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Our highlights at a glance

Unique and innovative Novelties

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Three board books with a blow-on light: The Soothing Little Fairy (Soothing book) / When the Stars Sparkle in the Dark (Falling Asleep-Book) / Christmas is Coming, Little Mouse (Xmas Book). By blowing on the sensor, the stars in the sky start to sparkle. Blow once and it lights up! Interactive books for the youngest children.

Age Group
2+

NOVELTY BOARD BOOKS/ BLOW-ON LIGHT BOOKS



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NEW TITLE OF WORLDWIDE BESTSELLING PICTURE BOOK RANGE

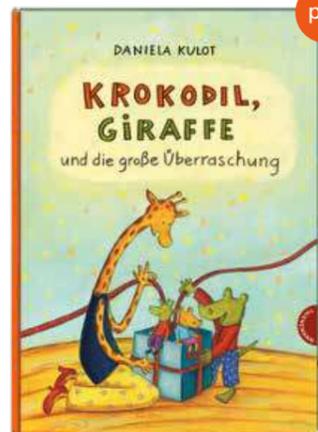
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

20 years ago, a little crocodile fell in love with a giraffe. Numerous picture book stories have been created around the odd pair. Everything starts with a mysterious red ribbon peeking out under the front door, luring the whole family of crocodile and giraffe outside. Where could it possibly lead to? The longer crocodile and giraffe follow the puzzling ribbon, the more adventurous their journey becomes ...

Age Group
4+

PICTURE BOOK

20 years of the famous picture book characters Crocodile and Giraffe!



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A New Read-Aloud Story collection of our bestselling character

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Wintertime in the dormouse forest! The little dormouse can hardly wait, after all, he has always slept through the winter before. This time, however, his friend the hazel mouse ensures that he experiences everything that makes a winter unforgettable: waiting for the first snow, a snowball fight, the big tree trunk race, building an igloo and sliding across the frozen lake!

Age Group
4+

READ-ALoud-BOOK/ CHILDREN'S FICTION

Wintertime in the dormouse forest



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START OF A NEW FICTION SERIES

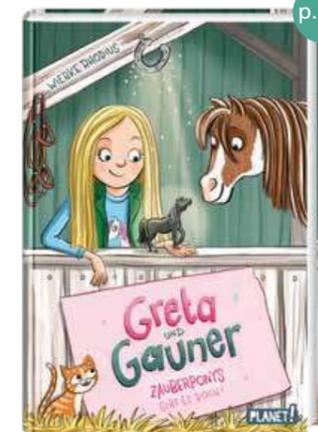
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

A magical horseshoe that conjures a real, tiny pony? The horse enthusiast Greta could burst with joy, especially when she finds out that her little 'Rascal' can also be transformed into a big pony with the horseshoe. Together the two are unbeatable: Greta and Rascal not only conquer all hearts at a gallop, but also their first real tournament circuit ...

Age Group
8+

CHILDREN'S FICTION

The dream of all girls – a pony for the jacket pocket!



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Start of a new and brilliant romance trilogy

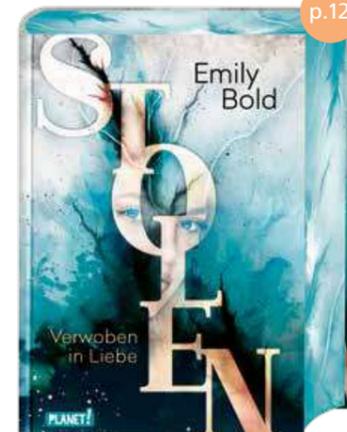
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Abby's thieving exploits had often been her downfall, so she ends up in the time-honoured boarding school Darkhall. The school prides itself on making compliant pupils out of untamable young people. The cute Tristan Tremblay sweetens her settling into the new class. But then her teacher asks her to steal a special ring belonging to the Tremblay family ...

Age Group
12+

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Entangled in Love!



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Epic Fantasy Novel

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

When Cedric moves to Scotland with his father, he does not yet know what powers lie dormant within him. It is only when the magical guardian of Mistle End challenges Cedric one night to the griffin test that his abilities surface. Cedric is one of the last two Druids in the world. From now on, he must train his skills, because the balance between humankind, magic and nature is in danger.

Age Group
10+

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Mistle End – home of magical beings



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Read and Blow-on!

Some magic for the youngest ones!



... and four lights shine!

Blow here ...



- Interactive blow-on books for going to bed, little complaints and Christmas
- Top topics
- Charmingly illustrated

TOP TITLE

This board book for children from 18 months delights with its magical joining-in effect: blow once and the lights start to light up! The little LED bulbs integrated into the book are activated by an air current when blowing and start to illuminate like magic!



Marina Rachner was born in Hamburg in 1971. She studied at the Technical University for Design in Hamburg with the main emphasis on illustration and since then has worked as a freelance illustrator.



Martina Leykamm was born in 1975 in Schwabach, studied graphic design in Nürnberg and London and now works as a freelance illustrator in Berlin.



Carola Sieverding studied at the Münster School of Design with a focus on illustration. Since 2014 she has been working as a freelance illustrator for various publishers and likes most of all to draw cheeky children and animals. She lives in the beautiful north of Hamburg.

2+

When the Stars Sparkle in the Dark
Novelty Board book with blow-on light

Illustrated by Marina Rachner
Picture Book
Novelty board book, 10 pages

2+

The Soothing Little Fairy
Novelty Board book with blow-on light

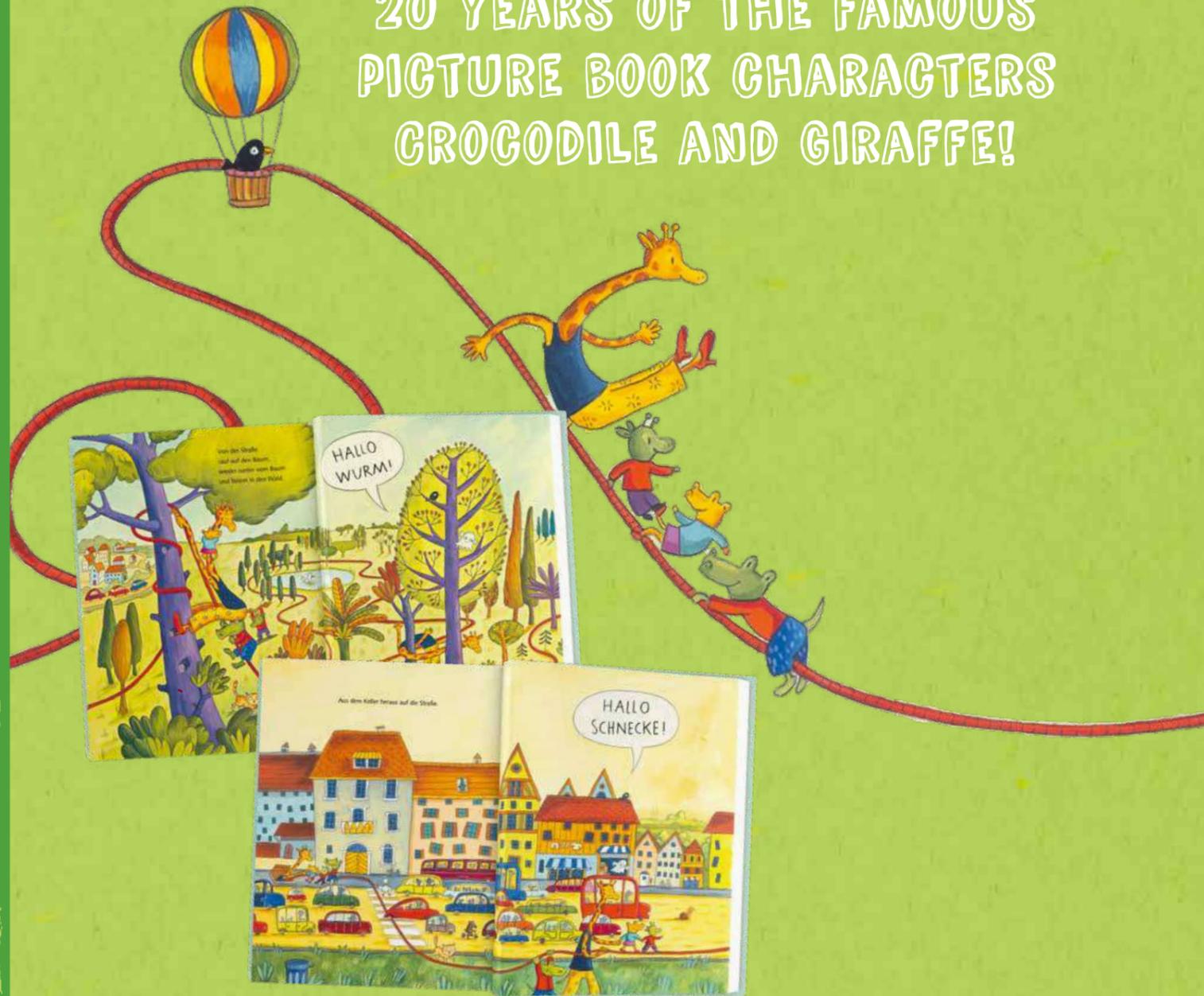
Illustrated by Martina Leykamm
Picture Book
Novelty board book, 10 pages

2+

Christmas is coming, little mouse
Novelty Board book with blow-on light

Illustrated by Carola Sieverding
Picture Book
Novelty board book, 10 pages

20 YEARS OF THE FAMOUS PICTURE BOOK CHARACTERS CROCODILE AND GIRAFFE!



English translation available



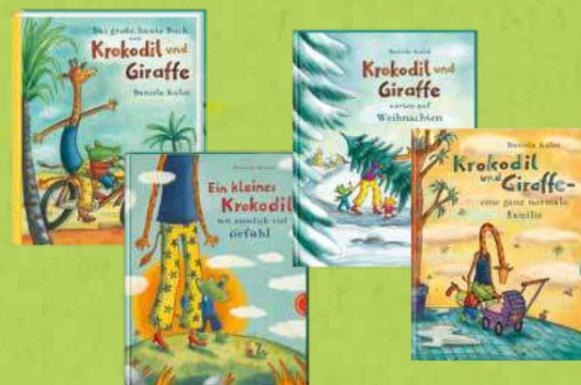
- An exciting story to pursue
- For all fans of the famous picture book characters Crocodile and Giraffe
- Nearly 800,000 copies sold of the series

TOP TITLE



Daniela Kulot studied Design at the University of Applied Sciences in Augsburg and, because of her unusual and humorous stories and her distinctive style, has made a name for herself in Germany and abroad.

