowed as far as the packaging department. When the 23-year-old meets handsome candle-maker Daniel Peter, she falls in love at first sight and marries him. He shares her passion for chocolate, and the couple decide to start their own business. And then they have an idea for a new ingredient that'll revolutionise the chocolate world…
• For fans of Maria Nikolai's Chocolate Villa saga

A captivating and fascinating tale about chocolate.

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Her courage and inventiveness are evident, as is her passion for both eating and making chocolate, while we also learn about her tough experiences along the way.

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A well-plotted tale about the origins of the wealth of chocolate we know today.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 560 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Süße Tage, bittere Stunden

PETRA DURST-BENNING

Sweet Days, Bitter Hours

THE CHEF (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

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Finally, master chef Fabienne has triumphed. But now she must face an emotional reunion – and a bittersweet reconciliation...

The South of France, 1901. Her whole life, Fabienne has been dreaming of owning a restaurant. Now, her dream is finally coming true: she has opened her own place, right on the market square in picturesque Gruissan on the Mediterranean coast. And it isn't long before people start coming from far and wide to sample her delicious offerings. Fabienne is happier than ever. One day, another profound wish of hers seems about to come true: her son, taken from her as a baby, suddenly appears on her doorstep. But their reunion doesn't turn out as she had hoped: the young man is filled with hatred for the mother he never knew. When he rejects her, Fabienne is devastated. But when they only narrowly escape disaster, she realises what really matters in life…

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Historical Fiction

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Illustrations: 1 b/w illustrations
Original title: Hotel Ritz. Träume von Glanz und Glück

ANNETTE FABIANI

The Ritz Hotel: Dreaming of Glamour and Happiness

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 20, 2024

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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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Annette Fabiani is a popular German author who, under her real name Sandra Lessmann, has thrilled her readership with several historical crime novels featuring the priest Jeremy Blackshaw. She lived in England for five years before returning to Germany to study history, English literature and history of art. Today she works at the Institute of the History of Medicine in Düsseldorf.



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Jenseits der Ngong Berge

MAREN GOTTSCHALK

Beyond the Ngong Hills

A FICTIONALISED BIOGRAPHY OF KAREN BLIXEN AND HER FASCINATING LIFE IN DENMARK AND EAST AFRICA

Date of publication: September 18, 2024

An homage to one of world literature's shining stars

On a crystal-clear, sunny morning in January 1914, 28-year-old Karen Dinesen arrives in Mombasa. It is the first time she has set foot on African soil, and she's overwhelmed by the stunning city. Most of all, though, she's excited to meet her future husband, Baron Bror Blixen, with whom she will be starting a promising new life in Kenya. The newlyweds buy a picturesque coffee plantation at the foot of the Ngong Hills, and Karen immerses herself in a new world that will eventually become her beloved second homeland. But seventeen eventful years later, she returns to her family home in Denmark, having lost everything: her marriage is over, the farm bankrupt, and the love of her life has tragically died. But part of Karen's heart will always remain on the Kenyan plains – while she seeks solace in her memories of the kind of life that only happens in novels.

• Shortly before her death in 1962, Karen Blixen was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
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Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Lindt & Sprüngli (Lindt & Sprüngli Saga 1)

LISA GRAF

Lindt & Sprüngli

THE LINDT & SPRüNGLI SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 02, 2024

Rights sold to: Bulgaria (Era), Hungary (Kossuth), Italy (Giunti), Poland (Skarpa), Russia (Azbooka), Slovak Republic (Verbarium)

As irresistible as chocolate – the remarkable story of two families and a 200-year-old chocolate dynasty

Zurich, 1826. Little Rudolf Sprüngli's mother is in the hospital, and he has spent his last few pennies to buy her a bar of chocolate. He puts all his hopes into this mysterious thing called 'chocolate', and miraculously, his mother recovers. From then on, Rudolf plans to become a chocolatier. Years later, all grown up, his dream remains. Soon, he'll be opening the Confiserie Sprüngli in Zurich, where he'll sell the finest chocolates. Chocolate that melts in your mouth like butter, and makes your heart beat faster. But in a few days, Katharina will marry someone else. Are Rudolf's tireless ambition and hard work enough to make his dreams come true? And what if someone else has the same dreams?

A fascinating insight into the world of chocolate.

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The opulent, exciting, meticulously researched Sprüngli family saga

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A must-read – and not just for chocolate lovers

Wat Löpt



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Mondtänzerin

PETRA GRILL

Moondancer

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

The moving story about a community of outsiders and the legendary Krone Circus

January, 1887. On a freezing winter's night, a girl is born in a rail carriage padded out with straw. The fact that Pipa is a foundling doesn't matter one jot to her unusual foster family, and bearded lady Rosalia and gentle giant Antonio raise her like their own. They are part of the 'Menagerie Continental', which is on its way to becoming the legendary Krone Circus. Pipa will be its star artiste, celebrated for her breathtaking, death-defying trapeze act. But she never stops wondering where she came from. Finally, she finds a new home with Henry, her one true love. But then the horrors of the Second World War tear them apart, and threatens to destroy the circus forever…

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 592 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Der Untergang von Thornton Hall

BRITTA HABEKOST

The Fall of Thornton Hall

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

A 2,000-year-old curse, and a courageous young woman searching for her brother

England, 1789. Young Elinda Audley's brother has disappeared, and she faces having to marry a nobleman to save her family from ruin. But Elinda loathes her future husband. So instead of submitting to her father's wishes, she sets out on the most perilous journey of her life. Together with mysterious Blake Colbert, she flees to Pompeii. All the signs point to her brother being there – but the closer they get to the walls of the ancient ash-covered city, the clearer it becomes that a dark power is waiting for them…

• For fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia

An immensely entertaining time-travel tale.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 576 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Der Dorfladen - Was das Leben verspricht

ANNE JACOBS

The Village Shop: Life's Promise

THE VILLAGE SHOP SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

Rights sold to: Bulgaria (Lemur), Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (Leduc), Hungary (Central), The Netherlands (Xander)

Three sisters, troubled times – and a lovely little village shop

The Taunus foothills, 1925. The Haller family's little shop is still the heart and soul of the village of Dingelbach. But some things have changed: Frieda is about to graduate from acting school in Frankfurt, but can't tear herself away from her childhood home, especially her kid sister Ida. Ida is the cleverest of them all, and has started going to grammar school in Frankfurt. Meanwhile, Herta, the oldest and most sensible of the three sisters, is still their mother's right-hand girl in the shop – but her life, too, is about to change. Will the sisters manage to fulfil their potential, and find happiness?

