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Our Spring 2018 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS



Family Mystery, 12+: THE TIME VESSEL by Ella Blix (ISBN 60413, 472 pages)

Alina is the new kid at the Hoge Zand Boarding School on a small island in the Baltic Sea. One night Alina notices a dark ship on the horizon; the vessel directs strange flashes at the adjacent nature resort. While looking for an explanation, she meets Tinka in the sand dunes and immediately feels an eerie connection to her. The girl with the odd equipment knows a lot more than she is supposed to. When Alina tries to uncover the secrets of the small island, she makes a discovery that questions everything she has ever considered to be true.

- YA Debut of author duo that writes under the pen name Ella Blix: Antje Wagner and Tania Witte. Both are accomplished writers in the German market.
- The book features on the cover of our German book trade catalogue!

Adventure/ Romance, 12+: LIKE THE SUN AT NIGHT by Antje Babendererde (ISBN 60331, 480 pages)

At the end of her exchange year in New Mexico Mara is looking for an adventure. And she literally stumbles upon it in the form of an injured boy with black hair who has lost his memory and ability to talk. All he remembers is his name – Kayemo. Together they set out into the wilderness. They discover secret sites of the Pueblo Native Americans and traces that lead to Kayemo’s past. Each step takes them to even more sinister secrets. Secrets that seem to make the tender feelings that grow between Mara and Kayemo impossible. Yet their love for one another has long since blossomed.

- Antje’s thrillers, coming-of-age and romantic novels have a huge following: 500,000 copies sold.
- Antje’s books have been translated into French, Hungarian and Lithuanian.

Time Travel Trilogy, 14+: TIME RUSH. GAME OF THE PAST (Vol. 1) by Kim Kestner (ISBN 51067, 336 pages)

It is the greatest shock Alison has ever experienced when she discovers one morning that her little brother has disappeared. And what’s worse: He seems to have never existed at all! At least not in this reality. Alison has lost all control of her life. She has been made a candidate of the “Top the Realities” show. Paired with Kay, who acts cold towards her, she is forced to correct the past so as to re-establish her own reality. During their trip through the centuries Alison finds out that she knows Kay a lot better than she could have expected.

- Kim Kestner’s autumn 2017 focus title SAKURA sold 12,000 copies (since June 2017).
- TIME RUSH has already 1,000 preorders although our book trade catalogue mail-out starts only today.

Boys/ School Comedy, 11+: KINGS OF CHAOS. AS TAME AS SCHOOLYARD SHARKS (Vol. 1) by Jakob M. Leonhardt, with illustrations by Sebastian Heidel (ISBN 60317, 160 pages)

When I jump into the shark pool of my new school, i.e. walk into the schoolyard, I realize at once who I am dealing with. Grinning like a T Rex before breakfast, Abdi directly approaches me, followed by his gang. They are about to make fish food out of me. “Yo, I’m the King of School,” Abdi declares, and then I do something rather stupid: I crack up. I laugh and guffaw and just can’t stop. King of School? Dream on! There can surely be only one king, and that’s – me!

- Jakob Musashi Leonhardt is an expert on penning reading fun for boys 10+/11+/12+!
- The creator of the CHAOTIC GENIUS series sold a total of 120,000 copies in Germany and is being translated into Bulgarian, Spanish and Turkish.

Our Spring 2018 Hotlist CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Princess & Fairy, 3+: ROSA ROSEBUD. IN THE MAGIC HEART CASTLE written and illustrated by Stefanie Dahle (ISBN 70629, 32 pages)

Rosa Rosebud is a very special princess because she can fulfill wishes. But can she also help the little gopher that suddenly appears on the doorstep of the heart-castle? With the aid of the Fiddlesticks, Cuddle the cat and Ella the rose turtle, Rosa will surely think of something. And perhaps her heart-glasses or the magic mirror might help as well.

- New character by the creator of THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY, Stefanie Dahle.
- Start of a new series
- Stefanie Dahle's books sold 1.5 mil copies in total and have been translated into 19 languages.

