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# Arena's Bestselling Characters Spring 2019 Novelties



We will mail-out our ARENA'S BESTSELLING CHARACTERS Spring 2019 edition in February 2019.

## **THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY: written and illustrated by Stefanie Dahle**

Novelties in spring 2019: playbook MY CHARMING FAIRY SHOP, Family planer 2020, calendar with gardening tips MY GARDEN YEAR, baby album WONDERFUL, YOU ARE HERE!

- The adventures of the STRAWBERRY FAIRY are being translated into 19 languages.
- We sold rights newly to: Great Britain (English world) and Israel.
- 1,000,000 copies sold in Germany.

## **TILDA APPLESEED: written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl**

Novelties in spring 2019: board book ALL MY SEASONS, picture book A CHARMING HOUSE BOAT ADVENTURE, Family planer 2020

- The adventures of TILDA APPLESEED are being translated into 15 languages
- We sold rights newly to: South Africa and Kazakhstan.
- 1,000,000 copies sold in Germany.
- TV series: The first season is being shown in these international territories: Norway, Hungary, Finland, Austria, Slovakia, Latvia, ExYugoslavia, Middle East.

## **LILLI THE WITCH: written by Knister, illustrated by Birgit Rieger**

Novelty in spring 2019: first readers title LILLI THE WITCH AND THE TINIEST PONY IN THE WORLD

- The adventures of LILLI THE WITCH are being translated into 40 languages.
- 22 million copies sold worldwide.
- Movie: There are three LILLI THE WITCH movies.

## **OWL MAGIC: written by Ina Brandt, illustrated by Irene Mohr**

Novelties in spring 2019: volume 10 THE CIRCLE OF THE GOLDEN WINGS, activity title GOLDWINGS GREATEST PUZZLE TREASURE

- The adventures of Flora and her owl friend GOLDWING are being translated into 1 language (our Czech partner already acquired 6 volumes!).
- 480,000 copies sold in Germany.
- A TV option is being signed right now.

## **MY LIFE AS LOTTA: written by Alice Pantermüller, illustrated by Daniela Kohl**

Novelties in spring 2019: volume 15 CHOOSE YOUR WHALE, school calendar 2019/2020

- The adventures of LOTTA are being translated into 30 languages.
- We sold rights newly to: Albania and the USA (English world rights).
- 3 million copies sold in Germany.
- Movie: The movie shoot is finished; we keep you updated.

## Our Spring 2019 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS



### **Dystopia, 12+: THE SHELL COLLECTOR. YOUR DESTINY IS WAITING by Charlotte Richter (ISBN 60435, 432 p.)**

Mariel had always expected to be happy on the island of Amlon with its pearl-white beaches and the turquoise sea. But deep-down Mariel feels that she does not belong. While her friends enjoy life in paradise, she feels drawn to anything that is less than perfect. Like her beloved shells with their cracks, and Sander, the boy who gives her the first kiss. But she can never be together with him, because one of the rules in Amlon is that you can only find happiness with your ideal partner, and whoever rebels against this rule will be banned forever!

- Romantic, exciting, socially critical – “Amlon” is a two-faced island world, both enchanting and tempting.
- A magnificent novel from a promising author.
- A strong, sympathetic protagonist, a diverse and authentic cast of characters.

### **Suspense, 12+: THE CALM BETWEEN SECONDS by Tania Witte (ISBN 60474, 256 pages)**

Mara narrowly escapes a bomb attack on the underground, after which her fellow students nickname her ‘the girl who survived’, expecting her to be in shock. But Mara has other worries. She hardly hears from her friend Sirin anymore, who suddenly seems completely uncontactable. The more Mara tries to help her the more she is met with incomprehension and rejection. What is everyone hiding from her? Only when Chiso – the boy she has a crush on – gets involved in the hunt does the shocking truth come to light.

- Startling, evocative and completely unexpected.
- Tania Witte’s narrative voice is fast-paced, tight and nuanced.
- More than 10,000 copies sold for THE TIME VESSEL which she wrote in collaboration with Antje Wagner.

