



Ute Körner Literary Agent

SINCE 1984

Frankfurt 2023

Series My First Animals/Things

by Anna Süßbauer

0 - 3 years



Oetinger · July 2023 · 16 pages



Oetinger · July 2023 · 16 pages

ID #040100-1



An utterly delightful picture dictionary of animals and things.

- Surprising illustrations which appeal to babies and adults alike.
- Witty details turn this picture book into a thrilling voyage of discovery.

More titles coming soon!

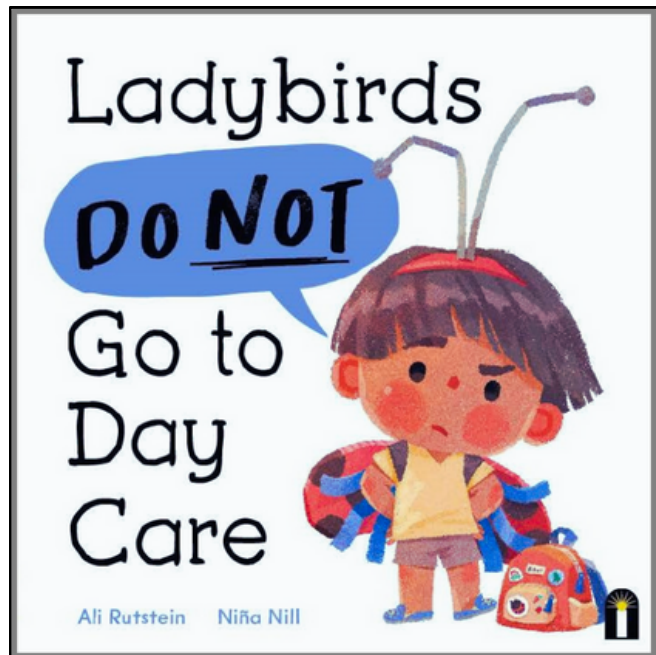


Series Preschool Problems

Text by Ali Rutstein, illustrations by Niña Nill



0 - 3 years



Ladybirds Do Not Go to Day Care is the first book in a major new preschool series from Bright Light, *Preschool Problems*. Each title in the series will focus on a young child overcoming their fear or concern about a new activity that initially feels scary but isn't scary at all once they learn to do it.

It's Ravi's first day of day care and he's dressed up as his favourite bug. But Ravi is feeling unsure about day care and is quite certain that ladybirds do not go to day care.

Can an anxious and unsure Ravi find the bravery he needs to take flight? Of course!

This is a spirited, funny, and empowering picture book to gently encourage even the most nervous of children to spread their wings and try something new.

Little Hare · December 2023 · 32 p.

More titles coming soon!

ID #040246



December 2024



December 2025



December 2026

Pango & Dillo

Text by Francesca Ortona, illustrations by Lorenzo Sangiò



Il Castoro · Sept 2023 · 32 pages

Pango and Dillo have just one thing in common: they both know how to curl up into a ball! That's because they are a pangolin and an armadillo. But Pango is wild and outgoing, while Dillo is shy and kind of scared of things. The first day of school is a challenge for both of them. But friendship is the key to get over their insecurities and to discover that school can be a great place after all.



The Thing About the Dragon

Text by Daniel Fehr, illustrations by Sébastien Murrain



Thienemann · 2023 · 32 pages

Cleverly and wonderfully laconically narrated by the bestselling international author **Daniel Fehr** and illustrated by one of the best French picture book artists: **Sébastien Murrain**.

How to get rid of a boring present – and suddenly own a dragon.

A picture book as a birthday present? How boring! Who wants to read something that is completely made up? Luckily the hero of our story knows a way out and is able to swap the book for his sister's laser sword. In exchange for the sword, he gets a football, then an aquarium for the football, a dog for the aquarium, then a real rubbish van... and finally a giant, fire-spitting dragon! The more fantastical and incredible the boy's story gets, the more the reader becomes suspicious that he might rather like invented stories...



A Different Dragon

Text by Nick Gill, illustrations by Luma Wildish



Hardie Grant · Sept 2023 · 32 pages

A gorgeous picture book that celebrates being different, having special talents, and having grace in the face of disappointment

You will follow Donny as he attends his first day of Dragon School to learn how to breathe fire. Donny is incredibly excited for his first day, but while the other dragons are quick to learn how to light the spark in their throats, Donny can only spray water from his nose! Donny wishes that he was special like all the other dragons. But when a fire breaks out in the town, Donny is the only one who can help.



Torben Kuhlmann



The Grey City

NordSüd · 2023 · 80 pages

Lux moves to the city with her parents. Everything there is gray—house facades, people, even flowers. Lux sets out in search of color and uncovers a plot: behind all the gray is the faceless Gray Company Inc. Thanks to her powers of deduction and a few allies, Lux gets into the company's control center and sets all the color controls to colorful.



ID #39829

Torben Kuhlmann stands for great picture book art. With *The Grey City* he soars to new heights and sets an example for colorfulness and diversity.

Mouse Adventures

“Another milestone in human-mouse collaboration, virtuosic of visuals and tongue in cheek of tone.” - Kirkus Review

“You will have to go as far back as Janosch to find something comparable.” - Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

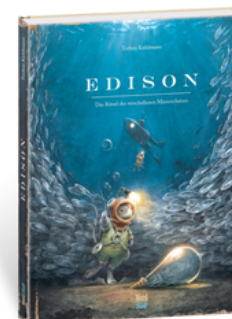
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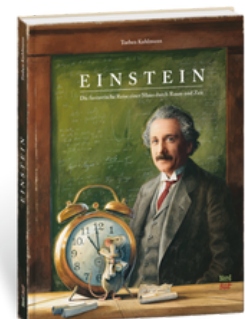
Rights for Portugal and Brazil still available!



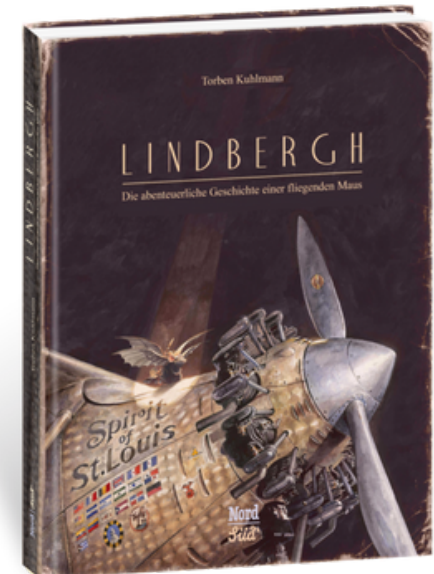
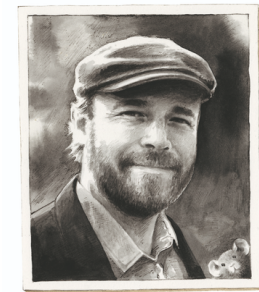
2016 · 128 pages



2018 · 112 pages



2020 · 128 pages

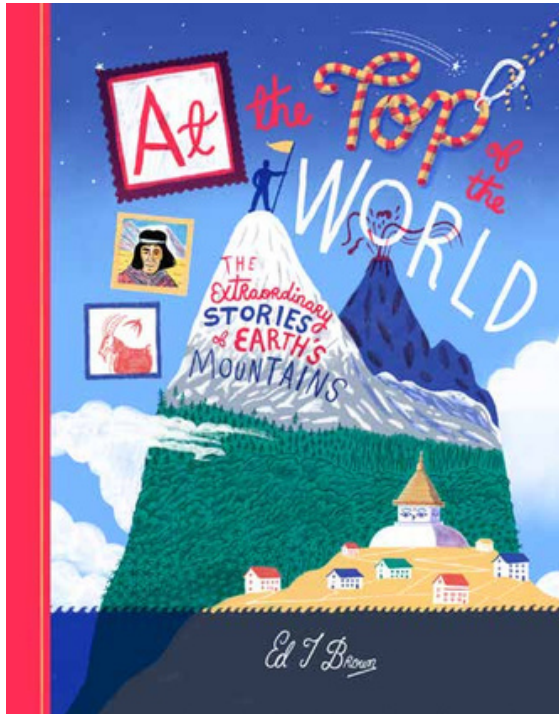


2014 · 96 pages

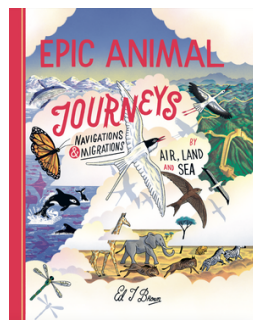
At the Top of The World: The Extraordinary Stories of Earth's Mountains

by Ed J. Brown

Non-fiction



Cicada · May 2024 · 70 pages



ID #40293

Epic Animal Journeys: Migration and navigation by air, land and sea
A glorious celebration of the great adventurers of the animal world!
Cicada · Nov 2022 · 72 pages

Summit the heights of Earth's most extreme landscapes!

Embark on an awe-inspiring journey to the roof of the world in this breath-taking expedition across the highest mountains on Earth.

From Everest to Matterhorn to Kilimanjaro, explore the most monumental peaks of the planet. Discover the tectonic upheavals that forged these mountains. Uncover the effects of altitude on nature and evolution, and delve into the stories of the fearless mountaineers who braved unimaginable challenges to conquer these natural giants.

CONQUERING THE MOUNTAIN

Conquering a mountain is a feat of endurance. Mountaineers go to great lengths to reach the summit, often with modern equipment.

The greatest challenge is often the weather. Mountaineers must be prepared for all kinds of weather, from blizzards to drought. They must also be prepared for the physical challenges of the climb.

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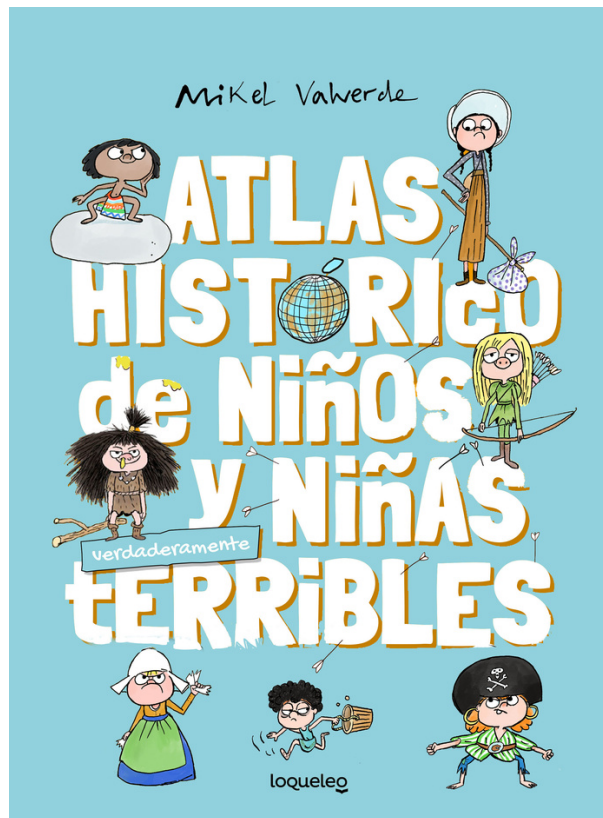
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Historical Atlas of (truly) Terrible Kids

by Mikel Valverde



Loqueleo · Nov. 2023 · 58 pages

Probably the most fun
Children's History book
you will come across.

