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# But the Bear Came Back

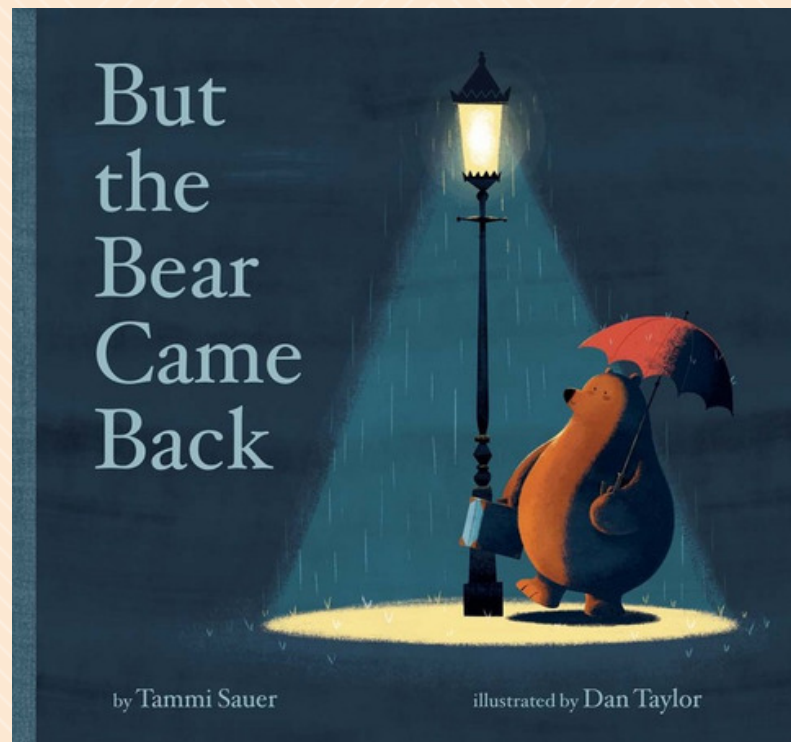
by Tammi Sauer

Illustrated by Dan Taylor

Knock, knock. Who's there? A BEAR! A furry, friendly, PERSISTENT bear. And no matter how many times a grouchy little boy tries to tell him that bears don't belong in houses, he keeps coming back.

But, one day, the bear doesn't return—and the boy realizes he wants to find his friend again.

**A funny,  
surprising story  
about  
two unexpected  
friends.**



Sterling · April 2018 · 32 pages



Tammi Sauer is the author of Sterling Publishing's *Caring for Your Lion*, *Chicken Dance*, *Bawk and Roll*, *Cowboy Camp*, *Mary Had a Little Glam*, *Your Alien Returns*, and *Your Alien*, which has earned starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Kirkus*. She is an active blogger and highly involved in the children's writer community, in addition to being a great promoter of her own books.



# Sports are wonderful

by Ole Könnecke

There are so many kinds of sport: and every single one of them has its perks:

Soccer is great,

Tennis is appealing,

Ballet is expressive,

Golf is challenging,

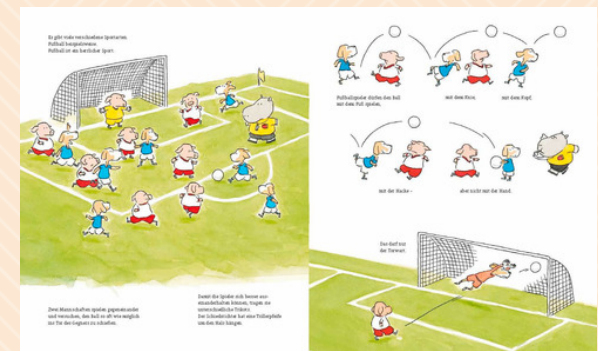
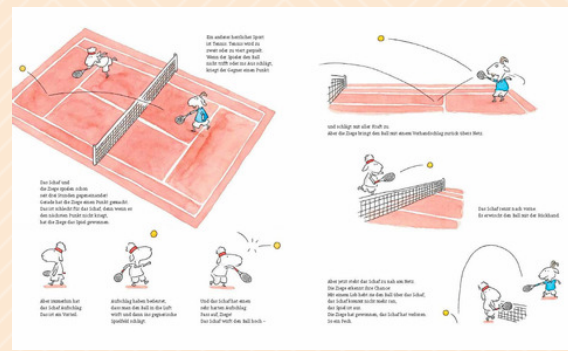
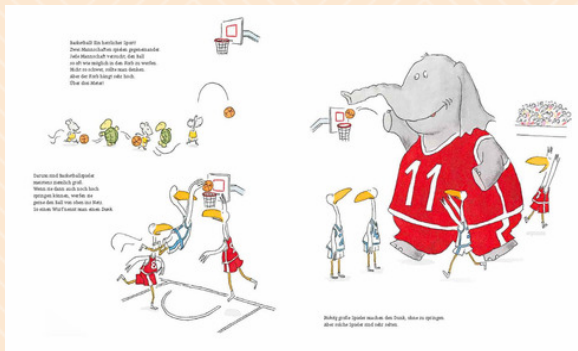
Skiing is very popular,