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 160 | 10,0x15,5 cm
Original title: Der Schneekristallforscher

TITUS MÜLLER

Searching for Snowflakes

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

On love, sacrifice and the wonders of nature

Instead of helping out on his family's farm, Wilson Bentley lives in his own world. He is fascinated by the nature around him, especially by snow. He starts collecting and studying snowflakes, and believes that their unique crystals are beautiful little miracles. Everyone around him thinks he's just a weird nerd – except for teacher Mina. And so begins a tender love story…
A moving winter tale based on a true story.

Enchanting, romantic and extraordinarily charming, it takes you into an unforgettable winter wonderland.

Wege - Das Magazin zum Leben

[...] the meticulously researched story of Bentley's decades-long road to scientific recognition, [...] in a tender love story that's as delicate as a snowflake.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 528 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Illustrations: 8 b/w illustrations
Original title: Der Eispalast - Die Kür ihres Lebens

RENA ROSENTHAL

The Ice Palace: Skating for Glory

THE ICE PALACE SAGA (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: November 27, 2024

Ice dance is her passion. Together with her one true love, she reaches for the stars – but is then forced to make the hardest decision of her life

London, at the start of the twentieth century. Madge is passionate about ice dance. But because of a terrible mistake she once made, all she's allowed to do is train her younger siblings. When she meets Julianna, Madge is fascinated by the new Viennese skating style Julianna shows her – a sort of ballet on ice, so graceful and elegant that it takes your breath away. This could be her chance to take part in the world championships after all, and at the same time conquer star skater Benedict's heart. Together, Madge and Julianna forge a daring but risky plan. A plan that threatens to destroy not only Madge's future, but the reputation of her whole family…

• Based on the true story of the first woman to compete at the men's ice dance world championships, meticulously researched
• For fans of Lisa Graf and Maria Nikolai

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



Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 528 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Cartier. Der Traum von Diamanten

SOPHIE VILLARD

Cartier: Diamond Dreams

Date of publication: November 20, 2024

Rights sold to: Bulgaria (Lemur), Poland (Skarpa)

English Sample Translation available

Love, intrigue and the most desirable jewellery in the world – the first instalment in a two-book series about the Cartier family's glamorous life

Paris, 1910. Now that her engagement to an aristocrat has been called off, Jeanne Toussaint tries to make ends meet as a seamstress in unsavoury Montmartre. One night, she meets jeweller Louis Cartier in a nightclub. He and his brothers have shops in Paris, London and New York where anyone who's anyone buys their jewellery. Louis immediately recognises that Jeanne has a sure sense of style and is immensely talented. But it's more than that: he can't deny his attraction to this charming, vivacious young woman. But storm clouds are gathering on Europe's horizon, and the Cartier family are in danger of losing everything.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Haribo - So schmeckt das Glück

KATHARINA VON DER LANE

Haribo: The Taste of Happiness

THE HARIBO SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

Rights sold to: Hungary (Central)

From a bag of sugar to a global business: the extraordinary story of one of Germany's most successful business families

Bonn, 1920. Candy-maker Hans Riegel loves the colourful world of sweets, and dreams of having his own business one day. Young Gertrud Vianden also believes in his dream, and supports him all the way. After their wedding the couple start experimenting in their kitchen at home, and produce their first sweets, which Gertrud distributes on her bicycle. Business is tough, competition is stiff, and many people laugh at their lofty goals. How do they expect to feed a family on a few boiled sweets? But despite the challenges they face, Hans and Gertrud are convinced that small steps can lead to great things…

• A seductive novel for fans of Lisa Graf, Anne Jacobs and Charlotte Jacobi

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 256 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Bei der Laterne woll'n wir stehen

GUNNA WENDT

Lili Marleen

NOVEL INSPIRED BY LALE ANDERSEN'S FAMOUS SONG OF THE SAME NAME

Date of publication: July 24, 2024

A farewell under a street lamp. A life filled with longing. A song for all time.

Hamburg, 1914. Lili believes that Cord is her one true love. When Cord decides to enlist, she is heartbroken. Suddenly, there is nothing much to keep her in her home town. Despite opposition from those around her, Lili realises her long-cherished dream of becoming a singer. Her new life takes her from place to place, but her memory of Cord remains. Then she hears someone sing a song about a love affair that sounds all too familiar – and dares to hope that it'll bring Cord back into her arms…
Wendt's fictional story of the girl in the famous Lale Andersen song 'Lili Marleen' (1939) is like the song itself: full of love, longing and hope.

Entertaining [...] compelling and compact, carried by a stirring, timeless melody.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 896 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Die Templer. Rose und Kreuz

DANIEL WOLF

Knights Templar: The Rose and the Cross

HISTORICAL NOVEL

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

A squire and a brave young woman on a perilous journey through medieval France

France, 1293. There is unrest throughout the country, and even the influential Knights Templar have to fight for survival. In these dangerous times, squire Constantin takes on an almost impossible mission: his knight has asked him to find a legendary stone that is supposed to have healing powers, and Constantin hopes to prove his mettle as a future knight. Accompanying on his journey is temperamental Mélisande, who is fleeing a forced marriage. The squire has never met such a headstrong, independent young woman, and is astonished at her bravery. But courage alone won't save her when the two meet Gérard, a Knight Templar, who involves them in a deadly revenge mission that threatens to extinguish the mysterious order for ever…

• For fans of Rebecca Gablé, Ken Follett and CJ Sansom

Wolf is a master of the historical novel.

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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 336 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Christmas Cake und Glitzerschnee

URSI BREIDENBACH

Christmas Cake and Sparkling Snow

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 18, 2024

Christmas in Scotland – a romantic Yuletide story that glitters like the first snow

In mid-December, 33-year-old Jennifer heads to Edinburgh for an important project. She has never liked Christmas much, and all the fairy lights, mistletoe and Christmas cake are a bit overwhelming. While she's in Scotland, though, she plans to visit her grandmother Ingrid, with whom her father broke off all contact decades ago. When she arrives at the festively decorated house, not sure whether she's doing the right thing, her grandmother welcomes her with open arms, delighted and eyes brimming with tears. Ingrid invites her granddaughter to spend Christmas with her. Then Jennifer meets Callum, a proper Scot who's crazy about Christmas. Callum doesn't understand how anyone can be unmoved by the most wonderful time of the year, and does his best to convince her of the magic of Christmas – as he takes her to ride the carousel at the Christmas fair, go skating in the park, and on romantic winter wonderland trips…

• Glittering Christmas romance for fans of Hanna Blixt, Karen Swan and Jana Lukas

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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 336 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Das kleine Nähcafé am Fluss

SABINE SCHMIDT

The Little Riverside Sewing Café

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

An idyllic cottage by the river, a group of women with a passion for sewing, and a second chance at love...

