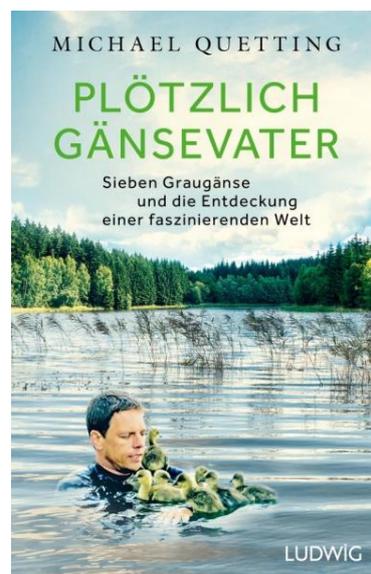
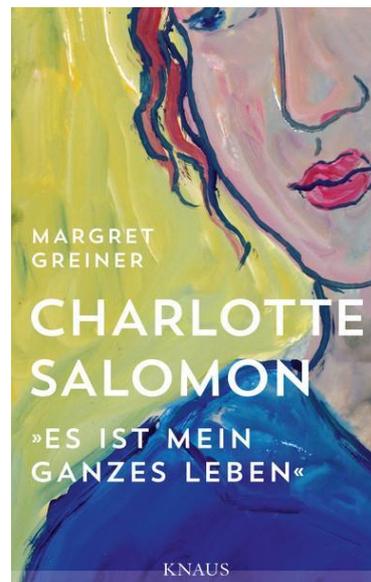
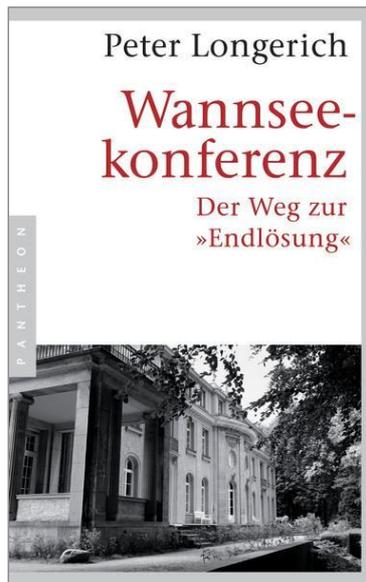


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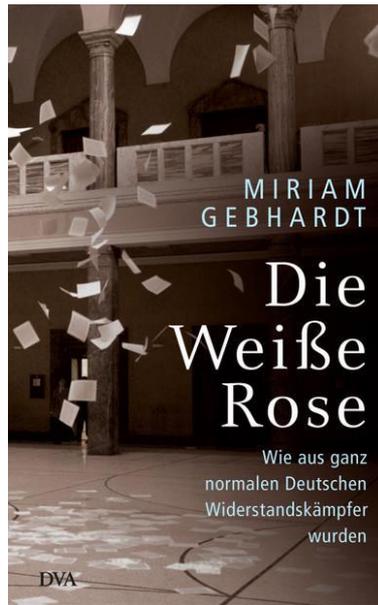
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## The untold story of the famous resistance group



Miriam Gebhardt  
**The White Rose**  
[Die Weiße Rose]  
How perfectly ordinary  
Germans became resistance  
fighters

DVA  
368 pages  
April 2017

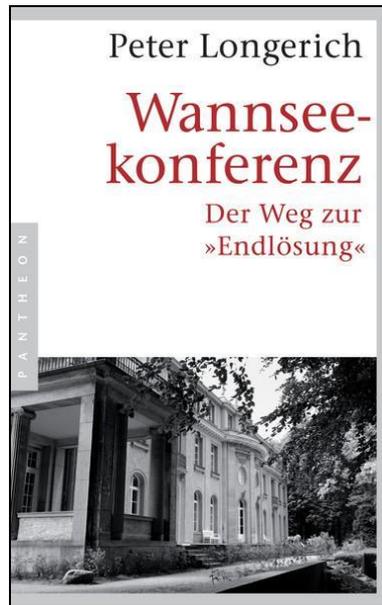
**Miriam Gebhardt** is a historian and journalist and teaches history at the University of Konstanz. She was awarded a PhD for her study *Fear of the Juvenile Tyrant: A History of Upbringing in the 20th Century* (2009). DVA published her books *Rudolf Steiner: A Modern Prophet* (2011) and *Alice in No-Man's Land: How the German Women's Movement Lost the Women* (2012). Her bestseller *When the Soldiers Came* (2015) has been translated into several languages.

When nowadays the "White Rose" is mentioned, we automatically think of Hans and Sophie Scholl. With their arrest and execution in February 1943 the brother and sister became icons of German resistance against the NS dictatorship and figures of identification especially for young people.