But every single one of them has its perks...

This is an original and funny picture book that will make you want go out there and be active!



Hanser · Sept 2017 · 52 pages



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Ole Könnecke born in Göttingen in 1961, grew up in Sweden and lives in Hamburg. Since 1990 he has illustrated about 30 books, for which he was awarded numerous national and international prizes. Hanser published, among others, Das große Buch der Bilder und Wörter (2010) and Das große Bilderbuch der ganzen Welt (2014).



# Frida Kahlo and her animalitos

by Monica Brown

Illustrated by John Parra

Based on the life of one of the world's most beloved artists, Frida Kahlo, and the animals that inspired her art and life. Brown's story recounts Frida's pets—two monkeys, a parrot, three dogs, two turkeys, an eagle, a black cat, and a fawn— and playfully considers how she embodied many wonderful characteristics of each animal.



NordSüd · August 2017 · 40 pages

*“Parra’s colorful folk-style illustrations of acrylics on board bring real and imaginary worlds to life”*

**- Kirkus Reviews**

**Full English translation available!**



Monica Brown, PhD, is the award-winning author of *Waiting for the Biblioburro*/*Esperando al Biblioburro*, *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*/ *no combina*, among others. She lives in Arizona with her family and teaches at Northern Arizona University.



John Parra is an award-winning illustrator, designer and teacher. His children's books have earned many awards, including among others the SCBWI Golden Kite Award or the Christopher Award. In 2015, John was invited by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to present a special event about his work. He currently lives with his wife in New York.



# Smon Smon

by Sonja Danowski

Sonja Danowski, takes us on a journey into a beautiful, mysterious world where cooperation and generosity save the day and friendships make it wonderful.

The Smon Smon hangs its last ron ron next to its won won on a lon lon and floats away in a ton ton. But when the Smon Smon falls into a zon zon . . . what happens next is what makes any world worth being in.



The Smon Smon helps the Hair-Klons with the heavy ron ron and gives them a ron ron worth of ron ron.



First the Smon Smon picks a ron ron. And another one, and another one . . . The whole ron ron. Then by the Smon Smon and bound on its back with a lon lon.