Adventure, 3+: ROBIN CAT. THE VERY CATTY RESCUE OF THE MINIATURE GIRAFFES by Christian Seltmann, illustrated by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71018, 32 pages)

Even though Robin Cat loves to sit by the campfire, playing his guitar, there is a real adventurer inside of him. And he loves to prove that to his closest mouse – er, friend – Marie! He gets the perfect opportunity to do just that when Fanny, the miniature giraffe, needs his help. Without hesitating for even one moment, Robin goes on a real catty rescue mission.

- Christian Seltmann is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to children's literature: picture books, first readers, children's books, story books.
- Start of a new adventure picture book series.
- **His books sold 220,000 copies in Germany and have been translated into Bulgarian, Spanish, Dutch, Norwegian and Turkish.**

Animal Comedy, 8+: UNDINE AND HIBBLE. A MOOVING FRIENDSHIP (Vol. 1) by Kirsten John, illustrated by Nadine Reitz (ISBN 60396, 160 pages)

One day little Undine chills in the pasture for cows. Actually she is a pony but Undine thinks she is a regular cow. She and her best friend, Hibble, a real calf, explore the area, and listen to the stories the cows are telling each other. At some point, Undine is spotted by the farmer and returned to the other horses. Undine only has one chance to see her herd of cattle again: She has to go to the gorge to prove that it won't swallow her up. But what if she really is a horse?

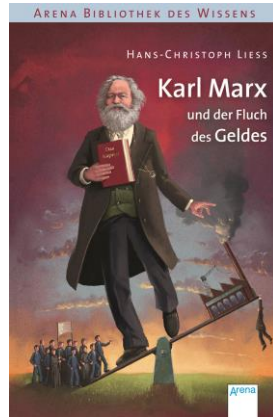
- Kirsten John's children's books are bound to become classics.
- Her spring 2017 focus title PROJECT CRUMBS sold 10,000 copies since January 2017.
- Her books have sold 70,000 copies so far in Germany and have been translated into Bulgarian.

Fantasy Adventure, 10+: THE SCENT SHOP. MYSTERY IS IN THE AIR (Vol. 1) by Anna Ruhe, illustrated by Claudia Carls (ISBN 60308, 264 pages)

There is a strange scent wafting through the old villa which is the first thing Luzie notices about her new home. Yet the smells lead nowhere, and the key Luzie finds under a floorboard does not fit into any lock. Might there be a hidden room? When Luzie, her little brother, Benno, and the boy next door, Mats, stumble into the hidden part of the villa, they can hardly believe what they see: Shelves up to the ceiling hold countless perfume bottles! Yet the bottles are not only full of surprises but they also contain a danger that has been concealed for a long time. And it should better have stayed locked away forever.

- **Anna Ruhe is our children's books prodigy with 25,000 copies sold since January 2015.**
- First volume in a 2-book series.

Our Spring 2018 Hotlist NON-FICTION



Biography, 11+: KARL MARX AND THE CURSE OF THE MONEY by Hans-Christoph Liess, illustrated by Sebastian Coenen (ISBN 60377, 112 pages)

Karl Marx, one of the most famous and controversial economists of all times, was the first to realize how the capitalist economic system works. He predicted that this system would lead to an increasingly big gap between the rich and the poor. He also foretold the globalization and fusions of large corporations. Yet who was this bourgeois scholar and what ideas did he develop? Friedrich Engels, his wife, Jenny, and other acquaintances talk about their lives with Marx. Non-fiction chapters explore his theories and their historical conditions.

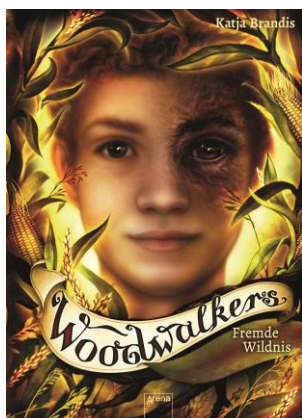
- An easy-to-read, vivid and well-founded biography on the occasion of the 200-year anniversary in 2018 that shows why Karl Marx's teachings are still significant for young and adult readers today.
- Author H.-C. Liess studied philosophy, history and the German language. He teaches at a grammar school and develops easy-to-understand economic theory models for his students.

