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# Dear Colleagues and Friends,

2024 brings news: We are so happy to inform you that we've just incorporated the Rotfuchs children's imprint which many of you will know for its quirky and special books (they used to be published by Rowohlt Verlag). That said, we have the best of the old and especially many new things to offer you this time. Feel very much invited to browse the catalogue for a look at our books!

And these are the ones we really wouldn't want you to miss: Our three highlights, of course: to be found on the very next pages.

COOKIE CRUMBS IN SPACE (page 3) combines a goodnight story / chapter book with amazing nonfiction information on our universe. The text for children aged 5 + is co-written by world-known astronomer Heino Falcke and his wife Dagmar, a primary school teacher.

MY FAIRLY ODD FRIEND WALTER (page 4) is an amusing but thought-provoking graphic novel for children aged 10+ - written by renowned and award-winning playwright Sibylle Berg. It gives an idea of what an extraterrestrial being might think of our life here on earth ...

HONESTY (page 5) by Franzi Kopka is the first volume of a YA trilogy which is set in a world ruled by AI where emotions are medically suppressed - for the "safety" of humanity (trust us: emotions will still run high).

This is not all, however! An amazing new board book title: SEARCH AND FIND - CONSTRUCTION SITES by illustrator Fiete Koch awaits you on page 7, while the picture book THE GREAT JOURNEY (page 12) is a unique work of art with a dream-like quality and lots of detail.

Bestselling characters LIESELOTTE and BOBO DORMOUSE (pages 13-15) delight with new titles in several formats.

And a "novel in whatsapps", TOWARDS A BRIGHTER SKY (page 33) by award-winning author Sarah Jäger not only shows a brilliant inside into the thoughts, truths and fears of two teenagers but also dazzles with beautiful illustrations, unusual but truly special in the age group 12+.

There are many more fascinating stories as well as non-fiction. What will be your own personal favourite?

With our best wishes, your Foreign Rights team in children's books:

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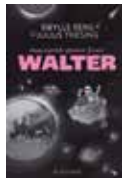
**Esther Mallm**

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# Star-studded moments: a fascinating journey through our night sky

- > Intergalactic author duo: Astrophysicist and primary school teacher
- > The author was the first person to photograph a black hole
- > Fascinating extra photo and video material available via QR codes



“Dad, how big is the sky?” is one of Jana’s evening questions. Compared to the starry skies she always feels as small as a cookie crumb. Luckily, her dad is an astrophysicist and meets Jana’s curiosity with answers that are easy to understand yet fascinating. Together they embark on a journey through the universe each night. And Jana thinks of many more questions to ask: “How is a star born?”, “What is a black hole?” “And what’s beyond our Milky Way?” They even send messages to the moon with a flashlight. Jana wonders if these light messages can be seen from heaven, too. Acknowledging limits, her dad admits, “We don’t know everything.”

Astrophysicist Heino Falcke and his wife, primary school educator Dagmar Falcke, take us on a journey through the universe into the vast expanses of space.

A chapter book to be cherished for both its intriguing information as well as its lovely goodnight stories in dialogue.

## AUTHORS



**Heino Falcke** is a best-selling author, multiple award-winning astrophysicist, professor and lay preacher. He and his team were responsible for capturing the first photo of a black hole ever taken, and he even has an asteroid named after him.



**Dagmar Falcke** leads an inclusive primary school with great creativity and commitment. She enjoys exploring big questions together with children.

Heino and Dagmar Falcke (text)  
Gareth Ryans (illustrations)

**Cookie Crumbs in Space.  
How Big is Infinity?**

(978-3-7373-7247-3)  
Hardcover  
96 pp., 17,0 × 24,0 cm  
Ages 6 +

All rights available

English synopsis available

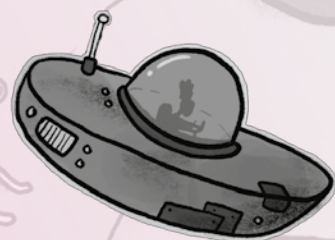
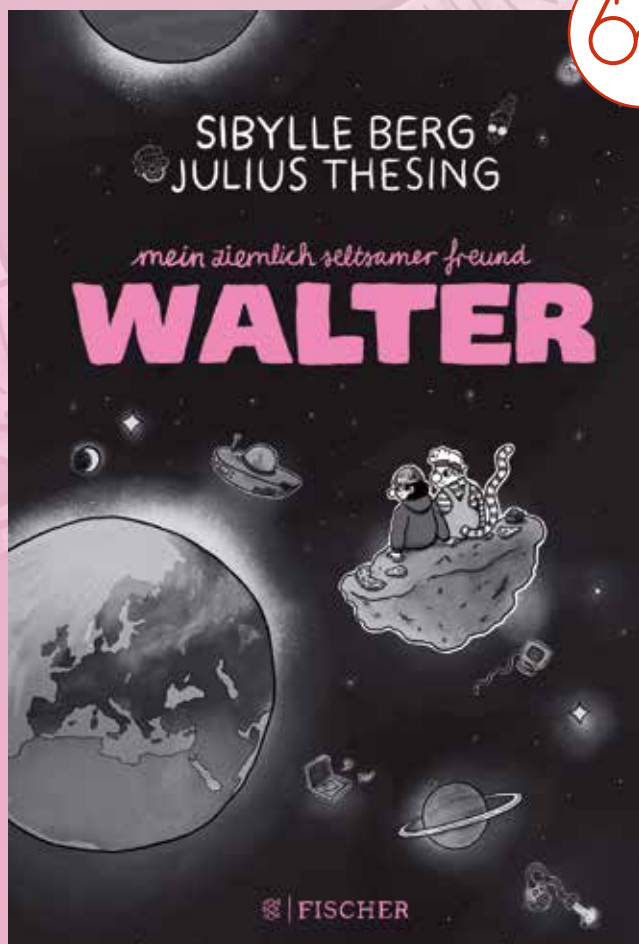
English sample available





# Be yourself. Be kind.

- > A powerful plea for being different – for young people and everyone else, too
- > Expressively illustrated by newcomer Julius Thesing
- > Successful play turned into a graphic novel



Lisa spends her evenings searching the cosmos for extraterrestrial life. With good reason, as her daily life on Earth isn't very cheerful: Her parents don't care for her at all (in fact they can hardly be distinguished from the sofa cushions). At school she is a welcome victim for just about everyone. When a spaceship lands behind her house one night, the alien visitors cast a quick, disgusted look round and zoom off again. Only one of them stays behind: Klakalnamanazdt, whom Lisa quickly dubs Walter. On Walter's planet, the focus is on cuddling, playing, and taking care of each other – it's no wonder that he finds life on earth pretty foreign. Without further ado, he begins to tidy up Lisa's life – until she can manage without foreign powers on our extremely odd planet Earth ...

## AUTHOR



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Sibylle Berg is among the most highly respected playwrights and writers within the German-speaking world. Her works, critically examining society, explore subjects of social inequality and digitalization.

## ILLUSTRATOR



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Julius Thesing, born in 1990, studied illustration at the Münster School of Design. In 2020, he completed his bachelor's degree with his much-acclaimed graphic novel debut "You Don't Look Gay". He works as a full-time designer and freelance illustrator in Münster.

Sibylle Berg (text)  
Julius Thesing (illustrations)

**My Fairly  
Odd Friend  
Walter**

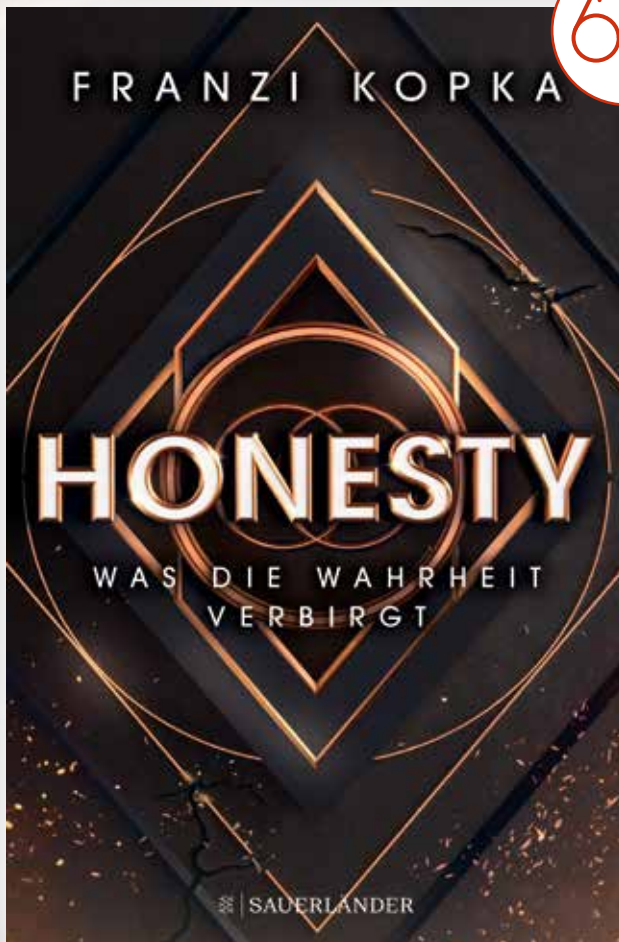
(978-3-7373-7257-2)  
Hardcover  
144 pp., 14,8 x 22,0 cm  
Ages 10 +

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# Imagine there are no lies. You can trust everyone unconditionally. Everyone, except yourself.

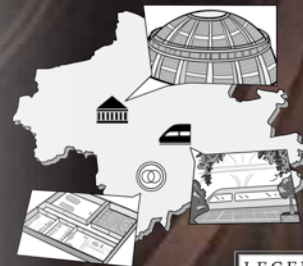
- > First volume of a new trilogy
- > Second volume to be published in Autumn 2024



After the great pandemic and a bitter war, there is complete peace in Sestiby.

Emotions like distrust, anger, or jealousy that make humans act thoughtlessly no longer exist. This peace is secured by the medication VeriTab and the artificial intelligence AISS.

Yet although Mae regularly takes her VeriTab, she feels all those forbidden emotions. When she is left by her boyfriend, she must participate in the government's partnership programme: She has eight weeks under strict observation ahead of her. Mae does her best to hide her feelings ... but when she meets Grayson, she soon has to ask herself whether the whole story of truth and peace is nothing but a fat lie ...



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	Gebirge
	Sumpland
	Verlorene Welt
	Gewässer
	Center (Alt-München)
	Die 8 Ringe

## AUTHOR



**Franzi Kopka**, born in 1990, is the daughter of a bookseller. Surrounded by countless novels, her passion for stories was sparked early on and has not let go of her since. Today, hardly a day goes by without her writing, preferably with a cat on her lap and a cup of tea on her desk.

Franzi Kopka (text)  
Charly Kopka (illustrations)

## Honesty – What the Truth Hides

(978-3-7373-5977-1)

Hardcover

(first limited edition with a coloured edge)

480 pp., 14.3 × 21.8 cm

Ages 14 +

All rights available

English sample  
translation available



# Board books for the smallest

- > Favourite animals introduce themselves
- > Including a page of characteristics on each animal



More titles to be published in this series



Hello there, do you see me? I'm a little bear and I'm walking through the dense forest. Most of the time I play and tussle with my brother. Our mum teaches us everything bears need to know until we are big and strong. Come along to my home!



Hello, here I am! I'm a little rabbit and I'm taking you into my world! Right now, I'm in a hurry because my big family is waiting for me. You see, I have 18 siblings. And you? With me, you can experience how fast we can hop, how we warn each other when a fox comes around the corner, and what our cozy burrow looks like. Join me on the wildflower meadow!

## AUTHOR



**Andrea Weller-Essers**, born in 1977, studied German and philosophy to become a teacher. Since 2008, she has worked as a freelance author for children's and young adult media. She lives with her husband and her children in Berlin.

## ILLUSTRATOR



**Sandra Kissling** studied communication design in Stuttgart and worked for many years as an independent graphic designer. Today, she lives and works as a freelance illustrator.

