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# AHOY!

Dear friends and colleagues all around the world,

A new year is upon us and Bologna Children's Book Fair just around the corner, so it's about time to present our brand new spring titles!

New in: Two handy non-fiction card sets about trees and songbirds (p. 8), a comprehensive non-fiction book about all things insects (p. 9), a new board book series with a cute bear imparting first factual information about nature (p. 15), a brave squire facing a dragon in a most unexpected way (p. 25), an independent girl learning to accept help (p. 29), a humorous patchwork family adventure (p. 41), secrets and curses revolving around a herd of wild horses in the English Lake District (p. 47), and many more!

Enjoy browsing! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! Our agents and I will be happy to help.

We are looking forward to receiving your enquiries and meeting in person again soon!

If you're travelling to Bologna, feel free to make an appointment and visit us in Hall 30.

All the best,



Cara Klein



Games Guide

Environmentally sustainable production – the keystone of our green publishing philosophy!



*"Sustainability is not only an integral part of our DNA and publishing routine since the very beginning but nowadays also touches all areas of life. We are going to make our contribution."*

Ralf Rebscher, Managing Director

In order to keep transit distances short and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions low, we exclusively print and produce in Germany or nearby European countries.

We are a member of FSC® Germany and print virtually all of our books on FSC®-certified paper from responsible sources.

For our products, we use natural vegetable-oil-based ink, solvent-free glues, and water-based varnishes and forgo plastic wrappings to reduce waste.

We take our responsibility for a sustainable handling of our resources seriously. Hence, we are constantly working on improving our sustainable production.

Additionally, we support animal welfare around the world and plant trees in local woodlands, among other things.

MAREN HASENJÄGER

# A Small **BLUE** Dot

Somewhere, in the vastness of our universe, hovers a small blue dot. This blue dot is actually a planet called Earth, which is surrounded by many other impressive planets. Did you know Saturn has not one but 82 moons? Or that the tallest volcano in our solar system is on Mars? Or that summer lasts for 42 years on Uranus? Earth feels a little, well, blue. Not the hottest, nor the biggest, nor the farthest from the sun – is there anything that makes Earth special and unique, too?



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An exciting journey through our solar system highlighting each planet with striking and delightful illustrations.

Johanna Prinz · Jana Walczyk

# What Lives Above? What Down Below?

## Discover Secret Worlds

On our planet, you can find a multitude of different habitats. Some are densely forested, some rugged and rocky, and others lie beneath the ocean surface. Just as unique as the habitats are the animals that live there. Come along on an extraordinary journey around the globe to meet them above and below the earth – from the Antarctic all the way up to the Himalayas and down to possibly the deepest point in the Indian Ocean ...



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A factual yet poetic world tour with a special visual concept and spectacular illustrations.

# Nature's Little Secrets

Do you spot the fawn in the tall grass of the meadow? What's that scuttling across the forest floor? How do red deer cool down? And who lives in a puddle? There's so much to discover in the meadow and in the forest and about the influence weather has on both animals and plants. Let's dive in to get to know them and their little secrets!



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Non-fiction look-and-find picture books about the popular topics weather and forest and meadow animals and plants.



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NEW



Johanna Prinz · Marc Pattenden

# The Whisper of Nature

Life is often so busy that we forget to take pause and appreciate all the small wonders surrounding us. So how about we slow down and explore nine different habitats – the forest, meadow, lake, river, sea, mountains, city, park, and garden? Let's walk barefoot along the beach, collect stones at the riverside, observe tiny animals that live in the garden, or make art with leaves and other natural resources one can find in the forest! There are so many options to connect with nature.



6+  
48 pp  
26.2 x 33.5 cm  
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This large-scale non-fiction picture book invites its readers to be more mindful of nature and the environment with poetic texts and atmospheric illustrations.

Johanna Prinz · Andrea Jambor

# DAY AND NIGHT IN THE FOREST

Shortly before the night fades and morning dawns, it's very quiet in the forest clearing. Mist drifts between the tree trunks and dewdrops glitter on silken cobwebs in the first light of day. Soon, the hedgehog will go to sleep, the squirrel will wake up, and a new day full of wonders will begin.



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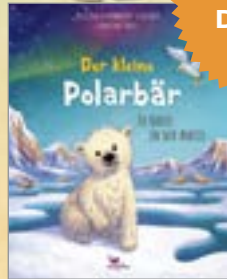
An exceptional and poetic non-fiction picture book about life in the forest over the course of one day and night.

KRISTINA SCHARMACHER-SCHREIBER · CHRISTINE FAUST

# AT HOME IN THE RAINFOREST, THE OCEAN, THE ARCTIC, AND THE SAVANNAH

Deep in the rainforest, in the vast ocean, on the icy plains of the Arctic, and in the hot savannah live the little orang-utan, the little sperm whale, the little polar bear, and the little giraffe respectively.