Maura is one of life's superwomen, and has everything under control. When she learns that her aunt has died and left her a cottage, she reluctantly returns to the hometown she ran away from when she was eighteen. Maura plans to get through the funeral as quickly as possible, sell Aunt Hettie's house and get back to work as soon as possible. When she arrives, everything is exactly as she remembers it: the idyllic cottage by the river with its pale-blue windows, the slightly overgrown garden, the flowers, the apple trees… But there's also a small building she's never seen before. She opens the door – and enters a heavenly little place, crammed to the rafters with wonderful textiles and sewing materials. Then she encounters the group of women who regularly meet there, and quickly falls in love with them. And, speaking of love: mysterious Marten certainly knows how to make her heart beat faster…

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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 400 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Die Frühstücksfrauen - Ein Geheimnis in Pommern

EVA SEIFERT

The Breakfast Ladies: Pomeranian Secret

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 17, 2024

A group of friends who stick together through thick and thin, and a secret that'll change everything...

For Marlene, these once-a-month breakfasts with her friends are a real lifesaver. She's divorced and a single mother, and life is tough. Her mother Editha is declining fast too, and retreating ever more into dark childhood memories of her family's flight from Soviet troops in 1945. It's the first that Marlene has heard of this, and she wants to find out more. Supported by her friends, she travels to Pomerania, and the deeply moving discoveries she makes there will for ever change her relationship with Editha – and more…

• For fans of Katharina Herzog
• Inspired by the true stories of the many families that fled the Soviet Army in 1945, lost their homes and had to make a fresh start in a strange place

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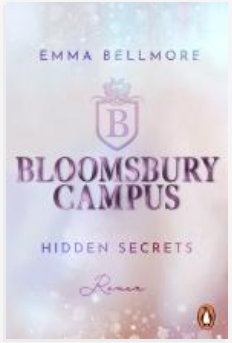
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New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Illustrations: 41 b/w illustrations
Original title: Bloomsbury Campus (1) - Hidden secrets

EMMA BELLMORE

Bloomsbury Campus: Hidden Secrets

THE BLOOMSBURY CAMPUS SERIES (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

She doesn't want to repeat the mistakes of the past – but what if that's where her future lies?

Labyrinthine corridors, opulent towers and luxurious dorms: Lily's dream comes true when she is accepted at the prestigious university in the picturesque coastal town of Bloomsbury. All she wants is to leave her past and her secrets behind. But most of all, she wants to stay away from cheeky PhD student Ellis. He embodies everything she loathes, and everything she must avoid – at all costs. But suddenly, she can't stop thinking about him. How can they have a future, if she can never tell him the whole truth about herself?

• For fans of Sarah Sprinz and Maren Vivien Haase
• Tropes: Enemies-to-Lovers, Forbidden Love

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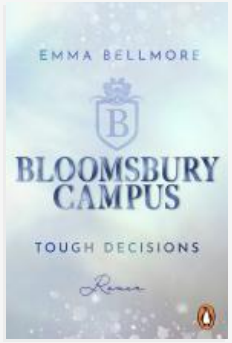
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New Adult

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Original title: Bloomsbury Campus (2) - Tough decisions

EMMA BELLMORE

Bloomsbury Campus: Tough Decisions

THE BLOOMSBURY CAMPUS SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 11, 2024

She was only supposed to be his pretend-girlfriend – but Elsa seems to have forgotten her own rules…

If Elsa knows one thing, it's this: if something doesn't happen soon, she'll fail every single one of her exams and disappoint her parents. Hunter is her only hope – handsome, cheeky Hunter, who agrees to be her study partner. But only on one condition: that she pretends to be his girlfriend in front of his parents. Suddenly, Elsa is forced to spend every spare moment with him. Before long, she has to admit that pretending to be dating Hunter may have triggered some real feelings in her. If only he wasn't keeping so many secrets from her, secrets that could make love impossible …

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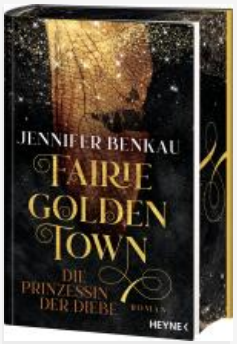
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Fantasy & Science Fiction, New Adult

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Format: Hardcover
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Original title: Fairiegolden Town – Die Prinzessin der Diebe

JENNIFER BENKAU

Fairygold Town: Princess of Thieves

THE FAIRIEGOLDEN SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 12, 2025

Thief Bria plans a daring coup in magical England, and risks not only her life, but her heart...

Bria, princess of thieves, has spent her life in the shadow of her famous mother. All she wants is to be taken seriously. So she sets out to steal a signet ring belonging to a dangerous clan chief – and lands in a cauldron of intrigue, injustice and power struggles. Yet she also finds friendship, empathy and love, and learns more about herself than she ever wanted to know. Ultimately, Bria has to decide: will she return to her gang of thieves a celebrated hero, or risk everything and follow her heart into an adventure that she can only survive with non-earthly weapons?

• The start of a new Romantasy series for all fans of Leigh Bardugo's "Six of Crows"
• Vol. 2 to be published in July 2025

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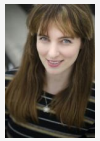
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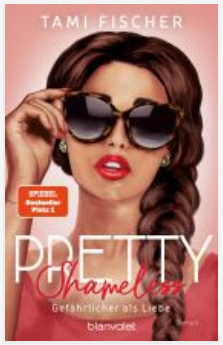
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New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Pretty Shameless - Gefährlicher als Liebe

TAMI FISCHER

Pretty Shameless: More Dangerous Than Love

THE MANHATTAN ELITE TRILOGY (VOL. 3)
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 11, 2024

Nothing's more dangerous than love – especially if more than your heart is at stake...

Sarah has risked a lot to protect her twin sister Payton from the machinations of the nasty clique of rich kids. The price she's had to pay is high: Monroe doesn't trust her anymore, and Holden has turned his back too. Now, caught in a web of lies and manipulation, Sarah is the one who needs saving. But by the time it becomes clear who's really calling the shots, it may already be too late…
The last volume in the series about intrigues, scandals and love affairs in Upper East Side society.

• For all fans of "Gossip Girl"
• Trope: Enemies-to-Lovers
• Includes a playlist

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New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Songs for the Beautiful

MAREN VIVIEN HAASE

Songs for the Beautiful

THE RISE-AND-FALL DUET (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: October 09, 2024

Rights sold to: Russia (Eksmo)

Welcome to the glamorous world of pop – where one song can change your whole life...