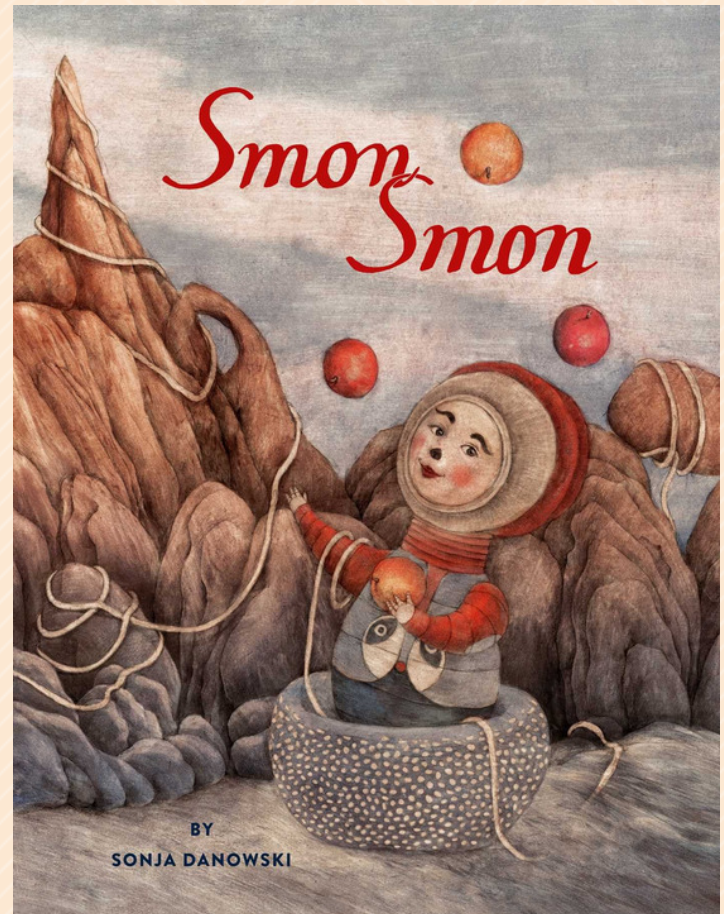
The Hair-Klon grabs the lon lon and rescues the Smon Smon.



It's time to ron from this high ron ron.



Sonja Danowski was born in Iserlohn, Germany. She studied design in Nuremberg and since then has been working in Berlin as an illustrator. Her work focuses especially on picture books, using images to preserve human memories. Her colorful illustrations have won her many international awards, including the Golden Island Award in the Nami Island International Picture Book Illustration Concours 2015. Her first book for NorthSouth Books, *Grandma Lives in a Perfume Village*, was a Batchelder Honor Book.



NordSüd · March 2018 · 48 pages

**Full English translation available!**

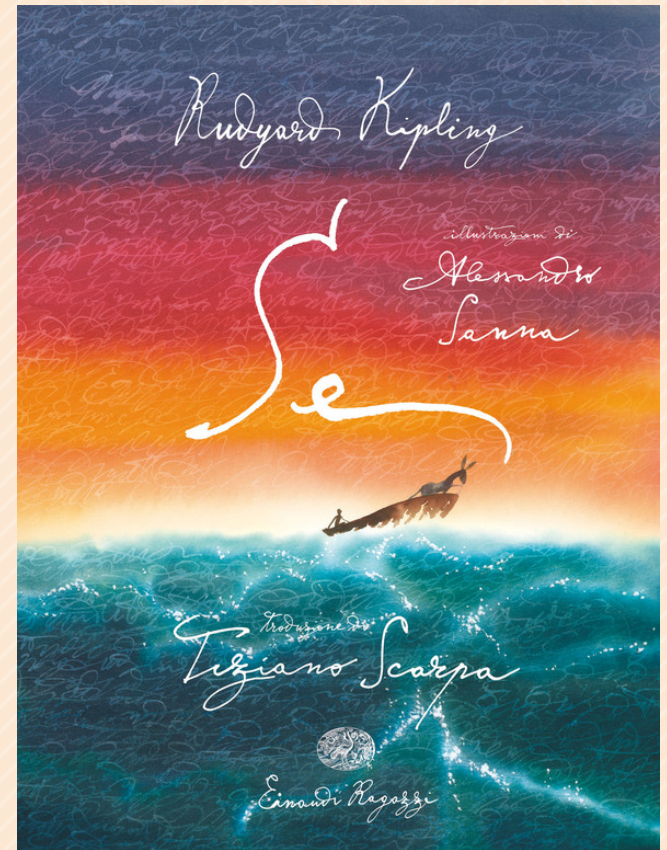


# If

**Text by Rudyard Kipling**

**Illustrated by Alessandro Sanna**

In the translation by Tiziano Scarpa of the poem "IF" by Rudyard Kipling dedicated to his son, this is a wonderful hymn to life that is known throughout the world. Alessandro Sanna has written out the whole text by hand and accompanied it with his masterful illustrations.