### **Thriller, All Age: SIDE EFFECT by Lukas Erler (ISBN 60456, 320 pages)**

Ben had scarcely realized that the Nesrin with the blue hair meant anything to him, and then she was gone. The only thing she left behind was a slip of paper with an address in Amsterdam. But she never arrived there. When Ben follows his friend, he has one strange experience after another, until suddenly Nesrin’s brother Emre turns up. Together they carry on the search for Nesrin and venture into a morass of criminal research, medical experiments, legal drugs and big business. In the centre: an unscrupulous pharmaceutical giant and a girl with blue hair.

- The world in self-optimisation madness and 2 young people stuck in the middle.
- A highly explosive social drama, packed full of action and realistically narrated.
- 10,000 copies of BURNING WATER sold by the author.

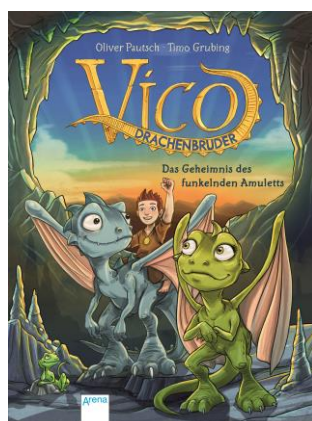
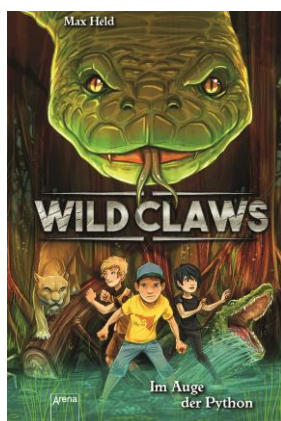
### **High Fantasy, 14+: WIND-BORN. THE HEIRESS OF STORM AND ASHES by Jennifer Alice Jager (ISBN 60465, 376 pages)**

Since the Skar enslaved the world it has been covered in sand, and water has become increasingly difficult to find. When cloud-stormer Ashara meets Kiyan, she discovers that – like her – he has the ability to command one of the four elements. She begins to hope again. Not only because Kiyan could be the people’s saviour, but because Ashara feels close to him in a way she has never felt before. But Ashara is in danger of losing him and her people to the Skar. In the process of fighting them she discovers that the tyrants have made a mistake in their conquest of mankind – a mistake that could save everyone!

- A fantasy-extravaganza: opulent and full of imagery and as intense as a force of nature
- A world where power means mastery over the elements
- Successful self-published author makes her print debut



# Children's Books New Series Spring 2019



## **Adventure, 9+: WILD CLAWS. IN THE EYE OF THE PYTHON (Vol. 1) by Max Held, with illustrations by Timo Grubing (ISBN 60453, 176 pages)**

It's not uncommon to find an alligator swimming in your swimming pool some mornings in Homestead, Florida. But when a herd of wild boars attack the animal rehabilitation centre, Wild Claws, and a giant anaconda is terrorizing the Everglade swamps, something doesn't feel right. Jack and Logan don't believe that these incidents can be explained away by the heat. Especially not since the appearance of a mysterious researcher from Miami.

- New series with cool, film-worthy cover.
- Action-filled adventure in the Everglades.
- Well-defined scope, fast-paced narration for readers of WOODWALKERS.

## **Adventure/ Dragons, 7+: VICO DRAGONBROTHER. THE SECRET OF THE GLITTERING AMULET (Vol. 1) by Oliver Pautsch, with illustrations by Timo Grubing (ISBN 71178, 72 pages)**

Alone among dragons! Vico Dragonbrother is the only human in a family of dragons. And although he can't fly himself, of course, he loves nothing more than frolicking through the clouds with his dragon siblings. But what is his sister doing? She has followed a mysterious glittering light and ended up in serious difficulties in the forbidden hilly forest! Vico bravely follows her and embarks upon his first big adventure.