Ever since she can remember, Suki has loved singing. But she's never found the courage to pursue her passion outside her own four walls. When someone secretly records a video of her singing and it goes viral, she's offered a recording contract. Her dream of a pop career seems to be within reach. In the studio, she is introduced to her new songwriter, River – and all she wants it to drop the whole thing: because she and River have a shared past, and if he goes public, her rising star could be extinguished before it's even had a chance to shine…
The music business and all its dangers from a female perspective. For all fans of Taylor Swift.

• For readers of Ayla Dade
• Tropes: Brother's Best Friend, Enemies-to-Lovers und Forced Proximity
• Includes a playlist.

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www.youtube.com/marenvivien



New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Illustrations: 60 b/w illustrations
Original title: Silver Springs. Sunshine on Your Skin

POLLY HARPER

Silver Springs: Sunshine on Your Skin

THE MONTANA-LOVE SERIES (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: June 12, 2024

60 b/w images

Sweet & spicy: an enemies-to-lovers romance set in the stunning Rockies – with sparks that burn hotter than the camp fire

As Estelle stands in front of the gates to Camp Silver Springs in the Rocky Mountains, she wants nothing more than to turn back. But she's committed to spending several weeks doing community service at the camp – even though doesn't care about children, or nature. Her mood gets even worse when she meets camp supervisor Reed, who instantly takes a dislike to her. Estelle decides to just ignore him. After a few days, she starts to quite like this idyllic place, with its cosy cottages by the lake, and the camp activities and trips to the waterfalls are actually a lot of fun. And when she discovers a surprisingly charming side to Reed by the campfire, her heart starts beating faster whenever she's around him…

• For fans of Lilly Lucas and Alexandra Flint
• Trope: Enemies-to-lovers

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New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Silver Springs. Thunder in Your Soul

POLLY HARPER

Silver Springs: Thunder in Your Soul

THE MONTANA-LOVE SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 14, 2024

Charming & steamy: second-chance romance set in the breathtaking Rocky Mountains – when happiness shines like a thousand glowworms...

A few hot encounters here and there are fine – but Hazel, manager of the Silver Springs camp in the woods of Montana, won't touch anything resembling real feelings. After all, a crazy love affair from ten years ago ended up with her as a single mother. But she loves her daughter Maila more than anything, and is beginning to think that she's got over the painful past. But then Neo arrives at the camp, looking even hotter now than back then. He clearly has no intention of leaving. The former Olympic athlete gives the kids in the camp swimming lessons, and starts connecting with Maila too. He has long guessed the truth, but Hazel makes him promise never to reveal his true identity to her daughter – but all the while, she's trying to fight her own treacherous heart…

• Trope: Second Chance

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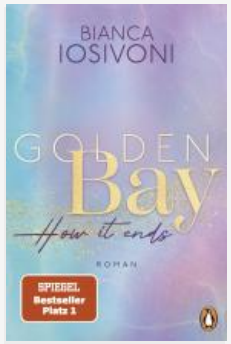
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New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Golden Bay – How it ends

BIANCA IOSIVONI

Golden Bay: How It Ends

THE GOLDEN BAY TRILOGY (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 28, 2024

Book 3 in the trilogy is told from both Ember's and Holden's POV: a trust destroyed – an intense passion – a romance as stormy, rough and deep as the ocean...

Just as Golden Bay has started feeling like home again and Ember looks forward to making a fresh start with Holden, he's arrested right in front of her. Ember can't believe what he's done, and that he's kept it a secret all these years. She tries to distract herself with the renovations on her parents' house, but the pain and longing are always with her. How can she ever trust him again? And what if this isn't his only secret?

When Holden sees that he has lost Ember's trust forever, he realises that you truly can't escape the past. His last chance at forgiveness is to tell her the whole truth, but he's convinced it will destroy her. He loves Ember too much to do that to her, even if it means that they'll never have a future…

• Tropes: Second Chance, Broken Hero, Found Family, Dark Past

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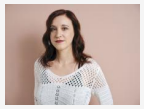
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New Adult

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Because of You I Want to Dream

NADINE KERGER

Because of You I Want to Dream

THE BECAUSE OF YOU SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: July 17, 2024

Rights sold to: Poland (Marginesy)

When the hottest playboy on the island conquers your reluctant heart...

Ever since Liv and Jacob met on Martha's Vineyard, they've got on each other's nerves. Jacob, son of the influential Sullivan family and co-owner of the yacht club, is a ridiculously fit bad boy, and his unguarded talk irritates Liv no end. Annoyingly, her best friends Josie and Hannah have got close to his two brothers, so Liv is forced to spend more time with him than she'd like. And things get worse when Liv, who works for the seal rescue centre, is tasked with helping Jacob set up eco-friendly jet ski tours. However, the more time they spend together, the more Jacob reveals his sensitive side – and suddenly every touch of his makes Liv tingle…

• For fans of Lilly Lucas and Laura Kneidl
• Trope: Friends-to-Lovers

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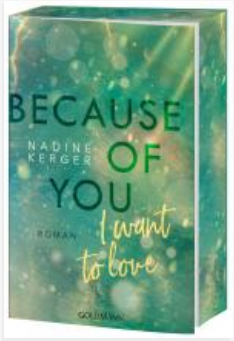
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New Adult

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Original title: Because of You I Want to Love

NADINE KERGER

Because of You I Want to Love

THE BECAUSE OF YOU SERIES (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 23, 2024

Rights sold to: Poland (Marginesy)

You're BFFs – but why does your heart break whenever he gets close to another girl?

Hannah and Flynn have known each other all their lives, and have spent every summer together on Martha's Vineyard. Hannah dreams of opening her own bakery on the island, and Flynn, son of the wealthy Sullivan family and chef at the yacht club, supports her 100%. Hannah has long harboured romantic feelings for Flynn, but she doesn't want to risk their friendship – after all, he definitely doesn't see her as more than a mate. Determined to get over him, she decides to gives firefighter Taylor a chance. But then Flynn starts acting weird all of a sudden. Hannah keeps noticing him looking at her thoughtfully, and there are little 'accidental' touches – or is she just imagining it?

• For fans of Lilly Lucas and Laura Kneidl
• Trope: Friends-to-Lovers

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New Adult

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: No Matter What

SARAH STANKEWITZ

No Matter What

THE LOVE BURNS TRILOGY (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

‘You were my miracle, Stella Jones. Now let me be yours.’

Since a fire killed her father, Stella Jones has borne the scars – both physically and mentally. She can’t stand being touched by others, and the only time she feels like herself is when she’s at work at the dog shelter. When her foster mother dies, Stella returns to her hometown Bloom Lake. Her big brother puts her up at his flat, and she’s shocked to discover that her new flatmate is none other than Austin, whose life she saved all those years ago. He has turned into a selfish womaniser, but the old Austin – tender, loving, passionate – is still there behind the mask. Patiently, he helps Stella fight the ghosts of the past, and kindles a fire in her that she has long suppressed. But is Stella ready to get close to someone like that? Or will she get burnt again?