Andrea Weller-Essers (text)  
Sandra Kissling (illustrations)

### I am the Little Bear

(978-3-7373-7256-5)  
Board book  
18 pp., 18.0 × 18.0 cm  
Ages 2 +

All rights available

Andrea Weller-Essers (text)  
Sandra Kissling (illustrations)

### I am the Little Rabbit

(978-3-7373-7255-8)  
Board book  
18 pp., 18.0 × 18.0 cm  
Ages 2 +

All rights available

# A before and after book



- > Perfect for big and little builders: What can you see on this page and what has happened on the next?
- > Topics: Before and after, comparing pictures, construction sites, town vs. countryside



There's lots to discover at a construction site – diggers and bulldozers are at work, and people are drilling, hammering and painting. But what does it look like once everything is built? In this book, children can discover building sites in the city and in the countryside. Here are big residential and office buildings, there's a motorway. There are building sites at the harbour and the airport, too. Meanwhile, in the countryside, a beaver is building his lodge ...

Once everything is finished, people (and animals) can live, work and play in the new structures!

## AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR



**Fiete Koch**, born in Hamburg in 1979, has always loved drawing. Nevertheless he first trained as a chef and worked in animated film production before studying communication design in Hamburg. Since 2010 he has been working as a freelance illustrator.



Fiete Koch (text/illustrations)

### Search and Find: Construction Sites

(978-3-7571-0136-7)  
Board book  
16 pp., 24.0 × 30.0 cm  
Ages 2 +

All rights available



## Rise and Shine!

- > Funny wordplays with cheeky zoo animals
- > A lively wake-up story in rhymes – better than any alarm clock!



Isn't this familiar: Getting up and getting ready takes its own sweet time! But page by page, movement comes into the animal enclosures in this rhyming story. The tiger is the first one to stir, swiftly adorning his fur with stripes. Feeling lonesome, he roars out loud: "Wake up!"

This rouses even the sleepy donkeys, dozing pigs, and snoozing giraffes as they prepare for the day (and one wonders what exactly they have to do to get ready ...). The lion carries out the final wake-up call. Now, with everyone up and awake, the zoo is ready to open its doors!

### AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

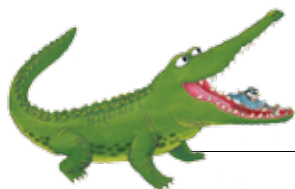
**Hans-Christian Schmidt** and **Andreas Nemet** were both born in 1973. They are fathers of four wonderful sons; create books together, write songs for children and travel Germany with their band.

Hans-Christian Schmidt (text)  
Andreas Nemet (illustrations)

### Wake Up! Join In!

(978-3-7373-7278-7)  
Board book  
26 pp., 22.0 × 17.0 cm  
Ages 2 +

All rights available



## Wonderful Story Time



- > Empathetic stories that children aged 2 and over can relate to
- > Short, self-contained texts for the very first moments of reading books together
- > With reading tips for parents and carers



A whole host of colourful, fun and empathetic stories for young listeners in one read-aloud board book! There's a cake being baked for mum, mouse and elephant become great friends, and a sloth sleeps throughout the day. Beautiful, atmospheric pictures enhance visualization and text comprehension optimally, leading into a world of stories for valuable, shared time while cuddling on the sofa and before bed as part of a beloved ritual.

### AUTHOR

**Luise Holthausen**, born in 1959 in Nuremberg, worked at a bank before she discovered the world of children's books for herself. Today, she lives and works as a freelance author near Frankfurt.

Luise Holthausen (text)  
Elke Broska, Katharina Bußhoff,  
Kerstin Schoene, Stefanie Klaßen  
(illustrations)

### Our Most Beautiful Story Time Book

(978-3-7373-3656-7)  
Board book  
32 pp., 17.0 × 22.0 cm  
Ages 2 +

Rights sold: (partially) Turkey





# Discover Everything About the Farm

- > Extra-large format and photos
- > Topics: vegetables and fruit, vehicles and animals
- > First pictures - first words: Promotes speech learning in the simplest way

More books available!

Mini formats also available!



The large, colourful photos illustrate life at the farm and what there is to see in the countryside. Small and large animals, fruits and vegetables, many, many vehicles, machines, and tools make country life exciting for children. What do calves look like? How do strawberries grow? And where do eggs actually come from?

## FURTHER TITLES:



**Do You Know? My Big Picture Dictionary About the Body**

(978-3-7373-3650-5)  
Board book  
16 pp., 23.5 × 31.5 cm  
Ages 24 months +

Rights sold: Czech, Danish, Slovak



**Do You Know? The Big Animal Picture Dictionary**

(978-3-7373-3491-4)  
Board book  
16 pp., 25.8 × 38.0 cm  
Ages 18 months +

Rights sold: Danish, Dutch, French, Swedish

**Do You Know? My Big Picture Dictionary About the Farm**

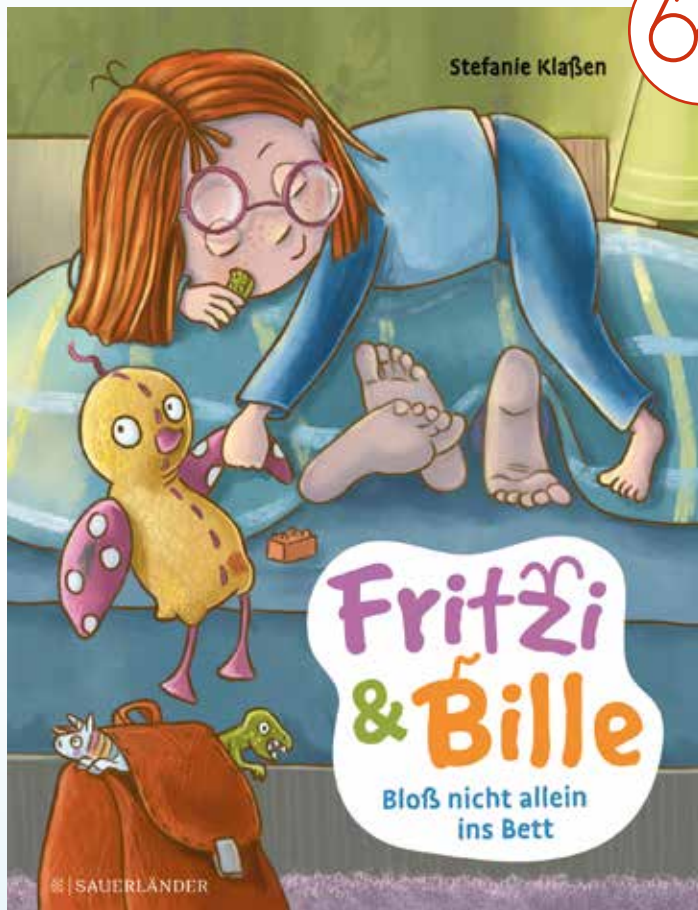
(978-3-7373-3651-2)  
Board book  
16 pp., 23.5 × 31.5 cm  
Ages 18 months +

Rights sold: Danish



# More fun with Fritzi and Bille

- > Funny comments within the illustrations
- > Illustrated with lots of detail



Sleeping on our own? Not a chance!

When it's bedtime for Fritzi and her favourite toy duck Bille, they still have a lot on their agenda: Pillow fights, or looking at picture books under the duvet, for example. Fritzi and her cuddly duck simply aren't tired yet! But what if they try to go to sleep in Fritzi's parents' bed? That works out quite wonderfully, and they try it again the following night. Mum and Dad are not pleased, though; especially as Fritzi and Bille bring lots of their own stuff ...

An enchantingly illustrated bedtime story perfect for read-aloud sessions. Packed with subtle cues designed to stimulate dialogue, it encourages interactive engagement with your child, amplifying the fun of reading.

#### FURTHER TITLE:



S. Klaßen (text/ill.)  
**Fritzi and Bille – Beware of the Washing Machine**

(978-3-7373-5968-9)  
Hardcover  
32 pp., 23.0 × 30.0 cm  
Ages 4 +

All rights available

#### AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR



**Stefanie Klaßen** has always loved drawing. When she found out at the age of seven that there are, in fact, professional illustrators, she immediately knew she wanted to become one! Accordingly she studied illustration at the University of Applied Sciences for Design in Münster and has worked in her dream job ever since.

Stefanie Klaßen (text/illustrations)

**Fritzi and Bille – Don't Go to Bed Alone**

(978-3-7373-5973-3)  
Hardcover  
32 pp., 23.0 × 30.0 cm  
Ages 4 +

All rights available



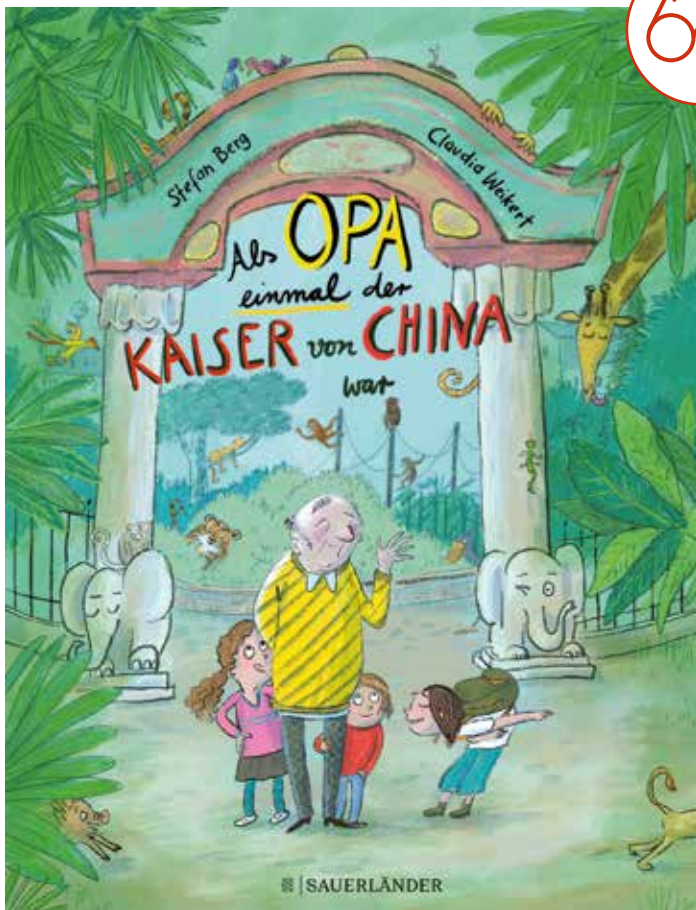
# A Grandfather Unlike Any Other

- > Highlights the strong bond between a grandfather and his grandchildren
- > A change of perspective towards dementia
- > A story of luck against odds

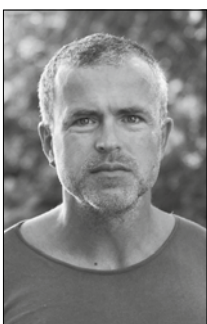


Nike, Pauline and little Ben have a grandfather who is different from all other adults. He is never serious, for one thing, and keeps telling them things that are not true but still fun (such as the idea that he is the emperor of China).

And because they love him so much, they want to treat him to a special trip on his 75th birthday, without anybody else knowing. They pick him up from the hotel where he lives (it reads "Home" above the entrance) and take him to the zoo. They immediately loose him, however ... and begin to fear that he has been eaten by one of the non-vegetarian animals. This danger seems to become real when they find him feeding the lions – but this grandfather is really full of surprises ...



## AUTHOR



Stefan Berg has worked as an editor for various church newspapers and magazines since 1986.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Claudia Weikert studied at the University of Applied Sciences in Wiesbaden and Mainz and has illustrated numerous children's and picture books. Today she lives in Wiesbaden with her family.