But the focus on the charismatic siblings makes us forget that the White Rose had some 80 members active not only in Munich but also in several other cities. Little is heard about these resistance fighters and their families who, after the group had been exposed, were also killed or imprisoned.

Miriam Gebhardt tells here a new history of the White Rose, one that does justice to the complexity of the group in its structure and motives. Hers is an impressive account of how heavily the legacy of the resistance weighed particularly on those whose deeds were barely acknowledged when the dictatorship was over.

## A new assessment of the significance of the Wannsee Conference within the context of the Holocaust



Peter Longerich  
**Wannsee Conference**  
[Wannseekonferenz]  
The road to the "Final Solution"

Pantheon  
224 pages  
November 2016

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**Peter Longerich**, born in 1955, professor of modern history at the Royal Holloway College of the University of London and the founder of the college's Holocaust Research Centre, has been active at the Bundeswehr University in Munich since 2013. The internationally renowned expert on the history of Nazism has published numerous documentations; his books *Politics of Destruction* (1998) and *We Knew Nothing of All This* (2006) are standard works. His biographies of Heinrich Himmler (2008), Joseph Goebbels (2010) and Adolf Hitler (2015) were acclaimed worldwide.

On January 20, 1942, fifteen high-ranking representatives of the NS state, following an invitation by Richard Heydrich, met in a luxurious villa on the Wannsee to discuss the "final solution" of the "Jewish question". The minutes of the meeting record that the decision taken was to deport a total of eleven million people, expose them to murderous forced labour and use other methods to kill any survivors and those unable to work.

Peter Longerich, one of the most eminent researchers into NS history, reveals how, in the minds of Third Reich leaders, the vague intention of destroying the Jews developed into a precise and clear-cut murder programme and how hugely significant the Wannsee Conference was within the context of the Holocaust. The book contains the complete minutes of the Wannsee Conference, annotated by Peter Longerich.

## A sensational find of contemporary documents and a fascinating research



Selected by *New Books in German*

**Susanne Schädlich**, born in Jena in 1965, is a freelance author and translator from English. 2009 saw the publication of her best-selling title *December Again and Again: The West, the Stasi, the Uncle and Me*. Her last book *Westward, as far as possible* was published in 2011.

Susanne Schädlich  
**Unsigned Letters**  
[Briefe ohne Unterschrift]  
How a BBC programme challenged East Germany

Knaus  
304 pages  
With 10 colour illustrations  
March 2017

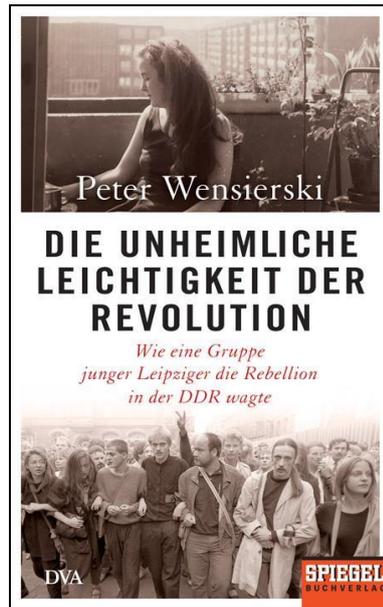
They write letters and risk a lot – the addressee: BBC, London. In 1949 the British Broadcasting Company started transmitting the programme "Unsigned Letters", in which, for 25 years, letters written anonymously by East Germans were read out every Friday evening.

Susanne Schädlich came across these unique documents and in her book tells us about the British journalists who stood up to East Germany for such a long time. More than anything else she erects a monument in honour of the courageous letter-writers who were mercilessly persecuted by State Security, the "Stasi".

*"I have to write anonymously; that means the name of the place and title are accurate but everything else fictitious. This procedure is necessary because I am writing from a region in which Democratic Freedom is only known in books, where the brown dictatorship has been replaced by a red dictatorship [...]. If this letter were to be written under my true name and read by the wrong people, I'd be sure to be shot in the neck."*



## When people lose their fear they can achieve the incredible.



### Peter Wensierski **The Uncanny Lightness of the Revolution**

[Die unheimliche Leichtigkeit  
der Revolution]

How a group of young people  
in Leipzig dared to start a  
rebellion in East Germany  
A *Spiegel* book

DVA  
464 pages  
With 45 b/w illustrations  
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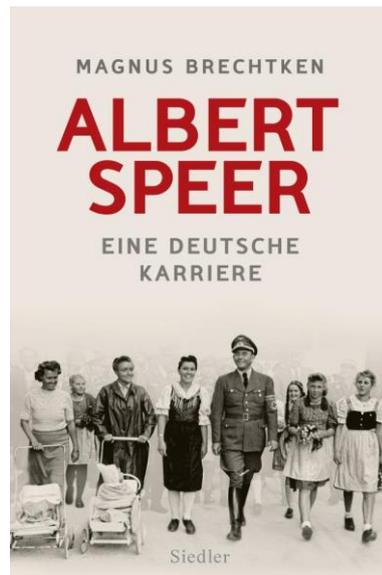
**Peter Wensierski**, born in 1954, has been working for the *Spiegel* since 1993. Previous to that, he had regularly reported from East Germany as a documentary film maker, journalist and author of books. His book *The Forbidden Journey* (2014) was a bestseller.