• For fans of Ayla Dade and Kathinka Engel
• Trope: Brother’s Best Friend

The ending left me speechless.

nataschaslibrary

For me, the story was like a warm and cosy hug, with a little bit of healing power too.

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Sarah Stankewitz has loved writing and creating stories since she was a kid. While writing her debut novel, she allowed her imagination run wild. She is always in search of fresh inspiration – and music, candles and a comfy corner are as indispensable to her life as an author as a delicious cappuccino. Her stories reflect what she herself always wants from a good book: love, passion and a pinch of humour.

Deeply emotional, with lots of twists in the story that you'll never see coming.

manjasbuchregal.de

Some books hit you where it hurts. This is one of them.

verrücktnach-buechern.blogspot.com

If I had to describe [Stankewitz's] books in [three words], it would be "balm for the heart".

book-lovely-29.blogspot.com

I can't exactly explain all the things I loved about it, or why it's is one of my favourites!

alixiablog

Instead, all you want to do is pocket them both and snuggle with them all day long... obviously really gently, because you don't want to hurt Stella.

jjs_page

The main protagonists, Austin and Stella, are brilliant characters, and I felt instantly drawn to them.

vivisbuchwelt

All in all, it's a really good, moving story that shows how precious love is, as well as accepting who you are.

romantasy_feen

I knew from the first paragraph of the first chapter that I would love it, and all I can say is it's goddamned brilliant.

lari_liebt_lesen

Shows how precious love is – including loving yourself – and it

leaves you smiling, as well as a little bit hopeful.

shellybooklove

Once again, I adored her laid-back style, the situation comedy, all that love (and, yes, heartbreak) and big feelings.

michelleslittlebookworld

Her writing is so great and easy-going. It's hard to put down.

meine.kleine.Leseecke

In my mind, Blossom Lake especially is simply unbelievably stunning, almost magical.

jessibonnie.wordpress.com

It deals with important topics, and conveys them incredibly well. It's both emotional and serious, and funny and light.

linaaas_buecherwelt

The ending broke my heart. I can't wait for the sequel.

kathaflausch.de

Very sensitive and emotional.

mymagicalbookwonderland

A fantastic start to the trilogy.

ginas.bookshelf

She's a bestselling author known for her vivid characters, and the story will have you gripped from first to last.

missappledome.wordpress.com

A brilliant slow-burn romance with realistic characters and emotions.

wildeskopfkino.blogspot.com

Beautiful and emotional. I was completely hooked from the start, and couldn't put it down.

jaay.reads

Relatable and passionate, and I found it easy to immerse myself in the story. I felt like I was right there in the small town as the romance unfolds.

Melissasbuecher

A stunning, deeply emotional love story with realistic characters.

Mymagicalbookwonderland

Stankewitz has once again wrapped topical issues inside a beautiful, enchanting book. It's a great start to the new series, and I can't wait to read the rest.

lesehuhn-buchblog

A deeply moving and captivating novel about love, finding yourself, and the resilience of the human spirit [...] a story that not only entertains, but makes you think. Anyone who loves charming, thoughtful novels will love this.

Boooks.are.my.life



Fantasy & Science Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penhaligon
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 656 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Illustrations: 4 b/w illustrations
Original title: Black Bird Academy - Fürchte das Licht

STELLA TACK

Black Bird Academy: Fear the Light

THE BLACK BIRD ACADEMY TRILOGY (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: July 10, 2024

Rights sold to: Poland (Jaguar), Russia (AST), Spain (Alma), Ukraine (BookChef)

Sexy, fantastic and packed with dark academia atmosphere: exorcists from around the world are assembling in London – while Leaf uncovers a secret that makes her question everything...

The best demon hunters in the world have come to London to compete in the exorcists' world championship in the city's dark alleyways. Leaf will also take part in this merciless event. But she's still struggling with her emerging demonic powers – and her forbidden love for Falco. When a gang of thieves disrupts the contest, Leaf has to try to chase them down. In the process, she uncovers a dark secret involving Black Bird Academy, and wonders who she can still trust. Is she even human enough to still feel something like trust… or love?
• Tropes: Dark Academy, Dark Romance

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Memento

MATT BASANISI, GERD SCHNEIDER

Memento

A CASE FOR KELLER (VOL. 2)
THRILLER

Date of publication: July 31, 2024

Full English translation available

A North Korean in possession of top secret information is murdered – and the world faces an unprecedented nuclear threat

Bern, 2004. No sooner has David Keller returned to Switzerland than he's back in the fray: a UN diplomat has been murdered in Geneva. Like it or not, Keller has to work with the Swiss secret service to hunt down Abdul Qadeer Khan, father of Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme and fanatical leader of a secret nuclear proliferation network. Keller quickly becomes entangled in a global underground of ruthless businessmen, dictators and intelligence agencies, and when the CIA set his sights on him, a race against time begins. And as he tries to prevent nuclear Armageddon, he suddenly finds himself facing ghosts he thought he'd laid to rest long ago…

• For fans of Kim Faber and Janni Pedersen, and of TV series such as "Narcos" and "The Bridge"

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Nacht der Verräter

HORST ECKERT

Night of the Traitors

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

A vanished wife, two corrupt brothers, drug gangs at war – and detective Max Bauer is caught in the middle. Whose side is he on?

Max Bauer is beside himself when his wife Julia disappears without a trace from a party, in broad daylight. She's been secretive about her past ever since they first met, but he's never minded. Back then, her love was what helped him get over a traumatic case. But now he doesn't know where to start looking for her… Meanwhile, Max's crime squad colleagues claim that his brothers, who are both patrol officers, are involved in the booming cocaine trade in the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam. They demand that Max watches his family and reports back. If he doesn't, they'll assume he's involved too. And so begins a perilous high-wire act for Max – and the end is anything but certain.

Eckert is one of the best German-language crime authors around.

Hamburger Abendblatt

Eckert has a deft eye for contemporary events. He likes to tackle urgent and explosive topics, and you can tell that he has a deep understanding of politics. In our view, he's an excellent researcher and brilliant at creating suspense, and Night of the

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www.horsteckert.de

Traitors has everything you want from a tense thriller: it's fast-paced, intricate, unpredictable, has an epic, breathtaking finale and remains unbearably suspenseful right to the very last page.

Radio Bremen Zwei

The best German author of political thrillers. Even the final sentence gives you goosebumps.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur 'Lesart'

Realistic, well-researched, suspenseful [...] a must-read for all fans of high-quality crime.