Experiments, 6+: THE GREAT BIG SCIENCE BOOK FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN by Heike Schettler, with illustrations by S. Coenen and U. Mayer (ISBN 71321, 104 pages)

Children want to understand their environment. They want to know why something is the way it is. This book explores many questions that arise in daily life by presenting experiments, games, stories and competent scientific explanations: Why does snow melt in spring? Where does the light on my bicycle come from? Why do magnets stick to the refrigerator? By experimenting, children playfully discover the laws of their environment and are thus provided with an easy access to natural sciences.

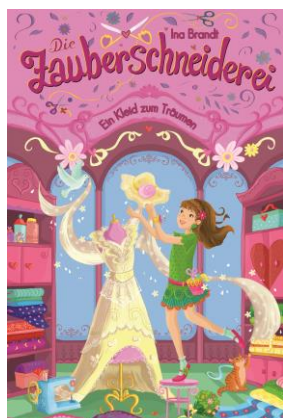
- Updated edition.
- The GREAT BIG SCIENCE BOOK series sold 60,000 copies so far.

Children's Book Sequels Spring 2018



WOODWALKERS

- Written by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls
- 4th vol. January 2018
 - 4,000 preorders
 - 120,000 copies sold
 - Vol. 5 -> Autumn 18
 - Animals, adventure, fantasy
 - Age 10+
 - Rights sold to CZ, DK



THE MAGIC TAILOR SHOP

- Written by Ina Brandt (OWL MAGIC series), illustrated by Isabelle Metzen
- 3rd vol. March 18
 - 15,000 copies sold
 - Girls, fantasy, DIY
 - Age 9+
 - Rights available worldwide



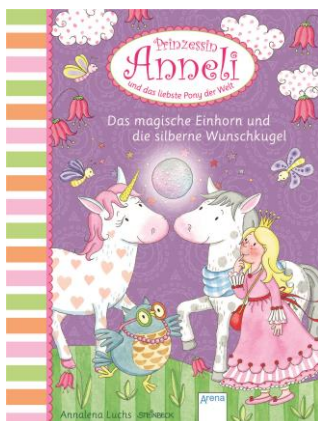
POLDI & PARTNERS

- Written by Alice Pantermüller (MY LIFE AS LOTTA series), illustrated by Julian Meyer
- 2nd vol. January 18
 - 10,000 copies sold
 - Girls & boys, animals, adventure
 - Age 8+
 - Rights available worldwide



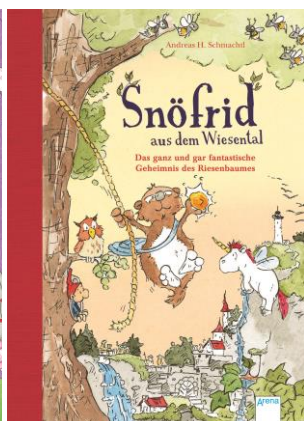
THE SUPER SECRET SMALL PAW GANG

- Written by Katja Alves (MUFFIN CLUB series), illustrated by Marta Balmaseda
- 4th vol. January 2018
 - 22,000 copies sold
 - Vol. 5 -> Spring 19
 - Girls & boys, animals, adventure
 - Age 7+
 - Rights available worldwide



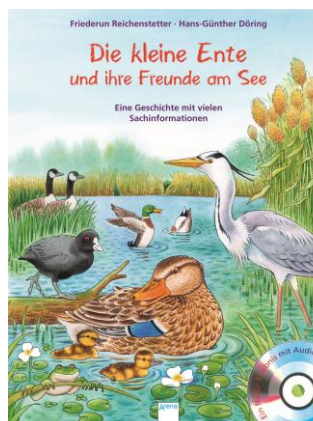
PRINCESS ANNELI

- Written by Annalena Luchs, illustrated by STEINBECK
- 5th vol. January 18
 - 45,000 copies sold
 - Fantasy, princess
 - Age 7+
 - Rights sold to IL, UA