A mockumentary about some of
the most **TERRIBLE** kids of History,
from the Pleistocene to the present time.

*And yes, there's historical true facts throughtout

There have been many, many kids who have behaved like rogue rascals or in a nonsensical way throughout history. Some did it out of pure evil, others out of boredom, and most as a form of misunderstood fun. Several of them managed to change the course of History. The rest got unnoticed. However, they have all been ignored and their pranks have not occupied a single line in the History books.

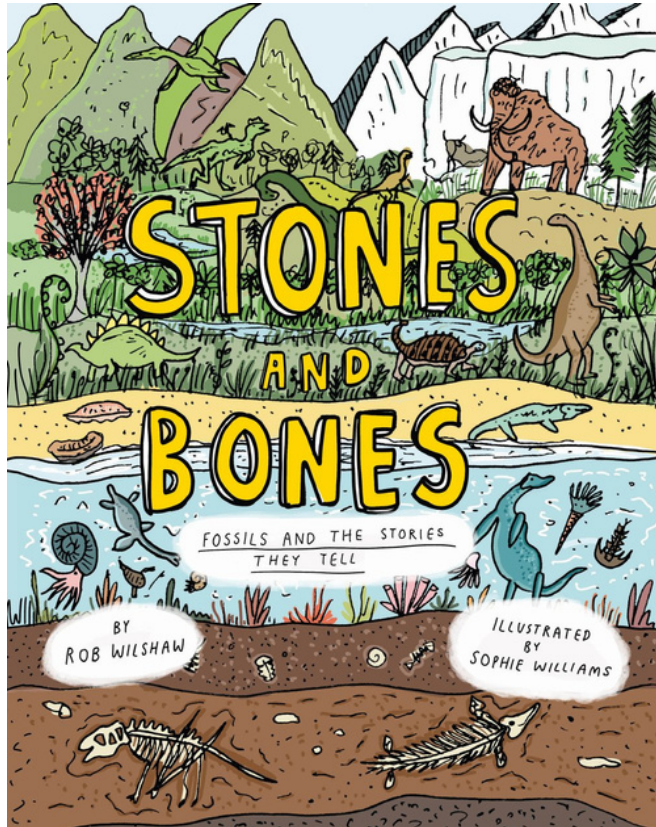
This book is an approach to some of those terrible creatures.

Although they are not role models, these children have as much right to have their misdeeds told as those of many tyrants, witches, professional poisoners or adult bandits.



Stones and Bones

Text by Rob Wilshaw, illustrations by Sophie Williams

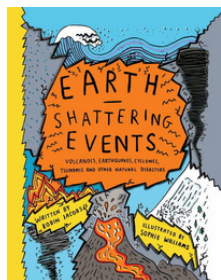
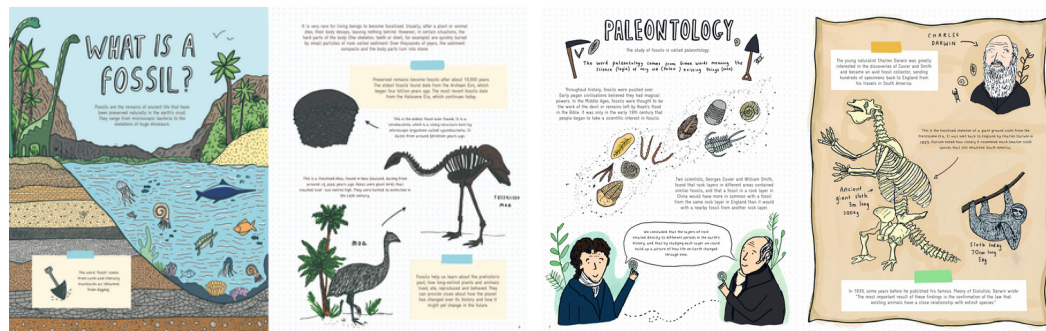


Cicada · Oct 2023 · 80 pages

Uncover the story of life on this planet as told through the stones and bones that hold its secrets.

Scientists called paleontologists study fossils to find clues about how the earth and all the living things that inhabit it have evolved over time. From primitive, sponge-like creatures to huge dinosaurs, fossils tell us amazing tales about how life has changed in the past and might change in the future.

With lively illustrations and colourful diagrams, this is a hugely informative and accessible exploration of life on our planet.



Also available by the same illustrator: **EARTH SHATTERING EVENTS.**

An atlas of the most extreme meteorological and geological disasters that nature has to offer!

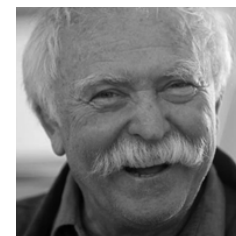
Cicada · Oct 2019 · 72 pages

ID #40202

Janosch

Stories by Janosch stand for
FRIENDSHIP, FREEDOM AND
FINDING YOUR LITTLE
HAPPINESS.

Tiger and Bear
45th birthday!



Early readers

Anniversary Anthology



What a Wonderful Life, My Friends!

Ellermann · 2023 · 240 pages



Wonderful, my Friends!

Ellermann · 2023 · 128 pages

Janosch's classic
“The Trip to Panama”
has sold over 10M copies
world wide and Janosch's
books have been translated
into over 100 languages.

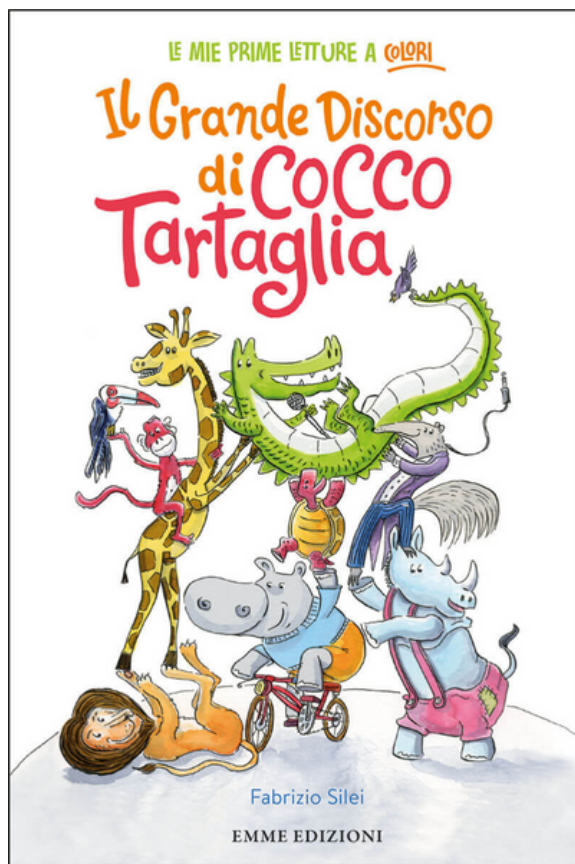
Tiger and Bear were originally created by the renowned artist Janosch (Horst Eckert). During his early career he was a student of the painter Paul Klee. In 1960 he published his first children's book and has been a painter, rhyme-maker, author of children's books, picture books and novels, the creator of stories and characters. He was awarded the Germany Youth Literature Prize. Today he lives in a sunny paradise high in the mountains of Tenerife. The characters he developed have been evolved by Florian Fickel, author of many radio plays, and Johanna Seipelt.



Series My first colour readings

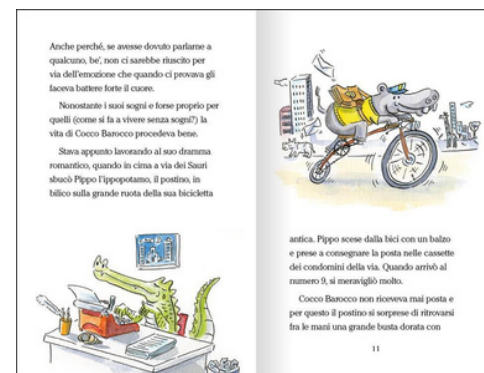
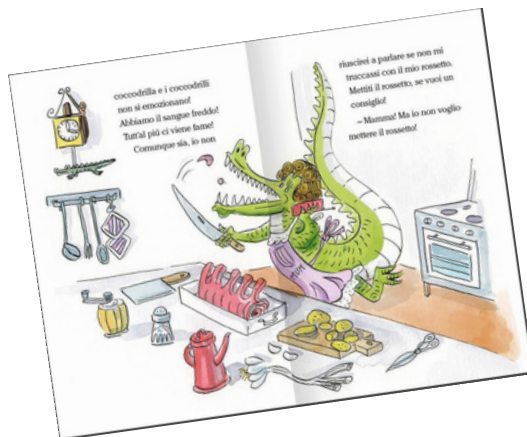
Croc Stutter's Great Speech

by Fabrizio Silei



- A new, richly illustrated series specially designed for independent reading, ideal for children who want to read while having fun.
- Perfect stories for travelling with the imagination.
- Hardback edition, colourful and lively illustrations, fun stories to read and read again!

Croc Baroque, an extremely shy crocodile, faces a daunting task of giving a speech at a major international crocodile gathering. What to do? Call in sick? Pretend he already has a commitment? Run-away abroad? Or ask the other animals for advice to learn how to overcome emotion?



Emme Edizioni · 2023 · 96 p.

More titles available!



Series Forever Fairies

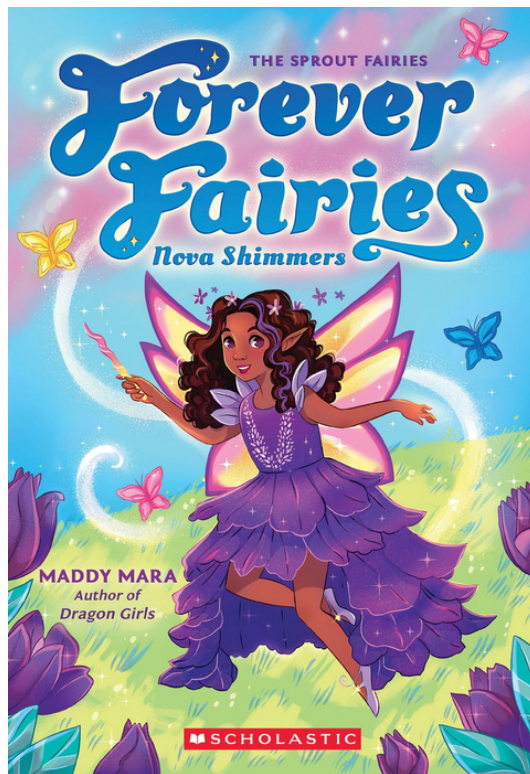
Text by Maddy Mara, illustrations by Cristina Gómez



Middle Grade



Scholastic · March 2024 · 128 p.



Scholastic · March 2024 · 128 p.

2 more titles coming soon!