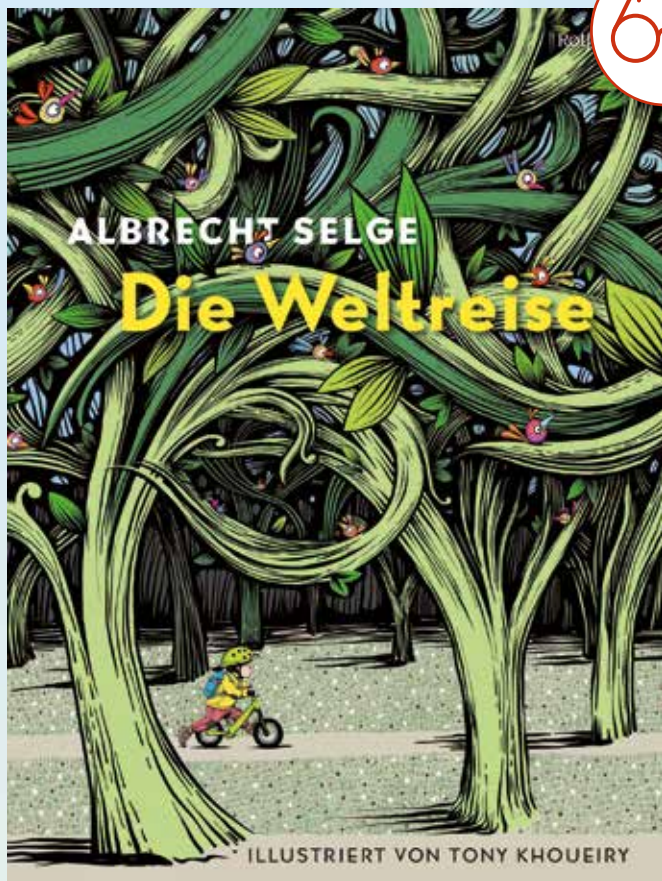
Stefan Berg (text)  
Claudia Weikert (illustrations)  
**When Grandpa Was the Emperor of China**

(978-3-7373-7285-5)  
Hardcover  
32 pp., 23,0 x 30,0 cm  
Ages 4 +

All rights available

# A very special picture book

- > Tells the story of a big adventure
- > Embraces the magical thinking of children
- > Absolutely unique illustrations



All parents are familiar with the shock of a child suddenly disappearing. But from a child's perspective, the world can look completely different. The busy street becomes a wild river, the park a lively jungle, the building site a high mountain range, the barren square a scorching desert and the home a beautiful castle.

Albrecht Selge tells the story with great sensitivity from both the perspectives of the child and the adult, while the colourful pictures by Tony Khoueiry prove that the world is full of wonders – if you just look at it the right way.



## AUTHOR



Albrecht Selge was born in Heidelberg in 1975. He studied German literature and language as well as philosophy in Berlin and Vienna. He has received great media acclaim and awards for his novels.

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## ILLUSTRATOR



Tony Khoueiry was born in Lebanon in 1977 and can look back on a rich career as an illustrator, graphic designer and creative director. He lives and works in Heidelberg.

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Albrecht Selge (text)  
Tony Khoueiry  
(illustrations)

## The Great Journey

(978-3-7571-0008-7)  
Hardcover  
32 pp., 21.0 × 28.0 cm  
Ages 4 +

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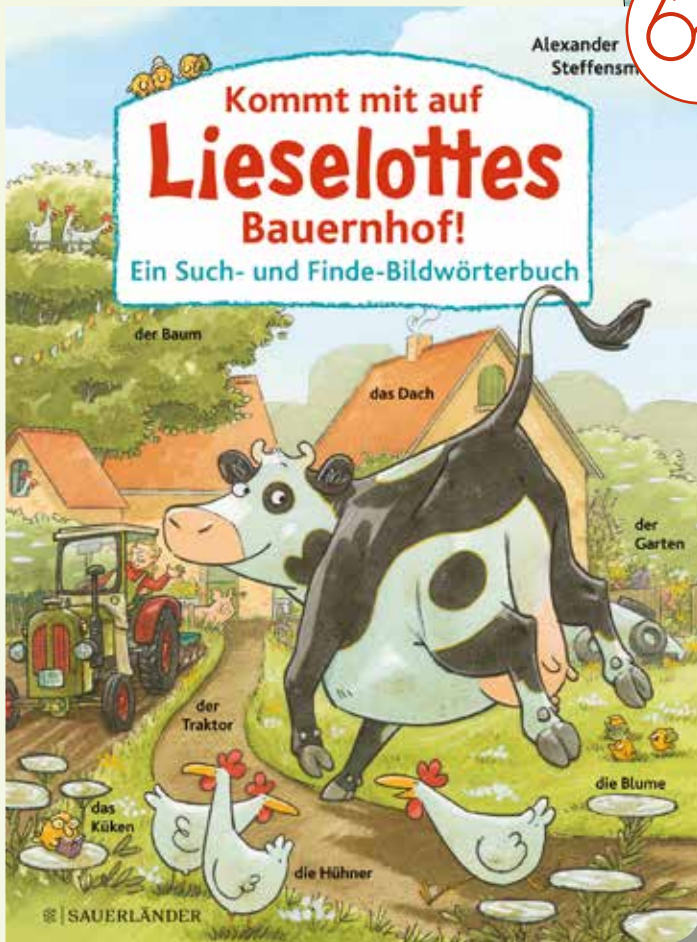
Bestselling character!

# Step into Lieselotte's world!

Many different formats and stories available



- > Seven large-format spreads crammed full with chicken commotion and Lieselotte's funniest moments
- > Over 100 terms from Lieselotte's world



Lieselotte, the charming picture book cow, was created by Alexander Steffensmeier in 2006. Over time, Lieselotte has featured in 14 picture books, numerous board books, special editions, and even a television series. With her uncanny knack for causing heartwarming mayhem, Lieselotte guarantees a bestseller, making her an adorable treasure in picture book publishing.

## AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR



Alexander Steffensmeier was born in 1977. He studied illustration at the design department of the Münster School of Design and began working as a freelance illustrator during his studies. His picture book series featuring the cow Lieselotte is one of the most successful picture book series' by a German author and has been translated into over 20 languages. He has his own blog: [www.alexandersteffensmeier.de](http://www.alexandersteffensmeier.de)

Alexander Steffensmeier  
(text/illustrations)

**Come Along to Lieselotte's Farm**

(978-3-7373-7280-0)  
Board book  
16 pp., 23,5 x 31,5 cm  
Ages 3 +

All rights available

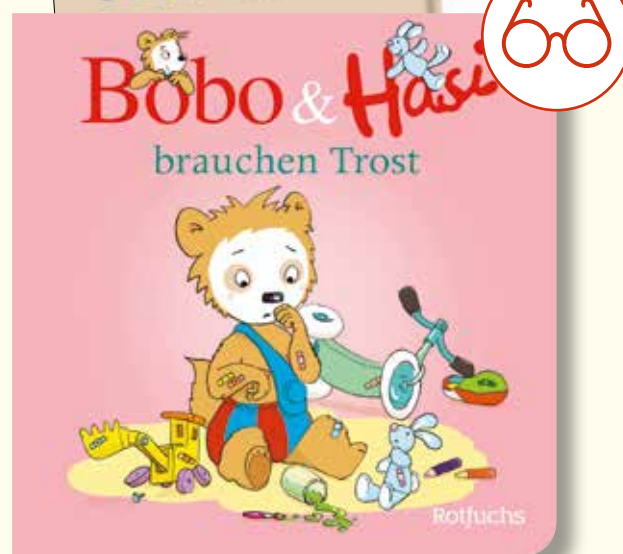




# Celebrating 40 Years with Bobo!

- > Bobo is always fun in everyday situations
- > An ideal character for toddlers to identify with
- > Translated into many languages

Many  
books and  
formats  
available

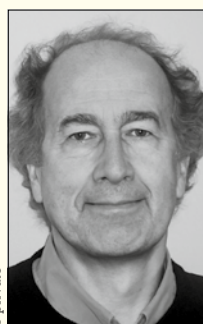


Yay, Bobo and Hasi are going on holiday! They have to take all their favourite toys with them, of course. And everything else they will need for their holiday at the seaside. Don't forget the sun cream ... let's just hope they have everything they need!

Oh dear, Bobo and Hasi have an owie! The digger got broken too, and the glass has fallen over ... they really need some comfort. But with plasters, a get-well kiss and a bit of cuddling, they'll feel better in no time!



## AUTHOR



Markus Osterwalder trained as a typesetter and worked as a graphic designer at a schoolbook publisher in Paris and was art director at the publisher L'École des loisirs in Paris for many years.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Dorothee Böhlke studied illustration in Hamburg, where she has lived and worked ever since. She loves pictures and good stories and has long since taken Bobo Dormouse and his family to her heart.

Markus Osterwalder  
(text)  
Dorothee Böhlke  
(illustrations)  
**Bobo and  
Little Rabbit on  
Holiday**

(978-3-7571-0003-2)  
Board book  
16 pp., 15,0 x 15,0 cm  
Ages 1 +

All rights available

Markus Osterwalder  
(text)  
Dorothee Böhlke  
(illustrations)  
**Bobo and  
Little Rabbit  
Need Comfort**

(978-3-7571-0002-5)  
Board book  
16 pp., 15,0 x 15,0 cm  
Ages 1 +

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All children love Bobo! As lively as ever, the little dormouse features in delightful stories from his everyday life: The excitement caused by a small key, the joy of a lazy morning, the endless possibilities of crafting from cardboard boxes, the fun of celebrating in preschool ... All this and much more is captured by Markus Osterwalder in his charmingly illustrated stories for small children.

**AUTHOR**



Diana Steinbrede was born in Münster in 1979. After her studies she worked as an editor for several years. Today she edits, translates, writes and lives with her family in Duisburg.

**ILLUSTRATOR**



Gabriele Kreidel illustrates school-books and covers for young adult books as well as picture books and children's books. She lives and works as an illustrator and art teacher near Heidelberg.

Markus Osterwalder/  
Diana Steinbrede (text)  
Gabriele Kreidel (ill.)

**It's Bobo  
Dormouse's  
Birthday!**

(978-3-7571-0000-1)  
Hardcover  
32 pp., 21.0 x 28.0 cm  
Ages 3 +

Markus Osterwalder/  
Diana Steinbrede (text)  
Dorothee Böhlke (ill.)

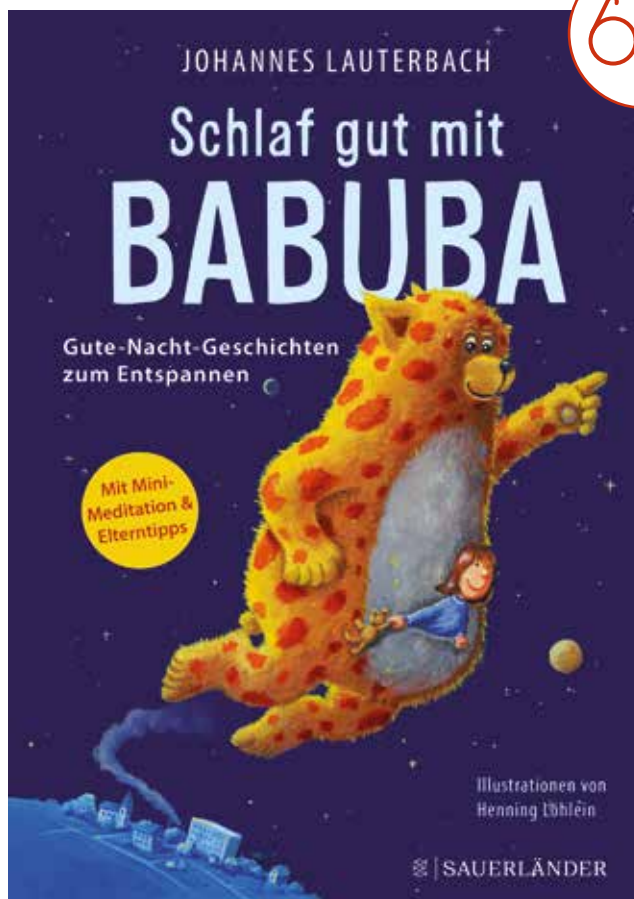
**Quite Brave,  
Bobo Dormouse!**

(978-3-7571-0001-8)  
Hardcover  
96 pp., 16.0 x 23.0 cm  
Ages 4 +

Rights sold (series): Czech, Korean, Romanian, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Ukrainian

# Meditating with children – and Babuba!

- > To go on an imaginary journey with Babuba helps children falling asleep
- > The author is an expert in stress management, mindfulness and self-care
- > Includes lots of tips



Many children find it difficult to wind down in the evening, in the aftermath of an exciting day. To be taken on a fantastic journey with Babuba is a great way to help children relax and also provides them with a playful approach to meditation.