- "Mowgli" meets "How to Train Your Dragon"
- The new dragon series full of adventure and secrets
- Books written by Oliver Pautsch have sold more than 36,000 copies

## **Magical Adventure, 7/8+: LILO OF DARK CASTLE. NO MAGIC ALLOWED! THE TOTALLY AMAZING BACKWARDS-TRICK (VOL. 1) by Anna Lott, with illustrations by Sabine Sauter (ISBN 71327, 104 pages)**

Lilo has a super-secret secret: her mum is a witch and her dad is a vampire. Crazy or what? Unfortunately her mum is not allowed to use her magic around people – it's against the rules! But when Miss Rüdiger – the cutest tom cat in the world – disappears, surely a bit of magic is allowed? If only dad hadn't been accidentally turned into a sheep during the mission to rescue Miss Rüdiger... Luckily Lilo can count on her best friend Louisa. Together they come up with a brilliant idea to resolve the magical mess!

- A tumultuous witch-vampire-adventure about a rather different family
- Strong girls can accomplish anything!
- Magnificently illustrated by Sabine Sauter

## **Insects, 4+: PAULINA, THE LITTLE BUMBLEBEE. THE DARING ADVENTURES OF THE BUG GANG by Hanna Kirschbaum, illustrated by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71326, 128 pages)**

In the kingdom of Crawltonia every day promises a really special adventure. Especially since Paulina, the little bumblebee, has made the acquaintance of the ladybird Marie, the stag beetle Rudi and the weevil Whiskers. Together they save a butterfly wedding from the mean mosquito mob, make a little stink bug happy and help the rose chafer Emerald to fulfil his dreams. A story book full of quirky stories from the marvellous world of insects!

- Insect protection – an important theme wrapped up in warm-hearted, imaginative stories
- Opulent four-colour illustrations by Christine Kugler, whose books sold more than 120,000 copies!
- With an afterword by Cornelis Hemmer from the "Germany is buzzing!" initiative (Deutschland summt! is a German initiative to mobilise a maximum of citizens for an active participation in the protection of bees).

# Our Spring 2019 Hotlist CHILDREN'S BOOKS



**Comedy/ Diary, 10+: MY LIFE FULL OF PIXIE DUST AND CONFETTI (I WISH!) by Emma Flint (ISBN 60490, 240 pages)**

Leni's plan at her new school: Just. Don't. Stand. Out. Her older sister Fiona is the unchallenged star of the show there, and Leni is determined not to embarrass her. Easier said than done when you've got a big mouth: first Leni is chosen as class rep, then she has to carry out a dare in front of the whole school. A life full of pixie dust and glitter? I wish! Instead there's endless sister-trouble. Leni tries to make up with Fiona by getting in with her crush at school. But Leni's chaos-magnet is well and truly switched on...

- From the expert in best-friend-novels: Emma Flint.
- Narrated in diary form from Leni's perspective.
- 10,000 copies of BOYS JUST DON'T GET IT! sold.

**Humour, 8+: THE CRISPBREAD QUARREL. UPROAR AT GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S by Bob Konrad, illustrated by Daniela Kohl (ISBN 60307, 96 pages)**

This was supposed to be a really peaceful visit to the grandparents. But on their first day in Vogelzwitsch the protagonists Mayo and Super can tell it's going to be anything but peaceful. A huge argument has broken out between Grandma Elfe and Grandpa Isi. At first it's just about crispbread, but then all of a sudden all the grown-up inhabitants of the village are on the war path – men and women are going at each other with walking frames, smelly socks and vegetable catapults. Will Mayo and Super be able to intervene and restore peace?

- A delightfully wacky adventure full of humour and lovable characters.
- For (cool) grandparents, happy children, mediators and adventurers.
- High bestseller potential: Books by Bob Konrad sold 12,000 copies at Arena. The bestseller series MY LIFE AS LOTTA, illustrated by Daniela Kohl, sold more than 3 million copies in Germany alone.

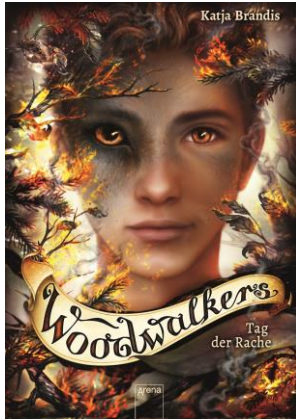
**Maze Picture Book, 3+: DRAGON FIRETAIL AND THE GLEAMING TREASURE by Sibylle Rieckhoff, illustrated by Nikolai Renger (ISBN 71171, 32 pages)**

Little dragon Firetail has hidden Princess Rosepink's treasure chest in the furthest corner of his cave. But one day it disappears. Who is responsible? Is it the greedy Sir Greedhead? An exciting search for the thief begins: flying over the valley of a thousand dragons, past the waterfall and through the teeming knight's castle. Will they find the treasure? An exciting picture book adventure with large mazes and search-and-count pictures to follow along!

