

Rights Guide

FALL/WINTER 2017

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My dearest friend – no matter what happens!

The rabbit and the hedgehog are the best of friends, near and far. But when they play creek jumping and the hedgehog keeps losing over and over again, the rabbit gets bored and prefers playing with the squirrel. Hide and seek. For squirrels are particularly good at that.

And the hedgehog? He has to count: to 100. And then he starts searching for the other two. Unfortunately, though, to no avail, as he cannot find his dearest friend, not even in the carrot field. Could something have happened to him?

Or is it possible that the crow is right and the rabbit and the squirrel are better suited to be friends? For they both have such beautiful and smooth fur and can jump so well...

Volume 2 in the successful picture book series: over 25,000 copies sold

A touching friendship story about jealousy

The expressive images and the poetic text will move you to the core

Also available:



The Two of Us Belong Together



Michael Engler
The Two of Us Are Friends for Life
(Wir zwei sind Freunde fürs Leben)

4-color illustrations by Joëlle Tournonias
Hardcover
210 x 235 mm, 32 pages
September 2017

Rights sold: France

**Rights sold to: Belgium (Dutch),
China, France**

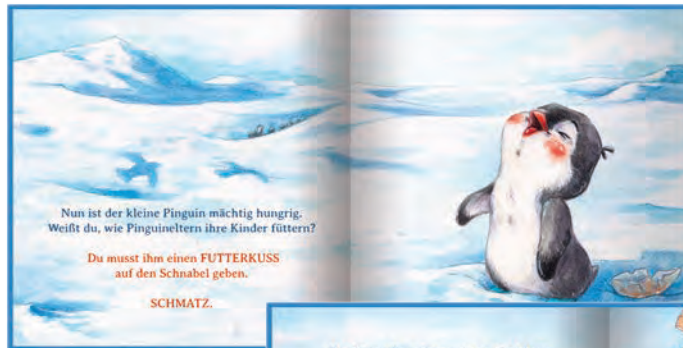
Welcome to the world, little penguin

The big penguin family has begun their march to the south where they want to breed their chicks. The little ones are still sleeping peacefully in their eggs when, suddenly, one of the eggs wobbles away... This is where you come in: You have to come quickly and help finding it!

Enchanting adventure story that allows even the youngest kids to become helpers and rescuers

By knocking, blowing, stroking, and tickling they help the penguin chick into the world and find its family.

Join-in cardboard without lavishly produced flaps, sound cards, or finger dolls. All that is required is imagination!



Sophie Schoenwald
One Huge Hug
(Einmal feste Drücken)

4-color illustrations by Nadine Reitz
Board Book
190 x 190 mm, 26 pages
September 2017

Rights sold: France

When the kids are away, Mom and Dad will play

One night, the little boy asks his father, „Daddy, what are you actually doing when we kids are in bed?“ “Oh, nothing special... Mom and I sing songs – backwards and very, very loud! We paint the walls – by scribbling all over them, in all colors! We have a huge party – all night long!” But is this true, or did Daddy tell a little fib?

A funny bedtime story that will make you chuckle

Written and illustrated with great imagination and a wink



Günther Jakobs
When You Are in Bed...
(Wenn du im Bett bist...)

4-color illustrations
Hardcover
250 x 250 mm, 32 pages
September 2017

In the corner of the window to the right ...

Christmas is right around the corner but Annabelle, the doll, and Ladislaus, the bear, are still sitting in the window of the department store. Nobody came to buy them. The good old man working security feels so sorry for them that he leaves the light on in the last shop window. But then comes a call from Santa Claus: He is in urgent need of a doll and a bear! How lucky they are! Now the two will grace a

Christmas gift table after all and, finally, find a home – right in time for the most wonderful celebration of the year.

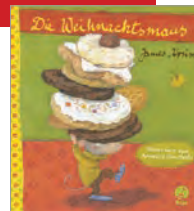
Reprint of the classic picture book by James Krüss