*Whenever you see a shooting star in the sky, it might be Babuba coming to take you on a little journey. Babuba is a great friend, he makes you feel really at home. He shows you the whole universe. And maybe your eyes will close at some point ... sleep well and sweet dreams!*

## AUTHOR



Johannes Lauterbach is *THE* relaxation expert. He shows people how they can actively relax at any time and in any place. He was a radio presenter for many years and now offers seminars on stress management, mindfulness and self-care.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Henning Löhlein studied art and design in the south of France. An exchange programme brought him to England, where he discovered illustration. He enjoyed the English humour so much that he still lives and works in Bristol today.

Johannes Lauterbach (text)

Henning Löhlein (illustrations)

**Sleep Well with Babuba**

(978-3-7373-7222-0)

Hardcover

96 pp., 17,0 × 24,0 cm

Ages 4 +

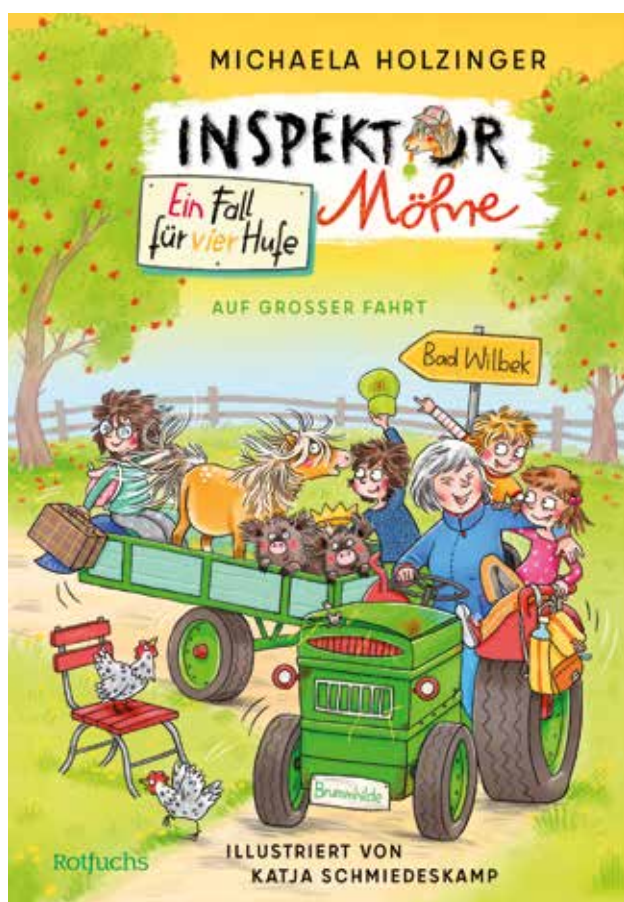
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# You're in for a wild ride!

- > The third case of Inspector Carrot and the four Apple Valley detectives
- > A funny and exciting animal detective series
- > With full-colour illustrations by Katja Schmiedeskamp



Summer holidays are just around the corner, and the children from the Apple Valley are heading to Bad Wilbek to perform their successful play once more. Without further ado, Grandma Astrid loads all the ponies onto the tractor “Brummhilde” – because naturally they must also all attend! Leading the way is the little pony inspector Carrot, who quickly smells his next case when utterly strange events start happening in the small town’s spa park. Not only does someone appear to search for something there at night, the town also seems to have a thief on the loose! It’s obvious that Inspector Carrot and the Apple Valley detectives must get to the bottom of this – but the case seems to be trickier than expected. Hopefully Carrot’s detective instinct won’t fail him in this thrilling adventure ...

FURTHER TITLES:



**Inspector Carrot – A Case for Four Hooves Vol. 1**

(978-3-7571-0124-4)  
Hardcover  
144 pp., 16.0 × 23.0 cm  
Ages 5 +



**Inspector Carrot – Theatre at the Pancake Farm Vol. 2**

(978-3-7571-0125-1)  
Hardcover  
144 pp., 16.0 × 23.0 cm  
Ages 5 +

Michaela Holzinger (text)  
Katja Schmiedeskamp (illustrations)

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Rights sold (series): Dutch



# Learning to read with our series for first readers

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- > More than 80 titles available in the different series



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 First Grade  
 Ages 6 +



Petra Bartoli y Eckert (text)  
 Christian and Fabian Jeremies (illustrations)  
**Incredibly Beautiful Holidays**  
 (978-3-7373-3645-1)  
 Hardcover  
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 Second Grade  
 Ages 7 +



English translation available

# New interactive series!

- > An exciting detective story as perfect entry into independent reading
- > With lots of tricky picture puzzles: After turning the page, the solution is hidden in the text

On their way home, Flora and Marley stumble upon a secret detective office ... hidden underground! They're taken aback when they meet the smart pygmy hippo, Hippo, and the lively Katta lady, Ka, down there – two bona fide animal detectives. The unusual duo are about to embark on their first case: Count Snob's pug has vanished without a trace, taking the diamond-encrusted collar with it ... Enter Flora and Marley, whose help comes just in time. The first adventure in a new, humorous series for beginning readers.



THILO (text)  
Caroline Opheys (illustrations)  
**Animal Detectives**  
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**Who's Pinched the Pug?**  
**Vol. 1**

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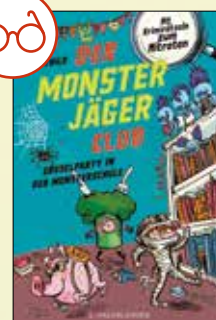
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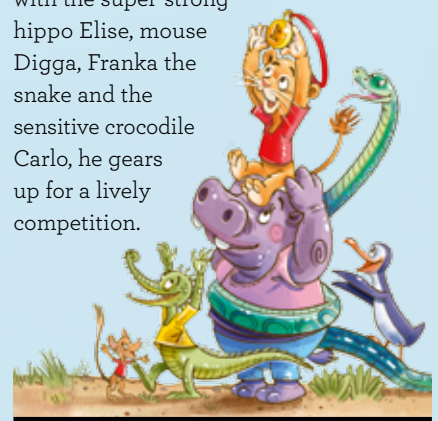
# Winner of our hearts: Lion Lenni!

- > Start of a new animal series for first readers
- > Topics: teamwork, perseverance and friendship
- > A new athletic challenge awaits in every volume



Lenni, the little lion, could stay in his hammock all day. But when his dad gets injured, Lenni ends up as a substitute at the Animal Olympics. There he will have to compete against antelope Regina in the 103-metre run in order to save the honour of the lions! When he arrives in the Olympic village, Lenni is put up in tent zero ... which doesn't exactly sound like the winning tent. Also, his trainer turns out to be a sloth ... no wonder antelope Regina trots past him with ease (even with a broken hoof).

Lenni has to summon up all his courage not to leave again immediately. Fortunately, he finds new friends in the quirky animal troupe from tent zero: and together with the super-strong hippo Elise, mouse Digga, Franka the snake and the sensitive crocodile Carlo, he gears up for a lively competition.



## AUTHOR



**Tina Schilp** studied Theatre Science in Leipzig and Berlin. After her traineeship at a daily newspaper she worked as a journalist for many years. Since 2018 she has also been writing children's books.

## ILLUSTRATOR



**Patrick Fix** started his career drawing cartoons, inventing company mascots, and creating advertising slogans. Today, he almost exclusively writes and illustrates children's and young adult books. He lives and works near Stuttgart.

Tina Schilp (text)

Patrick Fix (illustrations)

**Animal Olympics –  
On Your Paws, Get Set, Go!  
Vol. 1**

(978-3-7373-4349-7)

Hardcover

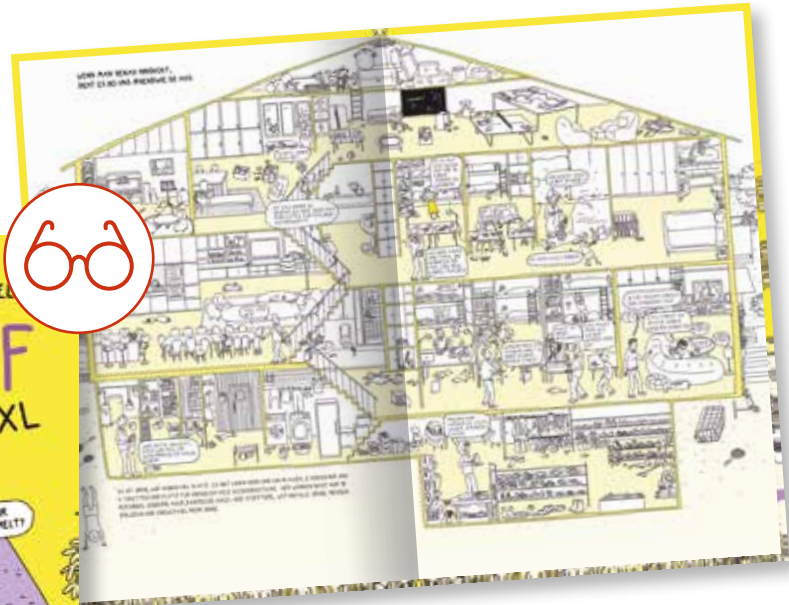
80 pp., 14,8 × 22,0 cm

Ages 5 +

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# Family Life XXL

- > A comic which depicts family life with 17 children
- > Based on the real-life experiences of the author
- > Provides funny insights



*Do you really have 16 siblings? That's more than a football team!*

*Are they all from the same parents?*

*Do you all fit in one house?*

*You must be celebrating birthdays all the time!*

With wit and precision, Dunja Schnabel tells of her upbringing in an XXL family through comic images, casually dispelling stereotypes along the way. Because life in a family with many children isn't really that different. Or is it?

## AUTHOR



Dunja Schnabel was born in 1970 near Cologne as the 15<sup>th</sup> of 17 children. Following her design studies in Mainz, she began illustrating and writing children's books. She is married, has 3 children, and lives in Hamburg.

Dunja Schnabel (text/illustrations)

### A Big Batch

(978-3-499-01353-9)

Hardcover

96 pp., 16.0 × 23.0 cm

Ages 8 +

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# A very special team!

- > Two great topics combined: school and football
- > Inclusive story
- > With b/w illustrations throughout



What's better than recess at school? Nothing! And what's more fun than playing football? Nothing! That's at least what Alex and Lina think. That's why they're thrilled when a football project starts at their school. However, everyone has to take part, and not all of the real football cracks are thrilled about that. After all, how can you win a game when some can't even hit the ball properly? Meanwhile, the members of the reading club find their books much more exciting than sports. No easy task for Alex and Lina to make a true team out of all of them!



## AUTHOR



Andreas Schlüter, born in 1958, has been writing books for children and young adults for almost 25 years now. His novel "Level 4 - Kid City" became a great success. He also writes TV scripts.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Raimund Frey, born in 1982, studied Communication Design at the University of Applied Sciences in Mainz and has worked as a freelance illustrator ever since.

Andreas Schlüter (text)  
Raimund Frey (illustrations)

**The Schoolyard Shooters – Kick-off!**  
**Vol. 1**

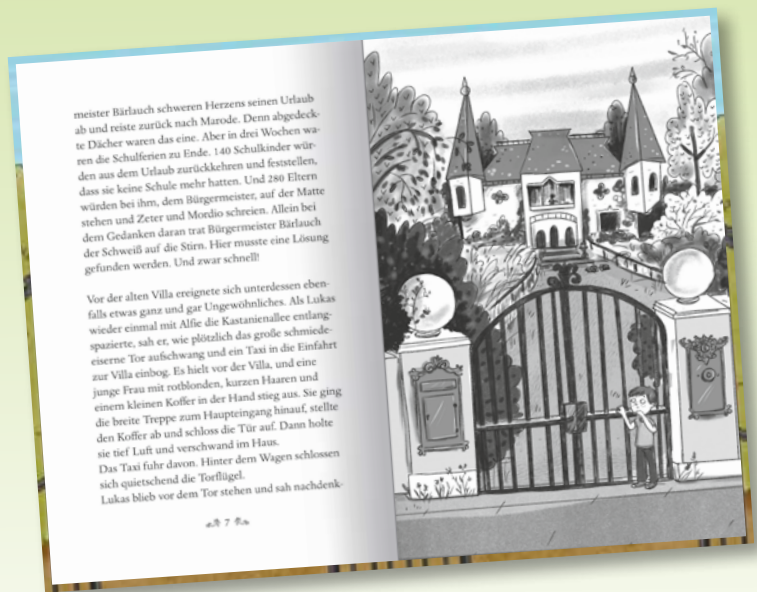
(978-3-7373-4366-4)  
Hardcover  
144 pp., 14,0 x 21,5 cm  
Ages 9 +

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# This school is haunted ...