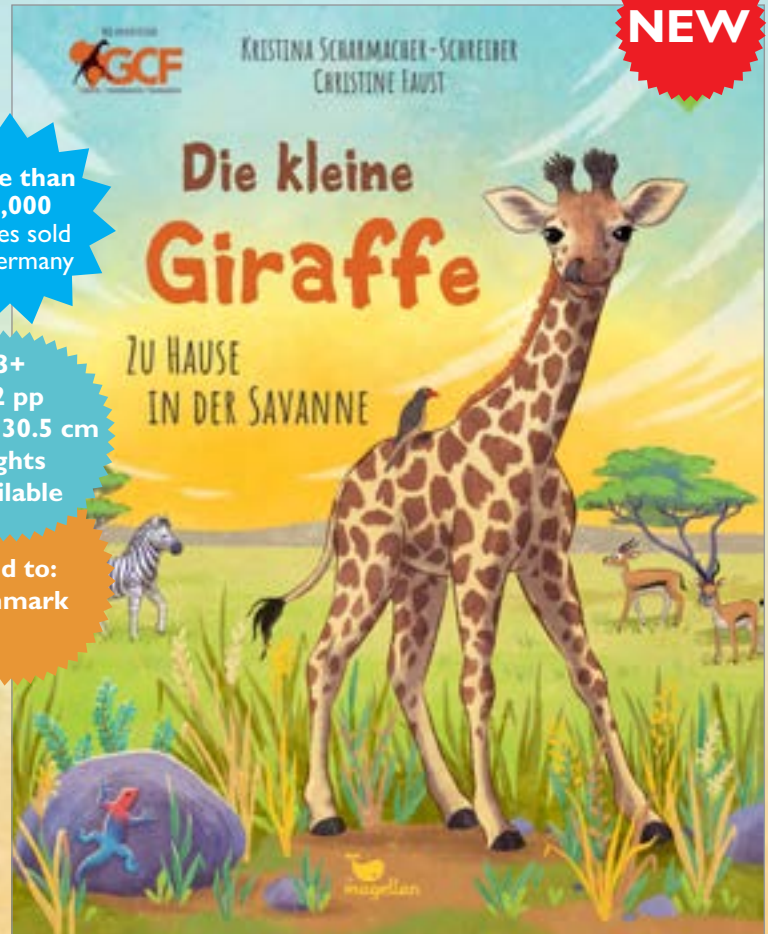
There's always so much to learn and discover: How to find food, hide from dangerous animals, and communicate with their families. Fortunately, their mothers and family members are always there to guide these little ones to grow up safely and help them find their place in this world.



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These colourfully illustrated non-fiction picture books raise awareness for the importance of species and environmental protection.

The Little Koala coming Autumn 2023



What do the leaves of the common beech look like? How do you recognise a Norway maple? What special features does the blue tit have? And how to distinguish the male and female goldfinch? These card sets with beautiful, detailed illustrations and factual information about trees and songbirds are the ideal companions for a discovery tour through nature, the local park, or your own garden.

8+  
56 cards  
7.0 x 12.0 cm  
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NEW

11 x 15 x 4.2 cm



12 cm

7 cm

Two non-fiction card sets on the popular topics trees and songbirds in a handy format to gamify one's trips into nature.

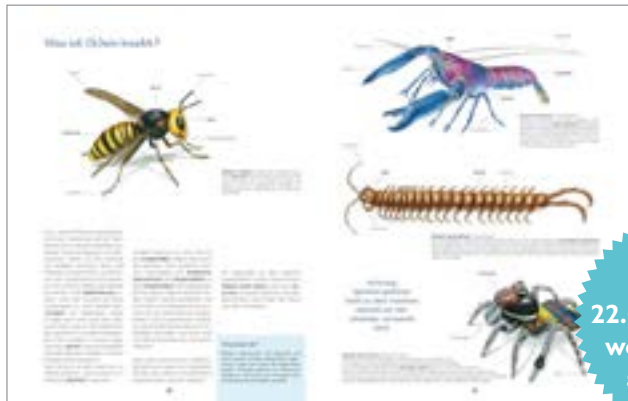




# INSECTS

## Small Creatures, Big Diversity

Have you heard of antlions, bombardier beetles, and zombie cockroaches? They are insects that actually exist, and as exceptional as their names are their talents. Take a deep dive into the biggest species class on our planet and learn how these creepy-crawly animals survive, communicate, fly, transform, trick their enemies, and much more!



10+  
128 pp  
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A comprehensive and naturalistically illustrated non-fiction book about insects with the newest scientific information.



Nadine Schubert · Inka Vigh

# ECO Heroes

Plastic has become a part of all aspects of daily life: in the kitchen, many groceries are wrapped or packed in plastic; in the bathroom, toothpaste and other beauty products contain microplastics; and in the children's room, plastic toys come in all forms and sizes. But what consequences does our excessive consumption of plastics have for our environment? And what can we do to stop increasing the evergrowing mountains of plastic waste?

Comprehensible background information and numerous tips and tricks to reduce plastics specifically for children from best-selling author Nadine Schubert.



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Eliz Simon · Inka Vigh

# GREEN Thumb

Protecting our environment and biosphere is a topic more and more children are drawn to. But where to even begin? How about right in front of your door! Creating a near-natural garden or transforming your balcony into a place where humans, birds, insects, and other animals as well as flowers and plants feel at home is a great way to actively preserve and support nature and biodiversity. So let's grab some gardening tools and make our world a tiny bit better, one plant at a time!



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96 pp  
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A lush gardening guide for children with information on vegetables, berries, trees, animals, sustainability, upcycling and DIY projects for gardens and balconies as well as recipes for self-harvested ingredients.