BACKLIST



Rights sold to more than 20 countries!

20 years ago, "A little crocodile with a lot of feelings" fell in love with a giraffe. Numerous picture book stories have been created around the odd pair, which have many fans at home and abroad. Everything starts with a mysterious red ribbon peeking out under the front door, luring the whole family of crocodile and giraffe outside. Where could it possibly lead to? The longer crocodile and giraffe follow the puzzling ribbon, the more adventurous their journey becomes. It takes them through the town and countryside, mountains and valleys. When they reach the end of ribbon, a big surprise is awaiting everyone.

4+

Daniela Kulot
Crocodile, Giraffe and the Big Surprise

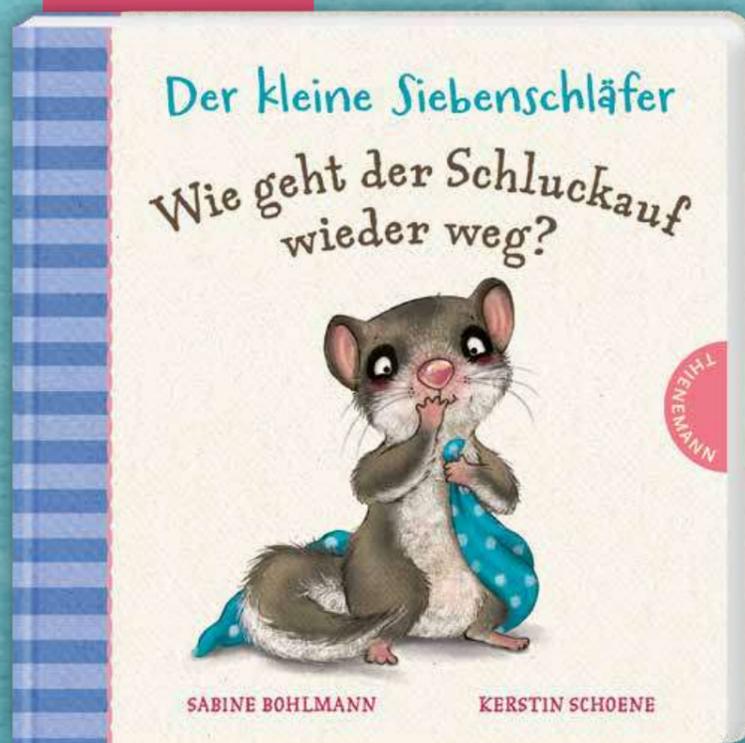
Illustrated by Daniela Kulot
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

More adventures in the dormouse forest!



- Nearly 400.000 copies sold of all "Little dormouse"-books
- Wonderfully fun and sugar sweet

English translation available



BACKLIST



Series: Rights sold to 13 countries

2+

Sabine Bohlmann
When will the hiccups go away?

Illustrated by Kerstin Schoene
Picture Book
Board Book, 20 pages

The darned "Hic!" The little dormouse has hiccups. The hazel dormouse is to hand to provide him with relief, but whatever the two of them try, simply nothing works. It is only when the hazel dormouse really scares the little dormouse that the hiccups finally go away. And where did it go? It hopped over to the hazel dormouse!

NEARLY
400,000
COPIES SOLD
OF THE
SERIES



- A book full of new favourite stories
- Over 20,000 sold copies of the first Read-Aloud book of this character

BACKLIST



4+

Sabine Bohlmann
A Bobble Hat Full of Winter Stories

Illustrated by Kerstin Schoene
Children's Stories
Hardcover, 128 pages

When will winter finally be here? The little dormouse can hardly wait, after all, he has always slept through the winter before. But this year he has the greatest fun you can imagine: waiting for the first snow, a snowball fight, the big tree trunk race, building an igloo and sliding across the frozen lake. All of this and much more makes the winter unforgettable for the little dormouse!

THE DREAM OF ALL GIRLS – A PONY FOR THE JACKET POCKET!



WIEBKE RHODIUS

was born in February 1980 in Munich and grew up in the Rhineland. As a little girl she already filled whole exercise books with her own invented stories. But then she first studied law and worked as a solicitor. After the birth of her two sons, she finally fulfilled her dream and rediscovered writing for herself.



VERA SCHMIDT

was born in Lisbon in 1974. At the age of 2, she emigrated to Germany with her parents. Today she lives in Stuttgart. Even as a child, no pen was safe from her and so many surfaces were adorned with scribbles, flip books or little stories.

English sample
translation available



TOP
TITLE

- Sensational: this pony can be "magicked big" on demand
- A magical-sweet story by the successful author Wiebke Rhodius
- Playfully easy reading fun for all pony fans

8+

Wiebke Rhodius
Greta and Dodger
Magic Ponies Do Exist!

Illustrated by Vera Schmidt
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 128 pages

A magical horseshoe that conjures a real, tiny pony? The horse enthusiast Greta could burst with joy, especially when she finds out that her little black Gauner can also be transformed into a big pony with the horseshoe. Not easy at all to keep this wonderful secret. But together the two are unbeatable: Greta and Gauner not only conquer all hearts at a gallop, but also their first real tournament circuit ...

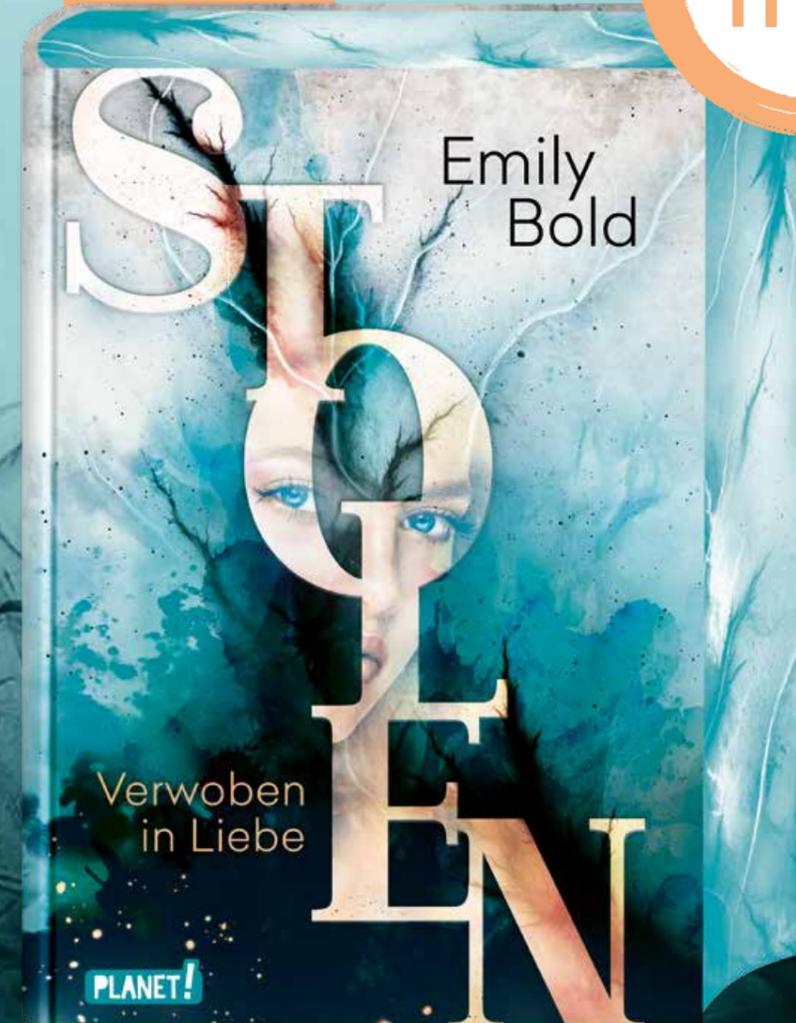
The new and brilliant
romance trilogy
by Emily Bold!



Emily Bold was born in 1980 in Middle Franconia, where she still lives with her husband and their two daughters. She writes novels for adults and teenagers, with 25 German and eight English books and stories to her name that have given a keen audience endless hours of entertaining reading.

English sample translation available

TOP TITLE



- New trilogy by the successful self-publisher
- A captivating love story – sizzling!
- Big fan base on social media

BACKLIST



Over 300.000 ebooks sold

Rights sold to: Russia, English World rights!

Abby's thieving exploits had often been her downfall, so she ends up in the time-honoured boarding school Darkhall. The school prides itself on making compliant and happy pupils out of even the most untamable young people. And indeed, the new school year does not start badly at all for Abby. The cute Tristan Tremblay sweetens her settling into the new class. But then her teacher asks her to steel a special ring belonging to the Tremblay family. She finds the ring: Bastian, Tristan's brother, is wearing it on a chain around his neck. What Abby does not know is that Bastian is a spiritual guardian. With the help of the ring, he can banish the dark soul meshes of pupils. At the same time, however, it also steals part of their soul. When Bastian is supposed to take Abby's soul meshes, he cannot bring himself to do it. Until she leaves him with no other choice ...