- Unique picture book concept with interactive pages.
- Detailed pictures to delight and amaze.
- More than 20,000 copies of the series sold! Volume 1 was awarded with the Buxtehuder Kälbchen (Buxtehude Calf) Award.



# Children's Books & YA Sequels Spring 2019



## **WOODWALKERS**

Written by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls

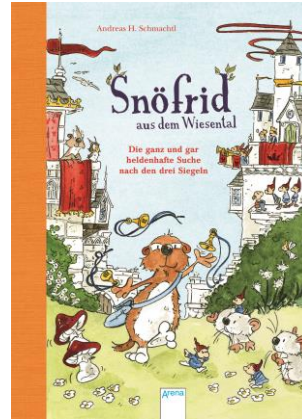
- 6<sup>th</sup> vol. January 2019
- 8,000 pre-orders
- **SPIEGEL Bestseller List**
- **300,000 copies sold series**
- Animals, fantasy
- Age 10+
- Rights sold to BE/NL, CZ, DK, FI, LT, PL and RU



## **THE MAGIC TAILOR SHOP**

Written by Ina Brandt (OWL MAGIC series), illustrated by Isabelle Metzen

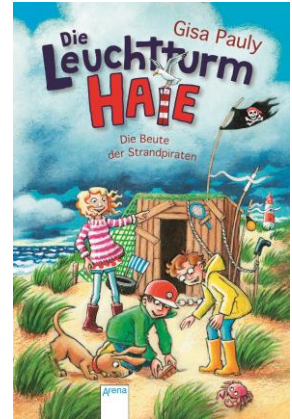
- 5<sup>th</sup> vol. March 19
- 35,000 copies sold series
- Girls, fantasy, DIY
- Age 9+
- Rights available worldwide



## **SNÖFRID OF MEADOW VALLEY**

Written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl

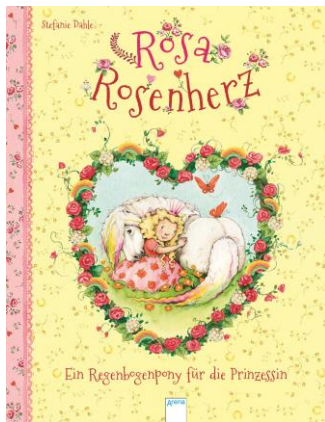
- Story book
- 4<sup>th</sup> vol., January 2019
- 150,000 copies sold series
- Adventure, fantasy
- Age 7+
- Rights sold to RU, VN



## **THE LIGHTHOUSE SHARKS**

Written by Gisa Pauly, illustrated by Edda Skibbe

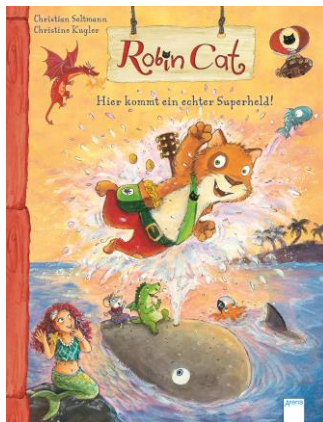
- 3<sup>rd</sup> vol., March 2019
- 15,000 copies sold series
- Detective stories
- Age 8+
- Rights available worldwide



## **Rosa Roseheart**

Written and illustrated by Stefanie Dahle

- 2<sup>nd</sup> picture book
- January 2019
- 15,000 copies sold series
- Friendship, girls
- Age 3+
- Rights sold to DK, FI, RU