#3: Coco Twinkles

#4: Zali Sparkles

Rights
sold to
Fundamento
(Brazil)

The new Sprout Wing fairies, Lulu, Nova, Coco, and Zali, can't wait to explore their home in the Forever Tree. Soon they'll try out to see which fairy pod they each belong to, starting with the swift and sporty Flutterflies! Lulu wants to stay close to her friends, but there are four different pods, each with a special talent--plus mischievous trolls stirring up trouble! Will the Sprout Wings be fairy friends forever?

Series Captain Bump

Text by Andrea Visibelli, illustrations by Davide Panizza



Middle Grade



Il Castoro · June 2023 · 48 p.



Il Castoro · June 2023 · 48 p.



Rights sold
to Bruño
(Spanish/World)

It's not easy to be a captain, especially if you don't even know what it really means. But Bump does know one thing: he doesn't want to let his friends down. And he soon learns that even a captain needs... A SHIP! So he sets off on a fun, crazy adventure to capture the most beautiful vessel of all and to set sail with his crew.



ID #039615



- 1) Keep the bucket clean
- 2) Remove all weeds
- 3) No eating near the well (or crumbs will fall in)
- 4) Close the well when it rains
- 5) Banish all pigeons

Series Lady Bertha

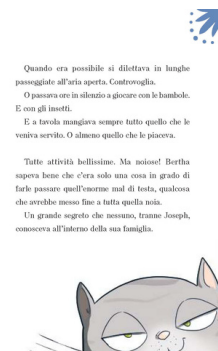
Text by Brian Freschi, illustrations by Elena Triolo

Middle Grade



Il Castoro • 2023 • 112 p.

Lady Bertha lives in a beautiful, elegant building in Victorian London with her aristocratic family. But she definitely prefers her true passion – solving mysteries – to fancy balls and afternoon teas! Along with her trusty cat Joseph and all her friends, Bertha is the head of the most incredible detective agency in town, and ready to solve even the most mysterious cases!



Book #2 Lady Bertha and the Vanished Cake (Spring 2024)

Book #3 Lady Bertha and the Tower Ravens (Fall 2024)

Rights sold
to Edebé
(Spanish/World &
Catalan)

ID #40045

Series Magic Agents

Text by Anja Wagner

Middle Grade



cbj Kinderbücher · 2023 · 288 p.

BOOK #01: Elia and her magical companion Selmor must save Dublin from destruction. Fabulous creatures, plenty of action and a dose of Irish magic.

3rd title coming soon: 2024!



cbj Kinderbücher · 2023 · 288 p.

BOOK #02: Their second mission sees Elia and magical companion Selmor on a dangerous ghost hunt in the Czech capital

**Fast-paced adventures
set in cities rich in mythology**

Magic service agents (in short 'magents') do top secret work all over the world. Their motto is 'Trust no one, and never underestimate them.'

Shortly after passing the magents' exam, 12-year-old Elia Evander is posted to Dublin, where someone has stolen a magical artefact. As more and more fabulous creatures start showing up in the city, their presence spells danger – not only for humans but for themselves too. Elia is an agent of magic, and she's on the case! But before she can send the lost creatures back into their realm, she faces some unexpected challenges.

Rights sold
to Russia (Eksmo) &
The Netherlands
(Leopold)

Series Donnie & Jan

Text by Sabine Zett, illustrations by Daniel Stieglitz

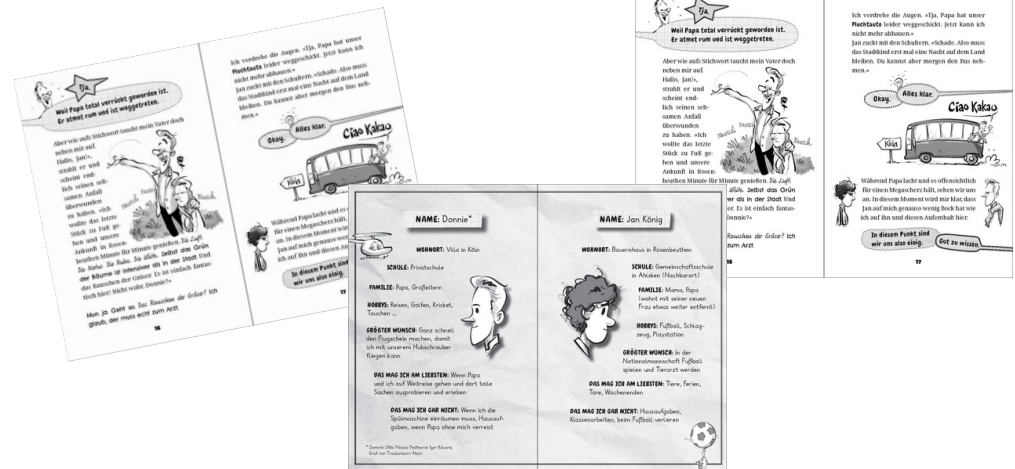
9 years



Two different boys. Two opposite worlds. One mission.

Donnie, can't believe that his father has decided to move out into the country with him. No more private school, no more posh car, and not even Ursula, the housekeeper, is coming with them. And you can only get WLAN in the henhouse! How on earth is Donnie supposed to find his way around?

And then there's Jan, Dad's girlfriend's son. He's just as unhappy about this patchwork experiment as Donnie, and would like to get rid of him as soon as possible. The situation forces the two of them to work together, and they hatch a foolproof plan to bring this "brotherly country life" experiment to a swift conclusion...



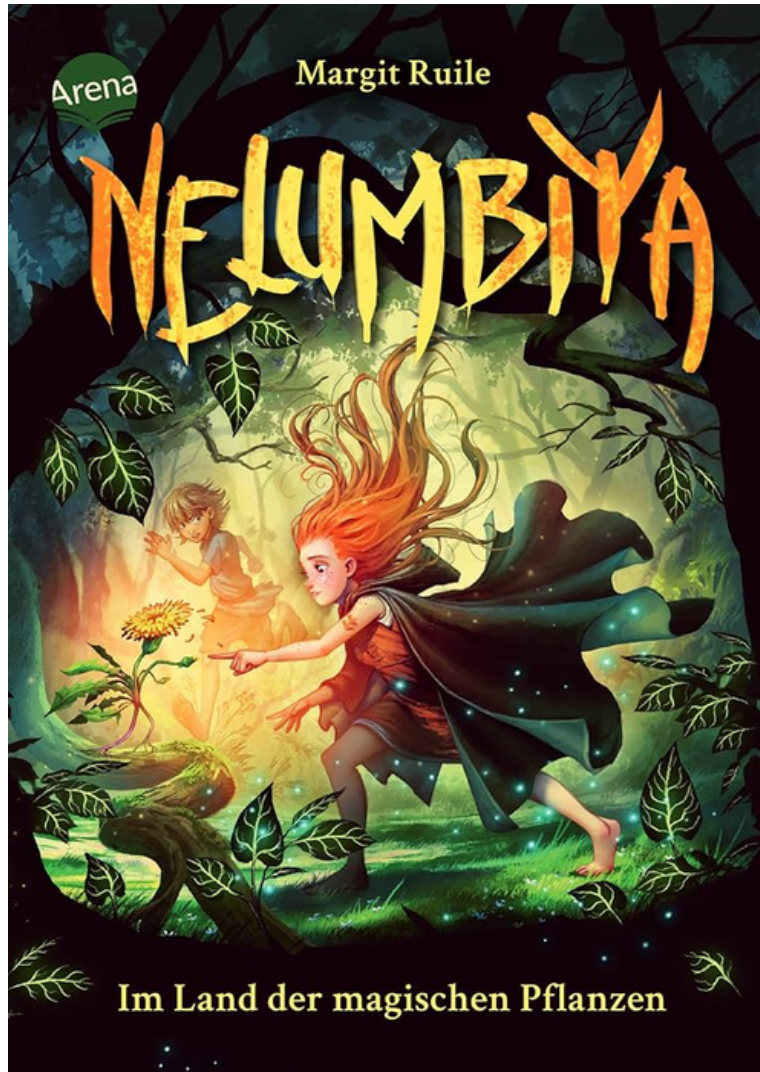
Arena · Book #01: The Gangster Cows
August 2023 · 170 p.

Nelumbiya

by Margit Ruile



10 years



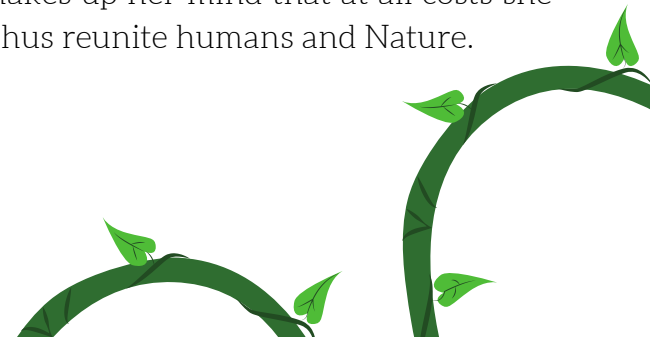
Filmic fantasy set in an epic, magical world of plants

Tara is an orphan and a thief, who lives in the mountain town of Ornata. There is nothing here but dust, sun and endless fields of useful plants. It is said that beyond the mountains lies the forbidden land of Nelumbiya, which is covered with wild and dangerous plants that are believed to be harmful to humans. But when the talking Dandelion visits Tara in Ornata, she immediately senses that he wishes her no harm. On the contrary, he warns her about a great danger that is approaching: Askiel, the sinister magician, has returned to Ornata and is hunting for all those people who, like Tara, were born with a plant sign on their skin.

Tara must escape, and she is helped by the baker's son Seymour and the prince's daughter Helena. The three friends set out on an adventurous journey to the land of magic plants, hoping to find out what really happened long ago between plants and humans. When Tara discovers the secret powers she has inherited, she makes up her mind that at all costs she must defeat Askiel and thus reunite humans and Nature.

Arena · June 2023 · 337 p.

ID #40214



Wolf

written by Saša Stanišić and illustrated by Regina Kehn

10 years



Carlsen · 2023 · 191 p.

SPIEGEL bestselling author!

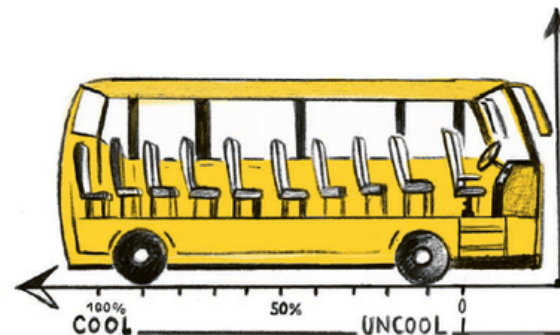


‘Wolf’ is a keenly observed children’s novel about just how fine the line between being different and being ostracized is.

In summer camp, Kemi becomes a member of a group of very diverse adolescents and counselors. He meets Jörg, who’s somehow even more dissimilar, but who Kemi finds very interesting. Kemi observes how the others treat Jörg and how developments within the group slowly escalate. How far? In his dreams, he encounters a wolf, his own fear. He learns to live with the wolf and to be courageous.