12+

Emily Bold
STOLEN
Entangled in Love
Young Adult Novell
Hardcover, 432 pages

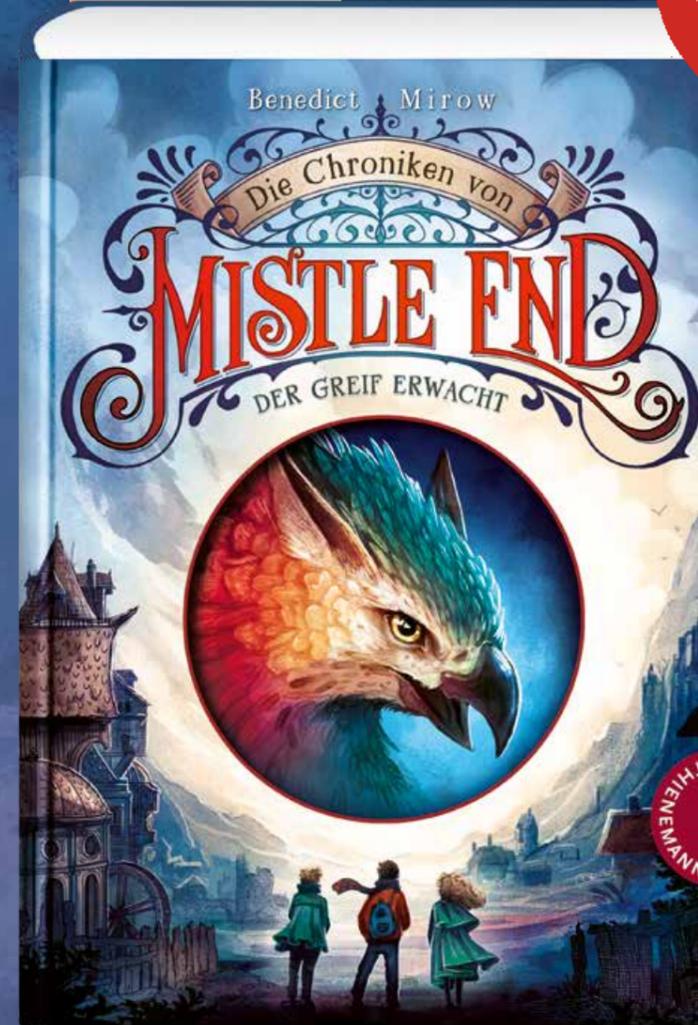
Mistle End – home of magical beings



BENEDICT MIROW

was born in 1974 in Munich. The ethnologist and film director has been writing, shooting and producing documentary films in the areas of art and culture for many years and compiles film portraits about artists such as Daniel Hope, Lang Lang or Paulo Coelho. He has been able to win numerous international awards with his films such as the Diapason d'Or, an International Classical Music Award and a KLASSIK ECHO. He made a significant contribution as an ethnological consultant to the success of the OSCAR® winner "Nowhere in Africa" by Caroline Link. After periods in Africa and Vienna, Benedict Morow now lives with his daughter and two cats in Munich and writes fantasy novels for children.

English sample
translation available



TOP
TITLE

- Scottish Highlands – a fascinating setting
- A young Druid and the magical powers of nature
- Cinematic and narrated full of warmth
- The author is an ethnologist and film director

When Cedric moves to Scotland with his father, he does not yet know what powers lie dormant within him. It is only when the magical guardian of Mistle End challenges Cedric one night to the griffin test that his abilities surface. Cedrik is one of the last two Druids in the world. From now on, he must train his skills, because the balance between humankind, magic and nature is in danger. A battle lies ahead, for which the young unexperienced Druid is not yet ready. Luckily the siblings Emily and Elliot are by his side, she as a shapeshifter and he as a budding sorcerer.

10+

Benedict Mirow
The Chronicals of Mistle End
The Griffin Awakens

Children's Novel
Hardcover, 416 pages

This picture book helps children if their parents separate



English translation available



- Conveys security in a difficult situation
- With helpful tips for parents
- Charmingly illustrated by Barbara Korthues

Cuddling mummy and daddy in bed is just the best for Leo, but daddy sleeps more and more often on the sofa in the living room because the tension between him and mummy simply does not want to go away. And then Leo's parents even divorce. But they make a firm promise to Leo: they will never divorce him – that's a big father-mother-child word of honour!

4+

Martina Baumbach
And I See Daddy at Weekends

Illustrated by Barbara Korthues
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

Martina Baumbach lives south of Munich with her family. Gabriel has already published a number of her books.

Barbara Korthues studied Visual Communication, with the focus on Illustration, in Münster and has been illustrating books for children and teenagers since 1996.



Where does our food come from?

English translation available



- About where our food comes from
- Brings together the topics of food and harvest thanksgiving
- Ideal for use in playschool

Lola and Mathis are preparing the harvest festival at play-school and want to know more about where foods actually come from. Is there a potato tree? Do fishfingers swim in the sea? When visiting the farm, Lola and Mathis then also find out where milk comes from and how apple juice and honey are made. An interesting book for children from 4 years old about the source of our food.

4+

Sabine Rahn
Can Fishfingers Swim?
Where our food comes from

Illustrated by Günther Jakobs
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

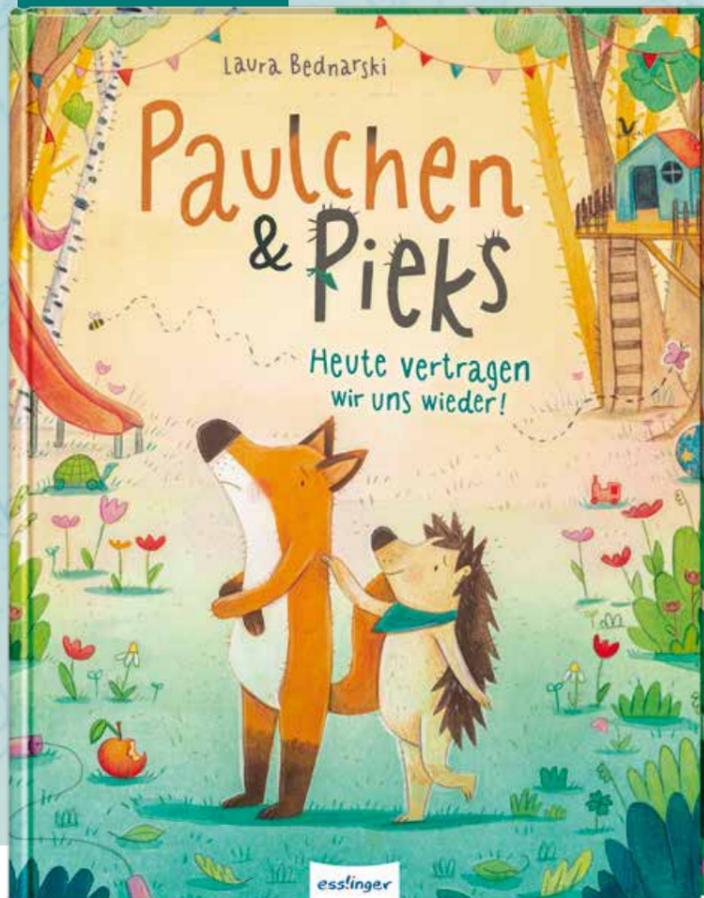
Sabine Rahn worked as a publisher's editor and for several years has been writing books with great enjoyment for children and teenagers.

Günther Jakobs studied Graphic Design and Philosophy in Münster. He has been working as a freelance illustrator for various publishing houses since 2003.



First friendship, first quarrel – that’s just the way it goes!

English translation available



- Top everyday topic: quarrelling and making up
- Warmly told and illustrated by Laura Bednarski

BACKLIST



Vol.1:
Rights sold
to Russia

3+

Laura Bednarski
Paulchen & Pieks series
Today we will get on again!

Illustrated by Laura Bednarski
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

A charming story about making up

The fox Paul and hedgehog Spiky are the closest friends at the forest playschool! But when Paul scoffs the giant mushroom that they had found together, it soon becomes clear to Spiky: “You are not my friend anymore!” And there it is: the first quarrel. If only Spiky didn’t miss the little fox so terribly. He finally makes himself invite Paul to a picnic and guess what, the little fox has also brought a surprise for Spiky.

Laura Bednarski studied Communication Design and Illustration in Münster and Hamburg. She is a freelance illustrator and prize winner of the Ravensburger Illustrator Prize.



Katja Reider started writing during a holiday – and has not stopped since. This has resulted in many books for children, as well as gift books, including the major international success “Rosalie und Trüffel” (Rosalie and Truffle). She lives with her family and a little dog in Hamburg.

Sabine Straub studied at the Deutsche Höhere Lehranstalt für Grafik und Werbung (Graphic Design and Advertising College) in Athens and then ran her own painting school. Since 2009 she has been a freelance illustrator and splits her time between Greece and Germany.