Einaudi Ragazzi · Sept 2017 · 40 pages

**A beautiful hymn to life illustrated by the  
Andersen Prize illustrator Alessandro Sanna**



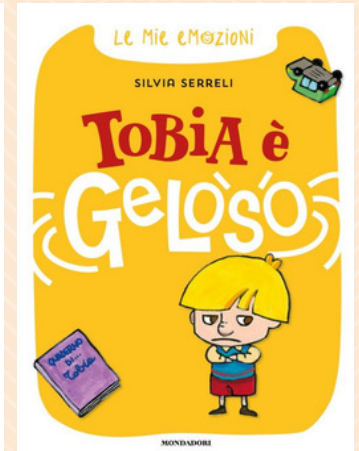
*Alessandro Sanna*, born in 1975, is considered one of Italy's leading contemporary illustrators. He has earned wide recognition across Europe as an illustrator and author. He has illustrated volumes by authors such as David Grossman, Italo Calvino, and Gianni Rodari. His work has been exhibited in Italy, France, Israel, and Korea. In 2006, he was awarded the Andersen Prize for best Libro d'arte, and in 2009 he received the Andersen Prize for Best Illustrator of the Year.



# Series My Feelings

Illustrations by Silvia Serreli

Read, learn about and play with your emotions with the help of a little character who will quickly become your friend: TOBIA!



Mondadori · 2017 · 48 pages

**Each book is written with both the child and adult reader in mind!**



**There is an appendix on each title written by a child psychologist who explains how to recognize and deal with each emotion.**



*Silvia Serreli* is a leading and loved author and illustrator in the field of pre-school titles. With her 'Tea' series (Giunti), she has sold over 100,000 copies in Italy and it has been published in five countries.

**5 book Series**



# Mortina

Text and illustrations by Barbara Cantini

Martina is a zombie girl and lives in Crumbling Manor with Auntie Departed and Tragedy, her albino greyhound. More than anything else in the world, she longs to play with the other children and make new friends, but this is absolutely not allowed. Her big and only chance to make some playmates comes during Halloween: Mortina does not even need a costum!

**The monstrous challenge of making friends if you are a zombi!**

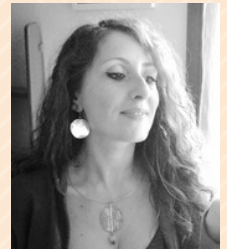


Mondadori · 2017 · 48 pages

**Full English translation available!**

Sold to La Galera (Spanish & Catalan)  
and Abrams Books (English/USA)

Barbara Cantini has worked as an illustrator for theatre and television before, but she currently illustrates for Italian and American children's publishers.





# Rico & Oskar

the comic novels for first readers

by Andreas Steinhöfel

Illustrated by Peter Schössow

After the bestselling and prize-winning "Rico & Oskar" trilogy, Carlsen Verlag is pleased to introduce their comic novel series!



Book 01  
Carlsen · July 2017 · 56 pages



Book 02  
Carlsen · March 2017 · 48 pages

**Sensitive, humorous and unique: perfect to read out loud and for first readers!**

## BESTSELLING AUTHOR



Andreas Steinhöfel (1962, Battenberg, Germany) is one of the most German authors of children's and young adult books awarded with various literature prizes and has been published in numerous countries worldwide.



---- AWARDS (selection)----

\*\*Erich Kästner Prize (2009)

\*\*German Youth Literature Prize (2009) – Rico & Oskar

\*\*Alice Salomon Poetry Prize (2013)

\*\*German Youth Literature Prize (2013) – All Work

\*\*The Most Beautiful German Books (2015)