They are young and irreverent; they refuse to follow the system and they challenge the state. They no longer want to fit in. They live together in derelict buildings and spend long nights by the lake discussing their next operations, clandestinely print pamphlets, party in illegal bars until dawn and the next day are in the first row of a demonstration. They are persecuted, but with each new operation they lose a little more of their fear – and the dictatorship some of its power.

For the first time in its history, Germany has a successful revolution. It all started in Leipzig, and is followed by a wild year of anarchy.

The renowned journalist Peter Wensierski tells the true story of an exceptional group of young people leading a fight others thought was futile.

## Speer's career as a Nazi, war criminal and surviving witness



Magnus Brechtken

**Albert Speer**

[Albert Speer]

A German career

Siedler

600 pages

Illustrated

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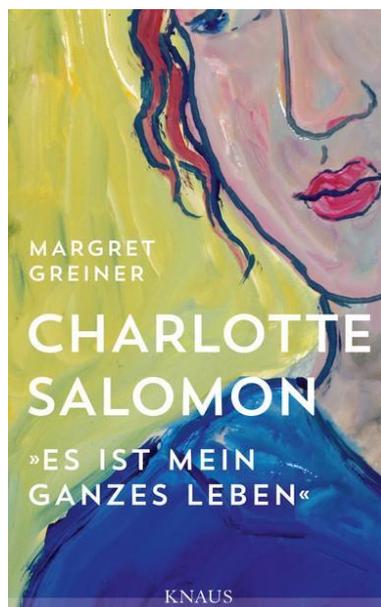
**Magnus Brechtken**, born in 1964, gained his PhD in history at Bonn University and taught at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich and at the University of Nottingham before being appointed to the post of deputy director of the Munich Institute for Contemporary History in 2012. It was in this function that he was in charge of the project to publish a scientifically annotated critical edition of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

NSDAP member since 1931 and soon one of Hitler's intimates, Albert Speer quickly became the architect of the racial state. As armaments minister during the war he was tirelessly on the go in support of the total state and extermination machinery. After the war he nevertheless claimed never to have really supported the state and never to have been a proper Nazi.

Magnus Brechtken shows how Speer managed to spread this legend and how millions of Germans greedily sucked it up so as not to have to face their own guilt.

History brilliantly written using new source material.

## The first biography that uses Charlotte Salomon's intensive pictures as the starting point of the narrative.



Margret Greiner  
**Charlotte Salomon**  
[Charlotte Salomon]  
"It is my whole life"

Knaus  
304 pages  
With 24 colour illustrations  
March 2017

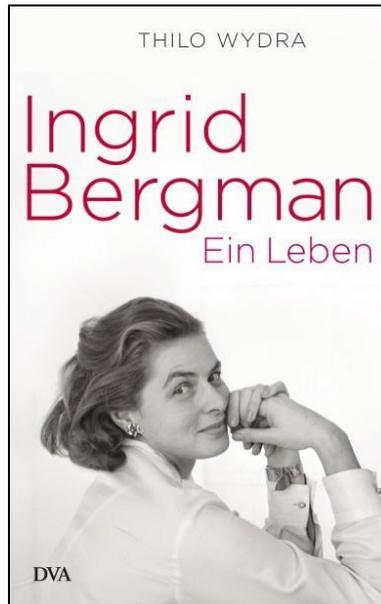
**Margret Greiner** studied German and history and spent many years working as a teacher and journalist. Her work has regularly focussed on the lives of exceptional women. Her most recent narrative biographies were *Cut Out for Freedom*, *Emilie Flöge: Fashion Designer and Life Companion of Gustav Klimt* and *Charlotte Berend-Corinth and Lovis Corinth: I Want to Belong to Myself*.

Who is the young woman who with her paintings took possession of her life with such impressive power and this way defied death?

It is only in recent years, shortly before the approaching anniversary of her birthday 100 years ago, that Charlotte Salomon has increasingly become the focus of public attention again. The artist and writer – murdered by the Nazis in Auschwitz at the age of 26 – left behind an impressive autobiographical oeuvre: a series of almost 800 pictures, a story board of her short and tragic life, a kind of "Anne Frank in images".

Margret Greiner has taken this diary in colour as the starting point for her research and placed Salomon's self-portrait in the centre of her narrative biography.