2+

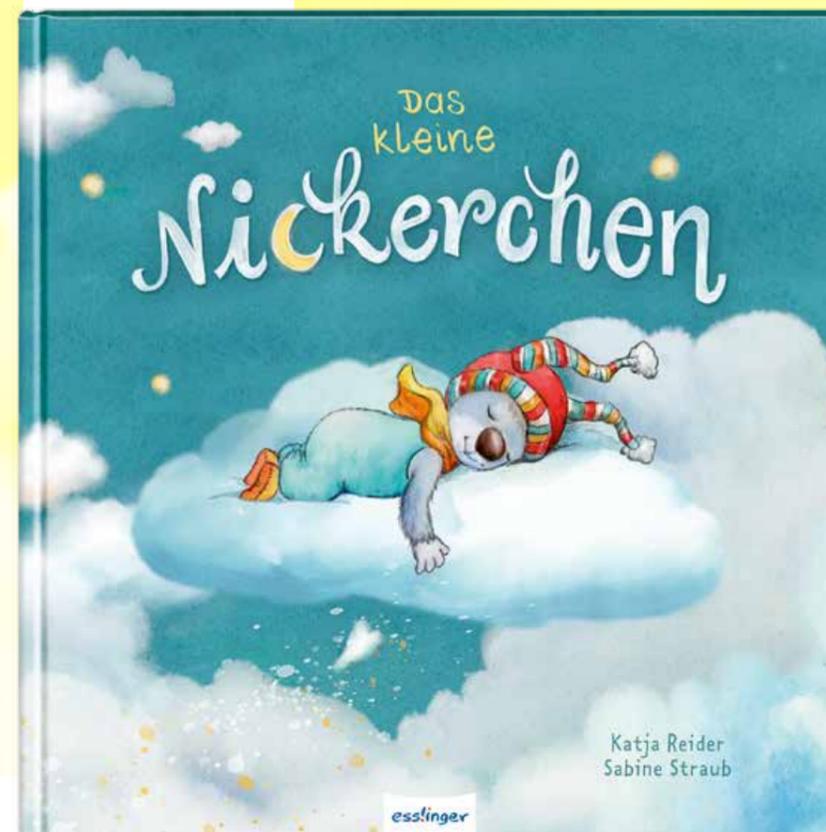
Katja Reider
The Little Snooze

Illustrated by Sabine Straub
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

- Charming everyday story for children from 2 years old
- An ideal companion for the evening bedtime ritual
- Everyone who likes the sandman will love this book!

The little Snooze – his name is what it’s all about!

English translation available

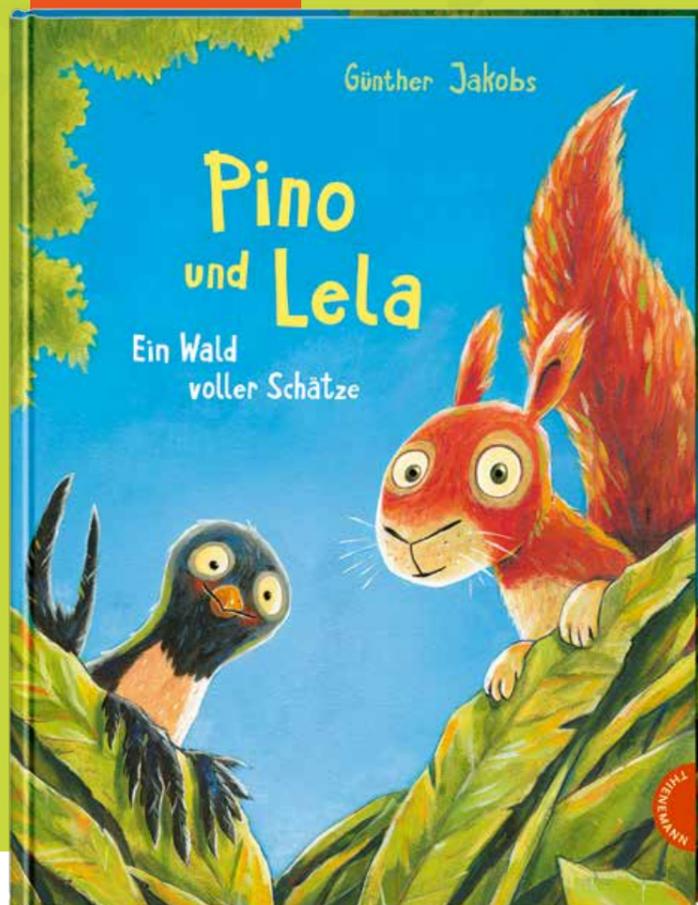


A snooze always does you good!

If even goodnight lullabies and sleeping advice don’t help children, it is time for ... Snooze! He carries a bobble hat full of sleep with him and visits all the night owls on earth who cannot (or do not want to) fall asleep. Snooze is the ideal companion into the land of dreams – for sure it is not only the little animal children’s eyes that will fall shut.

Pino & Lela series – Volume three

English translation available



- A story about weaknesses and strengths
- With a discreet environmental message
- Charmingly narrated and illustrated by Günther Jakobs



BACKLIST



Rights sold to ROK, RU, FI

3+

Günther Jakobs
Pino & Lela
A Forest Full of Treasures
Illustrated by Günther Jakobs
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

Pino is distraught! His nut stores have vanished without a trace and he simply doesn't know anymore where he buried them. His friend Lela simply must help him. They search and search with the help of the other animals and find all kinds of unexpected treasures in the forest. But will Pino's nuts be among them?

Günther Jakobs (*1978) studied Graphic Design and Philosophy in Münster. He has been working as a freelance illustrator for various publishing houses since 2003.



Otfried Preußler (1923 – 2013) first taught pupils, then he decided to devote himself entirely to literary writing. He is one of the best known and most successful authors of children's and juvenile literature. His books have a world-wide print-run of about 50 mio. in more than 350 translations.

Daniel Napp studied Graphic Design in Münster. Even as a student, he won several awards. He now works as a freelance illustrator and has already illustrated numerous picture books and books for children.

The little witch has returned to picture books

English translation available



- A new, atmospheric picture book story with the little witch
- Scenes from the well-known children's classic wonderfully presented for young children
- High-class illustrations by the picture book artist Daniel Napp

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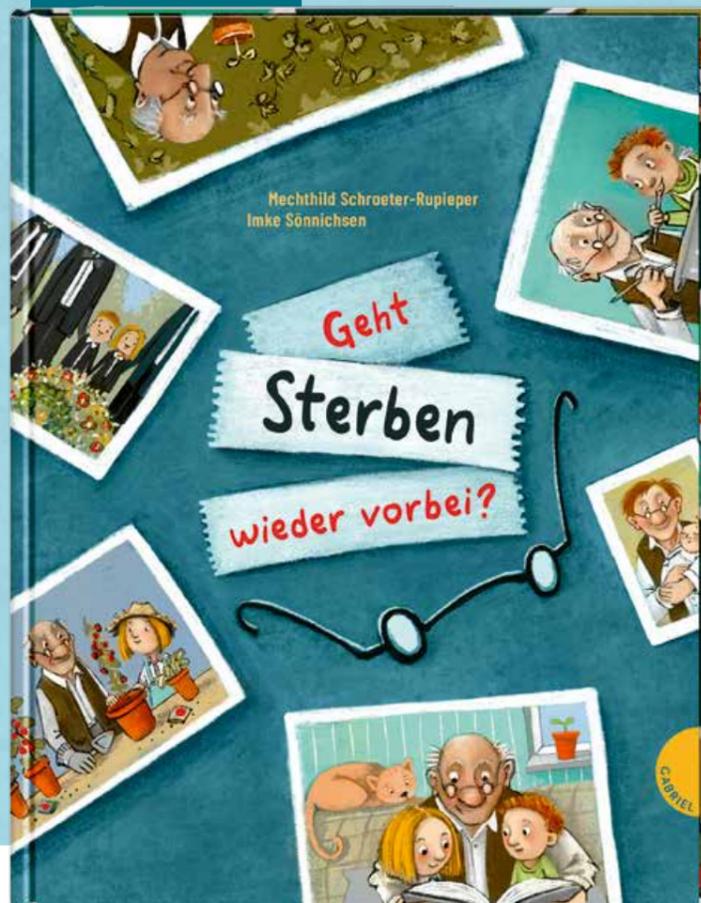
First picture book of the character "The Little Witch"

4+

Otfried Preußler
The Little Witch
Winter Magic with Abraxas
Illustrated by Daniel Napp
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

What children want to know when a loved one dies

English translation available



- Unique: a story and authentic children's questions in one book
- The author is an experienced family grief consultant
- Consoling illustrations by Imke Sönnichsen

For quite a while now, Marlene's and Paul's grandpa is lying in bed. Shortly afterwards he dies. The children experience how sad everyone is, the undertaker visiting their house, what happens with their deceased grandpa, how a funeral works and why everyone gathers afterwards. But they also discover how they can keep their memories of their grandpa.

The story provides the framework for many children's questions that are answered on the respective opposite page.

5+

Mechthild Schroeter-Rupieper
Does Death Go Away Again?
Answers to children's questions about death and grief

Illustrated by Imke Sönnichsen
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

The author **Mechthild Schroeter-Rupieper** is a professional grief consultant with her own institute. As the founder for family grief work in Germany and co-founder in Austria and Switzerland, she works Europe-wide as an educational consultant.

Imke Sönnichsen studied History of Art in London and later Illustration in Mainz. She has illustrated many picture books for Thienemann.



Anke Dörrzapf studied Politics, Art History and Italian in Munich and Bologna. She works as freelance chief editor of the children's magazine P. M. "Willi wills wissen" and writes for e.g. GEO Saison, Brigitte, Spiegel, art, as well as writing books for children and young people.

Sascha Morawetz studied product design at the Muthesius Art College in Kiel. He then worked for a renowned design agency in Hamburg. After that, he set a new focus and dedicated himself to his passion of illustration. Since 2012 he has been an independent illustrator.

3+

Anke Dörrzapf
The Greatest Birthday in the World

Illustrated by Sascha Morawetz
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages

- Favourite topic among young children: birthday parties
- A humorous look at the rivalry surrounding children's birthdays
- The perfect gift for young birthday children

I want a party like that too!