# Tales from a Tall Forest

by Shaun Micallef

Illustrated by Jonathan Bentley

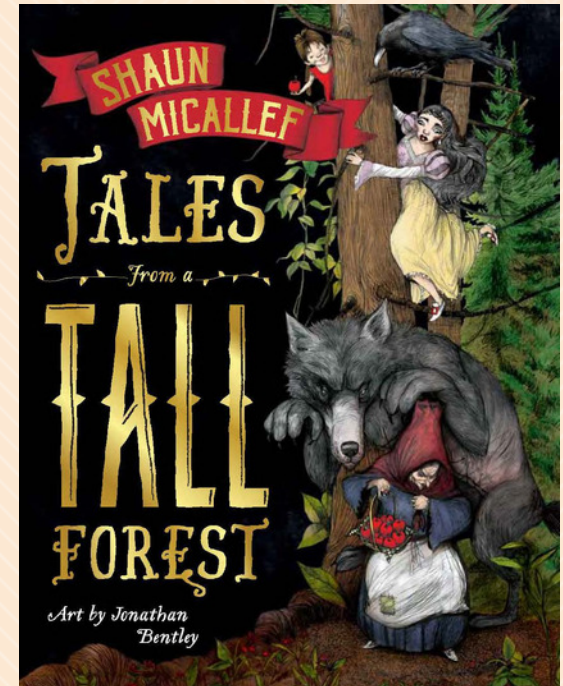
When an innocent princess wanders into the forest, she finds herself trapped between a ravenous wolf with an appetite and a sweet little house with a secret. Meanwhile, a desperate fisherman enters into a very bad bargain with a power-hungry monkey. And meanwhile still, a tiny tricky tailor promises a promise that not even the most magic of beanstalks can help him escape.



**A deliciously clever and hilarious collection of mashed-up fairytales, with the mood of a Brothers Grimm tale, crossed with the sharp wit of The Princess Bride**

The satirist *Shaun Micallef* unravels the traditional fairy story and nimbly weaves your favourite characters into new and surprising adventures.

Illustrated by award-winning artist *Jonathan Bentley*, this subversively silly trilogy will captivate parents and children alike – and indignant fairy tale authors too.



Hardie Grant · October 2017 · 224 pages  
Black-and-white illustrations with spotcolour red throughout!





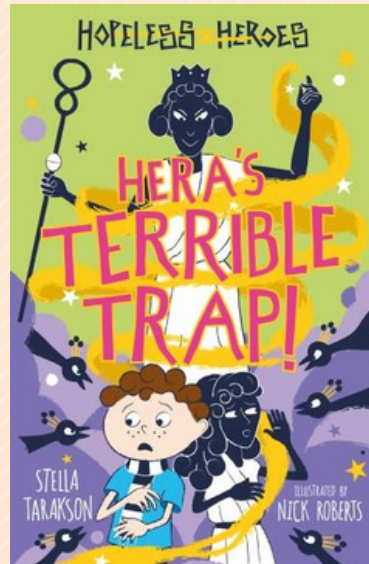
# Series Hopeless Heroes

by Stella Tarakson

Illustrated by Nick Roberts



When Tim Baker breaks his mum's favourite vase, it's the least of his problems. The Greek hero he's released is in danger of doing far worse. To the flowers, the rug—Oh, no! Not the kitchen! Hercules is only trying to be helpful but he's just hopeless. It's time to send this dim demigod home before Tim becomes ancient history.!



**An excellent learning tool for Greek mythology**

**Entertaining illustrations to encourage reluctant readers**

**Final pdfs Book 01 +02 available!**



Book 01

Book 02

Sweet Cherry · February 2018 · 207 pages



Stella Tarakson graduated with a law degree, but always found writing to be her passion. She has now written over 30 books. As the daughter of Greek immigrants, Stella was steeped in Greek mythology, and she uses her love of Greece in Hopeless Heroes.



# Shotaro

## The Child Who Wanted to Be a Samurai

by Maria Giulia Cotini

Illustrated by Isabella Mazzanti

Shotaro is intelligent, stubborn and has been disabled since birth. Consequently, his dream of becoming a Samurai like his father appears impossible, indeed his father has decided that he should become a monk. However, his destiny changes course when Kenwa, a traitor warrior, arrives at the monastery. He is a man prepared to train anyone, even a little boy with deformed legs. But when the terrible soldiers sent by Lord Daimyo destroy the village and his dad disappears without a trace, hotaro's life is turned upside down and everything appears to be lost... But Shotaro manages to prove, with courage and determination, that a disability is no barrier to making a warrior out of a man.

**An unforgettable adventure set in Ancient Japan  
written by a real black belt karate expert who battles  
against the challenges of her disability.**



Maria Giulia Cotini born in 1980, has been disabled since birth: she is unable to walk, has problems with her hands, sight and hearing. From a young age she fell in love with martial arts, achieving a black belt in karate. She became the first disabled girl to train in a gym alongside able bodied fighters and to compete from a kneeling position. She completed a degree in the History of Religion achieving the highest possible grades. Shotaro is her debut title.