- > Start of a new series for readers aged 8 +
- > Realistic setting – school environment – and a magical twist
- > Fun and excitement guaranteed!



The building of the primary school in the little town of Wear-and-Tear has been destroyed by a tornado. The offer to move the entire school into a run-down old mansion named Hermit Manor comes at just the right time. This enormous house was until recently inhabited by a very old lady and is now empty, after she died. The children find the old building, in which only the former owner's cats still live, quite creepy, and rightly so, as it turns out: the old building seems to be haunted! Strange and inexplicable things keep happening. Johanna, Ravi, Lukas and Sylvie are determined to uncover all the secrets. And so, they discover Otto, the little ghost residing in Hermit Manor ...

Together with this cheeky ghost, who is (obviously) invisible and can pull off tricks like going through walls, the children's days at school are suddenly no longer boring at all ...



## AUTHOR



Susan Niessen has worked as an editor for several children's book publishers before becoming a freelance editor and author. She now lives on an island on the west coast of Canada and writes for both children and adults.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Tessa Rath, born in 1978, studied art therapy but has dedicated herself to her passion, illustrating, since her graduation. She lives and works in a small village near Bremen.

Susan Niessen (text)

Tessa Rath (illustrations)

**Our Haunted School –  
The Secret of Hermit Manor  
Vol. 1**

(978-3-499-01448-2)

Hardcover

160 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm

Ages 8 +

All rights available

English synopsis available

# Experts in Chaos

- > For girls and boys
- > Humorous and full of warmth
- > For readers aged 8 +

bande, auch wenn sie beim Aufwachen aufpassen mussten, dass sie sich nicht die Köpfe stießen.

Zum Schluss hatte Opa ihnen sogar noch grummelnd seinen alten Campingkocher überlassen. Es war wirklich irre gemütlich, als sie in die Hölledecke gekuschelt mit Blick aufs Pflanzenmeer ihren ersten Tee im Bus geschlürft hatten. Dazu hatte Sommerregen auf das Dach geplärrert – superbeleg!

Im Gegensatz zu den meisten anderen Menschen auf der Welt liebte Lu Regen, weil ihr Opa sie an Regentagen in Ruhe ließ. Die waren nämlich «unkrautfrei».

Es rumste laut.

Lu schreckte auf. Vor lauter Tagträumerei hätte sie fast den Tapetenritzer vergessen. Kam er etwa in diesem Moment zurück? Würde sie ihn gleich auf frischer Tat ertappen! Ihr wurde plötzlich übel.

Vor der Tür raschelte etwas.

Lu machte sich in ihrer Sofacecke ganz klein und hielt die Luft an. Wo waren ihre Freunde, wenn sie sie brauchte! Im Augenwinkel sah Lu etwas vor dem Fenster. Sie wagte kaum hinzusehen. Aber da war etwas. Etwas Dunkles. Etwas, das sich bewegte.

Lus Herz klopfte laut: Dadamm, dadamm, dadamm.

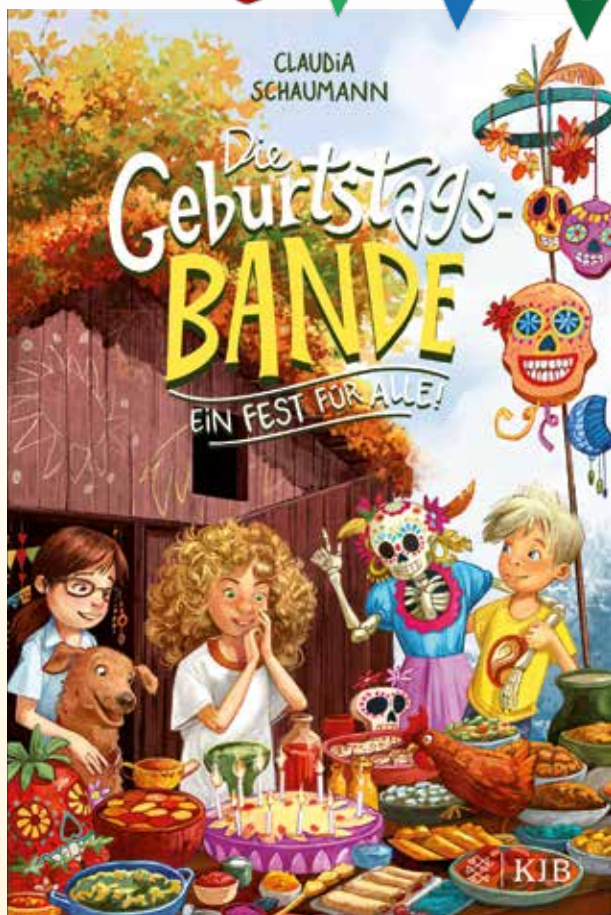
Vielleicht schlich der Verbecher tatsäch-

Lu, Rio and Pelle are booked to organise another birthday party: but Enna, whose birthday they want to celebrate, is not at all in the mood. Her grandma has recently died and now Enna is sad whenever she thinks about her. But the Birthday Gang come up with a perfect idea: they plan a Día de Muertos party, similar to the cheerful Mexican festival they heard about at school. Wouldn't their new biology class skeleton be the perfect decoration? But how can they smuggle it out of the school building unnoticed? And then suddenly there's a second party to organise. Will Lu and her two friends manage to take care of both events? The third volume with the Birthday Gang celebrates life and the sheer luck of having best friends – a feel-good friendship and adventure story for young readers aged 8 +.

Claudia Schaumann (text)  
Simona Ceccarelli (illustrations)  
**The Birthday Gang –  
A Party for Everyone!  
Vol. 3**

(978-3-7373-4297-1)  
Hardcover  
204 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 8 +

Rights sold (series): Danish



## AUTHOR



Claudia Schaumann started writing stories when she was a child. She lives in Hamburg together with her five men (four sons plus one husband). Claudia loves strawberries and birthday parties, and writes a successful family blog.

## FURTHER TITLES:



**On Your Marks,  
Get Set, Party!  
Vol. 1**

(978-3-7373-4295-7)  
Hardcover  
192 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 8 +

English synopsis  
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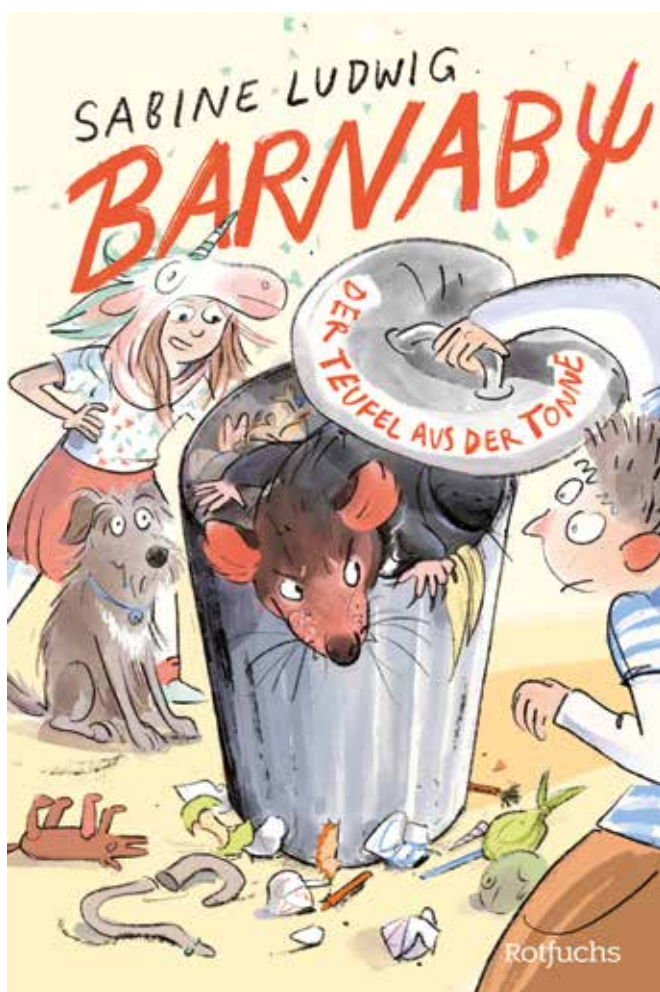
**The Best  
Party Ever!  
Vol. 2**

(978-3-7373-4296-4)  
Hardcover  
192 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 8 +



# It wasn't me, I swear!

- > Award-winning author
- > A lesson in anger management
- > Lots of humour for boys and girls aged 8 +



Jan-Ole is an only child and about to turn ten. He is used to always getting everything he wants. And when he doesn't, Jan-Ole gets really angry! Everyone is actually a bit scared of his tantrums. But his well-meaning parents nevertheless don't want to give him a dog for his birthday – Rolf, a cute little mongrel from the animal shelter. And then Barnaby suddenly turns up: strangely enough, a misshapen clay figure that Jan-Ole has crafted and thrown out, turns into a real Tasmanian devil! This creature called Barnaby is not a bit cute, but a really nasty individual! Jan-Ole has a hard time keeping him in check. Not only is Barnaby constantly craving meat, he also can't keep his mouth shut and often gets Jan-Ole into a lot of trouble. So unfair, as this time it's really not Jan-Ole who's messing things up ...

A humorous story for boys and girls about a little trouble-maker who meets his match.

## AUTHOR



Sabine Ludwig is a successful children's author and translator of books by Kate DiCamillo, Eva Ibbotson and others. She has received various awards for her work in the past.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Lena Winkel, born in 1993, set out to become an inventor of Pokémon. She studied illustration in Hamburg and Paris and now illustrates children's books and comics – with a particular liking for drawing animals.

Sabine Ludwig (text)  
Lena Winkel (illustrations)

## **Barnaby – the Devil from the Bin**

(978-3-499-01146-7)  
Hardcover  
144 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
Ages 8 +

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# Smeeralda, the little mermaid

- > Volume 3 in the series about the amiable mermaid and her friends
- > An exciting detective case set in an underwater world
- > With charming b/w illustrations by Petra Bergmann



After its great success of late, the Grand Hotel 17 Waves can hardly save itself from guests. Fashion designer Karl Catterfish has arrived with his models to present his new collection in the city. But then Karl Catterfish is robbed! A valuable family ring has been stolen from his room. And he is not the only one affected: the models and other guests are also missing things! And it gets worse: the main suspect is none other than the good-natured squid lady Onda. Smeeralda and her friends are convinced that Onda could never be a thief. To prove her innocence, they set out to find the real culprit on their own ...

A feel-good series for girls aged 8 + – dive into underwater adventures with Smeeralda and her best friend Azuro, evil Water Witches, and a run-down but charming Grand Hotel.

Karen Christine Angermayer (text)  
Petra Bergmann (illustrations)

## Smeeralda and the 17 Waves – Hunting Down the Thief Vol. 3

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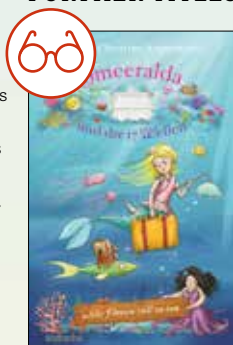


## AUTHOR



Karen Christine Angermayer loves everything to do with writing: she is the successful author of more than 40 children's books, books for young adults and guidebooks. She also supports other people in finding ideas, writing and publishing.

## FURTHER TITLES:



## The Underwater Hotel Vol. 1

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## Clear the Stage For Wanda! Vol. 2

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Ages 8 +

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# Meet Hummelbi, the Pixie

- > Volume 1 in a trilogy for girls aged 8 +
- > Celebrates the power of imagination



Florentine has often spoken the magic words from the old book, but so far no pixie has ever turned up. So she is all the more astonished when one day the little pixie Hummelbi actually lands next to her! Hummelbi is very different from what Florentine expected: she is chubby and clumsy and her loud laughter is so contagious that Florentine can't help but laugh along. But the pixies are in danger - they have disappeared from people's minds and stories for far too long. To save them, Florentine has to make up with her annoying twin sister. And she has to stand up for what she believes in.