English translation available

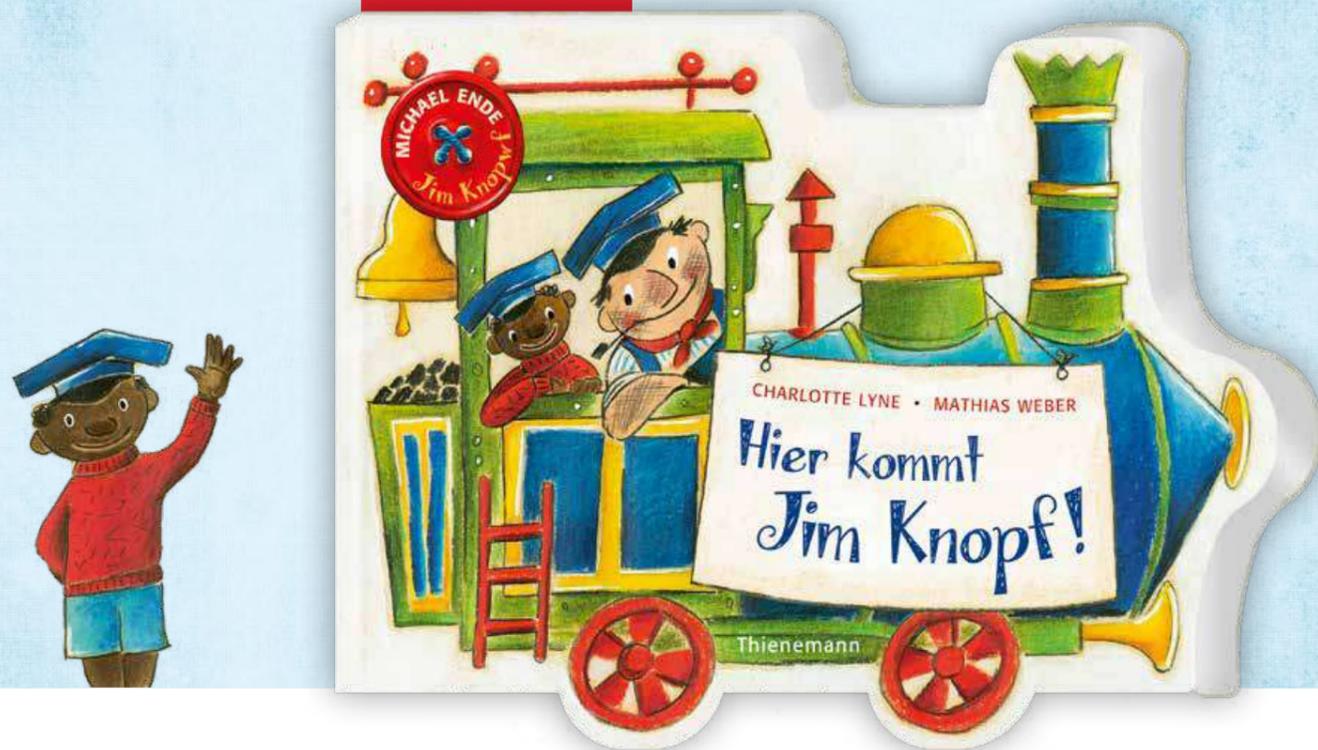


The badger holds a giant treasure hunt with a raft ride and fishcake pops. The fox issues invitations to a spooky party with labyrinth games. And the parents of the slowworm have even chartered storks to fly the animal children to the leisure park. "I want that too!" sighs the stoat. But after so many exceptional parties, it only has one wish for its birthday: a mud party jumping in puddles – without any ballyhoo. Because sometimes simple is simply the best!

Decorative board book for the Jim Button anniversary

- A great first encounter with the world of Jim Button
- Shaped board book, with an eye-catching playful character
- Written by the Ende connoisseur Charlotte Lyne

English translation available



In 2020, Michael Ende's Jim Button will be no less than 60 years old. In the anniversary year, we are publishing a board book edition for the youngest readers: an introduction to the world of Jim Button in the form of an shaped board Emma. An eye-catcher for the book trade and for the children's room at home. Jim is able to go with Emma on a trip across the island Lummerland. After Lukas has shovelled fresh coal into Emma's stove, they set off. Jim meets all the inhabitants of Lummerland, Mrs. Waas, Mr. Sleeve, King Alfons, and whizzes through one of the five tunnels. The trip ends at the train station, where Lukas is happy to welcome Emma and Jim again.

2+

Charlotte Lyne & Michael Ende
Here Comes Jim Button

Illustrated by Mathias Weber
Picture Book
Shaped Board Book, 14 pages

Charlotte Lyne was born in 1965 in Berlin and studied German, Latin, English and Italian literature in Berlin, Naples and London. She lives with her husband and their three children in London. Charlotte Lyne works as an author, translator and editor.

Mathias Weber (*1967) works as a freelance illustrator and graphic artist mainly for children's books.



Nele Moost was born in Berlin in 1952 and spent part of her childhood in Sweden. After her German Studies she worked as an editor in a children's book publishing house. Today she writes stories for children and adults, which have been translated into 30 languages..

Annet Rudolph studied Graphic Design at the Technical University in Münster with the main emphasis on children's book illustrations. Since then she works very successfully as a freelance illustrator for various publishers.

For a good night's sleep and lovely dreams



Sometimes the little raven waits "just five minutes" until Mrs. Badger finally goes to sleep before him, then he can prove how harmful washing is for little black ravens and can hop into his nest as a dirtbird. At his sleepover party, first everything goes wrong before it turns into the best in the world.

- 6 brand new stories about the Little Raven
- A perfect length for reading out at night
- For children from 4 years old

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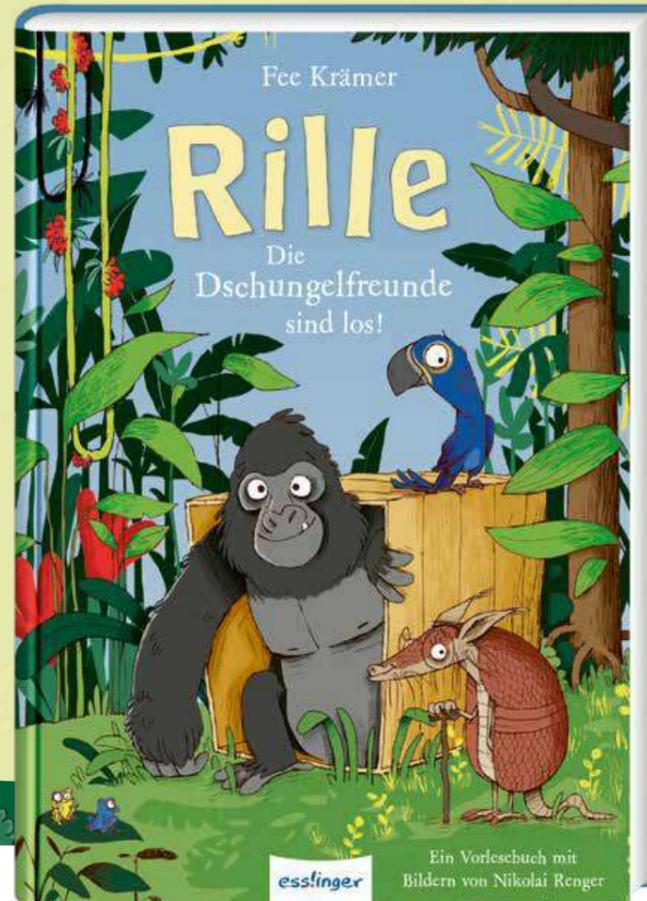
4+

Nele Moost
All Asleep?
Goodnight Stories about the Little Raven

Illustrated by Annet Rudolph
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 144 pages

Small gorilla, big adventure!

- 8 great stories for every day to read out
- Important topics: friendship, courage, overcoming fear, sharing, falling asleep
- With charming and fun illustrations by Nikolai Renger



Who can roar so loud that the whole jungle quakes? Rille, the little mountain gorilla with the big heart. He was actually supposed to be taken to a zoo, but after an emergency landing in the jungle, he finds a new home with the armadillo lady Tatu and the cheeky parrot Pepe. Rille goes on a big raft trip with his friends and learns how wonderful it is to share his figs with them or to tell each other goodnight stories for hours. And that one is also allowed to be angry or sad sometimes, because that is what good friends are there for.

5+

Fee Krämer
Rille

The jungle friends are out and about!

Illustrated by Nikolai Renger
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 112 pages

Fee Krämer was involved with children's books from many different perspectives before she started writing herself. Today she publishes at various publishing houses and lives with her family in Berlin.

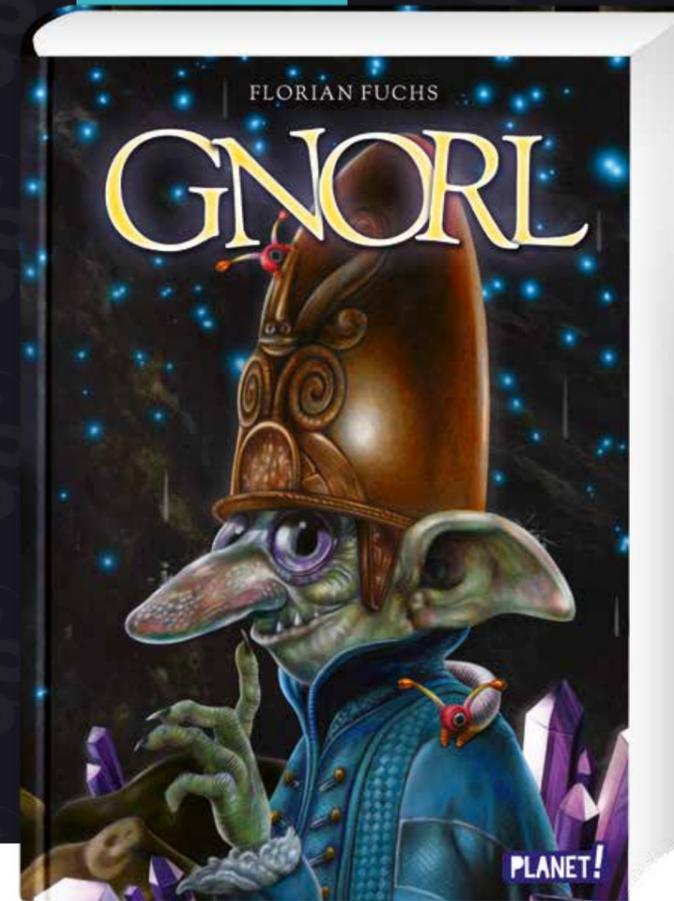
Nikolai Renger studied Visual Communication at HFG in Pforzheim. He works as a freelance illustrator for various publishing houses and agencies and has been working at Atelier Remise in Karlsruhe since 2013.