Mondadori · March 2017 · 228 pages



# Mathematics Sucks!

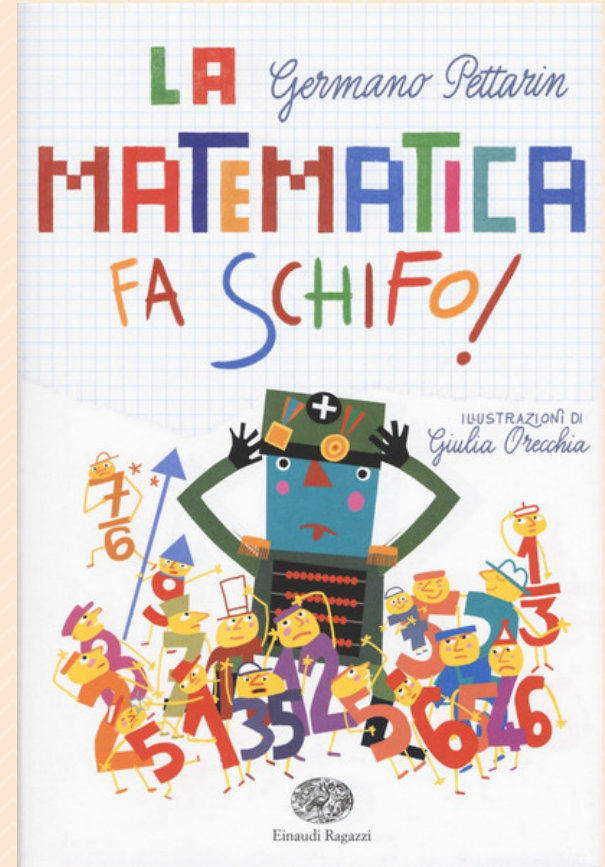
by Germano Pettarin

Illustrated by Giulia Orecchia

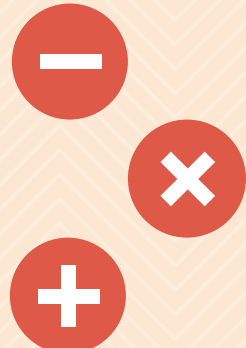
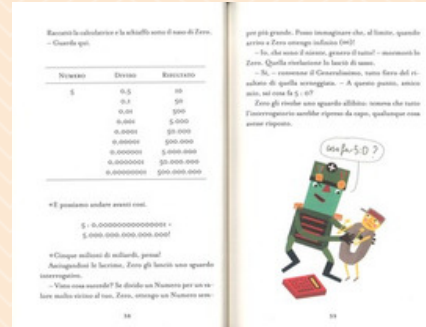
In the imaginary world of Cifralia, in order to settle the disorders created by the government of the King of Chaos, a new leader is proclaimed: the commander-in-chief Abacone, an unbending, precise personage who is fanatical about rules and order.

Despite himself, Abacone will discover that even in the world of numbers there are unexpected, surprising and intriguing results. A perfect story for demonstrating that mathematics is not an abstruse and arid subject that simply revolves round tedious calculations.

**A perfect story to make readers loose the panic against mathematics!**



Edizioni EL · 2017 · 144 pages





# My Diary of...

Dreams, Thoughts, Secrets, Plans and Giggles

by Cristina Petit

Illustrated by Francesco Fagnani

Children love having a special place to keep their thoughts, secrets and favourite things. This diary will inspire them to look inside themselves, explore their inner world and get their creative juices going in drawing and colouring activities. It is packed full of perfect "thought-starters" such as "My best how to make friends after falling out strategies" and "My letter to the School Principal", so the fun is guaranteed!



**Full of checklists, fill-in-the-blanks, personality quizzes, doodles and sticker activities.**

**The perfect diary for girls!**



Blogger, mum and primary teacher, *Cristina Petit* drew content from her popular blog for her first book, *Maestrapiccola* then turned her attention to writing and illustrating children's books. She also published for Il Castoro the picture book *Piccolo buio/ A little darkness*.



Il Castoro · October 2017 · 176 pages

**Full English translation available!**

Middle Grade  
Non-fiction

FANCY RED ELASTIC BAND!