## **ROBIN CAT**

Written by Christian Seltmann, illustrated by Christine Kugler

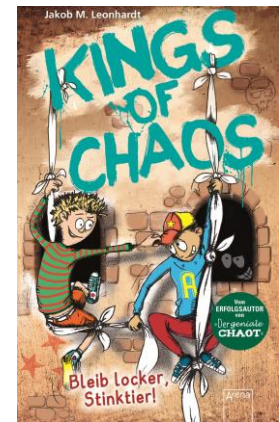
- 2<sup>nd</sup> picture book
- January 2019
- 8,000 copies sold series
- Story book, animals, adventures
- Age 3+
- Rights sold to RU



## **WILD & WONDERFUL**

Written by Ilona Einwohlt, illustrated by Inka Vigh

- 2<sup>nd</sup> volume
- January 2019
- 8,000 copies sold vol. 1
- Friendship, girls
- Age 11+
- Rights available worldwide



## **KINGS OF CHAOS**

Written by J. M. Leonhardt, illustrated by S. Heidel

- 3<sup>rd</sup> volume
- April 2019
- 10,000 copies sold series
- Story book, animals, adventures
- Age 11+
- Rights available worldwide

# Our Spring 2019 Hotlist NON-FICTION



**Nature, 4+: ANIMALS IN THE WILD. THE LITTLE BEECH TREE AND HER FRIENDS (VOL. 18) by Friederun Reichenstetter, illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 71514, 40 pages)**

The forest smells so good! No wonder that people and animals feel happy there. But why is the forest air so good? And why is the forest so important for us? The forest ecosystem is explained for children aged 4 and above using the example of a little beech tree. The beech's leaf canopy offers protection for forest animals and provides fresh air for everyone. But the beech also depends upon the forest community. When it gets infested with aphids, it is helped by the ladybird. When there's an autumn storm raging, the trees all help protect one another. And when the beech is deprived of sunlight, a nearby mother-beech provides it with food. An insight into the wonderful harmony of the forest – with audio-CD.

- Learn to protect nature, starting with the beech tree. Includes an audio-CD with the story, natural sounds and quizz.
- With ants, centipedes, stag beetles, spotted woodpeckers, brown owls, dormice, foxes, deer and many other important forest animals.
- There are 18 picture books in this series available and more than 500,000 copies have been sold.

**History, 12+: LAND IN FLAMES. A LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF THE THIRTY YEARS' WAR by Harald Parigger (ISBN 60391, 112 pages)**

It is difficult for someone to understand in peacetime how a war can affect every aspect of life. Gottlieb is a foundling, traveling through burning Germany in the 1630s with a mercenary army. The Thirty Years' War has the land in its grip. The soldiers kill and pillage at the behest of continually changing masters. There is no end to the war in sight. But Gottlieb retains his humanity. He deserts the army and finds a new home in Ulm. As scribe to the city council he witnesses something no one dared hope for: the peace treaties of 1648. A historical story which presents the most important aspects of this complex war, making the experience of living through war intelligible for young readers.

- More than 600,000 in the Arena Library of Knowledge collection sold.
- An authentic and vividly exuberant portrait of the Thirty Years' War (1618 – 1648) with chapters on the most important historical background events, a glossary and a timeline.
- With brief biographies of Gustav II. Adolf, Maximilian I of Bavaria, the Duke of Richelieu, Albrecht von Wallenstein, Earl von Tilly.



# Our Spring 2019 Hotlist **ACTIVITY & QUIZZ**



## **Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD SERIES**

What a burst of colours – without pencil or paintbrush! Instead of putting colour on the paper, the wooden pen erases the blackness from the picture. The motifs are only partly visible and can be scratched to bring out even more colours, beauty and shapes.

- Bringing colour to a picture – without pencil or paintbrush. Promotes concentration and creativity.
- With a wooden scratch pen developed just for this colouring method.
- 4 titles available since autumn 2018. Two novelties for spring 2019:

## **Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. IN THE MAGIC FOREST (Vol. 5) by Nicola Dehmer (ISBN 71408, 48 pages)**

## **Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. FANTASTIC UNDERWATER WORLD (Vol. 6) by Nicola Dehmer (ISBN 71407, 48 pages)**

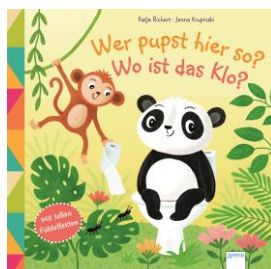


## **Quizz, 6+: QUIZ YOURSELF SMART SERIES.**

Our domestic animal world is full of secrets. What do you know? Who can answer the quiz questions? Each question has three possible answers – which one is right? The rules are simple – for one or more players. All answers are on the back of the card, complete with detailed explanations. Builds general knowledge for primary school children. Bringing colour to a picture – without pencil or paintbrush.