Florian Fuchs was born in 1987 in Berlin and already during his childhood he discovered his enthusiasm for unusual stories and fantastical creatures. At the time, he had no idea that years later he would create his very own worlds teeming with the most peculiar forms of life and where the air smells of adventure in the air. Today he lives and works as a freelance author and illustrator for children's, young people's and reference literature in Schleswig-Holstein near the sea, where he draws even more inspiration from every wave.

A fantastical underworld à la Walter Moers with goblins

English sample
translation available



A holiday on a farm in the Black Forest – could there be anything worse? No, thinks Jonas. But then, together with Anna and Benjamin, he discovers the kingdom of the goblins underground. Their presence must stay a secret at all costs, as the goblin king with his evil glittering eyes, sharp teeth and long thin fingers would sentence them to death immediately. Luckily there is Gnorl, who refutes the king and secretly plans the escape of Jonas and his friends. Amidst glittering stalactites and countless magical cave dwellers, Jonas experiences the most dangerous holidays of his life.

- Exciting children's book debut with a magical atmosphere
- An opulent, fascinating world: the underground kingdom of the goblins
- Perfect fantasy page-turner for boys and girls



10+

Florian Fuchs
Gnorl

Children's Novel
Hardcover, 336 pages

A fun and heartwarming easy reader by bestseller author!

- By the bestseller author of the "Petronella Applesauce" series, Sabine Städing
- Text with generous spacing and a large font: perfectly suited to beginner readers
- With fun and cheeky illustrations by Anna-Lena Kühler



These boys are sly dogs! Alexander Hen, only called Henny by everyone, is annoyed. His parents are invited to a fancy-dress party, sadly without him, although he loves dressing up. At least he manages to ward off the babysitter – because: at 8 years old you surely don't need anyone to look after you anymore. And what's more, his best friend Matt is allowed to stay over at his place. Together they hatch the very best plan: they will also go to the party, dressed up as a ghost so they are not recognised. It also works perfectly until they spot a thief rifling through guests' bags Henny and Matt must intervene!

Sabine Städing was born in Hamburg and as a child she already enjoyed thinking up stories. With her books all about the little witch Petronella Applesauce, she soon touched the hearts of many children. Today she lives with her family at the gateway to Hamburg and also took great delight in writing this spectacular story.



Britta Sabbag studied language science, psychology and education at Bonn University. Her debut novel "Penguin Weather" in 2012 was an immediate bestseller and also performed to great acclaim in many theatres. Since 2015 her children's books about "Bommel, the Little Bumble Bee" regularly appear in the Spiegel bestselling charts. She lives with her family in Bonn.

Watch out, what you read could come true!

- A heartwarming story about courage and the possibilities the imagination opens up
- What all readers dream about: to literally immerse oneself in a story
- By the bestseller author Britta Sabbag



Because her mother is in the Arctic, Ida must spend the holidays with her grandparents. Unfortunately there are no other children, only books in grandpa's reading room. Furthermore, some of them and especially the old reading armchair are taboo. Nevertheless, Ida climbs around on the shelves in curiosity, falls into the armchair and then it happens: she is in the midst of Sherwood Forest! Could the armchair be magic? Her holidays turn into the greatest adventure of her life. Especially when she meets Arthur on a pirate ship, who is pursuing quite a special mission ...

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Brigitte Endress
Page Magic
How Ida Fell into the Pages

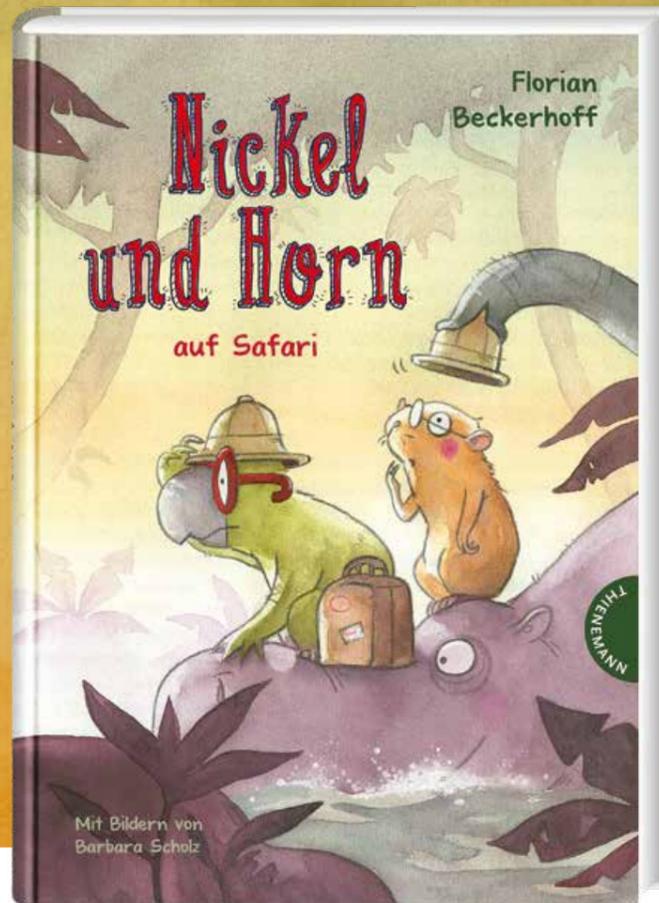
Illustrated by Alexandra Helm
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 176 pages

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Sabine Städing
Look Out, Sleepover!
The Secret of the Blue Ghost

Illustrated by Anna-Lena Kühler
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 128 pages

The bespectacled duo on the hunt for a secret formula



- Body swapping story between a girl and a boy
- Full of situational comedy beyond all gender boundaries



BACKLIST



Rights sold to Israel

6+

Florian Beckerhoff
Nickel und Horn on Safari
Volume Three

Illustrated by Barbara Scholz
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 128 pages

Florian Beckerhoff, novelist and the father of two children in Berlin, was born in 1976. His first novel, "Mrs Ella", was a bestseller with 100,000 copies sold and in 2013 made into a film by Matthias Schweighöfer. the "Nickel and Horn"-series is his children's book debut.

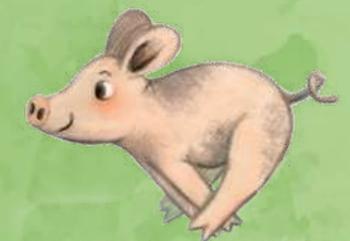
Barbara Scholz (*1969) studied Graphic Design in Münster and is now a freelance illustrator for various publishing houses.



The continuation of the animal shapeshifter series!



- For boys and girls from 8 years old
- Magical mix: the art of shape-shifting, friendship, everyday school life
- Traditionally and humorously told by Martina Baumbach



The animal shapeshifters are alarmed – Einstein is missing!

Does his disappearance have something to do with his transformation? And does the dachshund, who has been hanging around recently in front of Wilhelmine's inventor shed, want to tell them something about it? Mr. Olsson smells a rat and he and the children do everything they can to find Einstein.

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8+

Martina Baumbach
The Animal Shapeshifters
Volume 2

Illustrated by Imke Sönnichsen
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 192 pages



Martina Baumbach (*1969) lives south of Munich with her family. Thienemann-Esslinger has already published a number of her books.

The mysterious world of the circus – outstanding children's novel

English sample
translation available



- Atmospheric text with very special characters
- Powerful topic: the exotic world of the circus

Siblings Marilu, Finja and Arthur are growing up in the world of the small circus belonging to their father, **Henrikus Tatu**. Everyone in the circus is like one big family: Bonifatius, the strongest man in the world; Penelope, the beautiful tightrope dancer; fire-breather Kurtlovski; and many others. Until one day fortune-teller Federica Fiorenza turns Daddy Tatu's head and makes him send his children to a boarding school. So the children decide to save their family from the fortune-teller and secretly set off back to the circus. This is the beginning of an adventure-packed journey.

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Sabine Bohlmann
The Wondrous Children of Mr. Tatu

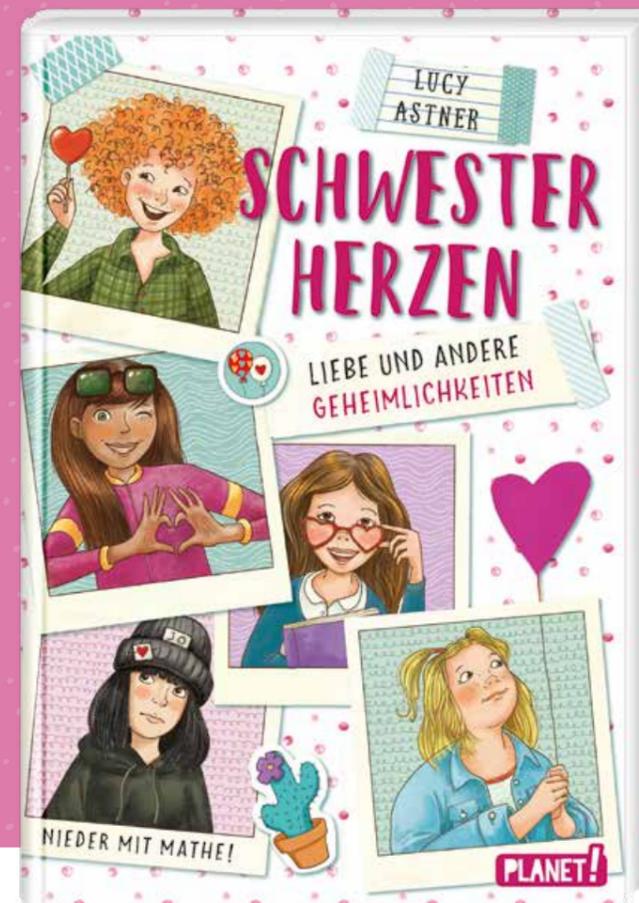
Illustrated by Heike Vogel
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 304 pages

After training to be an actress, **Sabine Bohlmann** has been in various films and series on television. She also works as a dubbing artist and has lent her voice to characters like Lisa Simpson and actors such as Vanessa Paradis. Since 2004 she has been writing children's books.