A charming series by best-selling author Tanya Stewner with modern b/w illustrations by Mila Marquis: it toys with stereotypes and conveys the message that not everyone has to live up to others' expectations.

## AUTHOR



**Tanya Stewner**, born in 1974, started writing stories when she was only ten years old. Her series of children's books featuring Liliane Susewind is hugely successful. The author lives with her family near the German - Dutch border.

## ILLUSTRATOR



**Mila Marquis** is a young illustrator who lives and works in Hamburg. Her illustrations are widely popular in Germany and abroad.

Tanya Stewner (text)  
Mila Marquis (illustrations)  
**Hummelbi –  
Secret Pixie Magic  
Vol. 1**

(78-3-7373-4351-0)  
Hardcover  
240 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 8 +

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# Multi-faceted diverseness

- > A fantastical adventure journey to an imaginary realm
- > Author and illustrator from the “Own Voices” movement
- > With lots of heart and magic



Ew! One day, a fleshy, pink carpet unrolls through the window into the bedroom of the twins Kami and Mika and catapults them up into a magical world high up in the clouds. The carpet turns out to be the tongue of a chameleon named Conrad – the guardian of Woodland Cloud. Up there, anyone can be how they want to be and no one has to pretend. Take Conrad, for example: unlike the chameleons we are familiar with, he is brightly pink and never changes his colour to adapt to the surroundings. But suddenly, Conrad grows paler by the minute! Kami and Mika will have to do their best to save the chameleon ...

The twins' magical journey continues! But what a fright: when Mika secretly helps herself to the buffet at the princess election, she makes a huge mistake ... she says the forbidden word before biting into an exotic fruit. Unfortunately, this is not without consequences. Suddenly, a magical wind vortex appears, carrying the twins away and transporting them to a wondrous wasteland – where have Kami and Mika ended up? And more importantly, how will they get back?

The series' beautiful message: everyone can be what they want to be in the fantastic realm of Woodland Cloud.

## AUTHOR



**Regina Feldmann**, born in 1985, has lived in Malta, Ireland, New York and Portugal. Nowadays she lives and writes in Berlin. Her three children are always the first ones to read her texts.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**Ayşe Klinge** was born 1990 in Berlin. She lives and works as a freelance illustrator in Hamburg.

Regina Feldmann (text)  
Ayşe Klinge (illustrations)

**Kami & Mika –  
The Fantastic Journey  
to Woodland Cloud  
Vol. 1**

(978-3-7373-5944-3)  
Hardcover  
160 pp., 17,0 × 24,0 cm  
Ages 8 +

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Regina Feldmann (text)  
Ayşe Klinge (illustrations)

**Kami & Mika –  
The Secret of the  
Magical Vortex  
Vol. 2**

(978-3-7373-5945-0)  
Hardcover  
128 pp., 17,0 × 24,0 cm  
Ages 8 +

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# Bird shapeshifter fantasy

- > Series for readers aged 9 +
- > Friendship story with a dash of magic
- > With b/w illustrations



Ever since Kaya realised that she carries the magical heritage of the Avanosts and can transform into a bird at any time, her life has changed completely. Kaya has taken on a great task: following the rules that were once laid down for all Avanosts and kept in the Chronicles, she intends to have at least one child from every Avanost tribe join forces, in order to overthrow the power-hungry leader Xaver Goldeneagle. But how are Kaya and her friend Milan supposed to track these children down? After all, the Avanosts live in complete secrecy. Then Kaya hears about a singing competition between all the schools in the city. Kaya and Milan are certain that they will find other Avanost children there, as Avanosts as a rule have beautiful singing voices. But they haven't reckoned with Xaver Steinadler – he is determined to stop Kaya.

A mysterious prophecy, magical feathers and a group of children who fearlessly stand up for what is right.

## FURTHER TITLE:



### The Secret of the Magical Feathers Vol. 1

(978-3-7373-4319-0)  
Hardcover  
288 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 9 +

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English synopsis available



## AUTHOR



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**Nelly Möhle** loved to wander around the huge garden of her grandparents and give her imagination free rein. At some point, she started writing her stories down. "Kaya Silverwings" is her second series for middle grade readers.



Nelly Möhle (text)  
Alina Brost (illustrations)

### Kaya Silverwings – On Enchanted Wings Vol. 2

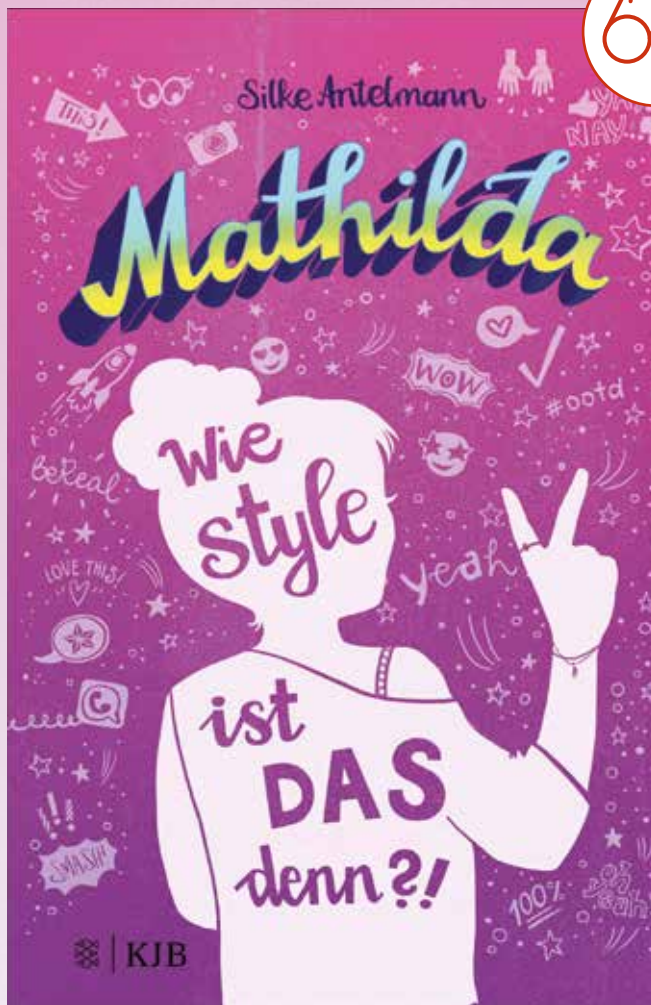
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Ages 9 +

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# A book like a best friend!

- > For girls aged 10 +
- > Topics: adolescence, social media, empowerment



Mathilda has a huge problem: it has come to light at school that her sister is a well-known lifestyle influencer. And now everyone is pestering her with problems like: what hairstyle will make my ears look smaller? My legs are too short, what trousers should I wear? Mathilda is beside herself with anger: how is she of all people supposed to give beauty and style recommendations?! But then Mathilda realises that there is a genuine concern behind most of these questions, and that the others are just afraid of not being accepted. So she changes her attitude and tries to help. Soon Mathilda holds consultation hours in a corner of the schoolyard during break times, with her friend Juli organising the appointments. Mathilda finds solutions for many of her schoolmates' problems. But she also has to find a way to be true to herself.

In a chatty tone and with questions to tick off, Mathilda tells the readers about her life. And they can witness her personal growth: from an angry teenager into an open-minded problem solver. Don't we all wish for a Mathilda for the teenagers around us?

## FURTHER TITLE:



Silke Antelmann  
**My Small-Town Life – Everything Stinks Without You!**

(978-3-7373-4279-7)  
Hardcover  
256 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 10 +

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## AUTHOR



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Silke Antelmann was born in 1972. As a teenager she liked fizzy candy, was in love with Jens and David, and talked about that with her friend Daniela. After graduation, she spent half a year in Ireland and afterwards studied Graphic Design. Eventually, she asked herself: what about writing? Since then, she has been writing children's books and working as a freelance graphic designer.

Silke Antelmann  
**Mathilda – Queen of Style! Vol. 1**

(978-3-7373-4340-4)  
Hardcover  
256 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
Ages 10 +

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# Caught in the Game

- > For boys and girls
- > Fast-paced, spectacular and super exciting
- > Ideal reading material for children aged 10 +



Nobody escapes the GAME!

Macke, Piddy, Lisa and Sepia thought they had made it out of the game arena, but they have actually ended up deeper inside the GAME than ever before: Level 3 is a mine with a seemingly endless system of tunnels, shafts and secret passages. The hunt for a key to freedom begins ... Unimaginable dangers lurk in the gloomy tunnels and Macke and his team are desperate: who is controlling the GAME? Is Team Yellow still alive? Will they ever manage to escape? Or are their attempts to escape exactly what the GAME wants? In the depths of the underground maze, the terrifying truth comes to light.

The third volume in the gripping adventure series by successful author Christian Tielmann. With black and white illustrations by Pascal Nöldner – as seen from the villain's point of view.

Christian Tielmann (text)  
Pascal Nöldner (illustrations)

**The Game –  
Caught in the Maze  
Vol. 3**

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Hardcover  
224 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
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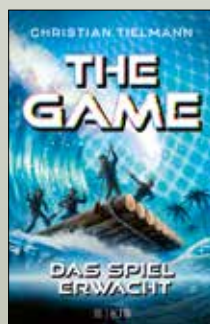


## AUTHOR



**Christian Tielmann** was born in Wuppertal in 1971 and studied Philosophy and German. He lives in Detmold and has been writing books for children for more than twenty years now.

## FURTHER TITLES:



C. Tielmann (text)  
P. Nöldner (ill.)  
**The Game –  
Awakening  
Vol. 1**  
(978-3-7373-4293-3)  
Hardcover  
224 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
Ages 10 +



C. Tielmann (text)  
P. Nöldner (ill.)  
**The Game –  
Countdown  
at the Volcano  
Vol. 2**  
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224 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
Ages 10 +

# A magical title by the wonderful Kathrin Tordasi

- > Three friends follow a map to the source of magic
- > More than 40.000 sold copies of the author's previous books
- > Magical adventure for children who love geocaching and scavenger hunts



When Flo returns from the bakery, the only thing on her mind is a cosy afternoon with her dad and some cake. But then she literally stumbles across a mysterious treasure map: “Walter Wonderly’s Wondrous Ways to the Source of Magic” is written on it. And nothing else. What use is a map that does not actually show the paths, not even the directions? Together with her new friends Malu and George, Flo sets off for a scavenger hunt across London, meets a cryptozoologist, real fairies and goblin cats. However, dangers are lurking on Wonderly’s trail, and soon it becomes clear that Flo will only get through this search with the help of the strongest magical power: that of true friendship.

Kathrin Tordasi  
**Journey to the Centre  
 of the Magic**

(978-3-7373-6130-9)  
 Hardcover  
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 Ages 10 +

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## AUTHOR



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**Kathrin Tordasi** was born near Stuttgart and grew up with books by Astrid Lindgren, Michael Ende and Kenneth Grahame. Nowadays she lives in Berlin and prefers writing in cafés and spending free time either by the sea or on her green urban jungle balcony.

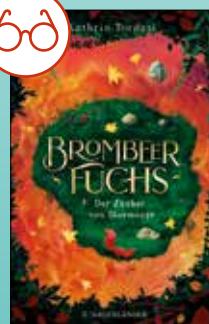
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 Storm Eye  
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# Towards a brighter sky

- > A WhatsApp novel by successful author Sarah Jäger
- > Developing friendship between two teenagers confined to their rooms
- > Text cleverly supplemented with illustrations by Sarah Maus



“I always believed that there was no one there except for me.”

Summer holidays! Everyone is outside, sitting in an ice cream parlour or relaxing by the lake. Only fourteen-year-old Yuri stays at home, because Yuri’s favourite place is his room – it’s where he feels safe. Just two weeks before school starts, he receives a message from Ava. The two know each other from primary school and haven’t heard from each other in years. Ava would love to be at the outdoor pool with other people. But Ava is grounded. “Because of this thing,” she says. They start up a conversation via text and voice messages, and although the two couldn’t be more different, bit by bit they open up to each other. Light topics like their favourite ice cream or their worst birthdays are soon followed by confessions about little secrets and big fears. Until Ava’s wild stories begin to shake the trust they have just started to build.

## AUTHOR



Sarah Jäger is always on the lookout for novels and stories that hit the head, heart and stomach. Her novel “The Night as Big as Us” was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize and the Paul Maar Prize for Young Talents in 2022.