Nostalgically beautiful and written in a way that will warm your heart

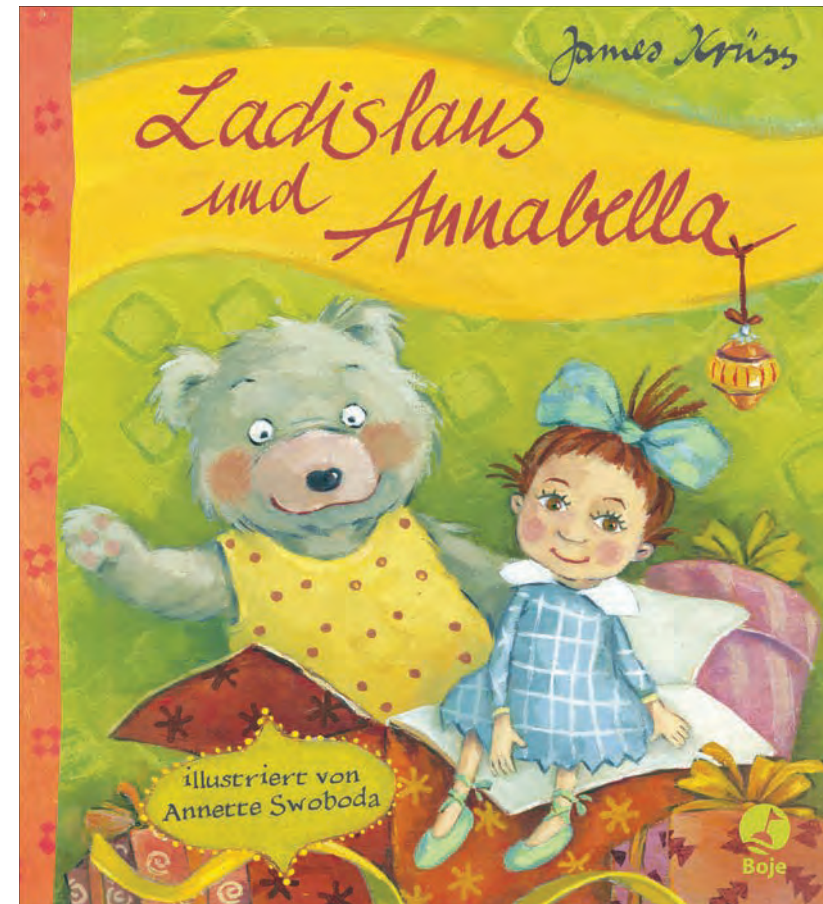
The perfect picture book for the Christmas season



Also available:



The Christmas Mouse



James Krüss
Ladislau und Annabella
(Ladislau und Annabella)

4-color illustrations by Annette Swoboda
Hardcover
210 x 235 mm, 32 pages
October 2017

Rights sold to: China (simplified)

Don't let it get **you down!**



Cheer Up, Little Orangutan!
(Kopf hoch, kleiner Orang-Utan)

Hardcover
210 x 325 mm,
32 pages
December 2017



One morning, when Wissper wakes up, she stares into the big wide eyes of Oscar, the orangutan. He is in desperate need of Wissper's help, as he is ashamed of his long arms – because of them, all the other animals are laughing at him. Together, they travel to the Jungle World and Wissper calls Gertie, the giraffe.

Also available:



Strong as a Horse



Clumsy Elephant

Be brave, little polar bear!

Wissper is called in by Barry, the polar bear – his friend, Bert, who is also a polar bear, is scared of the water! How is he ever supposed to learn how to swim? Wissper asks Peggy, the penguin, to accompany her to the Arctic.



A Polar Bear Learns How to Swim
(Ein Eisbär lernt schwimmen)

Hardcover
210 x 325 mm, 32 pages
December 2017



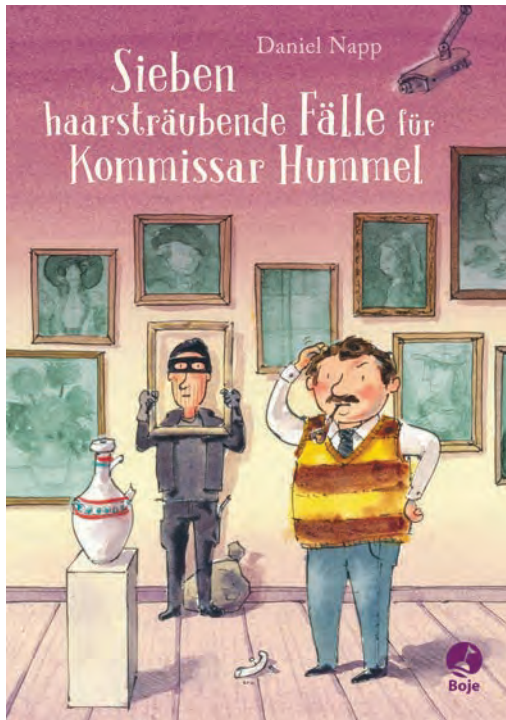
Where is Peggy Penguin?