## The life and pain of this great actress



Thilo Wydra  
**Ingrid Bergman**  
[Ingrid Bergman]  
A life

DVA  
500 pages  
April 2017

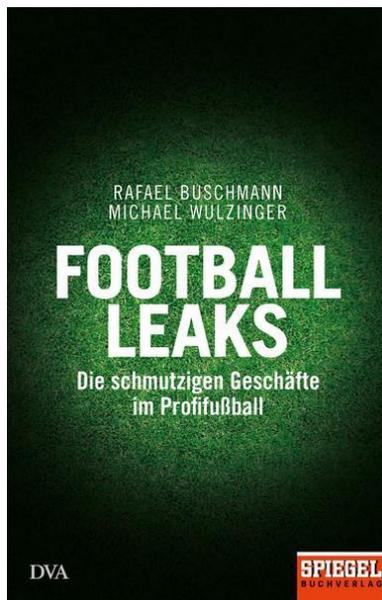
**Thilo Wydra**, born in 1968, studied comparative studies, German, art history and film science. He has been freelancing as an author and journalist since the 1990s. In 1996 he became a member of the Verband der deutschen Filmkritik (VdFK) and is on juries at international film festivals. He has authored numerous contributions to books on film and film lexica, writes for newspapers and magazines and has written biographies of Alfred Hitchcock, Grace Kelly and others.

Ingrid Bergman (1915-1982) is one of the few women to become a world star in the world of movies. Her best-known films include such classics as Alfred Hitchcock's *Notorious*, *Gaslight*, *Casablanca*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, *Cactus Flower* and *Autumn Sonata*. The career of the actress revered as "Joan of Arc" lasted for almost 50 years and resulted in three Academy Awards.

Her life, on the other hand, was one without a firm foundation. She was born of a Swedish father and a German mother, and both her parents died while she was still very young. Her relationship with film director Roberto Rossellini caused a scandal, especially in the USA, and cost her a lot of public sympathy.

Using new source material and integrating conversations with Bergman's colleagues (such as film legend Liv Ullmann) and family members (e.g. with her daughters Isabella Rossellini and Pia Lindström), Thilo Wydra describes the impressively wide-ranging work and a life of passion of this great actress – a woman who was torn to a larger extent than her public image would deem possible.

## The biggest data leak in the history of sport and what it reveals about big money in international football



Rafael Buschmann /  
Michael Wulzinger  
**Football Leaks**  
[Football Leaks]  
The dirty dealings in  
international football  
A *Spiegel* Book

DVA  
240 pages  
April 2017

**Ralf Buschmann**, born in Zabrze (Poland) in 1982, studied German, psychology, sport and education. He joined the sports desk of *Spiegel Online* as a reporter in 2010 and then moved to the *Spiegel* in 2013. For his report on the disclosure of the irregularities behind the 2006 World Cup he and his co-authors were awarded the 2015 Henri Nannen Prize.

**Michael Wulzinger**, born in 1965, studied history, political science and German, joined the *Spiegel* sports desk in 1997 and was its head until September 2016.

The fact that the world of football is less and less about sport and increasingly about dirty dealings is something football fans have been suspecting long before the FIFA scandals. But *Football Leaks* sheds light for the first time on the shadowy world of this industry and the whole spectrum of the greed holding sway behind the scenes of international football.

Whistleblower "John" has handed over 1.9 terabytes of secret data to the weekly *Spiegel*, amounting to 18.6 million documents on negotiations, contracts and agreements – documents that reveal that for stakeholders in international football, be they clubs, players or agents, morals and laws do not count.

For *Football Leaks*, Rafael Buschmann and Michael Wulzinger spent months doing research and now reveal the highly explosive material they have extracted from the data, including the secret player contracts of Mesut Özil, Gareth Bale and Cristiano Ronaldo, and the take-it-or-leave-it contracts of players' agents. Their book is at the same time a gripping story of a whistleblower who wants to liberate football from its Mafia structures – and is now himself being hunted.

## Europe's new challenge – a critical analysis of German and European refugee policies



Hans-Peter Schwarz  
**The New Mass Migration  
to Europe**

[Die neue Völkerwanderung  
nach Europa]  
On the loss of political control  
and moral certainties

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250 pages  
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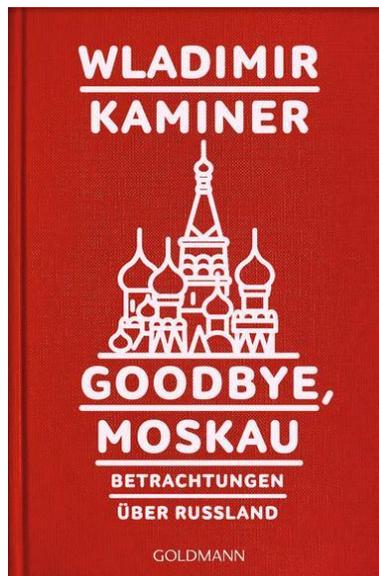
**Hans-Peter Schwarz**, born in 1934, is a professor of politics and contemporary history. His writings include two volumes on the Adenauer era in the *History of the Federal Republic of Germany* and the comprehensive two-volume Adenauer biography. He has been awarded numerous prizes, among them the Ernst Robert Curtius Essay Prize.