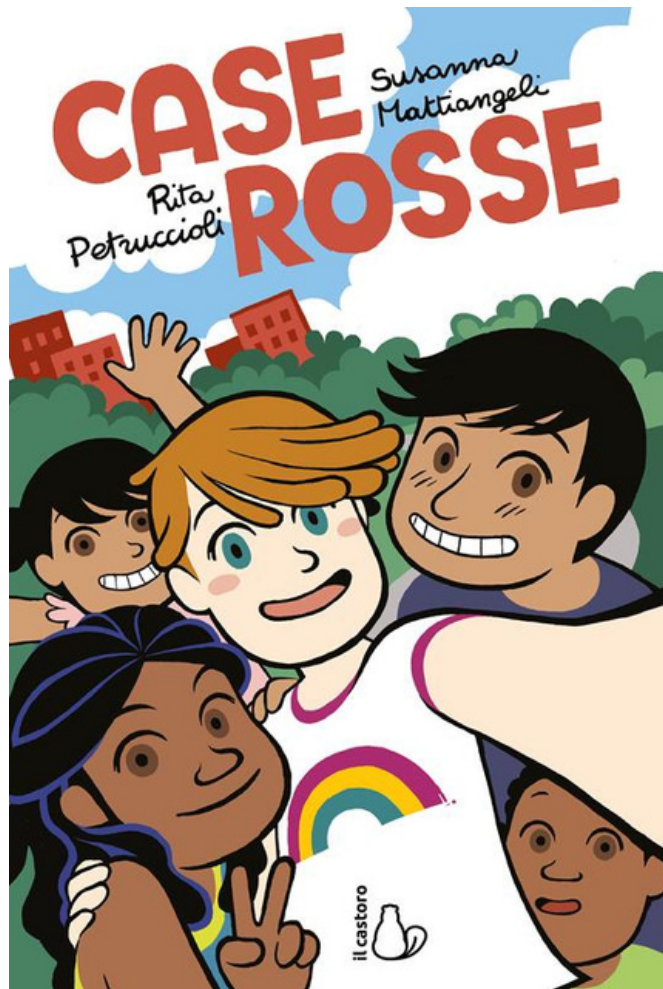
- A reassuring story of affirmation about being different from others
- Broaches the issue of adolescent bullying
- Masterfully told novel for children 10 and up; superbly illustrated

Rights sold to
Romania · Slovenia
Korea · Italy · Russia
Slovakia · Spain
Catalan



Red Bricks

Text by Susanna Mattiangeoli, illustrations by Rita Petruccioli



Il Castoro · 2023 · 144 pages · 10+

The awaited new graphic novel by the authors of HB Pencil series translated in 10 countries!



Joy, Mina and Julia are great friends who live in the Red Bricks neighbourhood. They share everything: dreams, hopes and feelings; the ups and downs of friendship; the changes that come with growing up; first love; everyday challenges and imaginary adventures. It won't be long before readers become friends with them!

Human!

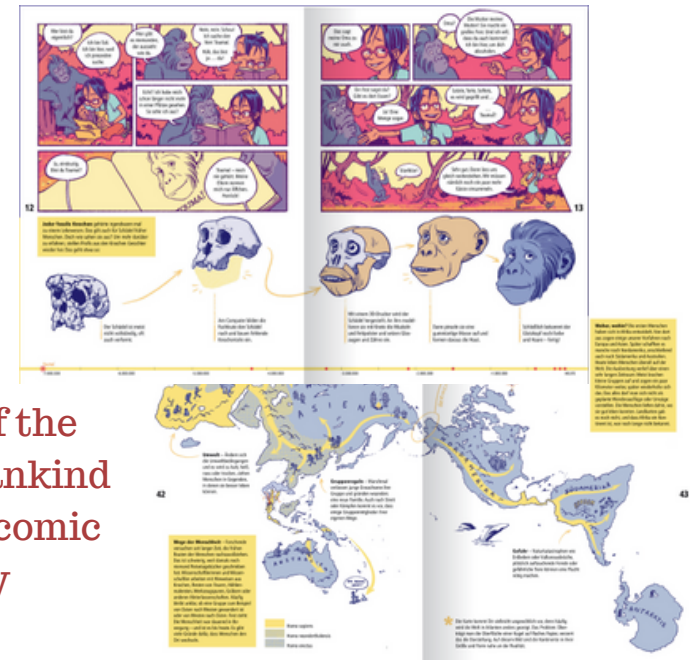
Time-travelling Through Evolution

Text by Susan Schädlich and Michael Stang, illustrations by Bea Davies



Carlsen · 2023 · 80 pages · 10+

ID #040189



The history of the origins of humankind as an exciting comic book story

This non-fiction book is simultaneously a graphic novel, making it especially good for young readers. By **time-traveling through the history of mankind**, the world's most exciting story is told – the history of all of us.

- Reviewed by **experts**
- Reflects **current state of science** on the evolution of humans
- Exceptional illustrations by a **prize-winning illustrator**

SOS Water

by Sergio Rossi



Non fiction



Einaudi · July 2023 · 112 pages

ENG sample available!

ID #40131

Why water plays a central role and why it is essential to stop its intensive exploitation

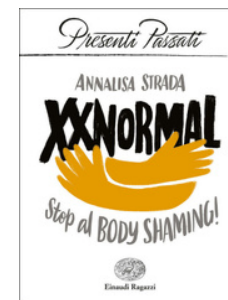
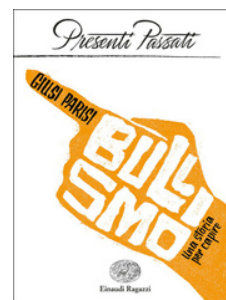
Along with air, we all know that water is the most precious commodity on our planet, because without water there would be no life.

However, we are unaware that most of the water on our planet is not drinkable, and that the water we can use for our existence is decreasing day by day, because it is diminishing in the sources we exploit.

What is happening, in short, is a real 'water emergency' that requires a new awareness from everyone.

Other titles from the series PRESENT PAST:

current topics
explained
for a younger
audience



Cliché (duology)

by Michelle Durán

Michelle Durán is the new rising star for Young Adult readers with a huge success at Wattpad!

YA

enemies to lovers

slowburn

love triangle

queer romance

cozy



A rollercoaster of emotions,
a journey without brakes
at full speed.

Axel hates his brother Ben, but, above all, he hates his brother's best friends. Especially a certain overbearing blond who keeps picking on him. Axel and Ben are two very different twins. The first is the high school geek, the freak. The second is the popular one, the president of the student council. Both brothers seem doomed to never get along. Everything changes when Ben's girlfriend breaks up with him and starts spending more time than usual at home. Unable to stand the tension any longer, Axel decides to devise a strategy that will allow him to get rid of him, unaware that his life is about to change. Because Key Parker, the most popular boy in high school, has discovered that there's something fishy about Axel's behaviour and he will not let him get away with it...

English sample
available!

Anaya/Hachette Spain
Book #01 · 2024 · 320 pages

Book 01: Searching for the perfect Cliché
Book 02: The (im)perfect Cliché is you and me

Maria Petranelli is prepared for anything (except this)

by Elisa Chenoweth

YA

romcom

grumpy/sunshine

how to prepare
to the WORST

self-acceptance



Hardie Grant · July 2024 · 320 pages

An outrageously funny,
tender-hearted YA screwball comedy
about a student exchange gone wrong

Maria Petranelli is desperate to prove that she is capable and deserves to be taken seriously, so when her family declares she 'couldn't handle living in Italy', she signs up to go there on student exchange. But Italy is far more than Maria bargained for. Beyond her struggles with the language and traffic, Maria develops a confusing attraction to Kennedy, an American exchange student who seems to like Maria back. The two girls are thrown together when they witness both a coincidence and a crime (a heart attack and a murder – not that either can tell the difference). Soon they are forced on a cat-and-mouse chase across Italy to save their own lives, all the while battling feelings for each other.

Winner of the
Ampersand Prize 2022!

The Kill Factor

by Ben Oliver

by the acclaimed author of *The Loop* trilogy!

YA

Reform camp on
an isolated island

young criminals

social media & TV Show
experiment

action-packed

HORROR



Scholastic · April 2024 · 368 pages

Fifty contestants.
Five mental and physical challenges.
One winner.

In a near-future where a virtual currency of digital content fuels a fame-hungry society, a brand-new experiment that combines social media and reality TV has been greenlit. Voted on, and contestants are sent to a maximum-security reform camp on an island where they can have no contact with the outside world. To lose means prison. But to win is to be free.

Squid Game
for
Young Adults!

Trilogy The Ruby Circle

by Jana Hoch

coloured edges



YA

elite academy

wild parties

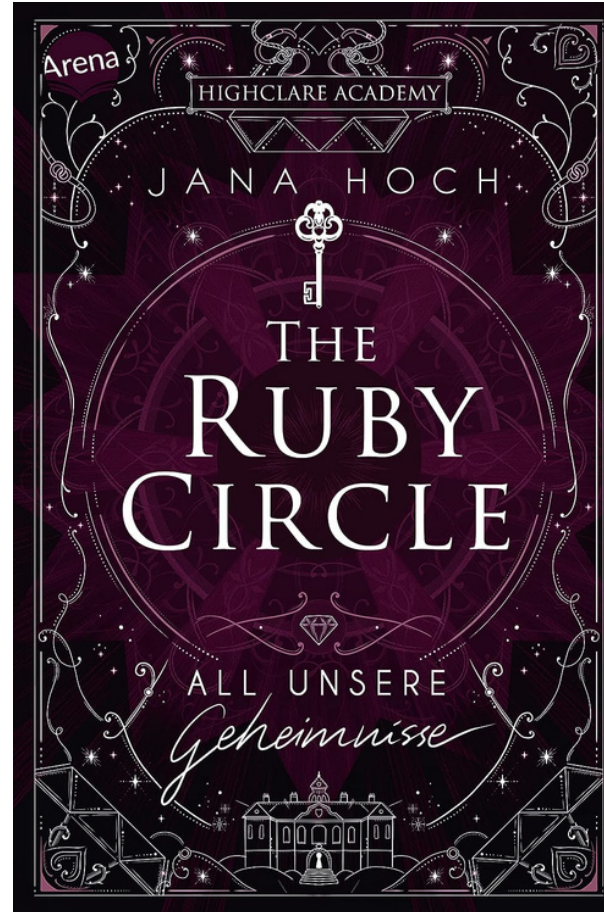
scandals and secrets

BIG (little) lies

great LOVE story

English synopsis
available!

Spanish/World rights under negotiation!



Arena · Book #01 · August 2023 · 416 pages

Over 30.000 copies
sold in only 2 months!

#06 Spiegel Bestseller List

To fall in love with him was easy.
To get close to him was almost
impossible.

When Louisa wins one of the rare scholarships to Highclare Academy, she hopes her life will have a new beginning. Not only because she's a member of the Ruby Circle – an elite group of students, in which every wish is granted before you even say it – but also because she believes that at last she will be protected against the lies that have turned her life into a nightmare.

But all the luxury is merely a façade, because behind its walls the Academy is seething with unrest. Everybody has a secret...

dark academia meets romance

For Girls Who Walk through Fire

by Kim DeRose

YA

sexual assault

witchcraft

importance of
community

judicial justice



Union Square · Sept 2023 · 320 pages

Elliott D'Angelo-Brandt is sick and tired of putting up with it all. Every week, she attends a support group for teen victims of sexual assault, but all they do is talk. Elliott's done with talking. What she wants is justice. And she has a plan for getting it: a spell book that she found in her late mom's belongings that actually works. Elliott recruits a coven of fellow survivors from the group. She, Madeline, Chloe, and Bea don't have much in common, but they are united in their rage at a system that heaps judgments on victims and never seems to punish those who deserve it.