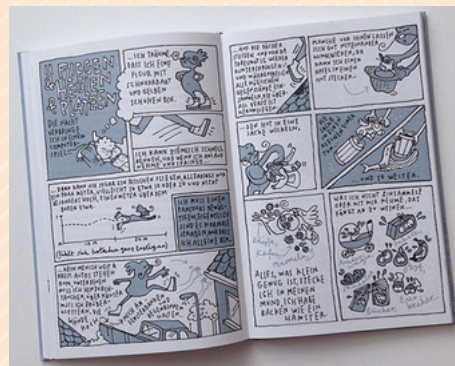
Series **The Amazing and Astonishing Adventures of**

# Maulina Schmitt

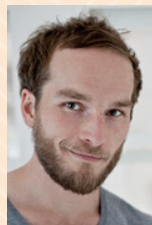
by **Finn-Ole Heinrich**

Illustrated by **Rán Flygenring**

Maulina's world has gone off the rails: she doesn't understand why they had to move all the way over to the other side of town to »Plasticville«, where everything is totally sterile and there doesn't seem to be a child in sight. Was it the man who made that decision?



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Finn-Ole Heinrich (1982) studied cinematography and fine art in Hanover. In 2012 was awarded with the German Prize for Young People's Literature for his first children's book, *Ferk, du Zwerg!*



Rán Flygenring (1987) graduated from the Iceland Academy of the Arts. She works as a graphic designer and illustrator worldwide.



Hanser · July 2013 · 176 pages



Book 02  
February 2014  
208 pages



Book 03  
August 2014  
192 pages

10 - 12 years





# Series Woodwalkers

by Katja Brandis

A boy appears in the woods out of the blue. Nobody knows where he came from. Carag is guarding his family's secret: he is a shapeshifter and grew up as a puma. He has decided to leave his old life behind and accepts a place at a special school for walkers like him, Clearwater High. There he makes friends with other students such as Holly, a lively squirrel walker, and Brandon, whose animal persona is a clumsy and shy bison. Their lessons range from English and Maths to Transformation and Understanding Humans.

"What are you? Are you one of us?" -  
"Yes" - I said, suddenly proud to be a  
woodwalker

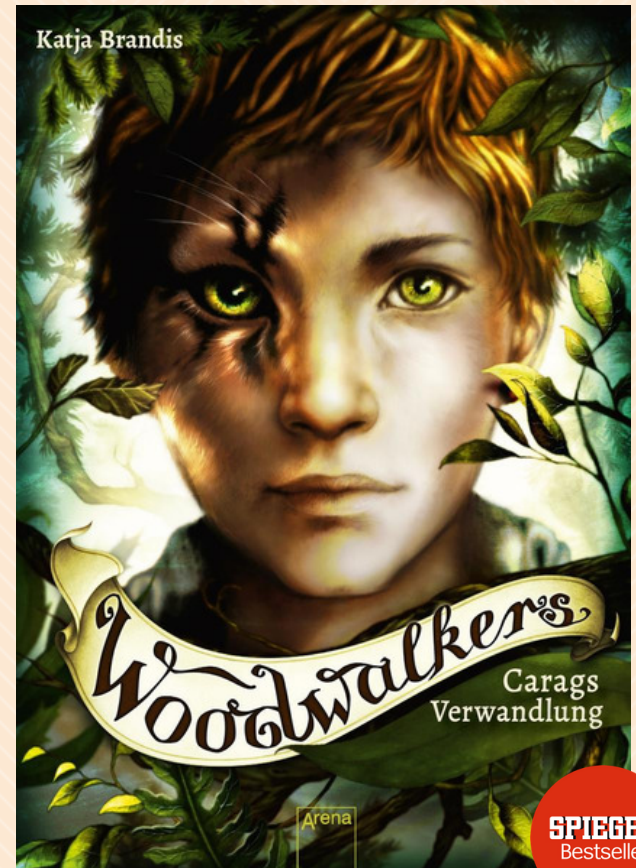
The animal fantasy with the perfect  
balance of suspense and adventures