Since the refugee crisis came to a head in autumn 2015, migration, refugee policies and asylum laws have been dominating the political agenda in Germany and Europe. The EU is facing a crucial test. Yet there had already been signs of the crisis for a long time.

The distinguished historian and political scientist Hans-Peter Schwarz adds a historical dimension to the present discussion. He demonstrates how mistakes in the construction of the Schengen agreement and EU refugee laws have made the present situation possible – and how erratic policies of improvisation and muddling through, not to mention signs of EU disintegration, have further exacerbated it.

Precisely and to the point, Schwarz analyses the problems of this once-in-a-century task and suggests five guidelines for a new course in refugee policies.

# 100 years after the October Revolution: reflections on a country looking for its place in the world



Wladimir Kaminer  
**Goodbye, Moscow**  
[Goodbye, Moskau]  
Reflections on Russia

Goldmann Paperback  
224 pages  
February 2017

**Wladimir Kaminer** was born in 1967 and has lived in Berlin since 1990. He has his own television program on *WDR*, and is famous not least for his popular nightclub show *Russendisko* (*Russian Disco*). The short story collection of the same name has, like his other books, achieved cult status and has been made into a very successful film.

[www.wladimirkaminer.de](http://www.wladimirkaminer.de)

On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the October Revolution, Wladimir Kaminer takes a look at the country of his birth and sees a country looking for itself.

The communist experiment came to an end to the applause of the free world; the people, however, are still there, and they need a perspective. Capitalism is tempting as a new model of success, but the Russians are looking in vain for a shady spot under the hard sun of finance. The towels of other countries have already been spread out. Instead of affluence, progress and freedom, repression and fear rule the day. The political leadership under Putin are adept at retaining power but not very much so at forming the future. Ignoring Europe, the path being taken goes into the past and towards isolation.

More than enough material for an affectionately desperate discourse with Russia.

## Good news at last: why things are looking up for the world

### Guido Mingels Everything Used to be Worse

[Früher war alles schlechter]  
Why things are looking up for  
us – in spite of war, disease  
and catastrophes.  
A *Spiegel* book



DVA  
140 pages  
With illustrations  
April 2017

**Guido Mingels** was born in Lucerne in 1970 and studied German, linguistics and philosophy in Berne and Frankfurt. He has contributed to several German-language media, including *Geo*, *mare* and the *Tagesspiegel*, and was the deputy chief editor of the magazine of the *Tagesanzeiger* in Zürich, later becoming the newspaper's New York correspondent. Since 2012 he has been a reporter on social matters for the *Spiegel*.

Let's be honest: what do you think – do more people die in plane crashes than used to be the case or fewer? Are there more wars and war casualties than 30 years ago or fewer? Are more children the victims of child labour and violence today or fewer? And the crime rate – is it rising or falling?

Every day we are faced with bad news – and overlook the fact that a lot (and what's more, a lot of important things) have changed for the better. We now live in a world with less poverty, increasing affluence and a lower death rate, as is impressively demonstrated by *Spiegel* editor Guido Mingels. His texts and charts illustrate a surprising trend for the better. For even if the news frequently makes us think otherwise, much in this world is moving in the right direction.

## Amusing, courageous and of course absolutely true



Kerim Pamuk  
**Islam – What About It?**

[Der Islam, das Islam, was Islam?]

A lexicon for those in the know.  
Guaranteed unveiled!

Gütersloher Verlagshaus  
272 pages  
March 2017

**Kerim Pamuk** was born in Turkey in 1970 and moved to Hamburg when he was nine years old. As a writer and cabaret artist he moves within the field of tension between his two cultures. His stage programmes are enthusiastically received. With *Alles roger, Hodscha?* and *Allah Forgives but the Caretaker Doesn't* he has already written two bestsellers.

Why do men turn gay when women drive cars? Is Jihad the Islam form of a booze cruise and are Shiites globules?

Kerim Pamuk's introduction to the world of Islam is completely new – packed with keen wit and subtle humour. From A for Allah to Z for Zahnschmerz (toothache) he explains the life of Muslims and the way they think.

This book is so serious that you laugh till you cry and at the end of it you are surprised to realise one thing: Islam is much more colourful and amusing than you ever thought.