"DeRose unflinchingly examines the impact of sexual assault on teens and the various paths there are toward healing. [...] A searing examination of sexual assault centering teen witches who fight back." —Kirkus Reviews

"DeRose uses witchcraft to underscore both the lasting effects of trauma and the importance of community in healing. A bold and compassionate debut." —Booklist

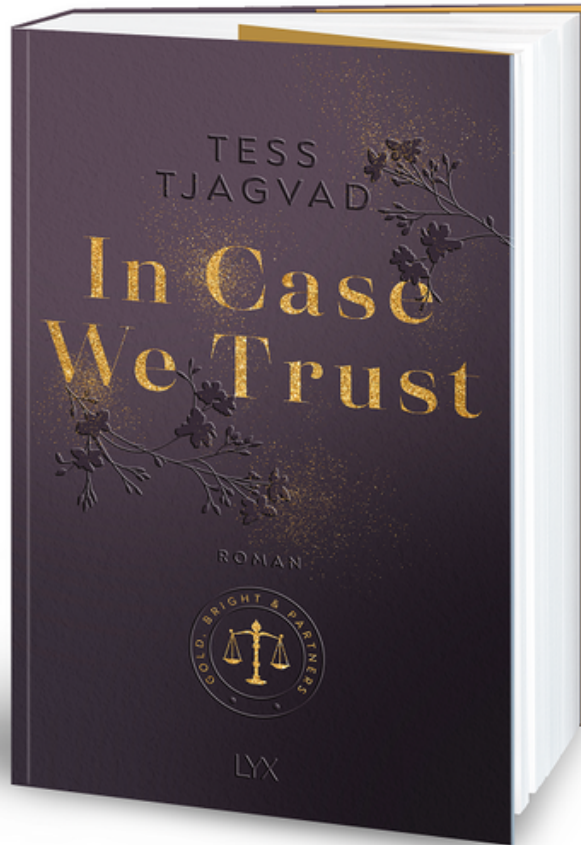
A fierce, deeply moving novel about perseverance in the face of injustice and the transformational power of friendship.

Trilogy Gold, Bright & Partners

by Tess Tjagvad

New Adult

Talented young German author,
whose WATTPAD stories have almost
1 million views



IN CASE WE TRUST
(Gold, Bright & Partners Vol. 1)
LYX · January 2024 · 400 pages

After completing her law degree, Gracie finally wants to show her family that she can stand on her own two feet. The coveted job at Gold, Bright & Partners, one of the most successful law firms in Boston, is her chance. But the competition for the position among the young lawyers is harder than she imagined. Her biggest rival in the group of ambitious beginners is attractive Ira. When they are both entrusted with the same case, a bitter rivalry ensues. Yet, with each heated debate the sparks fly between them, and the pair grow closer to each other. But Gracie is hiding a secret – can she trust her biggest rival of all people?



IN CASE WE DARE
(Gold, Bright & Partners Vol. 2)
LYX · June 2024 · 400 pages



IN CASE WE FORGET
(Gold, Bright & Partners Vol. 3)
LYX · Nov 2024 · 400 pages

Trilogy Starling Nights

by Merit Niemeitz

A college student who falls into the circles of a secret society, a mysterious stranger whose inscrutabilities captivate her, and a mystery that couldn't be more ominous...



WHEN THE SHADOWS FALL, WE FLY
(Starling Nights Vol. 1)
reverie/Harper Collins · 2023 · 448 pages



WHEN YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE:
LOVE OR ETERNAL LIFE
(Starling Nights Vol. 2)
reverie/Harper Collins · Jan. 2024
504 pages

All Mabel wants at Cambridge University is to complete her studies in peace. But when her best friend Zoe slips into the circles of a secret fraternity, Mabel's stability begins to falter. She soon discovers that the Covenant of the Starlings has been causing a series of strange events for centuries. Before Mabel knows it, she is in the thick of it - and very close to Cliff, whose inscrutability immediately fascinates her. But the closer she gets to him and his friends, the more she puts herself in danger...

**Trendy
Dark Academy!**

Tokyo Rain

by Yasmin Shakarami

New Adult

Tokyo setting

culture shock

slow romance

Original, unique and
deeply moving

Rights
sold to Italy
(Newton
Compton)



cbj/PRH Germany · 2023 · 400 pages

**Once, he found me when I was lost
– now I must find him, no matter what.**

Malu can't wait to leave: leave home, leave Germany, leave her old life. So when she gets a chance to take part in a Japanese exchange programme, she signs up for it. Malu thinks she's ready for Tokyo, but it's a culture shock, and the city makes her feel dizzy – as does Kentaro, her new classmate. Slowly, Malu lets him in, and when Kentaro introduces her to his own special Tokyo, she discovers a side to herself she never knew existed. The two slowly start falling for each other, as they go on romantic walks through the rain-soaked, neon-lit streets, enjoy crazy karaoke sessions and experience magical moments on Tokyo's moonlit rooftops. But then disaster hits the city – and Malu desperately tries to find the love of her life among all the devastation...

**Perfect for fans of the NYT
bestselling author Dustin Thao.**

**'Shakarami's writing is fast-paced, inventive and
entertaining, and deeply moving at the same time'
Antje Babendererde (YA author)**

The Z Word

by Lindsay King-Miller

Fiction

Queer Zombieland

action, humor,
sex, betrayal

team up to stay alive,
save Pride and
don't kill each other

thriller, horror, gay drama

different sexualities,
gender, cultural
background, ages
and body types



Quirk · April 2024 · 256 pages

**The Z Word is the
queer Zombieland
you didn't know you need it!**

Chaotic bisexual Wendy is trying to find her place in the queer community after a bad breakup. And when the people around them start turning into violent, terrifying mindless husks, well, that makes things harder. Especially since the infection seems to be spreading.

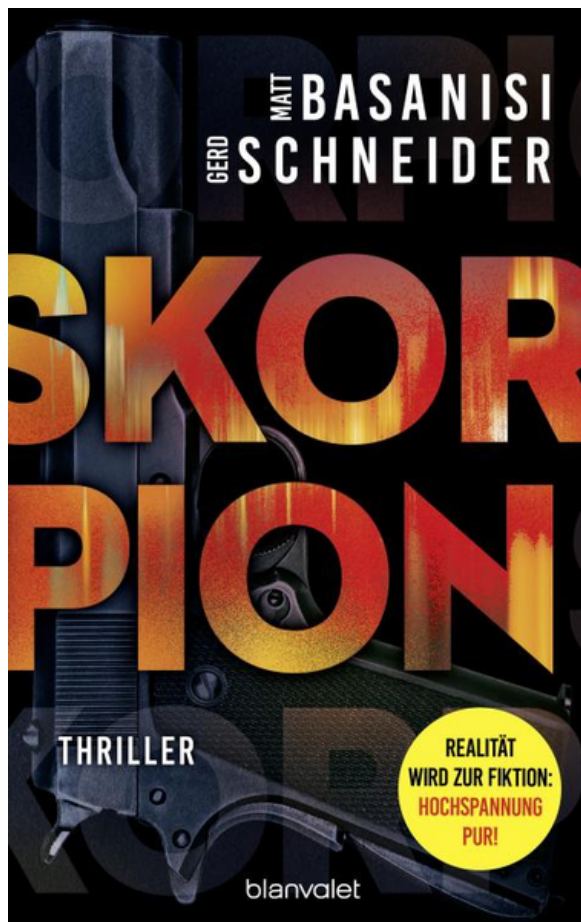
Now, Wendy and her friends and frenemies—drag queen Logan, silver fox Beau, sword lesbian Aurelia and her wife Sam, mysterious pizza delivery stoner Sunshine, and, oh yeah, Wendy's ex-girlfriend Leah—have to team up to stay alive, save Pride, and track the zombie outbreak to its shocking source. Hopefully without killing each other first.

**in the vein of Manhunt
and other novels with queer lens**

Scorpion

by Matt Basanisi and Gerd Schneider

Thriller



Blanvalet · August 2023 · 416 pages

**A gripping conspiracy thriller,
written by a real-life former investigator.**

Summer 2002. In Palermo, a priest is shot dead. In Antwerp, police seize three tons of cocaine. In Zurich, a pilot commits suicide. Three seemingly unconnected events – but Swiss Federal Criminal Police are convinced they’re all somehow linked to ex-banker Baumann, who is on the payroll of a gang of South American Narcos. David Keller, Federal Police detective and mafia specialist, soon realises that this is no routine case: an international conspiracy is afoot, which threatens everything that he believes in – and his enemies are already closer than he thinks...

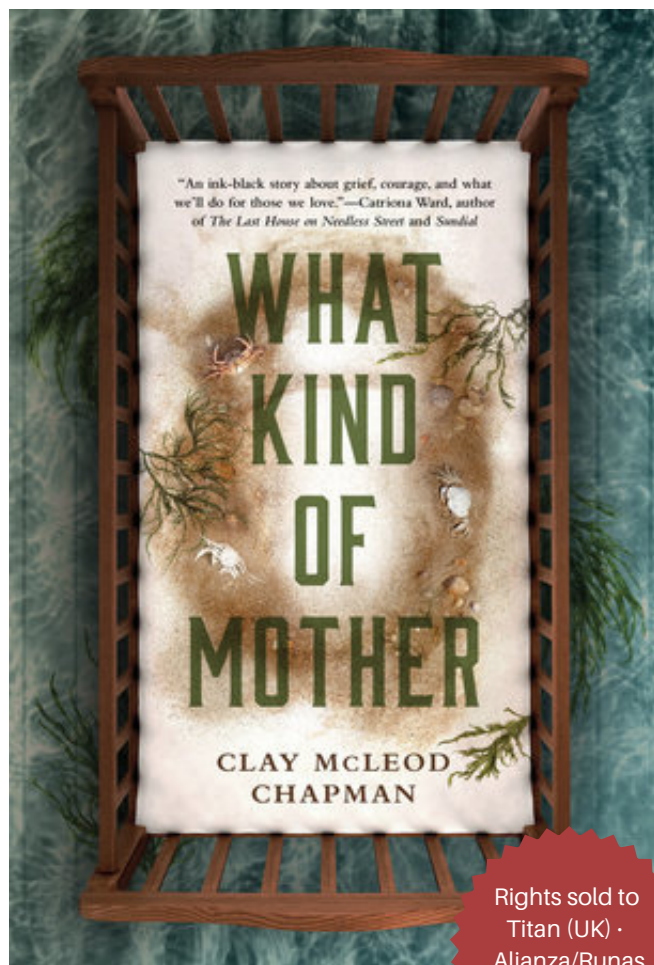
- English sample translation available.
- Volume 2 – *Memento* is planned for July 2024.
- 16,000 copies sold.