Meerkat Muddle

Rights sold: Australia, UK, US (English World Rights), The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Turkey,

Every haircut comes with a story



There are special rules in the hair salon of Peter Paul, or rather, Pellepau. For Pellepau will only cut hair, if his clients allow him to tell them a story, as he works. Particularly ready to listen are the siblings Tom, Susi, and Manfred. So when Pellepau gives them a new hair-do, he tells them his hair-raising stories about detective chief inspector Bumblebee. He investigates the craziest cases the world has ever seen. Once, he takes a mountain into custody, another time, he arrests a robber in his sleep, and the lovable inspector even manages to send Mardi Gras to prison.

Nonsense stories with a crazy but lovable police inspector hero

To read aloud or by yourself

Daniel Napp
Seven Hair-raising
Cases for Police
Inspector Bumblebee
(Sieben
haarsträubende
Fälle für Kommissar
Hummel)

4-color illustrations
 Hardcover
 144 pages
 October 2017

Suddenly an ant ...



Unbelievable! That's Ben's first thought when he realizes that the most recent invention of his physics teacher made him really shrink to the size of an ant. How is he supposed to ever become the 10-year-old boy again he was before? So he needs help. The more so as he witnesses that his physics teacher is being kidnapped. It seems someone is after the shrinking machine. The good thing is that Mini-Ben is able to communicate with other animals and that a brave ant named Andi as well as Ssuzi, the wasp, come to his rescue.

Start to a funny and action-packed adventure series

Thomas Krüger
The Ant Boy -
The day when
I ended up by
accident in a
shrinking machine
(Der Ameisenjunge)

b/w illustrations
 by Stephan Pricken
 Hardcover
 256 pages
 Oktober 2017

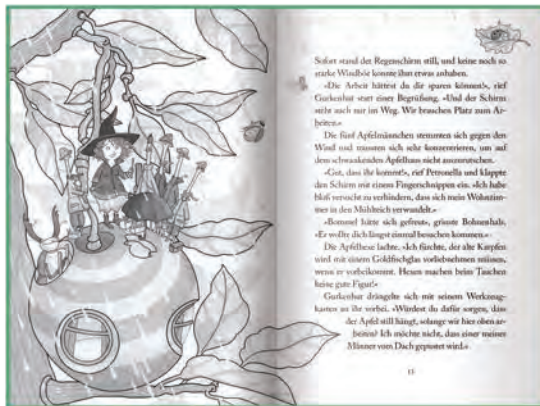
Where did the little apple men go?

The cold time of the year is approaching and Petronella is busy winterizing her garden. But then something incredible happens: Suddenly, the little apple men are gone! It doesn't take the little witch long to realize that someone must have kidnapped the industrious little guys. Together with the Cakeburner twins she spares no effort to find and free Cucumberhat and his men.

The clues lead them into the woods behind Petronella's garden. And with the assistance of a small dog and by employing Luis' super agent tool kit they, fortunately, find out what happened to their friends.

Film rights sold! Animated TV series and feature film in preparation

Over 250,000 copies sold across the series



Also available:



Petronella Appelsauce – Bewitched and Glued Stuck (Vol.1)



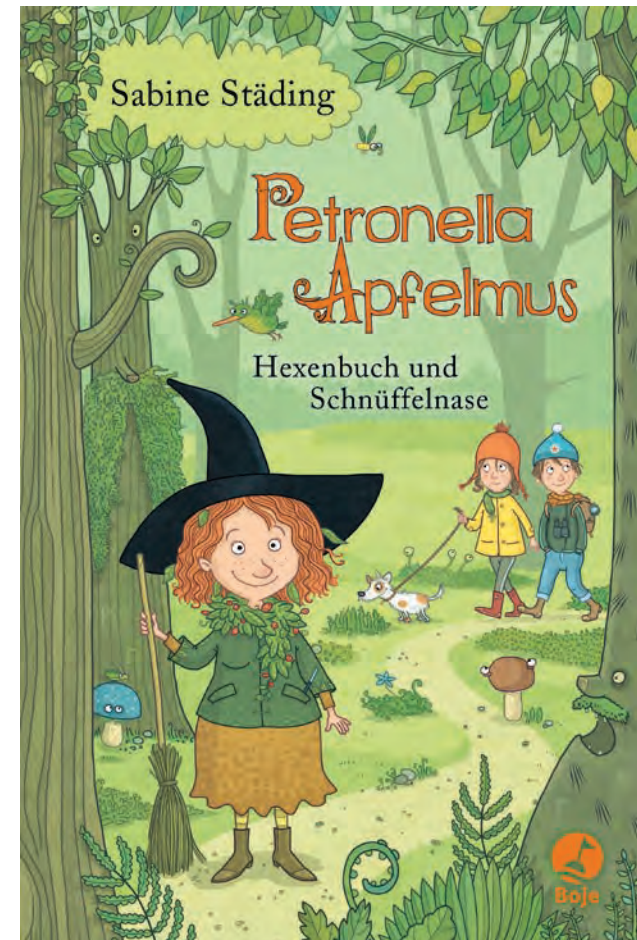
Petronella Appelsauce – Magic Slumber and Firecracker Chaos (Vol.2)