Rheinische Post

You'll race through it without stopping all the way to the superb ending. Eckert is simply the best.

WDR 4, Bücher

If you're looking for a novel that'll have you gripped from first to last, this is the one for you.

detlef-knut.de

Realistic, airtight and gripping all the way to the explosive finale.

literaturportal-bayern.de

A gripping read from first to last, with an ambiguous ending – authentic, hugely topical and action-packed.

Rhein-Zeitung

An unputdownable book, perfect for a long weekend or a sleepless night.

kriminalakte.org

Super-exciting. We loved it.

niersleser

It has a gripping plot, and the various family and step-family entanglements are really good.

buchwelten.wordpress.com

Once again, Eckert deftly works contemporary social issues into the plot.

lokalkompass.de

A gripping crime novel. I learnt a lot about the international drug trade.

Kölnische Rundschau

Highly topical as always, [he] shines a light on the problems that are corrupting and seriously damaging our society.

elvirasbuecherkiste.de

Genuinely gripping.

Rhein-Exklusiv

Short chapters, quick-fire scene changes, and a punchy style make for a fast-paced read, while it never loses its grip on the workings of the plot. Skilful suspense fiction that demands to be taken seriously.

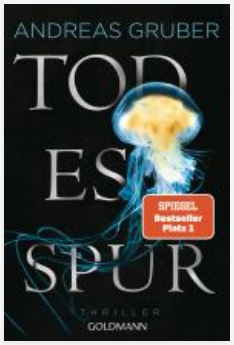
der Freitag

A brilliant crime novel centred on the fact that the mafia is a kind of global enterprise that it’s hard to escape from, by an author who doesn’t shy away from dealing with social conflicts without the promise of a happy ending.

Karinhahnrezensionen

[As we follow] these two gripping plotlines [we wonder] if his wife is involved [in the drugs trade] – with an intriguing ending.

eschborner-stadtmagazin.de



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 624 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Todesspur

ANDREAS GRUBER

Death Tracks

CASE NO. 8 FOR MAARTEN S. SNEIJDER AND SABINE NEMEZ
THRILLER

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

Rights sold to: Lithuania (Jotema), Ukraine (Family Leisure Club)

Sneijder and Nemez are on the trail of a dangerous terrorist – and a highly intelligent killer

National Crime Agency investigators Sneijder and Nemez are on a night raid. Their aim is to arrest Dr Paul Conrad, who's reportedly working with a new generation of Red Army Faction terrorists, and planning a horrific series of attacks. But Conrad manages to escape, and Sneijder has to get creative if he wants to avert catastrophe. The situation gets worse when he meets mysterious Lea Fuchs, whose own murderous plans throw a spanner in his investigation…

Maarten S. Sneijder and Sabine Nemez are a fantastic double act.

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www.agruber.com



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Verirrt

MICHAELA KASTEL

Lost

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 14, 2024

‘A monster made me return to the monsters of my childhood’

Under cover of darkness, Felizitas flees her home with her young daughter. She’s finally realised that if she stays, her violent husband will destroy her. But she has just one place to go: her mother’s house, deep in the woods. Near the lake where the children’s corpses are buried. Where the shadows of the past threaten to overwhelm her. Soon, she fears that her husband is on her trail – or does the real horror lie elsewhere?

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Thriller & Crime

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Original title: Es rappelt in der Kiste

THOMAS KRÜGER

Something's Rattling in the Coffin

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: December 11, 2024

As Konrad Leisegang tends to the plants in the cemetery, he discovers an extra body – and kicks off a chain of events that puts him in grave danger

The Melaten cemetery in Cologne is a place of hushed remembrance. For Konrad Leisegang, who has been tending its flowers and green spaces for years, it is a place of refuge. One day, while clearing an old grave, he discovers something that puts an abrupt end to the peace and quiet: under the body that's meant to be there, there's a one that isn't. At the same time, an apparently natural death occurs on a flight from Bogotá to Germany. The body is taken to the coroner, whose office happens to be right next to the cemetery. Shortly after, the coroner's nightwatchman is murdered. A coincidence? Unlikely. With the help of clever pupil Martin, Konrad dives deep into the secrets of his green paradise in order to solve the two cases. Together, they uncover a web of crime and shady secrets – and Konrad soon finds himself in terrible danger…

With lovingly detailed descriptions of the gigantic green space [that is Cologne's Melaten cemetery]. An entertaining must-read.

Sonntag-Express

Crime fans [...] will love this. Bursting with humour, it offers

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www.lausbuch.de

fascinating excursions into Cologne's history and is packed with crime tropes you'll have great fun with.

Kölner Stadtanzeiger

We need more books like this – cosy crime with a quirky cast of characters.

Weser Kurier

A brilliant cosy crime novel with lots of local colour. It has everything you could ask for and is an entertaining page-turner from first to last. Krüger is famous for his humorous crime novels – and if you're at all curious about what working as a cemetery gardener is like and prefer your entertainment first class and without too much bloodshed, this fun novel hits the mark.

Kamikaze Radio

If you like your crime clever and witty, you'll definitely enjoy this trip to the Melaten cemetery.

blackfairys-buecher.blogspot.com

The atmospheric cemetery setting lends the story a unique charm.

lebenlesenlieben

You'll inevitably end up on the wrong track and having to reassess your suspicions – only to be in for a surprise final twist.

aebbies.buechertruhe

A knotty, quirky crime novel.

erdhaftigschmoekert.wordpress.com

You'll be smiling, even laughing out loud. [...] A very unusual crime novel every way you look at it [...] the descriptions of the Melaten cemetery are hilarious and honestly made me laugh out loud. A fun book. [...] A satirical crime novel for grown-ups with some great situation comedy. Well worth reading for its refreshing newness alone [...] a solid two thumbs up.

Radio Bremen Zwei

Funny, suspenseful, mysterious.

glüxmagazin

Deliciously funny.

hochrainergaby

Suspense fans and anyone else who likes a quirky, funny tale will definitely love this one.

socmag-bookcorner.blogspot.com

An entertaining and somewhat unusual crime novel set in Cologne.

Westdeutsche Zeitung

Krüger's series featuring cemetery gardener Konrad Leisegang is as gripping as it is entertaining. Something's Rattling in the Coffin is huge fun from the first page to the very last, even on a second read. Just a few pages in, and you'll be hooked and cheered up no end, and it'll light up your life with its vivaciousness and geniality. It's truly excellent.