## Emotion error – the debating book on the subject of "digital alienation"



Gina Schad  
**Digitally Dulled?**  
[Digital abgestumpft?]  
What communication on the Web does with our emotions

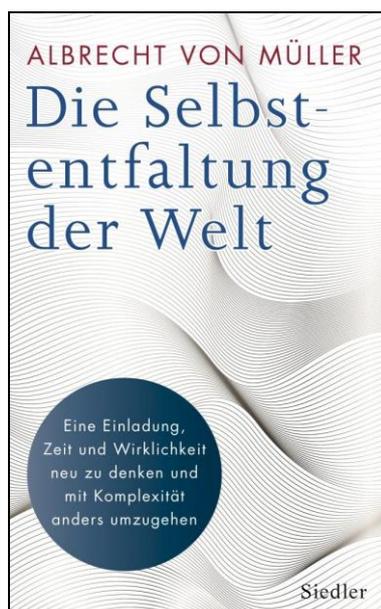
Goldmann Paperback  
224 pages  
June 2017

**Gina Schad**, born in 1984, is a media scientist who has been researching for several years on the topics of digitalisation and Web culture. She is the founder of the *medienfische.de* blog and has worked as an editor for *ze.tt*, the online-magazine of *Die Zeit*. Gina Schad lives in Berlin.

We communicate virtually with each other in realtime and whenever we feel like it we can participate in the goings-on of family and friends all around the globe. Not only the advantages of the shift from analogue to digital forms of communication are here laid out by media scientist Gina Schad, but also the downside. Have we now become digitally dulled or does the Internet make us – in a different way – more empathetic?

One thing is certain, however: only with new application competency will we be able to use the Web in a way that is positive for us. Gina Schad shows us what this competency must be like.

## A passionate appeal for a new way of thinking



### Albrecht von Müller **The Self-Unfolding of the World**

[Die Selbstentfaltung der Welt]

An invitation to rethink reality – and master complexity

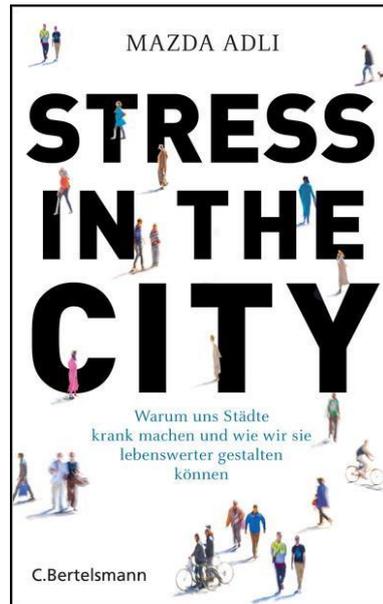
Siedler  
320 pages  
March 2017

**Albrecht von Müller**, born in 1954, has a PhD in philosophy, spent many years working with Carl-Friedrich von Weizsäcker at the Max Planck Institute for Physics and was the director of the European Center for International Security (EUCIS). He has advised large organisations and various governments and individual people, including Nelson Mandela and Mikhail Gorbachev. In 2001 he launched the Parmenidis Foundation, the objective of which is interdisciplinary exploration of complex thinking. As an entrepreneur in the digital sector, von Müller has always also been interested in the practical implementation of the result of foundational research.

Our world has become so complex that our way of thinking can hardly keep up. Albrecht von Müller, philosopher and the director of the multidisciplinary Parmenidis Foundation at the University of Munich, demonstrates in his book that we cannot meet the challenge with technical means – but only and especially by changing our way of thinking.

The author is one of the most unusual minds at the interface between science, politics and business.

## How city life alters our psyche



Mazda Adli  
**Stress in the City**  
[Stress in the City]  
Why cities make us ill and  
how we can make them  
better places to live in

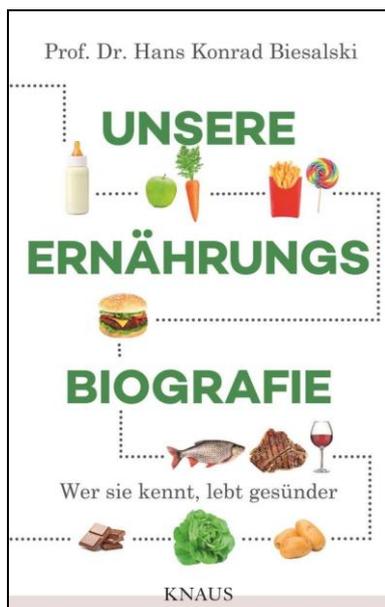
C. Bertelsmann  
320 pages  
May 2017

**Mazda Adli** studied medicine and afterwards became a junior doctor at the Clinic for Psychiatry at the Free University in Berlin. In 2004 he was appointed senior physician at the Clinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Charité. The focus of his scientific work is mainly on research into stress and depression. As the executive director, he initiated the World Health Summit at the Charité in 2009. In 2013 he became the medical director of the Fliedner Clinic in Berlin.