“A fantastic international plot – bound to be a massive hit.”
- Romy Hausmann, author of "Dear Child" and "Sleepless"

“In the customary, effective thriller form, the two authors succeed in drawing an almost script-perfect scenario of a Europe financed by all the drug barons of the world.” - Buchwurm.info

What Kind Of Mother

by Clay McLeod Chapman



Quirk · Sept 2023 · 304 pages

Rights sold to
Titan (UK) ·
Alianza/Runas
(Spanish/World)

After striking out on her own as a teen mom, Madi Price is forced to return to her hometown of Brandywine, Virginia, with her seventeen-year-old daughter. With nothing to her name, she scrapes together a living as a palm reader at the local farmers market.

It's at the market that she reconnects with her high school boyfriend Henry McCabe, now a reclusive local fisherman whose infant son, Skyler, went missing five years ago.

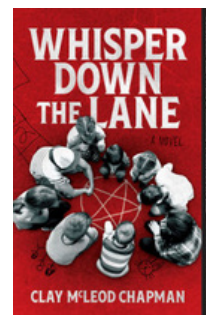
Everyone in town is sure Skyler is dead but when Madi reads Henry's palm, she's haunted by strange and disturbing visions that suggest otherwise. As she follows the thread of these visions, Madi discovers a terrifying monster waiting at the center of the labyrinth—and it's coming for everyone she holds dear.

“[...] What Kind of Mother has been described [...] as his best and most upsetting novel yet.”—Esquire

One of Book Riot's Best Horror Books Of 2023



Ghost Eaters (2022)
Rights sold to France
(Flammarion) and Czech (Euromedia).



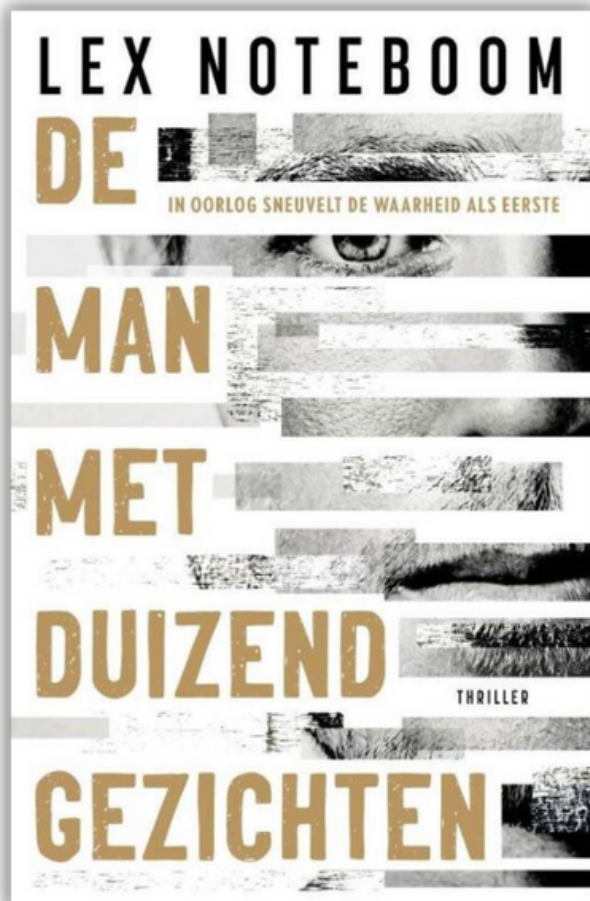
Whisper Down The Lane (2022)
Rights sold to France (Flammarion)



Ghost Eaters (2022)
Rights sold to France
(Flammarion) and Czech (Euromedia).

The Man with a Thousand Faces

by Lex Noteboom



AW Bruna · May 2023 · 448 pages

Perfect for fans of *I Am Pilgrim*,
The Bourne Identity and
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo

In a world in which fake news, big data and social media are ubiquitous, three people set out to find the truth. The answer to all questions is one mythical figure: the Man with a Thousand Faces.

Michelle is about to go on vacation with her husband Daniel and their two children, when they learn that Daniel's twin brother has tragically died. Daniel has to return to his homeland of Kazichia – a former Soviet state – to attend the funeral. Once the family gets there, Daniel is being pressured into staying. His late brother was the nation's president, and now he is to be his successor. Michelle wants to return to Amsterdam as soon as possible, but that proves to be no easy task. A rebel leader is trying to unite the people in an uprising against the regime. No one knows who he is or how he gets his resources, but he has a growing rebel army behind him and is carrying out attacks. As Russian intelligence and the CIA meddle in the conflict, and Michelle does everything she can to get her family home safely, Daniel battles the elusive rebel known as the Man with a Thousand Faces.

Part of a multi-disciplinary project with podcast.

'Everything is right, fitting and interlocking
in this book' *Algemeen Dagblad*

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sold in a
6 figures preempt
to Orion

While the Globe Spins

by Luca Brosch

Historical fiction



dtv · Munich, 2023 · 464 pages

ID #040286

An emotional spy drama in Davos.

It's 1917 and the First World War is raging on, ripping through Europe, while things in Davos, the classy mountain resort in neutral Switzerland, seem calm. Yet, bubbling beneath the surface is a brutal battle of espionage between world powers, and the young Swiss nurse Johanna Gabathuler unwillingly gets caught in the crossfire. In order to get her illegitimate daughter back, she gets involved in a deadly game with the German secret service – and suddenly the fate of Europe lies in her hands.

- **In a man's world, a strong young woman becomes a central player in the First World War**
- **A story is inspired by real events**
- **International TV-show in the making**

Spanish
World rights
preempted
by Planeta

The Couple of the Century

by Julia Schoch



dtv · Munich, 2023 · 192 pages

**When people fall out of love,
where does that love go?**

A woman wants to leave her husband. After many, many years of marriage and many, many years of living together, she is determined – but also devastated. How did it come to this?

While considering her next move, she takes a trip down memory lane. There were indeed many highs: the early, ecstatic days of love at university, the times they spent abroad, and later their years with their young children. But there were also lows, moments that changed the course of their lives. Moments that foreshadowed failure.

But can something that went on for so long really be said to have failed?

"Julia Schoch, archaeologist of her life, digs up what is so often hidden in the everyday life of couples: the waves of love, the beauty that remains even in disillusionment." - Die Zeit

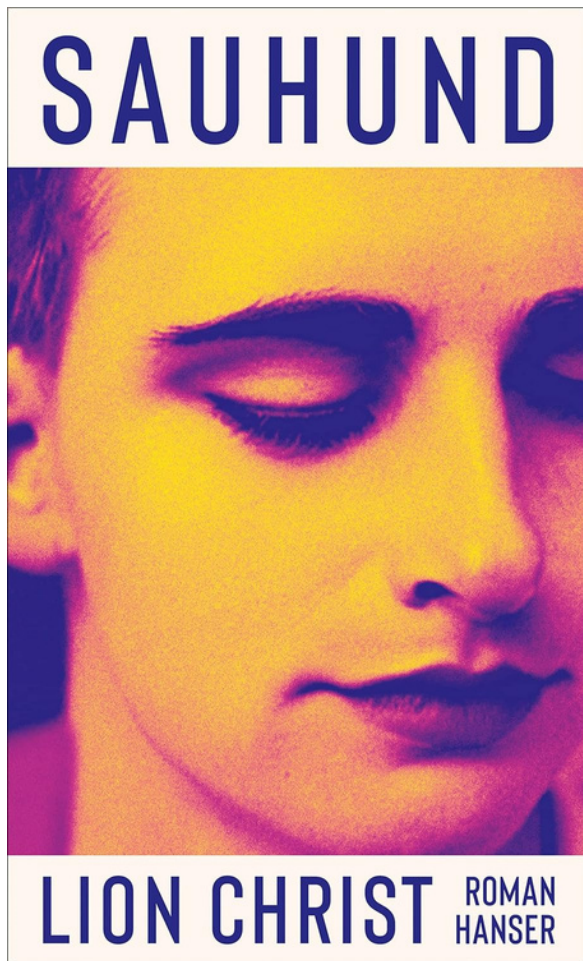
"A single declaration of love, the high mass of a great longing."
- Stefan Kister, Stuttgarter Zeitung

"Hardly ever has one read about the estrangement of two lovers with such determination, right down to the smallest twists and turns of feeling."
- Sandra Kegel, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

Rights
sold to Spanish/
World (Maeva)
The Netherlands
(Uitgeverij De
Arbeiderspers)

Sly Dog

by Lion Christ



Hanser · 2023 · 268 pages

**What happens to someone who runs away
until he finds himself?**

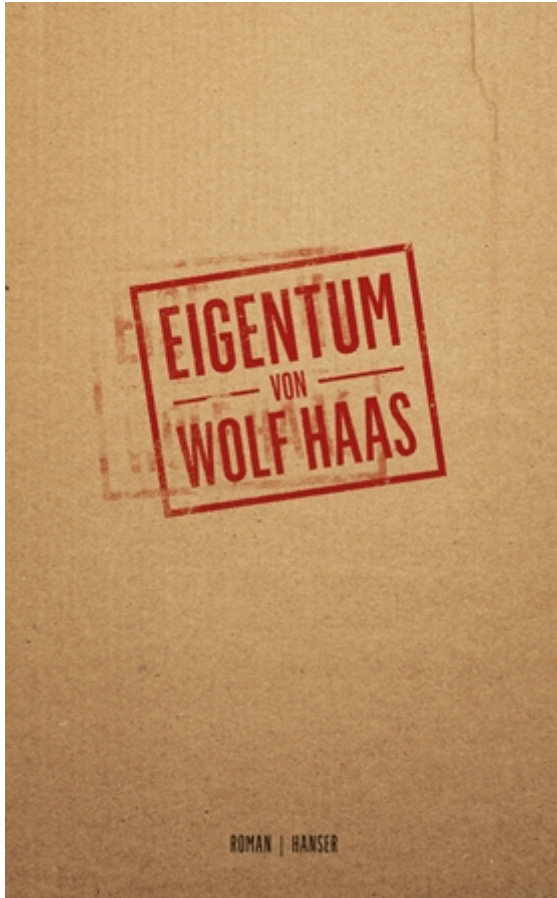
**A fascinating cosmos of contradiction
on freedom and restraints – a journey from
the provinces to the profligate,
prudish Munich of the 1980s**

»I'm the show!« Munich 1983. Flori is a country lad, thirsting for life, glamour and fame, and looking for a man who'll love him for the rest of his life. He is an incorrigible opportunist, a sly dog and an optimist. Sly Dog is a fast and furious homage to him and all the lovers who died in the first decade of AIDS. In the Munich of Franz Josef Strauss and Freddie Mercury, where stifling conservatism lives side by side with wild hedonism, each step forward is a small liberation. In his blue Opel Kadett, Flori runs away from his parents and first love – the carpenter's son Gregor – and the expectations people have of him. »So what? I'll muddle through somehow!« he shouts, diving into the club scene and beds of married couples, illicitly repurposed. It'll all work out in the end, won't it? But, of course, life is not that simple. Lion Christ tells an unforgettable story about a wide range of issues that are far from resolved.

Selected by New Books in German!

Property

by Wolf Haas



Hanser · 2023 · 160 pages

Wolf Haas tells his mother's desperate story with such loving, grim humour that it is simply unforgettable.