Petronella Appelsauce – A Snowball Fight and Gnome Pranks (Vol.3)



Petronella Appelsauce – A Magic Hat and Bee Sting Cake (Vol. 4)



**Sabine Städing
Petronella Appelsauce – With a
Book of Witchcraft and a Snooper
(Vol. 5)
(Petronella Appelmus - Hexenbuch
und Schnüffelnase)**

b/w illustrations by Sabine Büchner
Hardcover
145 x 215 mm
208 pages
October 2017

Rights of individual titles in the series sold to: Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine

Psst! Secrets in Lionstone Castle

Lilo and Anni have discovered that there seems to be a secret chamber in the attic of Lionstone Castle but they cannot find the entrance. However, if there is a treasure hidden, they want to be the ones who find it - on their own. Ben, Helli, and David don't like this idea at all. They pick up on the fact that the girls are keeping a secret from them and spare no effort to find out what they are up to. And even Golo, the Count's strange grandson, is on to them and it is impossible to shake him off. It is only when Golo, who is afraid of horses, receives a pony as a gift from his grandfather that things change. While the others are helping him to handle the unruly animal, Golo comes up with new ideas

about how to find the door leading into the mysterious room. And soon they all come to realize that you accomplish the most when you do things together – and that it is together that you have the most fun!

Lilo has a new adventure in Lionstone Castle – written in an entertaining manner in the first person

The everyday life of children in an idyllic setting



Mara Andeck
Lilo at Lionstone – How to Tame Your Pony (Vol.2)
(Lilo auf Löwenstein – Ponyzähmen leicht gemacht)

2-color illustrations by Eleni Livanios
 Hardcover
 224 pages
 August 2017



Also available:



Lilo at Lionstone –
 Off to the Castle! (Vol.1)

of ghost ships and giant octopi



Richard Dübello
Last Secrets –
The Myth of the
Giant Octopus
 (Last Secrets –
 Der Mythos des
 Riesenkraken)

Hardcover
 208 pages
 October 2017

A ship on the open sea, under full sail. Water is sloshing between the decks; and in the galley, the oven has been ripped from its wall moorings. And the crew is missing without a trace... The latest mystery, with which master detective Vidocq presents the friends Lena, Franzi, Cornelius, and Fynn is a particularly tough one. The four are supposed to find out what really happened 150 years ago on board of the Mary Celeste, the most famous ghost ship in the world. Was it really attacked by a giant octopus?

With a time machine on the trail of mankind's last great mysteries

A read of the best kind: suspense, adventure, and humor

Activity section included with puzzles and riddles, ancillary information, and trivia questions

Also available:



Last Secrets –
 The Mystery of Loch Ness
 (Vol. 1)



Last Secrets –
 The Secret of Atlantis
 (Vol. 2)

The secret of the Native American boy



14-year-old Katrina notices right away that the new guy in her school is different. The Native American boy from the reservation has an air of mystery about him and immediately, she feels attracted to him. But there are two sides to Adam. Sometimes, he is totally nice and courteous and the next moment, he seems dismissive and cold. However, when a coyote keeps appearing - time and again and seemingly out of nowhere – and goes specifically after people, who make life difficult for Adam and her, an incredible suspicion crosses Katrina's mind.