Forecasts for 2050 say that about two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities. Yet is it not precisely these cities, with their deafening noise, their hustle and bustle, their anonymity and the problem of isolation, not to mention exhaust fumes, that make us sick in body and soul?

The psychiatrist and stress researcher Mazda Adli has been looking into these issues for years within the "Stress in the City" project at the Charité in Berlin; he has developed a smartphone app to measure stress, has chosen an interdisciplinary approach for his book and argues in favour of the creation of places that are not built up so that in spite of high stress levels cities remain worth living in.

## The latest facts about healthy eating, hidden hunger and senseless diets



Prof. Dr. Hans Konrad Biesalski  
**Our Nutritional Biography**  
[Unsere Ernährungsbiografie]  
Knowing it means living more healthily

Knaus  
300 pages  
April 2017

**Prof. Dr. Hans Konrad Biesalski**, born in 1949, after studying physics went on to study medicine. As a medical nutritionist he has been head of the Institute for Biological Chemistry and Nutrition Sciences at Hohenheim University since 1995 and since 2014 has been the director of the Food Security Centre. Biesalski has been involved in research into the significance of micro-nutrients for health and has published numerous textbooks, including the *Pocket Atlas of Nutrition*.

We cannot ignore what we eat, it is with us all our lives – and we really do have a nutritional history, even if we are not aware of it. Our lifestyle varies according to our age, and with each new lifestyle we try out different kinds of food or diets. The result can be major deficiencies, perhaps making us fat or ill.

Here at last is a book with a comprehensive analysis of the pros and cons of the most important diets and nutritional recommendations.

The eminent nutritional doctor Hans Konrad Biesalski explains how we can organize what we eat in such a way that we remain healthy.

## Why we need a new understanding of our genes



Ernst Peter Fischer  
**A Tale of Two Genes**  
[Treffen sich zwei Gene]  
On the change in our genetic  
makeup and the nature of life

Siedler  
400 pages  
With 17 b/w illustrations  
March 2017

**Ernst Peter Fischer**, born in 1947, studied mathematics and physics in Cologne and biology at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He received a professorial scholarship in the area of history of science. Today he is a history of science professor at the University of Cologne. He is the author of numerous bestselling books, receiving for his work many awards, including the Sartorius Prize of the Academy of Sciences, Göttingen.

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There has been enormous progress in the field of genetics. Scientists are growing increasingly conscious of the fact that the well-loved concept that genes have one particular place and clearly defined tasks is no longer compatible with insights resulting from the latest scientific research, according to which genes must be seen as being versatile and our genetic material and hence the nature of life subject to permanent transformation.

Ernst Peter Fischer names the decisive changes now taking place in the field of genetics and explains why we need a new understanding of genes.

## Why our health begins with our grandparents and does not end with our grandchildren



Peter Spork  
**Our Health is Not a Coincidence**  
[Gesundheit ist kein Zufall]  
How life affects our genes –  
The latest epigenetic findings

DVA  
416 pages  
With 15 b/w illustrations  
March 2017

**Peter Spork**, born in 1965, studied biology and received his PhD for his work on neurobiology and biocybernetics. Since 1991 he has been freelancing as a science journalist for print media including *Die Zeit*, *Geo Wissen*, *FAZ*, *NZZ*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, and *bild der wissenschaft*. He is also much in demand as a speaker at company and medical congresses. Spork has published several popular scientific non-fiction books, including the 2009 bestselling *The Second Code* and is also the author and editor of the newsletter *Epigenetics*.

Still largely unnoticed by the general public, things are changing in the way experts see health and the cause of widespread public health problems. Ground-breaking research in the field of modern biology has demonstrated that health is not a condition given to us at the beginning of life, like a kind of basic stock paid into our account to get us going for the future. Health is a continual process in which the body cells work against ageing and disease. In the process, the cells remember not only environmental influences and the effects of our own lifestyle but also what our parents and grandparents went through, and the memory of their eating habits or emotional strain is molecular-biologically stored away. Of particular importance are the experiences of the time before and after one's birth. Health is a cross-generational project.

Science writer Peter Spork vividly explains how the transfer of health and personality works and how we can control the fundamental processes. He also clarifies how we as parents and grandparents can pave the way of our children and grandchildren to a long, healthy and happy life.

## New incredible, mysterious and fascinating puzzles posed by Earth



Axel Bojanowski  
**Weather Makes Love**  
[Wetter macht Liebe]  
How wind and weather influence our emotions and other puzzling phenomena on our planet  
A *Spiegel* book

DVA  
224 pages  
With 13 b/w illustrations  
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**Axel Bojanowski**, born in 1971, is a qualified geologist and has been working as a science journalist for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and *Stern* since 1997 and, more recently, for *Spiegel online*. He is also a lecturer and writes a monthly column in the internationally renowned science magazine *Nature Geoscience*. His column "Count Seismo" on the Earth's big mysteries appears regularly on *Spiegel online*.