Lucy Astner likes eating chocolate, trampoline jumping and laughing till it hurts. She has made her hobby into her profession and writes screenplays for the movie theatre to make lots of other people laugh. She lives with her four children and her husband in the centre of Hamburg.

This will delight sisterly hearts!



- Sequel to the successful series by Lucy Astner
- Told with a great deal of wit and confidence
- Cool inner design in a diary format

What a mess-up! The sport lessons are supposed to be replaced by maths. The Secret Sisters cannot allow this under any circumstances! Bonnie, Smilia, Nuca, Monti and Jo therefore forge a rescue plan: they organise a "romantic autumn ball" to collect donations to repairs the sports hall. However, they encounter obstacles all along the way and a mysterious love letter catches them completely off-guard. Who is in love with who here? And in any case: isn't love skyrocketingly embarrassing? But sometimes even the sisters' hearts can leap for joy ...

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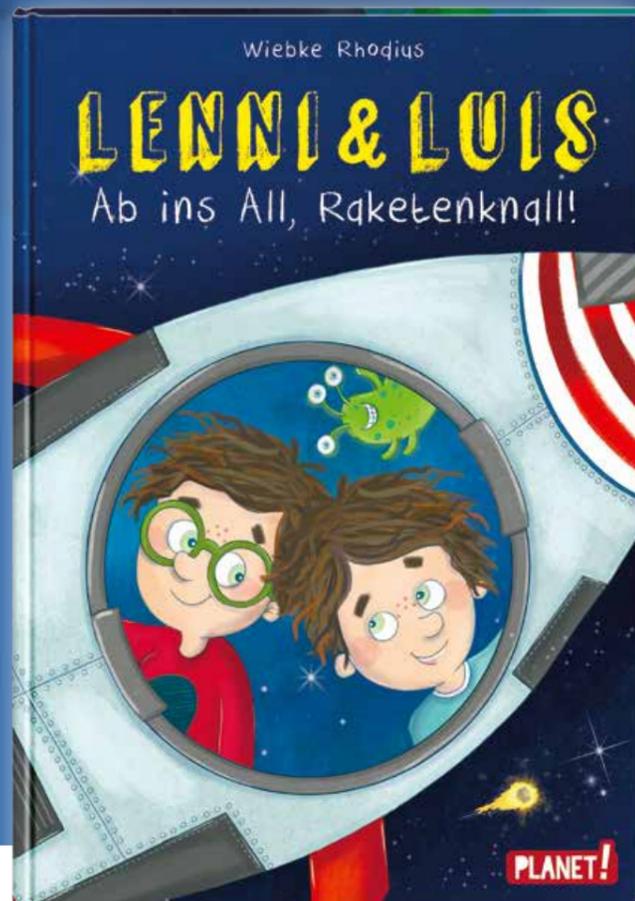
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Lucy Astner
Secret Sisters (Series)
Love and Other Secrets

Children's Novel
Hardcover, 224 pages

Easy and enjoyable reading for every day

- Perfect for unpractised readers: many illustrations and short chapters
- Fun entertainment for boys and girls

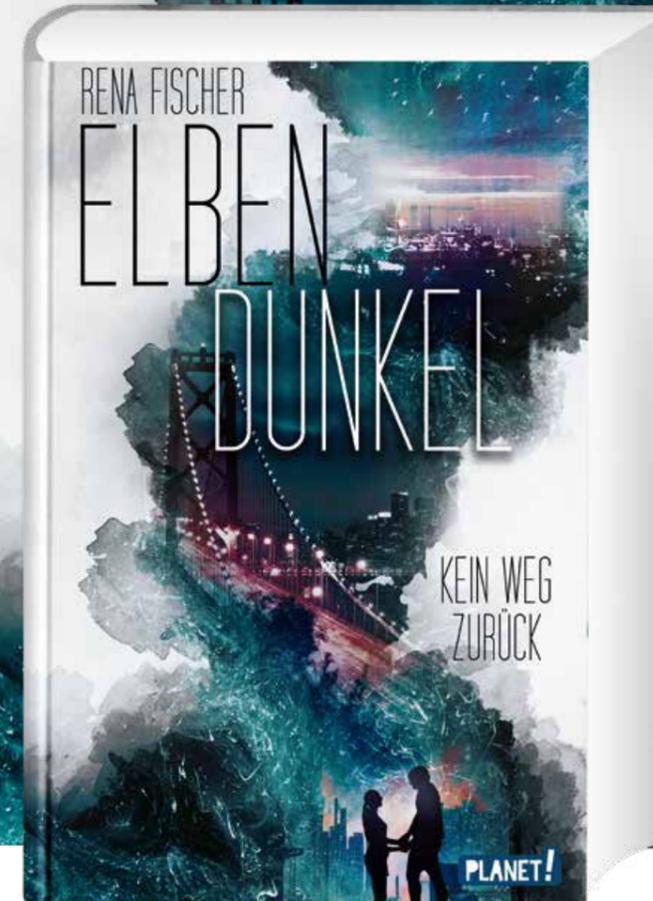


The new telescope is great! The things one can discover with it! For example, the brilliant UFO that whirrs around one night and even lands on earth – or did it perhaps crash? Whatever the case, little green men are out and about. Lenni and Luis are delighted and want to make contact with them straight away. However, when the school caretaker suddenly disappears and other strange things happen, the twins immediately forge a plan – because Lenni and Luis are sure: the extraterrestrials are causing mischief in town!

Wiebke Rhodius was born in February 1980 in Munich and grew up in the Rhineland. As a little girl she already filled whole exercise books with her own invented stories. But then she first studied law and worked as a solicitor. After the birth of her two sons, she finally fulfilled her dream and rediscovered writing for herself.



A gripping fantasy with a touch of romance



In the year 2044, San Francisco is in unrest between humans and Elbs. As a daughter of a high-ranking politician who proceeds violently against Elbs, Luz leads a carefree life. Visiting the Elb ghetto, Luz is fascinated by the underground community but especially by Darel, who is holding a poetry slam critical of the regime. But the presentation is hijacked by a raid and Liz must undergo a blood test. The truth: she is 53% a dark Elb and therefore illegitimate. Luz must flee from her father immediately and Darel helps her. However, he is pursuing his own goals.

Rena Fischer loved writing her own stories even as a child. After studying economics her job took her to Cork (Ireland), where she fell in love with the wild and romantic landscape. After the birth of her twin sons, she gave free reign to her creativity and started writing children's and young adult books. She lives with her family in Munich.



- Sinister, dystopian, socially critical: this novel draws you in
- A future scenario with a wealth of images for all fans of "Izara"
- Deep characters and a captivating love story
- Start of a diology

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Svenja K. Buchner
Lenni & Luis (Series)
Off into Space, with a Rocket Bang!

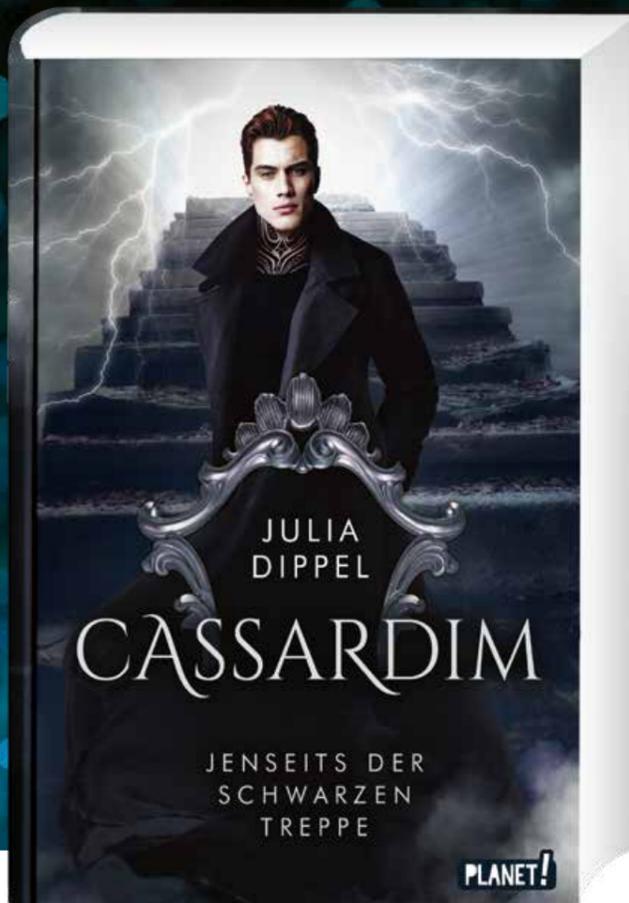
Illustrated by Sabine Sauter
Children's Novel
Hardcover, 128 pages

14+

Rena Fischer
Fairy Darkness
No Way Back

Young Adult Fiction
Hardcover, 496 pages

The story of Amaia and Noar in the underworld Cassardim continues!