A mystic love story about the world of Native Americans

With a very original twist that provides suspense

Christopher Ross
The Colors of Your
Heart
 (Die Farben deines
 Herzens)

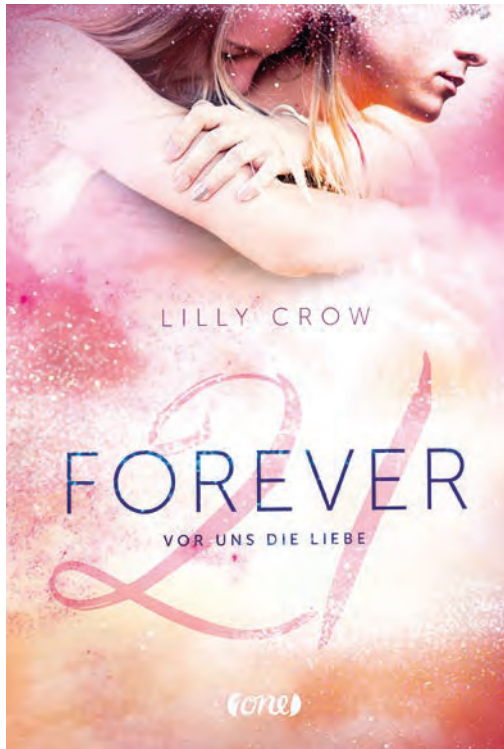
Hardcover
 224 pages
 November 2017

Also available:



Spirit Lake -
 The Legend of the Wendigo

When guilt gets in the **way of love**



Lilly Crow
Forever 21 – What Lies
Before Us is Love
(Forever 21 – Vor uns
die Liebe)

Hardcover
Approx. 304 pages
November 2017

Ava and Kyran have found each other. Yet it seems their love has no future. Ava is still condemned to travel through time to help soul mates find one another. And Kyran? He figured out how to follow Ava but he is paying a terrible price for doing so: Every time he jumps, it costs him precious time of his life. But this is not the only obstacle that stands in the lovers' way. In her old life, Ava has brought heavy guilt upon herself that also affected Kyran. Their fates are inseparably linked – but what will happen when Ava tells Kyran the truth about her past?

What is it about?: What is Ava supposed to do – save a life and in doing so betray her love for Kyran?

What happened so far: Ava has to travel through time to break a dark curse

Special feature: A huge potential to make readers yearn for more

Also available:



Forever 21 –
Between Us is the Time

Don't trust **anyone!**



Caroline Brinkmann
The Perfect Ones
(Die Perfekten)

Hardcover
608 pages
September 2017

Rain and her mother, Storm, are constantly on the run from the Blessed Ones, a perfected version of human beings, who rule the land of Hope. It is for them, as it is for all the other people, for whom there is no place in the perfect world because of their genes: their only chance to survive is to stay invisible. Rain violates this rule and becomes friends with a boy named Lark. But just as she begins to let him into her heart, he betrays her to the soldiers of the Blessed Ones. Under normal circumstances, this would be her death sentence but instead, Rain learns something incredible: She isn't a Ghost after all. She is perfect. She is a Blessed One.

A world, in which your genes are the only determining factor of who you are

A strong heroine that fights for her survival and for her family

THE TRIBUTES OF PANEM meets DIVERGENT

Welcome to Time Travel Academy

Traveling through time can be pretty dangerous, as Anna knows all too well. During her first journey through time, she lost her heart to the handsome Venetian Sebastiano and ever since, she has found herself in many a precarious situation. She founded her own Guardians of Time School because she hoped it would give her a more peaceful life. But her freshly recruited students prove to be extremely stubborn and during their first mayor operation at the Court of Henry the Eighth, various things go wrong. And then Anna has an unexpected visitor from the future, who turns her entire world upside down

Detailed English summary available

The sequel to the BEWITCHED TIMES TRILOGY (over 100,000 copies sold)

Lead title in in our YA program

Also available:



Time School –
Forever Mine (Vol.2)
To be published in
Spring 2018



Time School –
Forever Us (Vol.3)
To be published in
Fall 2018



Eva Völler
Time School – Forever Yours
(Time School – Auf ewig dein)

Hardcover
382 Seiten
July 2017

Anticipation is the greatest joy!

This Advent calendar will shorten the wait for Christmas. 24 authors tell 24 different Advent stories – some of them funny, others pensive or contemplative. Complemented with 24 gorgeous double-page illustrations and vignettes. With sealed double pages that can be detached at the perforated lines, starting December 1st and ending on Christmas Eve. This will make the wait for Christmas fun!



Kristin Overmeier (Ed.)
24 Stories for the Christmas
Season – An Advent
Calendar Book
(Mit 24 Geschichten durch die
Weihnachtszeit)

b/w Illustrations
by Petra Eimer
Hardcover
224 pages
September 2017