We fall in love when the wind comes from the south, and the winter arouses our libido – geologist and science journalist Axel Bojanowski has deciphered the weather's love code and explains how the weather influences our emotions. Bojanowski's report on these and other intriguing secrets of nature are absolutely up to date and based on the latest research; his narrative is highly entertaining and as precise as it is profound. Zombie volcanoes, waves two hundred metres high, phantom earthquakes – with his keen eye for the offbeat details of natural happenings on Earth Bojanowski is an expert at demonstrating the connection between the big questions of climate research and geoscience and us, our lives and our emotions.

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**Aeneas Rooch** was born in 1983 and studied mathematics and physics. He works in the field of software and freelances as a science journalist. He likes playing the piano and badminton (but rarely at the same time).

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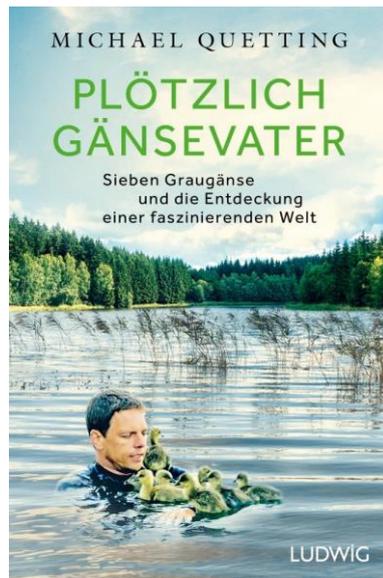
**Robert Hofrichter**, born in 1957, is an Austrian zoologist, biologist, environmentalist, journalist and nature photographer. He has authored myriad books and written an international bestseller on identifying mushrooms and toadstools. The intriguing world in the ground has fascinated him ever since he was a child and even after fifty years still fires his imagination.

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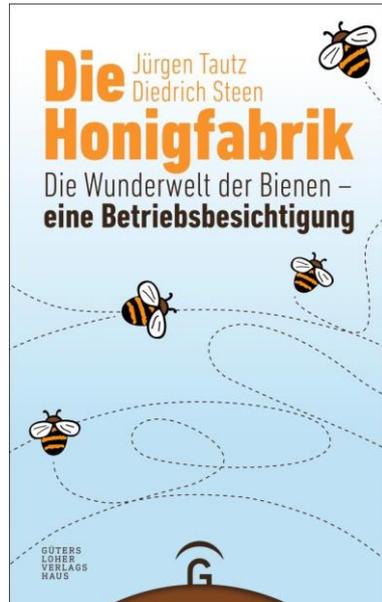
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**Michael Quetting**, born in 1974, is a laboratory head and pilot at the Max Planck Institute, where he can combine his passion for flying with his love of his feathered friends in a wonderful way. In addition, for the course of the research project he also displayed his qualities as a single-minded caretaker, ambitious researcher, courageous leader of the flock and adventuresome flight controller.

The task Michael Quetting has as part of a research project is to train greylag geese to follow him and his ultralight plane. The first step, however, is in a manner of speaking sitting on the eggs. When seven greylag geese finally hatch out, the newly fledged goose father quickly notices one thing: what he has is a proper gang of kids, each with their own individualities.

Quetting affectionately characterises the gang and so lets us, the readers, in on the adventure – how the little goslings develop; how together they conquer the land, water and air – right up until the moment of the difficult farewell when his geese are let loose into freedom and Michael Quetting is a different person ...

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**Jürgen Tautz**, born in 1949, is an internationally recognised expert on bees and a professor emeritus at the bio centre at Würzburg University. Since 2006 he has been in charge of the HONeyBee Online Studies (HOBOS) interdisciplinary project. Tautz has authored numerous publications and been awarded several prizes for his work in the field of science education.

**Diedrich Steen**, born in 1963, is in charge of the publishing programme of a book publishing house. Bees have been kept in his family for over 100 years, and he himself has been active in this field for 20 years.

Why aren't the boy bees allowed to stay in their colony just as it is getting cosy? And what about the sexual excesses of a young queen bee?

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**Axel Krohn** works in the field of entrepreneurial communications and had already written several amusing and popular non-fiction books before his bestseller *I am a Lady, You Asshole* came onto the market.

**Christian Koch** is an advertising copywriter, graphic artist and, since writing *Titanic is Also Here: Bottom of the Sea*, also an author.

Europe is packed with secrets! Who would have thought that the Finns have a word for getting drunk in your underpants – to wit "kalsarikännit"? Who knows the oh-so-important gesture used by Italians for "your wife is two-timing you"? And why should you avoid clinking glasses with beer in Hungary?

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