**70.000 copies sold in Germany!**

**English synopsis available!**

**NEW  
BOOKS  
IN  
GERMAN**

*Translation aid  
granted!*



Arena · June 2016 · 272 pages

**SPIEGEL**  
Bestseller



Woodwalkers 02  
January 2017 · 272 pages



Position 09 on the  
Spiegel Best Seller List!  
Woodwalkers 03  
June 2017 · 272 pages

10 - 12 years



# The Traitor's Game

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

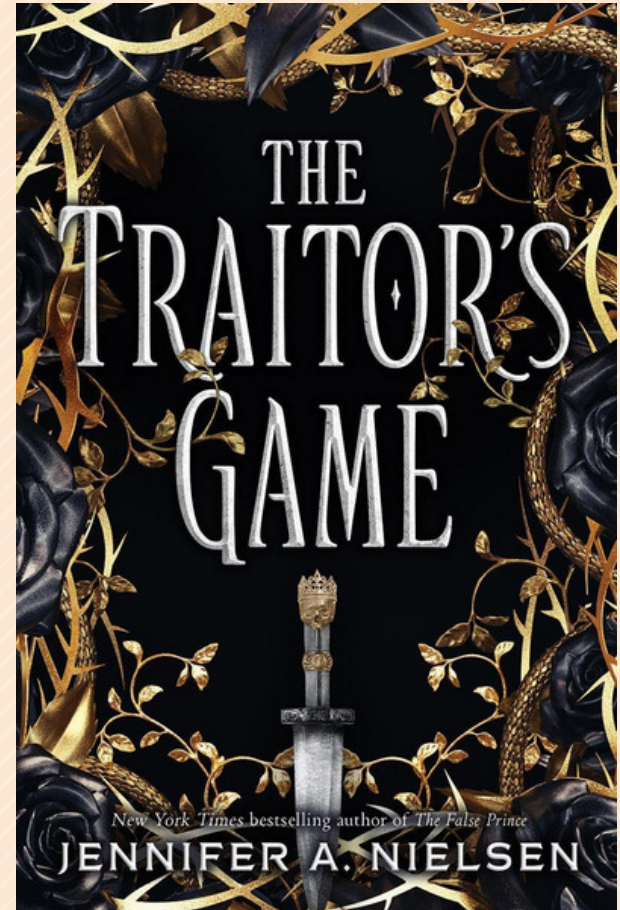
Kestra Dallisor has spent the past three years in exile, and is vexed to be drawn back into her father's palace politics. He's the right hand man of the cruel king, Lord Endrick, which makes Kestra a valuable bargaining chip. And a group of rebels knows this all too well: They snatch Kestra from her carriage as she reluctantly travels home. But Kestra is not the obedient captive they expected, and Simon, one of her kidnappers, will have his hands full as Kestra tries to foil their plot by force, cunning, or any means necessary. As motives shift and secrets emerge, both will have to decide what – and who – they're fighting for.

**A hit among YA fantasy fans with a strong romance story and suspenseful twist!**

**From the author of the New York Times bestseller 'The False Prince' sold into 17 languages**



New York Times Bestselling author, *Jennifer Nielsen*, was born and raised in northern Utah, where she still lives today with her husband, three children, and a dog that won't play fetch. She is the author of *The Ascendance* trilogy, beginning with *THE FALSE PRINCE*; the *MARK OF THE THIEF* series, *A NIGHT DIVIDED* and *THE SCOURGE*. She loves chocolate, old books, and lazy days in the mountains.



Scholastic · February 2018 · 400 pages

**Books in series!**  
**Spring 2019: Book #02**  
**Spring 2020: Book #03**

# And If the World Burns

by Ulla Scheler



Heyne fliegt · September 2017 · 432 pages

Felix has started studying something he is not convinced of, and he also has a job helping his brother. He dreams actually of becoming a great artist. Nothing makes him more happy than drawing with his chalks on the streets. And one day he draws Alisa. A girl both beautiful and mysterious, in who he immediately falls in love.

Alisa also feels attracted to him and they spend wonderful romantic hours together. But always when Felix gets too closer to her, she pushes him away. And then suddenly Adrian appears, her brother. He has not hear of him but he menaces Felix to take Alina away from him. Felix is decided to fight for Alisa. But is his love big enough to defeat the horrible shadows in her past?

**The compelling story of a poignant,  
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