## ILLUSTRATOR



Sarah Maus, born 1995, works as a freelance illustrator and arts teacher. She lives in Essen.

Sarah Jäger (text)  
Sarah Maus (illustrations)

## **Towards a Brighter Sky**

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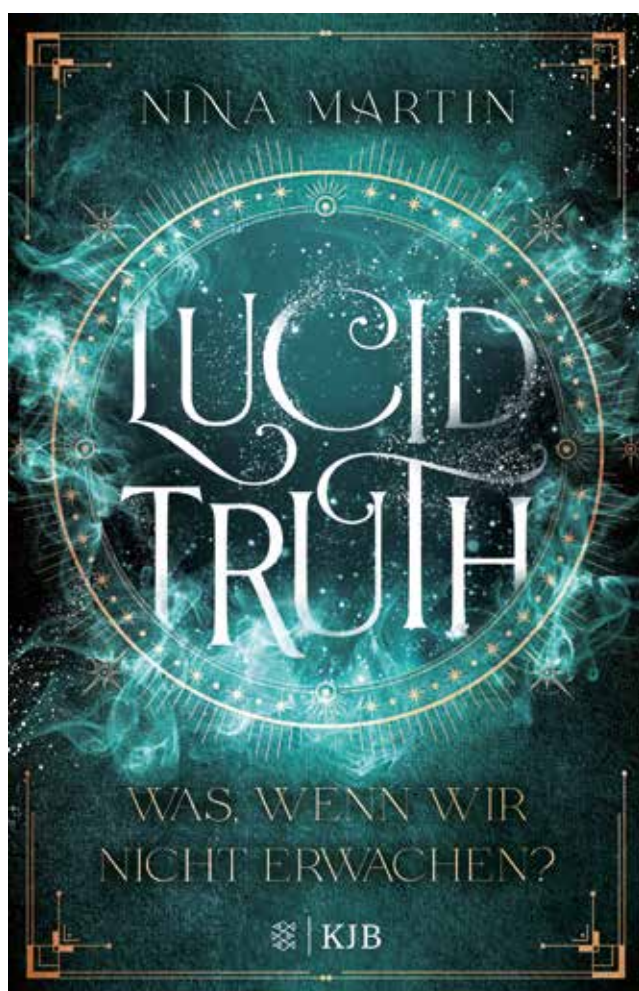
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# Contemporary fantasy for readers aged 14 +

- > Two strong heroines against the patriarchal system of the Dream Union
- > Vol. 3 to be published in spring 2025



A manoeuvre by the Dream Union has destroyed the last Golden Gate in Somna, and large parts of the dream world with it. Now everything seems to fall apart at the seams. Everybody seems to be having nightmares; large groups of people are protesting on the streets, and even the Dreamwalkers' powers seems to be dwindling ... At the centre of this power struggle, Ria and Selena have to choose sides. While the Dream Union is intent on using Ria for its own propaganda, Selena flies to Greece with her friend Mo. There must be a clue in her father's documents as to what will happen to Somna now. And soon a race against time ensues, because suddenly things start to happen that only happen in dreams ... and nightmares.

Gripping suspense meets quiet and thought-provoking tones - Nina Martin's fantasy highlight "Lucid Truth" doesn't shy away from humanity's big questions.

## FURTHER TITLE:



Nina Martin (text)  
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Vol. 1**

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## AUTHOR



**Nina Martin**, born in 1991, has been telling stories since her childhood. After a personal experience with mortality, she decided to finally live her dream of writing. "Lucid Night" is her debut novel for young adults. Nowadays, she lives in Switzerland with her husband and her daughter.

Nina Martin

**Lucid Truth –  
What If We Don't Wake Up?  
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# The brilliant finale in the trilogy

- > Finale in the Dark Sigils trilogy
- > By bestselling author Anna Benning, a master in breathtaking worldbuilding
- > Fantastic romance that surprises right to the last page



The Mirrorworld – for Rayne, this world of magic used to be nothing more than a shimmering outline in the sky above London. But now Adam, whom Rayne loves but is forbidden to be with, intends to make her the Mirror Lady, to rule over the Mirrorworld, and carry the weight of everyone’s fate on her shoulders. While Rayne is still trying to navigate her way through intrigues and power games of the Mirrorworld’s aristocracy, a war has long begun in the “normal” world below. The chaos magic, unleashed by Adam’s mother years ago, continues to spread and cause damage. Then Rayne discovers a secret about her late father: it could mean salvation or downfall – not only for herself, but for everyone.

Unique worldbuilding, a strong heroine and unexpected twists and turns – Anna Benning draws us into the brilliant showdown of the “Dark Sigils” trilogy!

Anna Benning  
**Dark Sigils –  
 Betrayed by Fate  
 Vol. 3**

(978-3-7373-6202-3)  
 Hardcover  
 464 pp., 14,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Ages 14 +

Rights sold (trilogy):  
 Polish, Spanish (World), Ukrainian

## AUTHOR



Anna Benning, born 1988, completed her Masters in Literary Studies and Literary Education and worked as an editor for several years. Her debut “Vortex” became an immediate bestseller in 2020.

## FURTHER TITLES:



**What The Magic  
 Demands – Vol. 1**

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**As the  
 Darkness  
 Commands  
 Vol. 2**

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# Thrilling fantasy trilogy 12 +

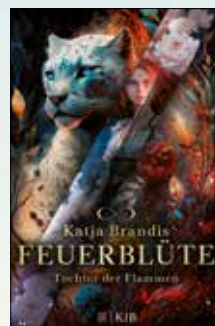
- > Volume 2 in the fantastic trilogy by bestselling author Katja Brandis
- > Cat people, polecat people, stork people and the guilds of the four elements - a fantastic mix!



Ever since the young swordswoman Alena and her friends saved the whole of Daresh from the cunning Healer on the Mountain, her home town of Gilmor has seemed like a golden cage to her. There is so much to see outside of it! When the border between the seven towers and the neighbouring kingdom in the west of the country collapses and terrible creatures invade, Alena doesn't hesitate for a moment. Together with her siblings Jelica and Kilian and the polecat Cchraskar, she sets off to discover the secret behind the magical border. But as enticing as this other world may seem at first glance, the companions soon realise how closely beauty and death are connected here ...

The "Fireblossom" trilogy is set in the same world as Katja Brandis's previous "Daresh" trilogy, but both series can be read independently of each other.

## FURTHER TITLE:



Katja Brandis  
**Fire Blossom –  
Daughter of  
Flames  
Vol. 1**

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Ages 12 +

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## AUTHOR



**Katja Brandis**, born in 1970, is one of the bestknown authors in Germany. Among her most successful creations are the bestselling series "Woodwalkers" and "Seawalkers". Rights to these series are sold to many different countries.

Katja Brandis

**Fire Blossom –  
City of Cloud Gulpers  
Vol. 2**

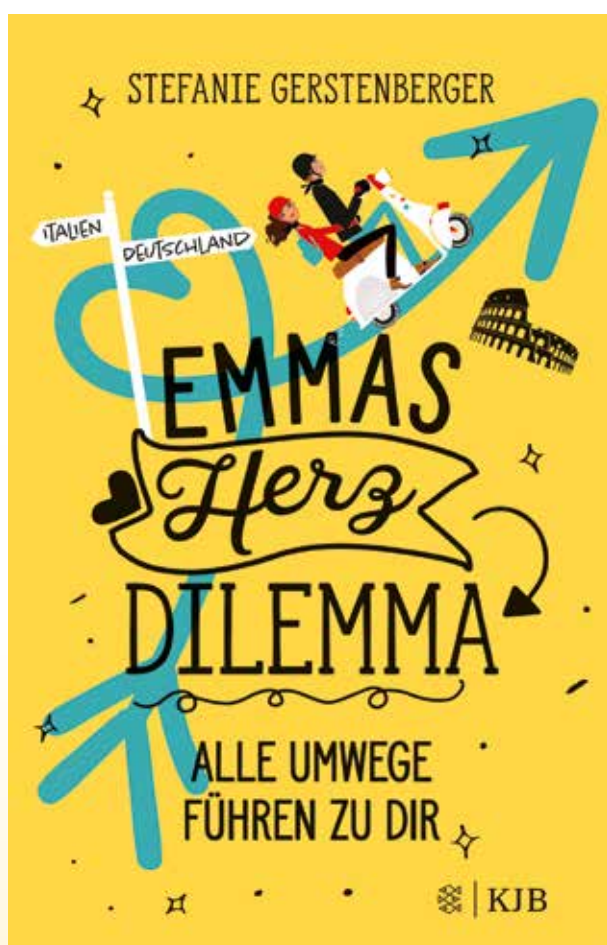
(978-3-7373-4357-2)  
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400 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
Ages 12 +

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# Summer story with two possible outcomes



- > With two cute boys and two possible outcomes but only one happy ending
- > For readers of Dagmar Bach and Kerstin Gier
- > Important message: Some things are just meant to be!



What a mess: on the very day the coolest boy in town smiles sweetly at her, Emma's parents decide to send her away for a holiday spent at her aunt's place in Rome. Emma is enraged, and determined to stay so that she doesn't miss a single moment with Oscar – summer, sun, falling in love, that's how she imagines it!

But then, *if* Emma were to fly to Rome, she would meet Leopold, who is a great romantic and whose smile is at least as sweet as Oscar's. Summer, sun, falling in love ... wait a minute, Oscar or Leo? Summer love at home, or summer love in Rome?

Just like in the movie "Sliding Doors", this book alternates between the two romantic and humorous stories for girls aged 12 +.

No matter how life plays out, the right person for you is bound to cross your path – somewhere, sometime.

## AUTHOR



**Stefanie Gerstenberger**, born in 1965, has always mixed up the ingredients that life gives you according to her own tastes. After her studies and stops in the television and movie business she started writing her own books and has become a successful author. She lives with her family in Cologne.

Stefanie Gerstenberger  
**Emma's Dilemma:  
 All Detours Lead To You**

(978-3-7373-4362-6)  
 Hardcover  
 336 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm  
 Ages 12 +

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# Highly acclaimed novel by Sarah Jäger

- > System crasher meets small town idyll
- > Blunt, clever, and touching
- > For readers aged 14 +



Before this story begins, a coffee machine is flying out of the teacher's room window. Why? Kim has lost control, again, and hurled it out of the window. That's the final straw: Kim is expelled from school. Her mother is at the end of her wits, too, and sends Kim off to a village in the middle of nowhere, to live for some time with her ex-boyfriend René. Kim goes to school there and works part-time at a petrol station. There she meets Janne, who comes by regularly to buy more peanut butter chocolate bars. Against their will, and from lack of alternatives, Janne and Kim become something like friends. But their budding friendship is put to a test when Alexandra joins them, and no one is really sure any more what to feel for whom. And if that weren't complicated enough, Kim is constantly fighting the urge to destroy everything that gets too close.

Sarah Jäger tells a clever, touching and humorous story about a three-way friendship that was doomed to fail from the start.

Platypus Deluxe was awarded the Hans-im-Glück Prize in 2022!

Sarah Jäger's previous novel "The Night as Big as Us" was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize and the Paul Maar Prize for Young Talents in 2022.

## AUTHOR



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**Sarah Jäger** is a trained theatre pedagogue and works in the field of cultural education. She is always on the lookout for novels and stories that hit the head, heart and stomach.

