

MAX HELLER, DRESDEN DETECTIVE SERIES

7 VOLUMES IN TOTAL

by Frank Goldammer

- *Spiegel* bestselling series in Germany (over 175.000 copies sold)
- Exceptionally well-researched (author was born and raised in Dresden)
- Spans the time period between the end of the war to the construction of the Berlin Wall

As World War II ends, a killer's game begins...



Der Angstmann / The Air Raid Killer (vol. I)

340 pages, Sept. 2016

In the final days of the Nazi regime, with the historic city of Dresden on the brink of destruction, terrifying rumors spread about the Fright Man, a demonic killer who exploited the cover of a nighttime air raid siren to mutilate and kill a young nurse. Just as seasoned detective Max Heller begins investigating, the Fright Man kills again...

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368 pages, Oct. 2017

Two years after the firebombing that devastated the historic East German city, the suffering continues in the throes of a brutal winter. The wary and exhausted citizens scramble to survive, wolf packs of orphans scavenge for food, and Detective Max Heller is called to the scene of a savage murder. His investigation leads him down a trail of unspeakable corruption, desperate murders, and greater looming evils.

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Vergessene Seelen / The Forgotten (vol. III)

384 pages, June 2018

Dresden 1948: The great currency reform throws occupied and divided post-war Germany into a crisis. In the midst of the arduous reconstruction work, Chief Inspector Max Heller finds himself entangled in a case involving a fourteen-year-old boy, whose cause of death is anything but clear. Was it an accident, murder, or even possibly suicide?

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320 pages, Dec. 2018

In late summer 1951, Detective Inspector Heller and his family are returning to Dresden from their state-authorized vacation on the Baltic Sea. His wife Karin will be leaving again immediately, having unexpectedly received permission to visit their son Erwin in West Germany. Heller is worried, but his new case isn't leaving him any time to brood. Two men, Jehovah's Witnesses, being held under suspicion of espionage die in their prison cells. And other mysterious deaths follow. A cryptic message is found next to one of the victims and a horrifying suspicion rises in Heller.

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Juni '53 / June '53 (vol. V)

352 pages, Dec. 2019

Summer 1953: Daily life in the new GDR is becoming difficult. The ongoing shortages of everything continue. The population's dissatisfaction grows, and the number of those fleeing the country increases continuously. The government of the Socialist Union Party harshly imposes its demands and mercilessly hunts down its opponents. Even Max and Karin Heller consider fleeing to the West. On June 17, the political situation escalates as large-scale protest movements grow everywhere. This is the point at which Commissioner Heller is called to a Dresden insulation factory: its director and former owner has been brutally murdered. Is he a victim of the rebels? Heller's suspicions run along other lines. In the midst of the people's revolt, he searches for an unpredictable murderer. At the same time, Karin demands that he make a decision: run or stay?

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Lost Angels / Verlorene Engel (vol. VI)

352 pages, April 2021

During the dark fall evenings of 1956, woman after woman is brutally raped in Dresden. When a body of a woman is found in the Elbe, calls for vigilante justice grow louder amongst the rattled population. Commissioner Max Heller and his team are running their investigation under heavy pressure. With the help of a female decoy, they succeed in arresting a suspect. The man, disfigured by scars, admits to the rapes, but denies the murder. Are the Russian military deserters that everyone despises perhaps guilty after all? The situation escalates when Heller's 13-year-old foster daughter Anni disappears without a trace after an argument. A feverish search begins, and the murderer still hasn't been captured...

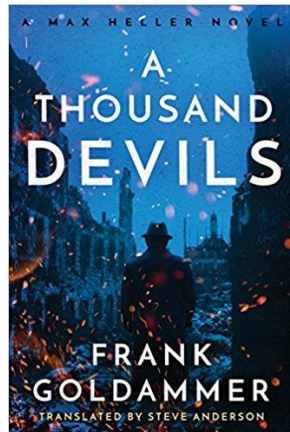
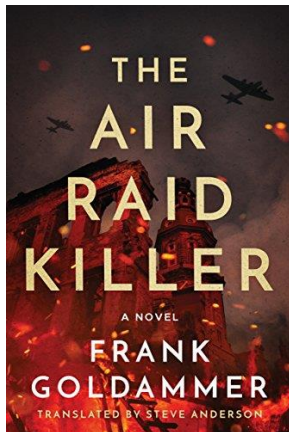
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Gabriella Page-Fort,
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- Full English edition available
- 1200 positive reviews on amazon.com: almost half of them are 5 star ratings

About the author:

Frank Goldammer was born in Dresden in 1975. A painter and varnisher by trade, he began writing in his early twenties, self-publishing his first novels. To date he has written three successful regional crime thrillers set in Dresden and its surroundings. A single parent, he lives with his twin children in Dresden.