Haas's mother, almost ninety-five years old, is dying, but she tells her son that she feels fine. »It annoyed me to no end. My whole life long, Mum had painted a picture of how much she was suffering. Three days before she died, she announced that she was doing fine. There had to be a mistake.«

His mother experienced the meaning of property by losing everything. She was born in 1923, but »then inflation came and the money was gone.« As a child, she endured poverty, worked and saved every penny. But it was never even enough for her to buy even a single square metre.

"An ironic play on language and at the same time a tender declaration of love." - Stefan Kuzmany, SPIEGEL

"A poetic lecture in novel form, a narrative about death and language, a touching epitaph." - Richard Kämmerlings, Welt am Sonntag

"Wolf Haas not only sets an unsentimental monument to his own mother, but also presents a book that explores the relationship between writing and life." - Katja Gasser, ORF ZiB

**"Lovingly and tenderly - and despite many biographical disappointments with his typical humour [...] loving, but not kitschy."
- Michael Wurmitzer, Standard**



Muna

by Terézia Mora

Luchterhand · Munich, 2023 · 448 pages

A young woman falls for a man. The woman's name is Muna, the man's name is Magnus, and the love that binds the two together is poisoned, not pure. Muna pays a high price for their togetherness.

Mora presents us with a headstrong, courageous protagonist who, despite her strength, throws herself into a toxic relationship. The book is about seduction, abuse, psychological violence and self-empowerment. From the very first sentence, Mora's straightforward, laconic prose generates a pull that is impossible to resist. "Muna oder die Hälfte des Lebens" is a novel that stays with you. - The Jury



**How much coldness
can a person take
without breaking,
without losing
herself completely?**

**'Maman' is both
a daring endeavour
and a highly
explosive work
of literature.**

Maman

by Sylvie Schenk

Hanser · Munich, 2023 · 448 pages

"Sylvie Schenk goes in search of clues leading to the life story of her mother, of her family and thus to her own roots, her own being. Artfully interweaving facts and fictions, she condenses them into a literary biography that counters her mother's voicelessness with a narrative in which poverty, shame, trauma and doubt also find expression. The result is a quiet yet forceful text that attempts to explore – without sentimentality but with great empathy and historical curiosity – what we call origins". - The Jury

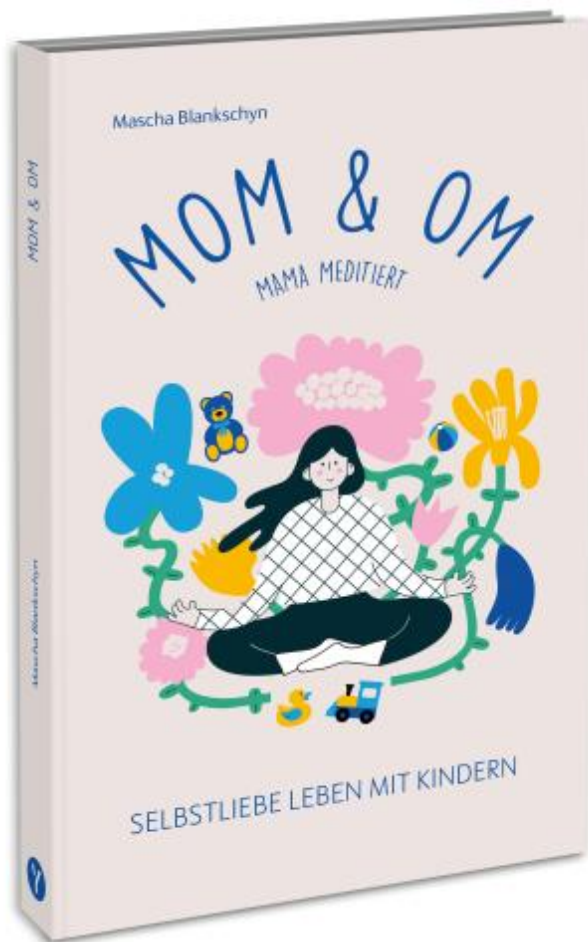


Mom/Om: Meditation for Mums

by Mascha Blankschyn

Non fiction

LEARNING SELF-LOVE - FOR YOU AND YOUR KIDS



Life with children can quickly feel like an endless to-do list, where you're always a step behind. If you want to stand up to the challenges of everyday life, you have to look after yourself too – after all, you recharge your phone every day, so why not yourself?

The main ingredients of self-love are: making sure you take some time out, stop being hard on yourself, and stand up for yourself and your needs. That way, you can not only recharge your battery, but even build up long-term inner resources that'll help you navigate the rest of your life. And the best thing about it? You'll be demonstrating to your kids the importance of self-love.

With lots of exercises and reflections, mindfulness and meditation coach Mascha Blankschyn invites you to:

- Find yourself and find inner peace
- Question fixed thought patterns and social expectations
- Say no and set boundaries
- Include everyday acts of self-love in your life
- Create loving relationships and show your children the importance of self-love

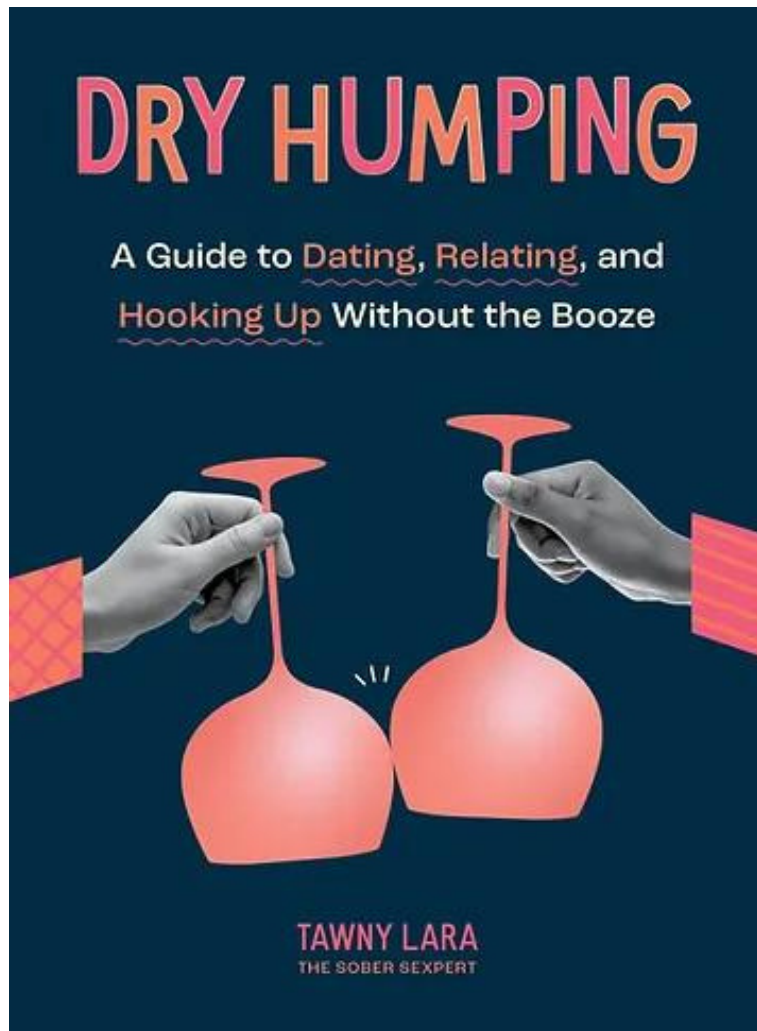
**Why you're allowed to
(and must!) look after yourself**

Yuna-Publishing · Nov. 2023 · 176 pages
10 b/w illustrations

Dry Humping

by Tawny Lara

Non fiction



How to build
stronger sexual and romantic
relationships without alcohol.

Dating, hookups, and romance can be a huge source of anxiety and pressure. When you're intimidated or overwhelmed, it's easy to use alcohol to feel more relaxed and outgoing. But what if you no longer want to have booze in your life? What do you do on dates? How do you soothe worries and hang-ups? And how the heck do you work up the nerve to be naked with someone new?

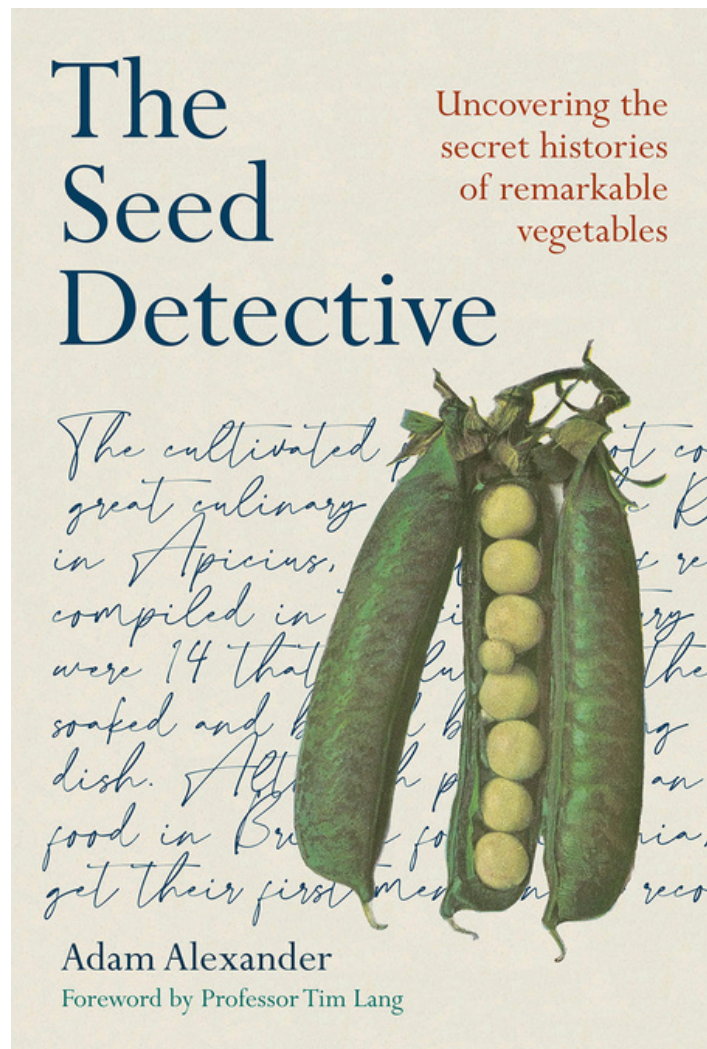
You don't need alcohol to have a fun, carefree, fulfilling dating life—and in fact, you may find that giving up booze brings you closer to your partners and to yourself. Dry Humping will offer you the tools to step away from alcohol, for however long you want to, while also having more fun in and out of the bedroom.

Quirk · Sept 2023 · 208 pages

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The Seed Detective

by Adam Alexander



Chelsea Green · Sept 2023 · 320 pages

Meet the Indiana Jones of vegetables!

Did you ever wonder how peas, kale, asparagus, beans, squash, and corn have ended up on our plates? Well, so did Adam Alexander.

Adam Alexander is The Seed Detective. He shares his own stories of seed hunting, with the origin stories behind many of our everyday food heroes. Taking us on a journey that began when we left the life of the hunter-gatherer to become farmers, he tells tales of globalization, political intrigue, colonization, and serendipity—describing how these vegetables and their travels have become embedded in our food cultures.