Sarah Jäger

**Platypus Deluxe**

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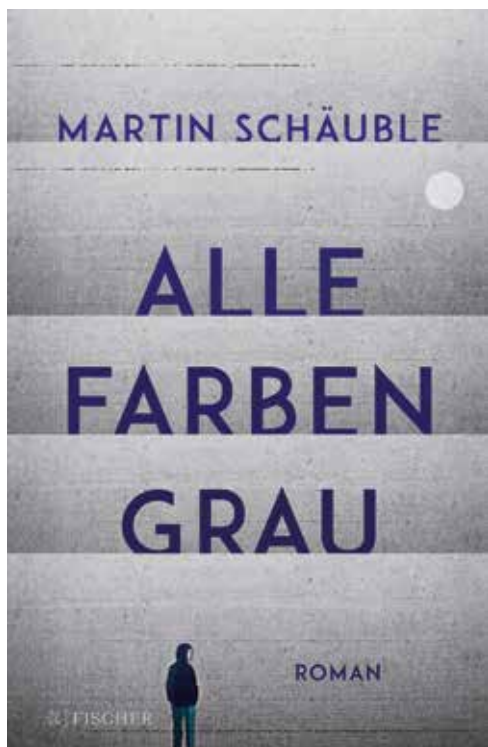
208 pp., 14.0 × 21.5 cm

Ages 14 +

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## Stirring and tragic

- > Realistic fiction based on a true story
- > Highly relevant topics: mental health issues in young adults, suicide prevention
- > Suitable as reading material in school



Paul is sixteen and has always been a little peculiar: he learns Japanese and listens to music nobody else his age is interested in. He is incredibly smart and could achieve anything, if only there weren't his anxieties and abysses. He does not talk about those for a long time, only when he ends up in the psychiatric ward for young adults. There, he meets Alina who shares his love for cats and calls him Jesus. After his time there, he returns to his normal life, and everyone is full of hope. But it all comes to an unexpected, terrible end.

Sometimes blunt, sometimes quiet, never sensation-seeking: Martin Schäuble tells Paul's tale in order to highlight the topic of mental health for young people.

### AUTHOR



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**Martin Schäuble** was born in 1978. He studied politics in Berlin, Israel and Palestine. For his books, he travelled to Ethiopia and Iran, and did research in the megacities of South Asia. He has written novels like "Endland" and "The Scanners" (as Robert M. Sonntag) which attracted a lot of attention, but also several non-fiction books ("Black Box Jihad").

## Ruled by an Artificial Intelligence

- > Climate Fiction
- > Topics: mind upload and artificial intelligence



It is after the climate wars: Rich people have fled the dire reality and got themselves uploaded to the virtual paradise Godland. Yolanda and her friends, as real people, are working on remote rigs at sea for the technical support of the enormous servers upholding Godland. As a reward for twenty years of service there, the workers will be granted access to that virtual paradise as well. Until then, their lives are widely controlled by the AI Godmother which is in charge of Godland. For Yolanda, Godmother almost feels like a real mother. But when Godmother forces her to tell a terrible lie, doubts begin to take root in Yolanda: is it possible that the entire system is only a fake?

A gripping novel about the temptations of digital worlds, the power of artificial intelligence, the necessity of resistance - and the meaning of life.

Martin Schäuble  
**All Colours Grey**

(978-3-7373-4329-9)  
Hardcover  
272 pp., 12,5 × 20,5 cm  
Ages 14 +

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Martin Schäuble  
**Godland - Your Eternal Life Has A Price**

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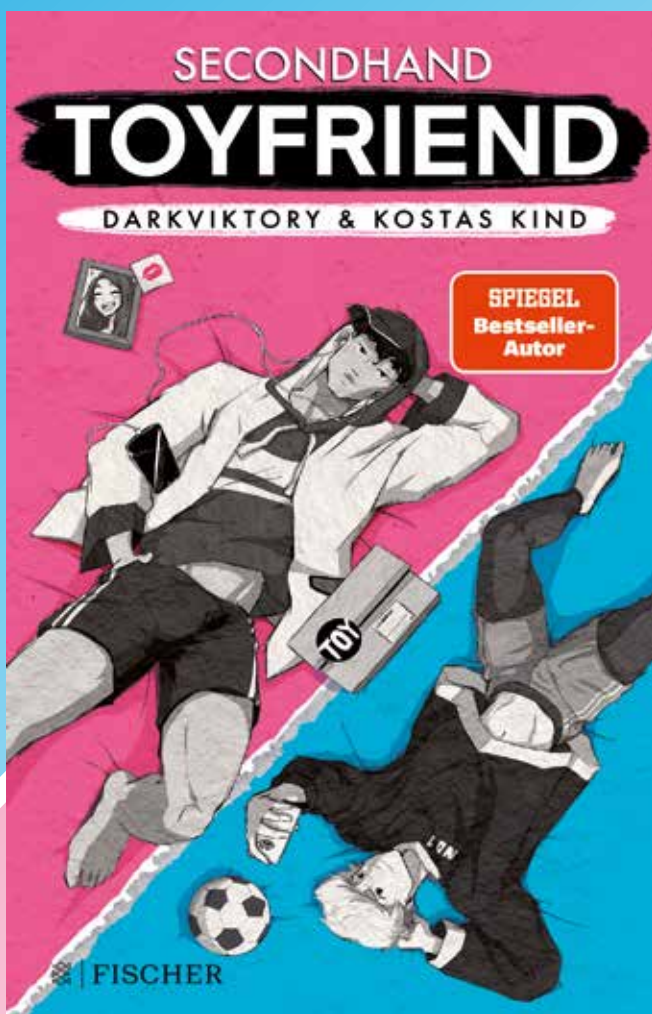
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# The queer romance of the spring

- > Queer love story told from two perspectives
- > Humorous and honest story of a coming out



If 17-year-old Damian is honest with himself, his relationship with his girlfriend Emma only makes him half-happy. Especially since she's started putting pressure on him because she finally wants to sleep with him. The problem is that he doesn't feel physically attracted to her at all.

It's a completely different story when he thinks about boys. But is he really gay? And how is he supposed to find out without cheating on Emma? He needs a sex toy - preferably disguised in some harmless box so that his mum doesn't find out what he has ordered online. But when he responds to a classified ad (that 17-year-old Emil had actually only posted as a joke), a chat soon develops between the two that will change everything ...

SPIEGEL bestselling author Marik Roeder, aka darkviktory, and Kostas Kind, content creator and activist, tell an authentic, sensitive and humorous story about the search for one's own sexuality and the hurdles of coming out.

## AUTHORS



Marik 'Mik' Roeder aka darkviktory is a scriptwriter and video producer. In 2014 he started the award-winning animated series "TubeClash". Mik loves telling stories, his YA debut "One Exit" made the SPIEGEL bestseller list in 2019.



Kostas Weiß aka Kostas Kind hosts the LGBTQ+ channel "Okay". As a content creator, he uploads entertaining videos about being gay and his relationship with Mik - dealing with social and emotional topics.

darkviktory / Kostas Kind  
**Secondhand Toyfriend**

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Ages 14 +

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## A book about war and peace

- > By a renowned author and children's media consultant
- > Many direct quotes from children in areas of conflict
- > With an afterword by the author for adult readers



Children want to know about war, crises, and hunger; topics which are present in the media but often highly abstract for children. At the same time, they are confronted with the topic in a concrete way by their environment and the presence of refugees. As parents often find it hard to choose the right words to talk about it, this book provides answers to children's questions about war, violence, terror and people seeking refuge. With accompanying quotes from children who fled from conflict areas, for children aged 7+.

### AUTHOR

**Elisabeth Raffauf** is a practicing psychologist. She helped develop the educational series "Herzfunk" for WDR's children's radio and has written several parenting guides and educational books.

Elisabeth Raffauf (text)  
Günther Jakobs (illustrations)

### When Will There Finally Be Peace?

(978-3-7373-7213-8)  
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48 pp., 23.0 x 30.0 cm  
Ages 7+

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## Welcome, little sibling!

- > Explains to small children what to expect when a new baby arrives
- > With accompanying information about the steps in babies' development



Janosch and Lina are excited because their little baby sister is finally here! There comes a lot of joy with that, but it is not always easy. The older siblings may be very proud, but sometimes they are pretty jealous, too. And they would never have thought that babies cry so much ... The paediatrician Anna Herzog sympathetically and humorously describes the first year of a family with a new baby. Boxes with accompanying non-fiction information explain briefly and clearly which stages of development the baby goes through.

### AUTHOR

**Anna Herzog** lives with her husband, four children and their pets somewhere in the Ruhr area. She works as a doctor when she is not writing, and enjoys singing and sailing.

Anna Herzog (text)  
Anne-Kathrin Behl (illustrations)

### Our Little Sibling Is Here!

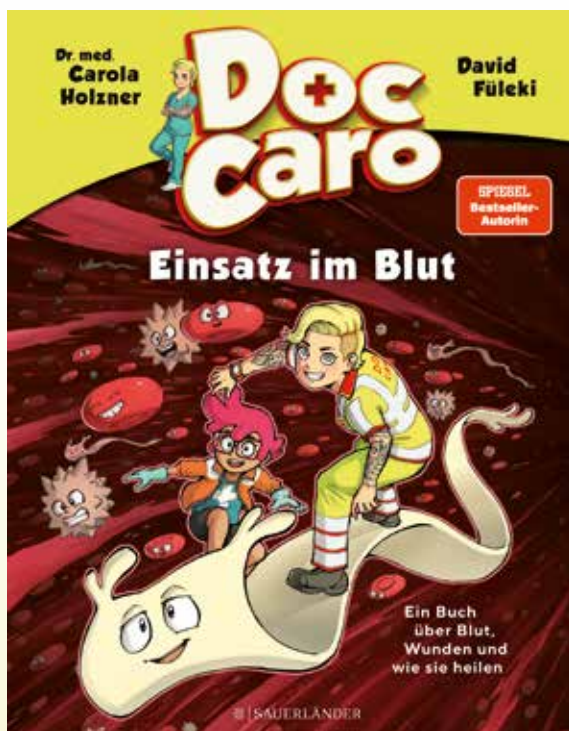
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Ages 4+

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# Exciting Journeys into the Body!

- > Non-fiction comics about first aid, blood circulation and the closing of wounds
- > New series with lots of information and facts
- > By bestselling author Doc Caro, whose great mission is: Impart knowledge and save lives!



More titles planned!

Doc Caro is called to an accident – a girl injured herself at the skatepark. Doc Caro can treat the wound and then sets out with Momo and the readers on a fascinating journey into the body of the injured girl ... What happens when we are bleeding, is it dangerous, and how can you help? Doc Caro answers those and other questions about the topics of blood and wound healing in an entertaining way and with a great sense of humour!

A must-have not only for fans – with tips about first aid and a lot of information.

Doc Caro receives an emergency call – pain in the chest, dizziness, the blood circulation is breaking down. But Doc Caro arrives just in time to help! Together with young Momo and her readers, she goes on a journey into the body.

What is happening in our veins, why does the blood flow in a circle, and what does the heart do exactly? Doc Caro answers these and other questions children might have about the heart and its function within the body.

## AUTHOR

Helping other people has always been **Dr. med. Carola Holzner's** dream. She is the author of several bestselling non-fiction titles and works as an anaesthetist in an emergency room.

## ILLUSTRATOR

**David Füleki** wanted to become a professional football player or a comic book artist. Today, he is an illustrator and has received many awards for his work.

Dr. med. Carola Holzner (text)  
David Füleki (illustrations)

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## Let's head out into the night!

- > Beautifully designed, with 28 oil paintings
- > Surprising facts about the sleep behaviour of 14 domestic and exotic animals



Which animals are nocturnal and use unusual hunting strategies in the darkness? Which animals snuggle up at night and sleep? And which animals have adapted their sleep to extremely unusual conditions?

Beatrix Mannel has many answers, giving examples from domestic and exotic animals, and provides numerous curious surprises worth knowing on the subject of sleep.

Karoline Benz has created real works of art with her atmospheric illustrations that depict the night in all its facets.

### AUTHOR

**Beatrix Mannel** used to work as an editor and author for television channels, production companies and radio before she began writing books for all reading ages. She also passes on her enthusiasm for writing via workshops for aspiring writers.

Beatrix Mannel (text)  
Karoline Benz (illustrations)

**Who Sleeps,  
Who Wakes In the  
Night?**

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## The Animals' Toolbox

- > Presents different animal species that use tools to help themselves
- > 18 animals who live underwater, on the ground and in the air



There are many animals that use tools to procure, open and eat food, as well as for defence. It is less widely known that they also use tools for playing, for their health care, for attracting mates, for trapping, and yes: also for painting! The smartest among them even make and carve their own tools ... Inventiveness is limitless, not only in large mammals like the polar bear, but also in tiny creatures like predatory bugs. They know lots of tricks and come up with the most unbelievable ideas.

### AUTHOR

**Angelika Huber-Janisch** is a biologist, journalist and author. For her publications in children's and youth media she was awarded the German Prize for Nature Journalism.

Angelika Huber-Janisch (text)  
Jana Walczyk (illustrations)

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