Nadine Schubert has more than 40,000 followers on Facebook and Instagram

Nastja Holtfreter

# SNEAK A PEEK

**NEW**

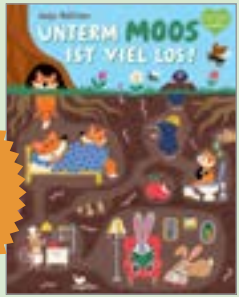
Sneak a peek into the earth, under the ocean surface, and up into the treetops. There, badgers, foxes, and hamsters live in their burrows and dens, fish, turtles, and whales dash through the waters, and owls, sloths, and koalas hide between the branches. Do you know how burrows are built, who goes to kindergarten, and why lions sometimes sit in trees? No? Then let's take a look and find out! There's so much going on here!



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Russia



Colourful board books about exciting journeys under the earth, into the ocean, and into the treetops playfully imparting first factual knowledge about the animals that live there.

Nastja Holtfreter

# The colourful world

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France, Greece, the  
Netherlands, Norway,  
Poland, Russia,  
Spain, USA

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Something isn't right here – strange creatures and objects keep appearing in the forest and in the sea; in the mountains and in the meadow; in the savannah, in fairytales, and in primeval times; at home, at the farm, and at the construction site; on the streets, on the playground, and at Christmas times. Seahorses don't have four legs, do they? Aren't raccoons' tails supposed to be striped, not spotted? And isn't one of the excavators looking a bit off? It's up to the little observer to find all the mistakes. There's a different puzzle to solve and something to learn about nature and everyday life on every page.

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16 pp  
17.5 x 17.5 cm  
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Subjects: sea, forest,  
farm, mountains, meadow,  
construction site, safari,  
dinosaurs, vehicles,  
Christmas, things at  
home, fairytales, service  
vehicles, playground,  
baby animals, jungle



Imaginative non-fiction books for the youngest readers,  
enabling them to discover the world in a playful way.

Nastja Holtfreter



# MY COLOURFUL QUIZ

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In the forest, in the sea, in the meadow, and on the farm, there are so many exciting things to discover! Which of these four animals lives in a tree? Which one has scales? Who makes honey? And where does milk come from?

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First factual information about animals and their respective habitats with Nastja Holtfreter's colourful quiz concept and humorous illustrations for the smallest of readers.

**NEW**



1+  
bundle of  
2 books à 12 pp  
11.0 x 11.0 cm  
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**Nastja Holtfreter**

# The Small Colourful Buggy World

Whether it's the rabbit in the garden or the clownfish in the ocean, the cow at the farm and the fox in the woods, the plane in the sky and the excavator at the construction site, the tiger in the jungle and the elephants in the savannah, or the foals on the pasture and the fire engine on the road – these buggy books with Nastja Holtfreter's colourful bold illustrations provide many motifs on the all-time favourite subjects garden and ocean, farm and forest, vehicles and construction site, jungle and savannah, and baby animals and service vehicles to marvel at.

With the band included in each bundle, the books are easily fastened to the buggy to be always close at hand.



The new favourite companion on the go for the youngest of readers.

## The Small Colourful World



Annette Langen • Florence Weiser

# The Little World of Apple Bear

## A Tree Is Growing

Apple Bear loves apples more than anything in the world. That's why he spends a lot of time with his best friend, the old apple tree, especially in autumn when there are many delicious apples waiting to be eaten. One day, Apple Bear tumbles from the tree and the apple he just plucked breaks in half. Apple Bear, who normally devours them in one bite, is surprised at the little black things on the inside. Fortunately, his friend Myrtle the turtle knows their secret ...



An endearing story about the wonders of nature with an adorable protagonist and first factual information about fruit trees.

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Series will be continued in Autumn 2023



## MANY DOORS BIG AND SMALL – WHO ARE WE GOING TO FIND BEHIND THEM ALL?

Who nibbles cheese and darts through the little brown door of this house? For sure, the mouse!

There are many doors of different colours and sizes in this place. Can you guess who is hiding behind them? Big and small flaps combined with humorous rhymes provide lots of beastly good riddle fun!



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20 pp  
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A handy board book playfully imparting first information on animals, forms, and colours.

# Ringo, the Dingo

The little dingo Ringo is somewhat of a sly dog: He always gets himself in trouble and the other animals have to come to his rescue. For a while, that works out rather well for Ringo, but since he never thanks them for their help, the other animals just stop coming when he calls. Now Ringo has to come clean if he doesn't want his biggest fear of being all alone to become his reality. Will the animals reconcile?



2+  
20 pp  
21.5 x 16.5 cm  
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A merry story in rhyme about gratitude and solidarity with an adorable and crafty protagonist.





Norman Klaar · Sébastien Braun



# THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

Mouse, Hare and their friends Duck, Badger, Beaver, Owl, Fox, Squirrel, and Raccoon have the most wonderful time together! Whether it's over the course of a single day or throughout the year – there are just so many things to do and every month and hour brings new possibilities: wild snowball fights, collecting firewood, flying kites, or going for a boat ride. It never gets boring in their little grove!



Atmospheric depictions of time with cosy illustrations and charming rhymes: the months and seasons of a year and the hours of a day.



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## Nastja Holtfreter

Brushing one's teeth is child's play? Not for Crocodile who has a long mouth with many pointy teeth. What's wrong with Giraffe? Better call Dr. Ele to get the right medicine! Oh dear, look how muddy Pig is! How will we convince them to take a bath? And is everyone asleep yet? Owl needs to check! Let's help them all by tapping, blowing on, shaking, or turning the book.