SNÖFRID OF MEADOW VALLEY

- Written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl
- 3rd vol. October 17
 - 12,000 c. sold vol. 3
 - 100,000 copies sold
 - Story book, fantasy
 - Age 5+
 - Rights sold to RU, VN



ANIMALS IN THE WILD

- Written Friederun Reichenstetter, illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring
- 18th vol. January 18
 - 450,000 copies sold
 - Non-fiction, nature
 - Age 4+
 - Rights sold to 10 countries



MAZE PICTURE BOOK

- Written & illustrated by Dirk Hennig
- 2nd vol. January 18
 - 8,000 copies sold
 - Picture book with riddles
 - Age 3+
 - Rights sold to BE/NL, BG, CN, DK, EE, RU, UA

Available Coeditions 2018



Activity, 4+: MY BIG STICKER BOOK. LITTLE TITMOUSE AND HER FRIENDS
by Friederun Reichenstetter, illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 70910, 24 pages each)

Whether birds or animals in the forest - there is so much to learn about our native animals! Kids enjoy that, especially when they can discover nature with colourful animal stickers and small riddles all by themselves.

- Coloured illustrations, many pages for colouring in and a sticker sheet invite you to participate.
- Naturalistic picture book illustrations with an attractive, age-appropriate layout.
- Each volume 24 pages, 4c, sticker sheet with over 60 stickers, brochure.
- Further available volumes: LITTLE FOX AND HIS FRIENDS (spring 2017), LITTLE FROG AND HIS FRIENDS (spring 2018)

Board Book 24 months+: ADVENTURES IN GNOME COUNTY. SLEEP TIGHT, DEAR ANIMAL FRIENDS
by Frankzisk Jaekel, illustrated by Steinbeck (ISBN 70970, 12 pages)

An abundance of little adventures await the gnomes and their friends in Gnome County: A great big surprise is sent by the bunny mail; Ella celebrates her birthday; the gnomes go on a very special picnic – and watch over a group of tiny ladybugs. And when will the snail express finally arrive? After all, it has to carry out an important task!

- Cardboard with 4 pull-out, shaped all-round register tabs with many movable slides on the right side of the pages, 4c, 12 pages
- Further available volumes: COME PLAY WITH US (spring 2017)

Board Book 24 months+: THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY. COME TO FAIRYLAND WITH US!
Written and illustrated by Stefanie Dahle (ISBN 70448, 38 pages)

The Strawberry Fairy is simply the best! With the aid of Paula Wind Fairy and Eleni the Sun Fairy she tends to her strawberry garden and is always there for her friends. And when she can't sleep at night, she travels to the Land of Milk and Honey with Kasimir, the dream donkey, helps the moon when it feels ill or sends a lost shooting star back home in a cloud taxi. Includes the titles Well Done, Little Strawberry Fairy!, Sweet Dreams, Little Strawberry Fairy, and I Like You, Strawberry Fairy.

- Cardboard with real book cover; the cover features rounded corners and glittery finish, 38 pages.
- Bind-up of the volumes WELL DONE, STRAWBERRY FAIRY!, I LIKE YOU, STRAWBERRY FAIRY, and SWEET DREAMS, STRAWBERRY FAIRY

Board Book 18 months+: THE SNUGGLE GANG. DOC BADGER WILL MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN
by Katja Richert, illustrated by Larisa Lauber (ISBN 70782, 12 pages)

Two little adventures with the Snuggle Gang – to read, look at and play with: Luna and Kalle are sick. But fortunately Oskar knows what to do: take them to see Doc Badger; then they will get well soon. And the first day in kindergarten is really exciting, too: playing, singing, painting – and finding new friends. Have lots of fun with the Snuggle Gang!

- Boardbook featuring removable cardboard characters and furniture including 2 pages that can be folded out to recreate the surgery.
- Further available volumes: WELCOME TO THE NATURE KINDERGARTEN (spring 2017)