Literaturmarkt.info

Even the title is a sign of how entertaining it is, with elements of comedy and first-rate cabaret. Utterly delightful.

buchaviso.de

The passages where he ponders the quirks of humankind and can’t for the life of him make sense of them are especially good.

krimi-couch.de

A great premise, an unusual pair of amateur detectives, and fascinating settings.

lesenswertesausdembuecherhaus.blogspot.de

Gripping feelgood crime set in the Melaten Cemetery – and you’ll learn a thing or two about its flora and fauna along the way.

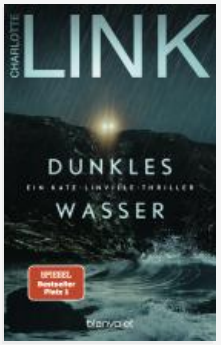
ulrike-heitmueller.de

A crime novel that also tickles your funny bone is no mean feat, but Krüger has mastered the art. He almost makes it look easy.

literaturmarkt.info

An idiosyncratic, eccentric cemetery-set crime novel packed with history, remarkable forensics and lovingly created characters, both human and animal.

ZEIT Magazin



Thriller & Crime

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CHARLOTTE LINK

Dark Waters

THE KATE LINVILLE SERIES (VOL. 5)
CRIME NOVEL

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Kate Linville and Caleb Hale stumble across a new lead in a 15-year-old cold case

On a stormy night on the coast of western Scotland, two families camping in a secluded bay are attacked by a gang of masked youths. The violence escalates, and only one of the campers survives: Iris, the oldest daughter of one of the families, who managed to hide from the assailants. The Kilbride killings have remained unsolved all these years. One day, Iris notices someone stalking her. Shortly after, her friend disappears during a holiday trip. Has she been killed? Was Iris the real target? When Iris bumps into ex-DCI Caleb Hale and tells him her story, Hale joins forces with Kate Linville to reopen the cold case. Slowly, he enters a nightmare – both professionally and personally…

Link is the master of deception.

SWR

Link is unbelievably good at tackling sensitive issues without

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sacrificing literary quality.

Krimi – Das Magazin



Thriller & Crime

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Original title: Verflucht seist du (Dühnfort 5)

INGE LöHNIG

Damn You

A CASE FOR DüHNFORT (VOL. 5)
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: November 20, 2024

Two dead youths – a wall of silence – and an explosive case for DCI Dühnfort

Munich, the middle of the summer. A paralysing heat lies over the city, and the sun is burning in the sky. DCI Dühnfort's mood gets even worse when he hears the shocking news of a young man found dead on a suburban construction site. Daniel Ohlsberg was killed in the night, with a single shot to the head. Was it a drug deal gone wrong, a killing that happened in the heat of the moment, or a meticulously planned murder? And how does the suicide of one of Daniel's female friends fit into it? Under pressure to solve the case quickly, Dühnfort and his team start investigating – and the more they delve into the web of lies, betrayal and jealousy, the more obvious it becomes that they're dealing with an ice-cold killer…
• For fans of Romy Fölck and Eva Almstädt

Superb storytelling and psychological tension.

Süddeutsche Zeitung

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Original title: Der Spieler

INGE LöHNIG

The Gambler

A CASE FOR DüHNFORT (VOL. 10)
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

A game that ends in death – a new case for Inspector Dühnfort

It's a challenging time for DCI Konstantin Dühnfort: he's being kicked out of the flat he's renting in Munich, and now his Norwegian colleague has come to him, desperate for help. Two German pensioners have drowned near their holiday home on a Norwegian fjord, but the accident looks staged. Shortly after, Dühnfort stumbles across another suspicious death – just like in Norway, here too someone has left a piece from a board game at the scene. There are no other similarities, and the only clue he has leads him to Jasmin Steiner.
Jasmin lives all alone in the remote Bavarian countryside. But lately, she's noticed that someone is watching her, and things are getting tense in the village. It seems her past has finally caught up with her. For Dühnfort und Jasmin, a race against time begins – and the game has only just begun.

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QUENTIN PECK

Minus 22 Degrees

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

Date of publication: December 25, 2024

A young student trapped in a cage – and a killer with a deadline

On a winter's night, shortly before midnight, Laura Gehler is cycling through the snowy woods. From out of nowhere, an SUV turns up and pushes her off the road. The driver knocks her out, and hours later she wakes up in a Perspex box. A deadly game begins – and if Laura doesn't solve the riddle of the box, she will die. Meanwhile, Laura's mother gets a sinister message: a Barbie doll with the date of Laura's death. Inspector Lukas Johannsen recognises it as the signature of a killer he's never managed to catch. Will Laura be his next victim? Lukas embarks on a ghost hunt in the icy cold…

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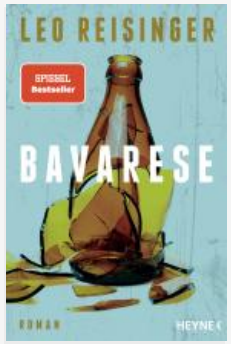
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Quentin Peck was born in Berlin, studied documentary filmmaking, German and journalism in Germany, Madrid and New York, and has been a TV journalist and producer for more than thirty years. To get his psychological thrillers just right, he conducts experiments and visits their real-life locations – making them all the more atmospheric and realistic.



Thriller & Crime

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Original title: Bavarese

LEO REISINGER

Bavarese

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 11, 2024

No heaven without hell: one man fight for the woman he loves – and against organised crime

When dawn comes, you can find Sepko working his arse off as a dogsbody in Munich's famous market halls, while the glitterati are still dancing on nightclub tables between lines of coke and champagne bottles. Sepko's work is tough, the money worse. But his bosses are raking it in, selling their wares to the city's five-star restaurants – though their deals aren't always super-legal. And now Sepko's gone and fallen in love with single mother Lene, who frequents the market halls at dawn to buy supplies for her little grocery delivery business. But Pfeiffer, the loaded, influential restaurateur and aspiring Oktoberfest landlord, has his eye on Lene too. Sepko's attempts to woo the woman of his dreams unwittingly trigger acts of violence that spiral out of control – and then the hidden forces of organised crime get involved…

A well-researched, well-observed portrait of Munich society, from wholesalers to Oktoberfest innkeepers and high-ranking politicians. Both a crime novel and a love story.

KulturVision

A must-read for Muenchners – as well as everyone else.

Sabine Bauer

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Leo Reisinger learnt to play the piano when he was six, carpentry when he was seventeen and acting when he was twenty-one. In-between working with unplaned boards and treading the much nicer ones of the stage, he worked as a waiter in Munich's restaurants, at the Oktoberfest and at the famous market halls. When he isn't busy filming or rocking out with his band, he has a weakness for unusual stories. "Bavarese" is his first novel.

A compelling mix of crime, romance and social science.

Playboy

This author and actor – who has worked in the wholesale trade himself – elegantly entangles his characters in a downward spiral of greed, love and violence.