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Interactive board books in rhyme about brushing one's teeth, having a cold, bathing, and falling asleep.

Sabine Praml · Martina Leykamm

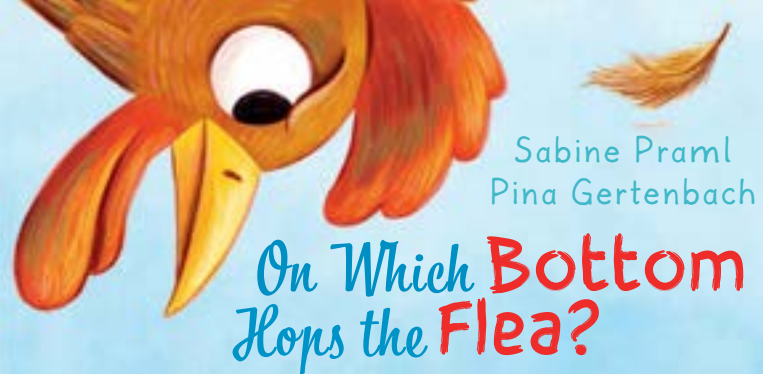
## Ding-A-Ling Choo-Choo, Piglet's Train Comes Through!

It's the most perfect day for travelling, so Piglet decides to take the train to visit grandma. Ms Hen, Mr Dog, Ms Fox, and Mr Bear are along for the ride. No matter whether they rush through a long tunnel or puff up a steep hill – this train will certainly reach its destination. And the passengers will have many fun stories to tell of their journey!



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An entertaining board book in rhyme  
and a perfect companion for train rides!



6pm, time for dinner!  
On the farm, the dog gets its bones, the cat its bowl, and the cow its hay. But wait – what about the smallest inhabitant, the flea? It's hungry too! And so it hops off on an adventurous journey from one animal to the next in search for a bite to eat ...



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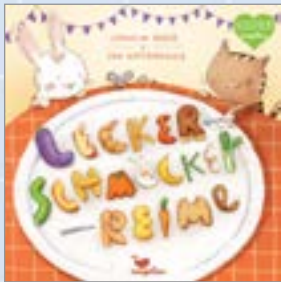
A humorous slice of farm life  
in rhyme for little animal fans.



CORNELIA BOESE & INA HATTENHAUER

# Everyday Rhymes

Before nibbling honey at noon, Betty Bear can be seen washing her paws squeaky clean.  
And what does Stallion Simon brush with a happy neigh? Right, his teeth three times a day!



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These delightfully illustrated board books in funny rhyme focus on everyday topics: food, clothes, and personal hygiene.

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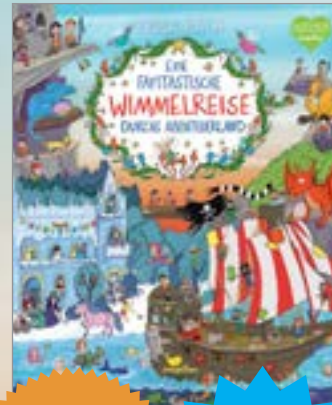


Tessa Rath



## Hidden Picture Board Books ADVENTURELAND AND FAIRYTALES

Whether it's the magical journey of two children trying to return a stolen golden dragon egg to its family or the illustrated retelling of six of the best-known fairytales of the brothers Grimm – the detailed illustrations invite small explorers to discover something new with each reading!



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Fabulous hidden picture books in a large format featuring some of children's most beloved theme worlds and fairytales.

Martina Badstuber



# MOUSIE MOUSE



Mousie Mouse has a lot to do! On Monday, they get dressed up; on Tuesday, they go shopping; on Wednesday, they go for a walk. And in the morning, they eat two slices of toast; at noon, they play with six paper planes; and in the evening, they count nine stars. And the next day, they have to pick strawberries in the garden, look for treasures in the attic, and bake cakes in the kitchen. And in spring, they enjoy the flowers; in summer, they go to the beach; in autumn, they fly a kite; and in winter, they go sledging. On these colourful spreads, there's a lot to discover!



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A series of board books supporting language learning and counting practice in a playful way.



Annette Amrhein · Sabine Straub

## An Unexpected Christmas Guest

The bear has been so busy preparing for hibernation that he even forgot to go to sleep. However, he is overjoyed: For the first time ever, he'll be able to celebrate Christmas! He wants to host a great party for the inhabitants of the forest and immediately sets out to write invitations, make decorations and get a tree. Unfortunately, the other animals are afraid of him and when Christmas Eve arrives, he is waiting in vain for his guests – or is he?



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**CHRISTMAS**

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A lovely Christmas story about finding friends in unexpected places.

Annette Amrhein · Sabine Straub

## The Unforeseen Christmas Letter

Christmas is just around the corner and little raccoon Puck longingly watches the birds delivering the mail for he dreams of receiving a Christmas letter of his very own. In another part of the forest, the little wren's biggest wish is to deliver a real letter for once, but the other animals think him not strong enough. Uncle Whiskers takes fulfilling their wishes into his paws, but the letter is heavy and the wren is so small. Will he be able to get the letter to Puck in time for Christmas?