- Self-explanatory illustrations by our top-illustrator Hans-Günther Döring from our bestselling ANIMALS IN THE WILD series with more than 500,000 sold copies.
- Questions developed by our primary education experts Britta Vorbach and Helen Seeberg.
- Great-value general-knowledge tests and designed for one or multiple players.
- We start the series with four titles: Fox, hedgehog, duck, and tit.

# Co-Editions Summer 2019



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**Board Book, 3+: MY BIG TRACING BOOK. WHERE IS THE TINY CHRISTMAS MOUSE RUNNING TO? by Katja Reichert, illustrated by Denitza Gruber (ISBN 70471, 10 pages)**

Where is the tiny Christmas mouse? Is it scurrying through the winter forest? Or running past the small cottage where the Christmas gnomes are making toys and feeding the reindeer? Or might the little mouse be hiding in the heavenly baker's shop?

- Tracks that can be traced; a movable element, embossed foil on cover.
- 9,000 sold copies since publication in June 2016.
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: May 2019.

**Picture Book, 3+: LITTLE UNICORN SPARKLING STAR by Mila Berg, illustrated by Marina Krämer (ISBN 70824, 32 pages)**

Unicorns are sooo wonderful! They fly, they make wishes come true and they gallop over rainbows. Only the little unicorn named Finya can't do any of that all that well yet. But that doesn't matter as long as she can be with her best friends, the goblin girl Trixi, and Kalle the bat. Yet in one special night a star falls from the sky and lands right in front of Finya's hooves. Will she be able to bring it back – and to finally fly all the way up to the stars?

- With foil embossing on the cover and on all inner pages.
- 20,000 sold copies! Next volume planned for Autumn 2019
- Possible delivery ex works: Summer 2019.

**Touch- and Feel Book, 18 months+: A FART, POO! WHERE'S THE LOO? by Katja Reichert, illustrated by Janna Krupinski (ISBN 71274, 12 pages)**

Oh boy, a fart! There's no time to be lost now: the panda, the elephant and the others have to go to the loo! But where is it? A wonderful new touch-and-feel book that is double the fun.

- Including numerous sensual effects (fur, spot, embossing, foil or glittering) on the cover and on every page.
- Further available volume: BUNNY, FOX AND MOUSE – WHOM ARE THEY GOING TO SEE?.
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: May 2019.

**Sticker Book, 4+: MY BIG ANIMAL STICKER BOOK (vol. 4). THE LITTLE HEDGEHOG AND THE WORLD OF ANIMALS by F. Reichenstetter, illustrated by H.-G. Döring (ISBN 71115, 24 pages)**

By the hedge or in the backyard – there's so much to learn about the world of our domestic animals! It is fun for children, especially if they are able to learn about nature with bright animal stickers and small puzzles. Colourful illustrations, many pictures that can be coloured in and a sticker sheet invite young readers to actively participate.

- 4 titles are available so far. We sold 30,000 copies since 2017.
- Volume 5 will be published in January 2019. Rights sold to EE and IT.
- Possible delivery ex works: May 2019.

**Sound Board Book, 2+: LISTEN! WHAT CAN YOU HEAR? MY FAVOURITE ANIMALS written by Bärbel Müller and illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 70990, 12 pages)**

Just push it! Even young toddlers can do that. Then the cat will make "meow" and the fire engine will blast its horn. The rhymes can be read to children and tell little stories about soft and cuddly animal babies and great vehicles. Recognizing, sounds, listening and comprehending – an audio picture book for our youngest readers. It even comes with an on/off switch!

- With punched cover and 6 sound modules
- 4 titles are available so far. We sold 35,000 copies since 2017. 2 new volumes to be published in January 2019.
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: May 2019.