***Named BBC Radio 4's The Food Programme "Book of the Year"**

***2023 GardenComm Media Awards Silver Laurel Medal of Achievement**

***Longlisted for The Art of Eating Prize 2023**

"The writing is rich . . . [This book] is a clarion call to think about our food in new ways and carefully consider where it comes from."—*New Scientist*

"Copious but thoroughly engaging research . . . Alexander shares his excitement over the potential for rescuing this lost heritage . . . All of which makes this title worth a serious look."—*Booklist (starred)*

Forward Means Back to Myself

Coaching methods for women in their mid-life years

by Tanja Köhler



Kösel · 2023 · 256 pages

This book is an impulse giver and companion on the path to make changes

For women, the middle of life is often a time of upheaval when they must reorient themselves. They want to find a new perspective on their life situation and actively shape it. But how will they be able to focus more on themselves without constantly encountering obstacles?

The dedicated psychologist and systemic consultant **Tanja Köhler** provides refreshing, expert support: she reveals how to become aware of one's own aspirations, needs, and desires and how to find inspiration for new goals within the everyday status quo. She encourages women to make decisions to not allow themselves to fall back into old patterns and drag everything around them into it. She provides here comprehensive, step by step support for initiating and implementing very personal change processes in this phase of life.

*** Includes exercises, self-test, questionnaires, reflections**

Heaven Help

Superstition and magical thinking from the Middle Ages to the present day

by Tillmann Bendikowski



C.Bertelsmann · 2023 · 320 pages

Contains b/w illustrations

**Why we seek reassurance from supernatural powers:
a new history of superstition.**

At first glance, ours is a time of reason and science. But in the face of worrying global crises, supernatural phenomena are enjoying something of a renaissance. These include not only spiritualism, the esoteric and the belief in miracles, but also conspiracy theories – in short, all kinds of magical thinking.

“Heaven Help Me” explains how humans have always sought help from supernatural powers, even though many of our old rituals are now lost to us.

Bendikowski takes us on a voyage of discovery into the world of superstition from the Middle Ages to the present day: we learn about ghosts, angels and witches, and hear from astrologers, faith healers and devil hunters – and discover why we seek shelter in magic rituals when we feel insecure, and why times of uncertainty have always also been times of magic.

English Sample Translation Available!

Overrated Humans

An Anthropology of Vulnerability

by Lisz Hirn



Zsolnay · 2023 · 128 pages

A reassessment of humanity through the lens of the climate crisis, pandemic and digital revolution.

What makes a human being? In this clever essay, **Lisz Hirn** addresses none other than this fundamental question of philosophy. What distinguishes people from animals has occupied thinkers from Plato to Nietzsche and Foucault. When we stop eating animals, what happens to our self-image? **Hirn** poses questions that draw on concepts from the fields of biology and medicine, the church and religion, education and socio-political issues (from the development of in-vitro or cultivated meat to euthanasia).

Ultimately, the climate crisis and pandemic have rattled the concept we have of ourselves as 'superior' beings. Is artificial intelligence now stealing the show? **Lisz Hirn** has devised a new approach: an anthropology of vulnerability for the meta-human caught between smartphone and ChatGPT. She clearly illustrates how we overestimate ourselves but do not take our vulnerability seriously enough.

»Lisz Hirn brings philosophy to the public – intrepid, crystal clear and comprehensible.« Barbara Bleisch

»An unerring survey of people ... original, provocative, brilliant.« Konrad Paul Liessmanns

If Everyone Likes You, No One Will Take You Seriously

by Martin Wehrle



Mosaik · 2023 · 352 pages

**Confidently setting boundaries, responding adeptly,
standing up for your own needs**

Those who do everything others want them to do are liked – but only as easy targets. Only those who manage to set boundaries and represent their own interests will be respected as having character, develop greater self-confidence, and achieve the success they deserve.

In his new book, **Martin Wehrle** shows you how to achieve respect and defend your self-esteem in every situation in life.

It is a treasure trove of **tools and techniques** for all those who will no longer tolerate being manipulated, who will no longer back down, who want to be heard, who want to respond masterfully when in a discussion someone overpowers, belittles, or attacks them. This is a book full of power and inspiration that will make you more alert, verbally adroit, and self-confident!

More than 500.000 copies sold in Germany

Wehrle is one of Germany's most recognized coaches

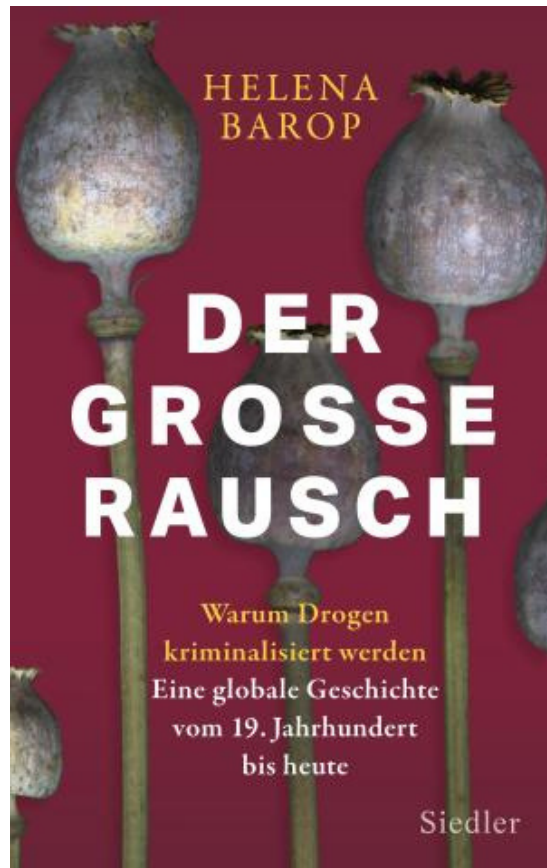
In the top of the Spiegel Bestseller List since publication

Author sold in:
Spain (Planeta,
Alianza), China,
Taiwan, Russia,
Korea

The Big High

A global history of the criminalisation of drugs, from the nineteenth century to the present day

by Helena Barop



Between ecstasy and addiction: how medicines turned into narcotics, and narcotics into illegal drugs

In the early nineteenth century, if you lived in the western world and wanted to get hold of drugs, you would go to the chemist's. In the early twenty-first century, you go to your dealer. In the brilliant *"The Big High"*, historian **Helena Barop** tells the story of how drug policy has changed over time, and how substances once considered legal came to be reclassified as "illegal drugs".

She introduces us to opium-taking Romantics, takes us into the New York jazz scene, and debunks Cold-War era mafia myths; examines how the US's war on drugs affects the rest of us, arguing that the "drug problem" is nothing more than an invention exported by the US to the rest of the world; and explores the evolution and consequences of international drug control policies, revealing the racist underpinnings of the targeted criminalisation of substances.

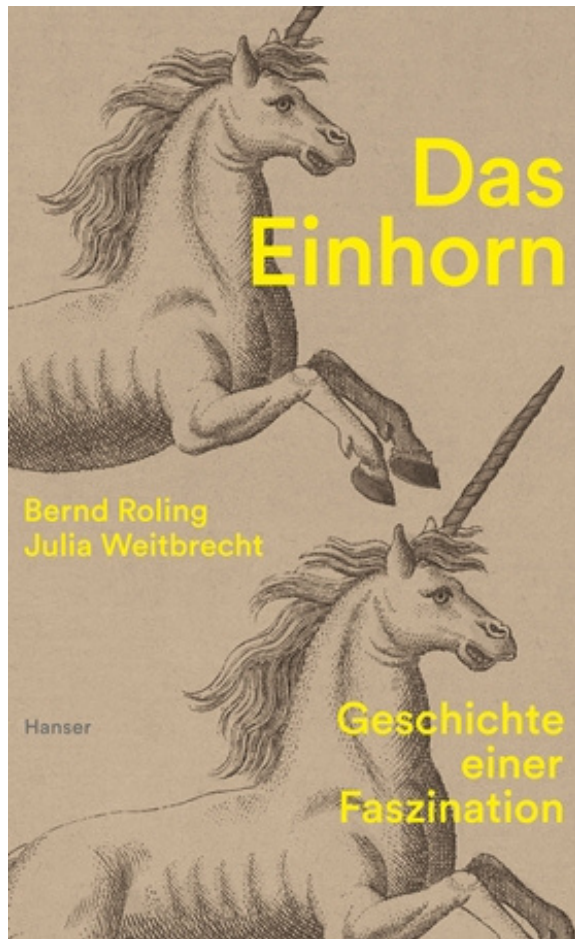
Barop proposes that we see the current uncertainty around drug policy as an opportunity for change, and makes a compelling argument regarding the legalisation of cannabis – thereby initiating a long overdue and well-informed debate.

Siedler · 2023 · 304 pages

The Unicorn

Story of a Fascination

by Bernd Roling, Julia Weitbrecht



Hanser 2023 · 176 pages

Cropping up everywhere from Renaissance Cabinets of Curiosities to children's nurseries, emerging as both a Christian motif and an emblem of the queer movement, the unicorn has long fascinated.

While today it is an imaginary animal better suited to T-Shirts than menageries, in antiquity and the Middle Ages, people firmly believed in the unicorn's existence.

It was only in the 17th century that natural scientists consigned it to the realm of myth. **Bernd Roling and Julia Weitbrecht** unpack the turbulent history of the unicorn. They take us through its representation in natural history and medicine, literature and art, as well as the present-day media landscape. Entertainingly, they show how the unicorn is an integral part of our imaginations – one whose use extends far beyond the fluffy image it has resigned to in today's pop culture.

Rights sold to
Spanish/World



Hanser · 2023 · 224 pages

Tongue: A Portrait

by Florian Werner

Talking, tasting, licking, kissing, poking out – the human tongue is the social muscle par excellence. But if you want respect, you'd better keep your tongue under control. We should be wary of his organ as it is central to how we relate to the world. It's as if the tongue has a mind of its own. In this groundbreaking book, Florian Werner describes the tongue in all its complexity: an organ of language and taste, an erogenous zone and an obscene sign, as well as an object of literature and art, music and film, Tongue is a fitting tribute.

"We all have one — but we only notice it when we feel like biting it. A clever, funny and long overdue tribute to the organ of language, taste, pleasure."

Mithu Sanyal



Goldmann · 2023 · 320 pages

Blood: Life's Current

How our bodies and souls, as well as economics and culture, are inextricably linked to the "red organ"

by Dr. Reinhard Friedl

Blood is the "red organ" that flows noiselessly and smoothly inside all our other organs, fills them, gives them life and connects them to each other. It is an ancient symbol of female fertility. Schiller spoke of "this wisdom [that] calls for blood" and equated it with consciousness. Blood bears the colour of love, is used in war paint, and to this day circulates through the thin membrane that divides biology and mythology. Our lives begin and end with it.

Dr. Friedl tells us how blood was formed, what we need it for, why it has shaped our cultures and narratives for centuries, and why it is considered one of the world's major economic drivers.

A renowned heart surgeon and gifted writer on the stuff that keeps us alive and its cultural history.