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**CHRISTMAS**

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An atmospheric Christmas story about heartfelt wishes.



Annette Amrhein · Sabine Straub

## A Marvellous Christmas Song

Winter has come and the animals of the forest are excitedly looking forward to the Christmas celebrations. Squirrel Klecks has just returned from the city and recounts a wondrous tale: human children prepare a little surprise for Santa! The animals like this idea so much they decide to do the same. But what would Santa like the most? Maybe a very special Christmas song!



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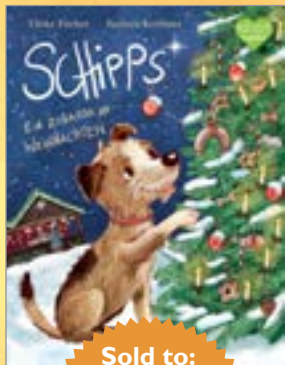
A wonderful Christmas story about giving something in return.



Ulrike Fischer · Barbara Korthues

# SCHIPPS A HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Just in time for Christmas, all the dogs from the shelter have found a new home – all except for poor little Schipps. When he's accidentally locked out, he finds himself all alone in the cold and no matter where he turns to, there's no place for him. Braving the icy snowstorm, he suddenly stumbles upon a comfy stable and receives a warm welcome from the other animals. But whether he gets to stay is up to Grandma Gerti, the farm's owner. Soon, Schipps gets a chance to prove himself when they discover the disappearance of the sheep Cloudlet. Bravely, Schipps sets out to find her – and the Christmas miracle he's been hoping for ...



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A moving Christmas story about solidarity, friendship, and finding a place that feels like home.

Jana Heinicke · Nini Alaska

# Oh No, My Ice Cream!

Kasimir is certain:

Today is going to be the best day ever! He's going on a steamboat trip with his grandpa and gets to pick out ice cream.

His body is tingling all over with what his grandpa calls the raspberry soda excitement. And of course Kasimir's ice cream is the best one ever! But oh, in an unguarded moment, it all topples into the water below. Kasimir is furious. No one pays attention and helps him rescuing the ice cream. His grandpa tries to console him with raspberry soda, but that doesn't quite go as planned either ... Will their best day ever turn into their worst?



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A tongue-in-cheek picture book about joy, anger, and a charming grandpa grandson relationship.

Nastja Holtfreter

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# MR LION WEARS COLOURS TODAY

Mr Lion is discontent. Very much so, in fact. Next to the colourful animals of the jungle, he doesn't feel special at all with his yellow-brown coat. In his eyes, yellow and brown just aren't the right colours for the king of the animals. It's about time for a change! But which colour would suit him?



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# LITTLE TOUCAN LEARNS TO FLY TODAY

The toucan children are excited: Today, they will learn how to fly! In the shortest amount of time, they are all up in the air – all except for the little rainbow-billed toucan, who just can't get the hang of it, even though it's trying so hard! The other animals of the jungle want to help and have their individual advices at the ready, but time and time again, their tips and tricks fail. Will the little toucan ever learn to fly?



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These colourful picture books encourage children to come to the realisation that everyone is best just the way one is.



# RAGNAR, KNIGHT DRAGONHEART

There's a rumour at Castle Kingsbeard: The mean troll king has gained control of a dragon and is going to attack! In order to find out whether there's truth to it, the knights are sent out to investigate – and squire Ragnar is to accompany them. Ragnar is very excited, but plans go awry pretty quickly and he ends up deep in the enemy fortress – right in front of the dragon. But is the dragon truly as dangerous as everyone believes or is there more to it than it seems?



A story about knights, dragons, courage, and friendship with modern illustrations.

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Uticha Marmon · Anne-Kathrin Behl

# SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A WHIFFET



Poor Ida! Her parents have brought home a whiffet. And this has made itself a comfortable nest in Ida's home and now everything revolves around this new family member. But then Ida realises that

even a whiffet has its uses: it's perfect for pinning the blame on. It's her parents' own fault for getting a whiffet, isn't it? Or is a whiffet not such a bad thing after all?

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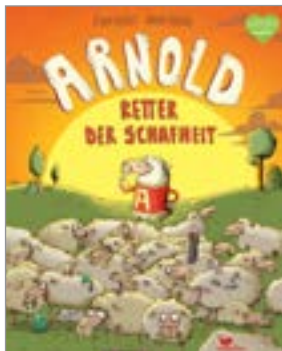
A story about overcoming jealousy and coming to terms with the role of being an older sibling.

Gundi Herget · Nikolai Renger

# ARNOLD, Saviour of Sheepkind

Have you ever seen a super-sheep? No? Well then, time to meet Arnold! Arnold jogs. Does knee bends. Prances around. A super-sheep has to keep in form!

The other sheep shake their heads. Tap their foreheads. Such nonsense! Finally, it's Arnold's big day: There's a wolf on the hunt and everyone's afraid. Everyone? No, Arnold is going to defend his herd. Uh-oh! Let's see how that goes ...



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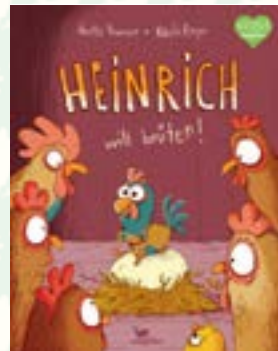


A wonderfully quirky and unconventional superhero-sidekick-duo defying all odds.