- The second volume of the trilogy in which the love of Amaia and Noar is put to a hard test
- Successful launch: top reviews on all platforms
- Romantasy queen Julia Dippel entices readers onto fantastical worlds

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Julia Dippel
Cassardim
Beyond the Black Stairs

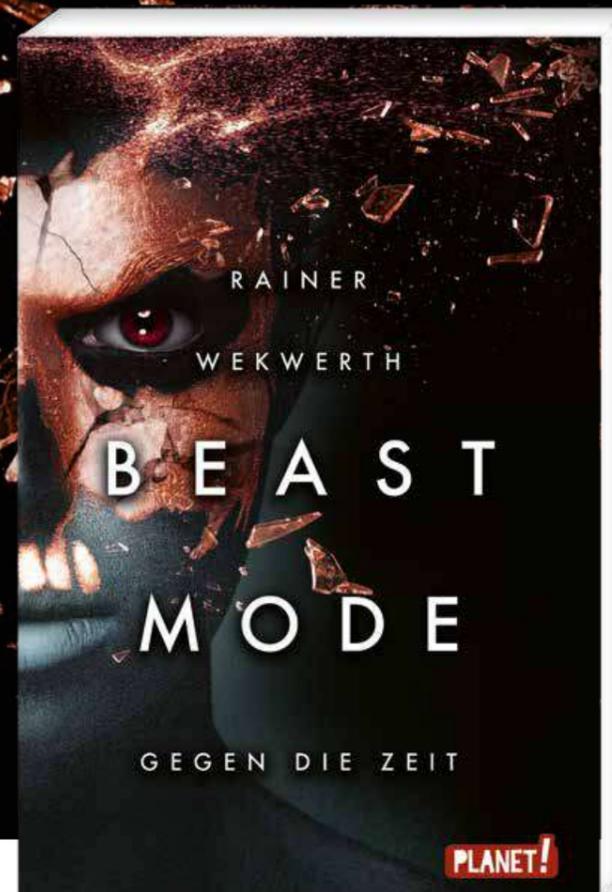
Young Adult Fiction
Hardcover, 400 pages

Cassardim is threatened with collapse: due to the destruction of the Jewel of Power, Amaia has allowed chaos into the Kingdom of the Dead. Together with Noar, she must find a solution as quickly as possible before the land is overcome by darkness. The path leads into the Shadow Fortresses – Noar’s home – where love and affection are frowned upon. Noar closes his heart and once again becomes a merciless prince to protect them both. Amaia seems to lose a grip on everything: Noar, who increasingly distances himself from her, and her ideas of how she can suppress the chaos.

Julia Dippel works as a freelance director for the theatre and musical theatre. To pass the magic of storytelling on to the forthcoming generations, for more than ten years she has also been teaching children and young people about dramatic figures. Her scripts, adaptations and own pieces have already been performed on many occasions.



Volume 2 of the dilogy by the bestselling author Rainer Wekwerth!



- The finale of the action-packed dilogy by the bestseller author Rainer Wekwerth
- Perfect for the “Netflix” generation: the end of the world and young people with supernatural powers

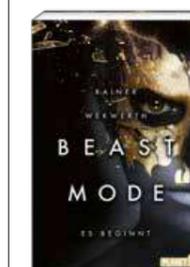
World rescue mission – the showdown!

Malcom, Damon, Amanda, Wilbur and Jenny – five young people with supernatural powers – have discovered the secret of the mysterious energy field in the Pacific Ocean: it led them over 2000 years into the past. Only if they succeed in setting the course in different times that led to their meeting in the future, there is a chance to save humanity from perdition. When they step before the last energy field, one thing is sure: they have no choice and they do not have much time left ...

Rainer Wekwerth has published several books and been awarded prizes for them, such as the Segeberger Feder youth book prize, the Golden Leslie and Ulmer Unke. With his “Labyrinth”-trilogy he also made it to the Spiegel bestselling list, and a film is in preparation. For more see www.wekwerth.com



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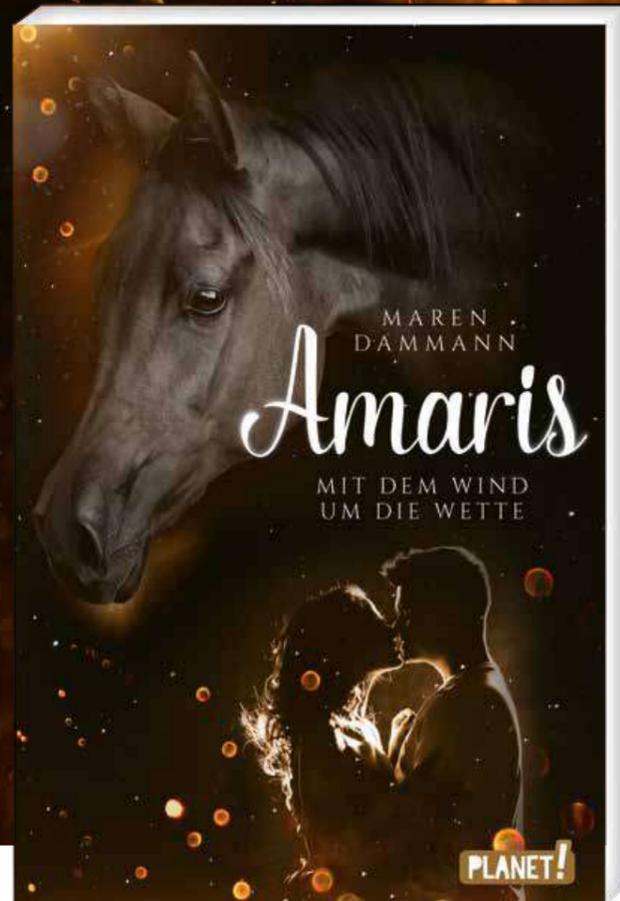


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Rainer Wekwerth
Beastmode (Series) – Volume two
Against Time

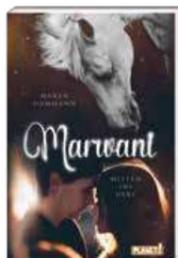
Young Adult Fiction
Paperback, 320 pages

A new insightful horse story by expert Maren Dammann



- A riveting love story – hot only for horse fans
- Important current topic: respectful handling of animals
- For all fans of "Elena"

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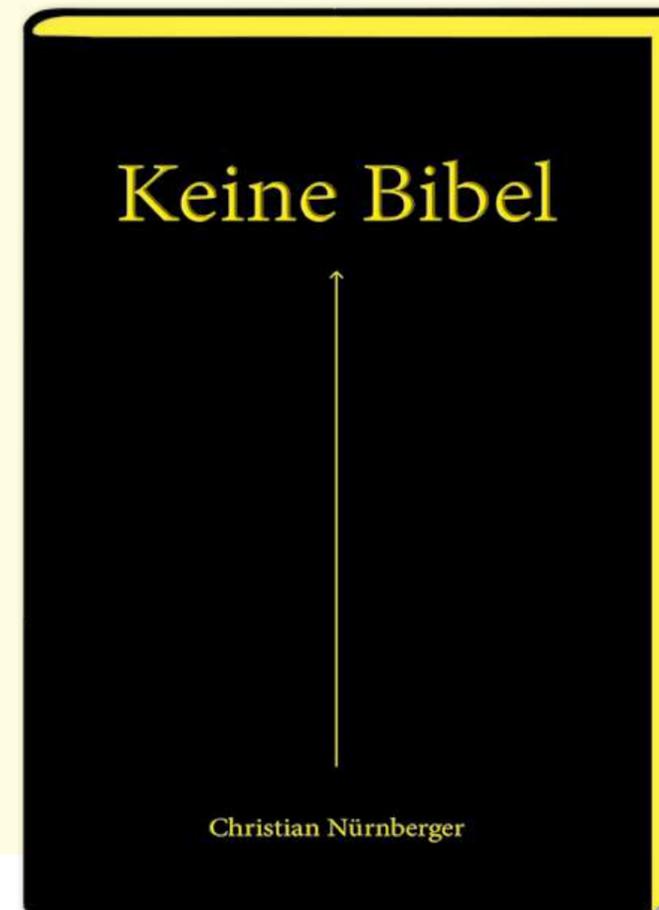
Maren Dammann
Amaris
Race with the Wind
Young Adult Fiction
Paperback, 304 pages

A scruffy Arab stallion, a sinister secret and a big love
Alice is spending the summer on the riding farm of her biological father, who she had not even known until recently. Then she spontaneously purchases the scruffy Arab stallion yearling Amaris at an auction. An invisible force seems to draw her towards the horse. And the sinister secret that the stallion harbours will soon become a danger for her and her new friends. Luckily Ben is by her side, even if the stable boy from California also confuses Alice's emotional life.

Maren Dammann studied Environmental Management and emigrated to Australia for research. She worked for several years as a journalist and published countless articles. As a self-publisher, she has already gathered experience with children's and young people's books. In her free time, Maren Dammann is busy with her horses from which she also draws inspiration.



The Bible – is fun even for non-believers



- By the bestselling author Christian Nürnberger
- The most important stories in a brief and understandable form

The best of the Bible by the Spiegel bestseller author Christian Nürnberger: entertaining, modern, to the point. The most important stories from the book of books, also for non-Bible-readers, in modern language and an appealing design by Red Dot Design winner Eva Jung. Christian Nürnberger peels back the layers of the respective story and applies the message to the present day. So that everyone – whether Christian or not – can benefit from reading the stories.

Christian Nürnberger is a top-class journalist and writer whose books are to be found in the best-selling lists. He studied Theology and worked for different newspapers like Frankfurter Rundschau, Capital, Süddeutsche Zeitung and Zeit. He lives with his family in Mainz.



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Christian Nürnberger
Not a Bible
Young Adult Non-Fiction
Hardcover, 128 pages



Selma Lagerlöf's Classic stunningly illustrated



- Award-winning illustrator:
Ludvik Glazer-Naudé
- For children and adults

5+

Selma Lagerlöf
The Holy Night

Illustrated by Ludvik Glazer-Naudé
Picture Book
Hardcover, 32 pages



During this night, the sheep are not startled, the dogs do not bite and now this man, who he had wanted to keep away, is standing in front of the shepherd and is asking for fire for his newborn child. He has no option but to help the child. When angels appear, it suddenly becomes clear to him why this night is so special: he recognises the glory of God in the little child.

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