Gong



Thriller & Crime

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Original title: SPURLOS

LEON SACHS

Without a Trace

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 25, 2024

She can make people disappear better than any witness protection programme – but now she too has become a target

Robin Graf can make people disappear without a trace more effectively than any witness protection programme. But when two of her clients are murdered simultaneously, alarm bells start ringing: how is it possible that not one, but two key witnesses have both been tracked down? Are they merely the first victims in a campaign of bloody revenge? And whom can she still trust? When Robin becomes a target herself, she realises that no one's safe anymore, not even her family. To protect the lives of her loved ones, there's only one way out: she has to give up everything and disappear.

Sachs is a master of the genre.

Deutschlandfunk Kultur

An intricate plot with a [...] shocking ending.

Kölnische Rundschau

A fast-paced and gripping thriller.

Zeitlupe

Suspenseful and entertaining, it is inspired by real crimes,

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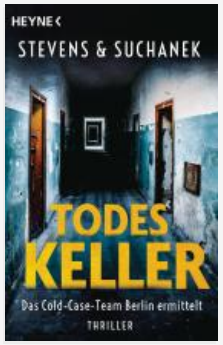


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Forum, das Wochenmagazin



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Original title: Todeskeller. Das Cold-Case-Team Berlin ermittelt

NICA STEVENS, ANDREAS SUCHANEK

Cellar of Death: The Berlin Cold Case Team Investigates

THRILLER

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

Family secrets, deep-seated trauma, unspeakable horrors – and a bloody trail that leads from East Germany to the present

The body of a Frenchman is found in an abandoned building in Berlin. During the days of the GDR, the place had been a home for special needs children. The body becomes the first case for Europol's cold case team, headed up by Sophie Steinbach and David Martin. At the scene, they discover something shocking: the buried remains of countless people, walled up in the basement. Sophie, David and their team start investigating the home's past, and pick up a trail that leads to secret Stasi files and the unspeakable horrors of the old regime. While Sophie pushes herself to the limit to fight for justice, David has to face his own demons. And then the case takes a dramatic turn…

• For fans of cold-case crime fiction

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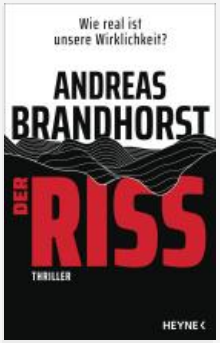
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Andreas Suchanek



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Fantasy & Science Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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ANDREAS BRANDHORST

Rip

THRILLER

Date of publication: October 16, 2024

Are we living inside a computer simulation? Flynn Darkster, the world's best hacker, discovers a shocking secret

Flynn Darkster, probably the world's best hacker, has been arrested for hacking into the Pentagon's IT system. He's given a stark choice: go to prison, or join the Horatio Group, a mysterious government programme. Flynn quickly discovers what the group is really after: proof that reality is actually a powerful computer simulation. But if that's the case, who created it? And can Flynn help set humanity free? Thus begins a breathless hunt for powerful enemies – enemies who seem to be hiding on the edge of reality itself.

Superb. Well written, a first-class story, great characters – an addictive read.

kultbote.de

Brandhorst combines this gripping plot with a sharp critique of capitalism, imperialism and environmental destruction, portraying a world whose markets are choking on themselves, while countries are collapsing under the combined weight of debt and internal conflict.

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Andreas Brandhorst, born in 1956, is a sci-fi author whose work has had a huge influence on the genre in Germany. Spectacular visions of the future combined with a thrilling plot are his trademark, and countless of his books have won awards and become bestsellers. Having lived in Italy for many years, he has now returned home to northern Germany.

Brandhorst's new novel isn't "just" gripping, but contains numerous elements that provide food for thought.

buchwelten.wordpress.com

A great thriller that makes you want to read more by [Brandhorst].

Radiolounge

Brandhorst is a master in his field – you'll be gripped from start to finish.

Kieler Magazin

Once again, a perfect symbiosis of science and fiction.

kulturnews

Brandhorst shows once again that he is one of the most fascinating thinkers and storytellers in German sci-fi. The novel combines action-packed thriller elements with profound philosophical questions – a challenging book that interrogates our reality and its limits.

gosureviews.blogspot.com

A gripping, well-researched "end times" techno-thriller. I couldn't put it down.

fantasybuch.de

A fascinating interrogation of the cornerstones of reality, wrapped in a tale that's gripping from start to finish.

ringbote.de

The novel thus leaves you wondering: might these things actually happen?

bookishhearts.blogspot.com

An excellent thriller that brings together the latest scientific theories and IT technology and taps into our primal fears.

Stuttgarter Zeitung

The plot itself is good. The characters are brilliantly described, you can picture them vividly.

oliviajunge.wordpress.com

The topic is incredibly fascinating. Everyone should read this.

bodhi74.wixsite.com

Well-conceived and, in my view, perfectly researched.

vienna-booklover.at

Bestselling author Brandhorst's fascinating novel deals with highly topical issues and examines the simulation hypothesis.

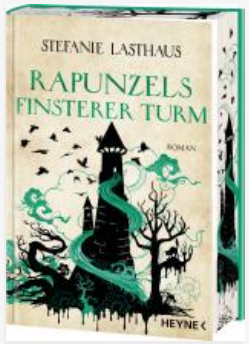
Westdeutsche Zeitung

The grandmaster of sci-fi thrillers has done it again.

Passauer Neue Presse

Brandhorst's thriller switches back and forth between different perspectives, and he takes his protagonists through the plot with speed and aplomb. He's done his research, so the novel (which includes a glossary) is also a useful introduction to the vast world of AI – right to the genuinely surprising twist at the end.

Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung



Fantasy & Science Fiction

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STEFANIE LASTHAUS

Rapunzel's Dark Tower

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 13, 2024

After a tragic loss, tattoo artist Flo plans to start a new life in the countryside. There, she uncovers not only a dark secret, but Rapunzel's actual tower...

Fate really has it in for tattoo artist Flo: the studio where she works burns down, she loses her job and her home – and then her good friend Sam dies in a car crash. The job ad posted by Tanglewood Hotel in Westmill couldn't have come at a better time: they're hiring new live-in staff. Flo straightaway packs her bags and moves to the country. But the idyll soon turns out to be deceptive: during the night, Flo hears weird songs coming from the woods around the hotel, and is visited by strange, vivid apparitions. There's something uncanny drawing Flo to the woods. One day, while walking among the trees, she meets mysterious Mrs Gothel – and a gruesome adventure begins…

• Fairytale Fantasy for fans of Christina Henry, Holly Black, C. E. Bernard and Angela Carter

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