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# Henry Wants to Hatch!

Henry is a big cock already – well, almost. At least he's getting better at crowing! When he's all grown up, Henry is to look after the chicken yard, just like his father! But why can't he look after the little chicks as well, just like his mother? Who says hatching is only for hens?! That's totally unfair! Henry sets his mind to proving everyone wrong and cocks can hatch eggs and look after chicks just as well!



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No One Is Like You,

# LOULOU!

Elephant girl Loulou is not happy with herself: Her ears are too big, her trunk too long, and there's nothing special about her ... she's just such an irrelephant. Her friend, the toucan, spares no effort to cheer her up and shows her what wonderful things she can do. But only when the other animals ask her to impersonate them does Loulou realise that the things she started out not liking about herself are what makes her truly special.

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The animals happily come to their pond to drink or wash or play. But all of them get a terrible shock: the water's gone away! Who could have stolen a pondful of water? It seems beyond belief. So Tom and Theo set out on the trail. Will they find the thief?



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Ava lives alone in a faraway forest.

Her only companions are her bow and arrow, but that's alright. After all, Ava means 'the Strong', so she doesn't need any help and manages quite well on her own – and others are not to be trusted. However, that changes when Ava one day suffers from a terrible toothache she can't get rid of herself. Maybe it's not so bad to accept help after all ...



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Usually, owl Elli and bat Thea are in total agreement. One night, however, they pick a quarrel because they can't decide whether the moon is shining from up above or down below. Will the other animals be able to help them smooth down their differences?



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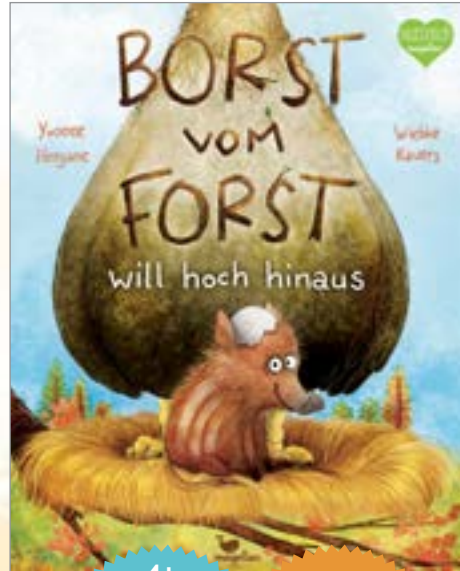
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One day, boar piglet Borst finds an abalone shell in the woods, which smells so nicely of the opposite. Therefore, Borst wants to take the shell back home. But the journey to the sea is far and dangerous ...

Back in the forest, Borst and his new friends, the seal Marilyn and the seagull, find an egg from which a little eagle fledgling hatches. Naturally, Borst sets out to bring it safely back home. But going all the way up to the eyrie is a difficult endeavour for a little boar piglet ...

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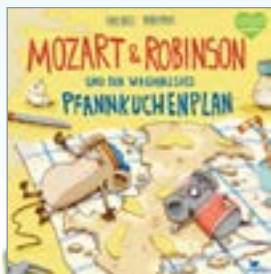
# MOZART & ROBINSON

Mozart, the house mouse, and Robinsin, the field mouse, are best friends despite all differences – which doesn't mean that they always agree with each other. Like when Robinsin insisted that the moon is made of cheese, while Mozart was positive it's made of stone and they built a rocket to prove their respective point. Or when Robinsin persuaded Mozart, who wanted to stay inside to read, to go on a true Robinsin Crusoe adventure. Or when they fought over food preferences and devised a daring plan to make pancakes that had them going on a foray to the farm ...



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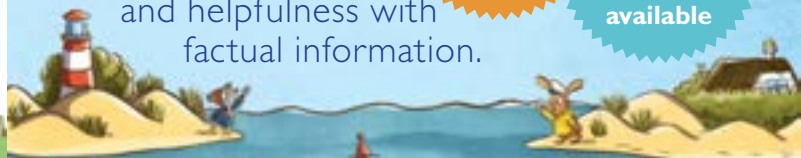


Having managed just that, they come up with a plan to share their island love even further: A guesthouse with a seagull taxi shuttling between their islands. When their first visitors, a seal mum with her little pup, arrive, their quiet and steady island life is turned on its head.

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Whirlwind stories of a small hero with a big heart about friendship and helpfulness.

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# Fox and Lynx

Friendship with Hiccups

Lu Lynx has big paws, long tufted ears, likes to play with her brothers, and wants nothing more than to go on the hunt with them. If only it weren't for the hiccups she constantly gets whenever she has to laugh. They are always giving her away. How embarrassing for the quietest animal of the forest! Fortunately, she meets brazen Finn Fox, who makes it his business to help her find a solution. However, fox and lynx



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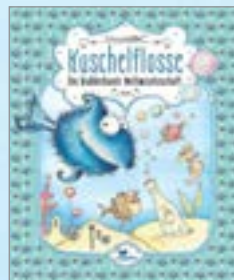
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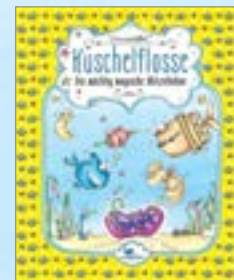
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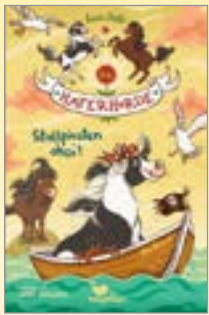


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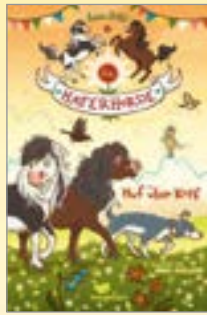




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which becomes apparent when she introduces her family to Hari, her Indian boyfriend whom she intends to marry. After the initial surprise, the rest of the family is soon taken by Hari by storm. Only Polli can't warm up to him since he has, by extension, shattered her llama dreams. One thing's for certain: She needs a plan to set things right!

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With her mum radically clearing out the house and antique shop of her late favourite great aunt, Rosa is trying to save as many beloved memorabilia as she can manage.

One day, she stumbles upon a mysterious pouch with lettered glass pieces her aunt hid away for her. The solution to the riddle sends her, her best friend Sami, and little monkey Uma on an exciting treasure hunt through town. But they are not the only ones looking for Adele's secret inheritance ...

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When his roommate goes missing, Paul has to decide: keep up his act or do everything in his power to find Carl – even if that might mean he'll end up being kicked out again ...

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# WISH AGENCY

## Edda

Eight-year-old Edda has been collecting wishes ever since the bookshop owner told her about wish swapping – and Edda really wishes for a pony! Unfortunately, that's a rather big wish, so Edda has opened a wish letterbox at her parent's restaurant for the small, big, and sometimes quite secretive wishes of the people in her neighbourhood. Everyone has a wish – and if she fulfils many small wishes, maybe one day Edda will be able to swap them for her one big heartfelt wish ...

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# Sadie Spring

My Bunch of Brothers

Sadie Spring is far from happy when they move in with her dad's new girlfriend and her four sons. Turns out it's even worse than she thought: her new room has no door and her father hardly has time for her anymore. Why can't they just move back home?

Johnny Summer wouldn't mind Sadie that much – if it weren't for her dog Trip. He's deathly afraid of dogs and with Trip in the house, he can hardly breathe anymore. Feigning an allergy seems like a good way to keep Trip away from him, but what he really needs is family Spring to move out again before his secret is revealed. When the two realise they have a common goal, they devise a plan to break up their parents. What could possibly go wrong?!



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# MARI

Girl from the Sea

Twins Fritz and Lena are stunned: Not only does their weird new classmate Mari have a talking sea urchin as a pet and seems to live on algae, no, she's also a real sea princess! She has left her underwater kingdom of Almaris after the oracle had prophesied something terrible would happen to her if she stayed. But when Mari finds out Almaris is threatened to be exposed by a greedy scientist, she throws all caution to the wind. Can she thwart his evil plans with the help of Fritz and Lena – and elude the prophecy?



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# ANTON MONSTER HUNTER

When Anton receives a weird wardrobe for his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, he accidentally releases a Dream Eater, one of the most dangerous demons. How should he have known that it was a portal to another dimension?! The little Nightmare Nepomuk, guardian of the other side of the portal, is none too pleased, but the only way not to get in trouble is to work together to catch it. To hone his newfound special abilities and find a way to save his hometown, Anton enrolls at the local school for monster hunters. Together with Nepomuk, kick-ass Suna, and awkward Theo, he tries to figure out a plan while flying under the radar of the headmaster's watchful eye and keeping spiteful Fabio off their back ...



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# Dratted Djinn

All Anton wanted was to buy a bottle of milk – not end up stuck in the year 1698 in the middle of the Ottomans' siege of Vienna! Unfortunately, wishing for the djinn Osman to get a second chance at fulfilling his mission from 300 years ago sweeps Anton and his older sister Fanni away to the past. Osman tells them the only way back is to set things right and save his master. They have no choice but to help him while navigating this unknown world – and trying to stay alive ...



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# MAGIC advertisements

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Kimia wouldn't have thought it possible for magic to exist either until she has to spend the summer with haughty Caroline. Soon, she's entangled in a plot to stop the impending move of Caroline's family – no matter the cost, even if it means sacrificing a magic mirror with a secret inhabitant. Kimia needs a plan to stop that from happening ...

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When the whole kaleidoscope suddenly disappears without a trace and her grandmother falls mysteriously ill, Stella's world is turned upside down. Does the new boy Victor, who seems so very interested in her family's butterflies, have something to do with it? What secrets have her mother and grandmother kept from her? And, most importantly, how can she find her beloved Cleopatras and save her family?

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Moving from New Zealand back to Germany, Jola just wants a regular life. However, fitting in proves to be more challenging than she anticipated, especially since her hosts' daughter Katie doesn't make her feel welcome. Although Jola hasn't cared two figs about horses so far, the equestrian farm soon turns out to be full of surprises. On her first night, a mysterious white stallion appears in the stables. Why does no one seem to miss him? Jola is fascinated and sets out to solve the mystery behind his appearance, finding an unlikely ally in Katie ...

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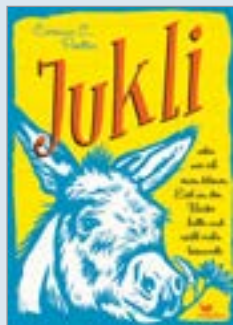


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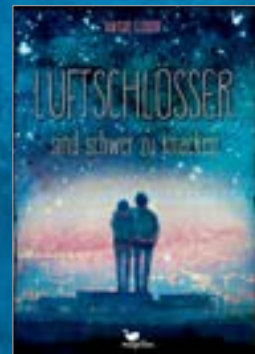
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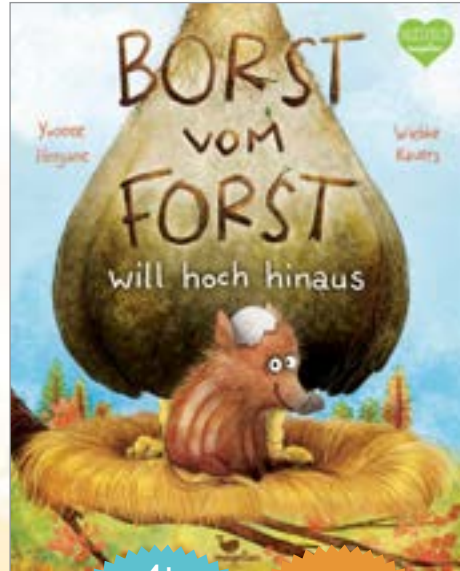
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One day, boar piglet Borst finds an abalone shell in the woods, which smells so nicely of the opposite. Therefore, Borst wants to take the shell back home. But the journey to the sea is far and dangerous ...

Back in the forest, Borst and his new friends, the seal Marilyn and the seagull, find an egg from which a little eagle fledgling hatches. Naturally, Borst sets out to bring it safely back home. But going all the way up to the eyrie is a difficult endeavour for a little boar piglet ...

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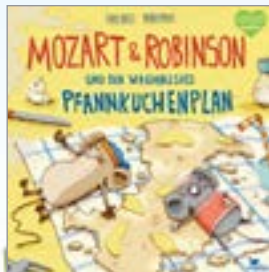
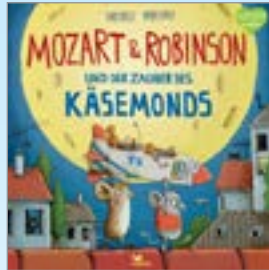
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Mozart, the house mouse, and Robinson, the field mouse, are best friends despite all differences – which doesn't mean that they always agree with each other. Like when Robinson insisted that the moon is made of cheese, while Mozart was positive it's made of stone and they built a rocket to prove their respective point. Or when Robinson persuaded Mozart, who wanted to stay inside to read, to go on a true Robinson Crusoe adventure. Or when they fought over food preferences and devised a daring plan to make pancakes that had them going on a foray to the farm ...



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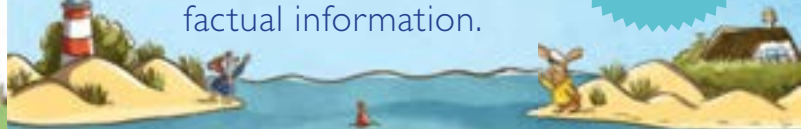


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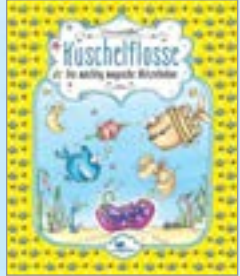
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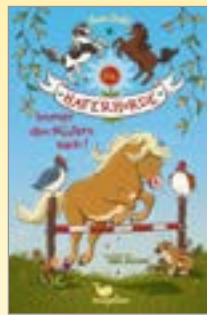
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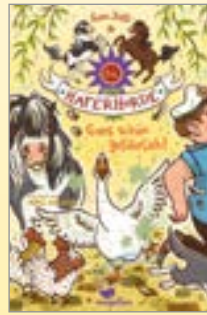
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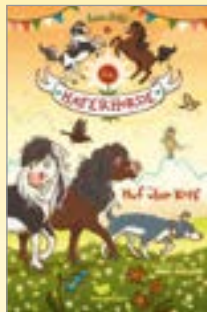




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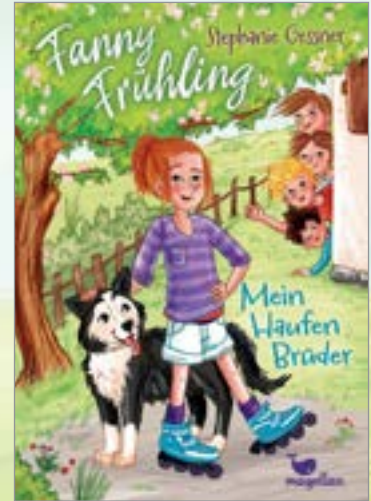
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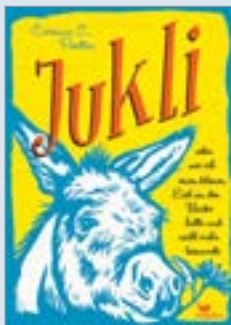


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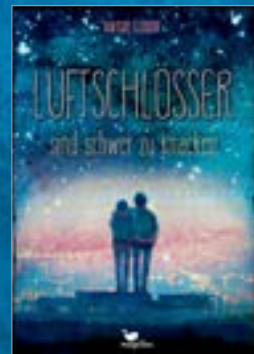
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