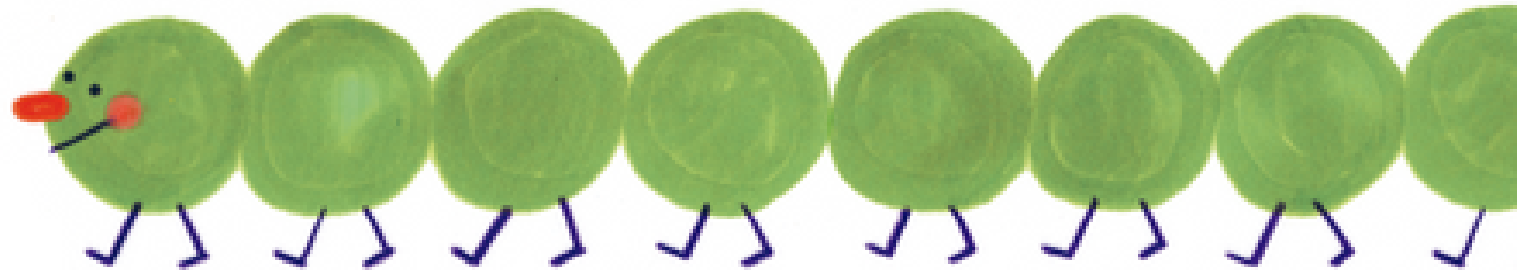


Bologna 2024

UTE  
KÖRNER

LITERARY AGENT

— 40 YEARS —



# Happy 40th Anniversary!



Our team from top left to bottom right: Silvia, Sandra, Paula, Maite, Íñigo and Carla

**UTE**  
**KÖRNER**  
LITERARY AGENT  
— 40 YEARS —

This year the agency celebrates a milestone anniversary. We are **40 years old** and this makes us feel especially proud. The fact that a cultural company has had such a long history, has weathered the storms and has reached its 40th anniversary stronger than ever, has its merits.

Our formula for getting this far: a fantastic, well-cohesive team, hard work, transparency and honesty, hard work, amazing and unique clients who have placed their trust in us all these years and others who have come to us more recently, setting ourselves new challenges, not taking anything for granted, offering a service that goes beyond the simple sale of rights, doing things personally and in our own way, a lot of hard work. Among many other things.

This 2024 we will take the opportunity to celebrate, to review these 40 years and also to project the next years to come – as we do, on the other hand, every new year, although this one perhaps more publicly.

On a personal note, a curious fact: in February it will be 24 years that I joined the agency, and 24 years are the years that Ute worked here from 1984 until she left us in 2008. It's a bit of a peculiar calculation but it has made me reflect...

Time goes by but the energy and desire to take our project forward are still intact and in fact they are more powerful and alive than ever. We are counting on all of you in this special year: here we go 2024!

Sandra Rodericks  
Director of Ute Körner Literary Agent SLU



# Series DOG'S/CAT'S FIRST BABY

by Natalie Nelson

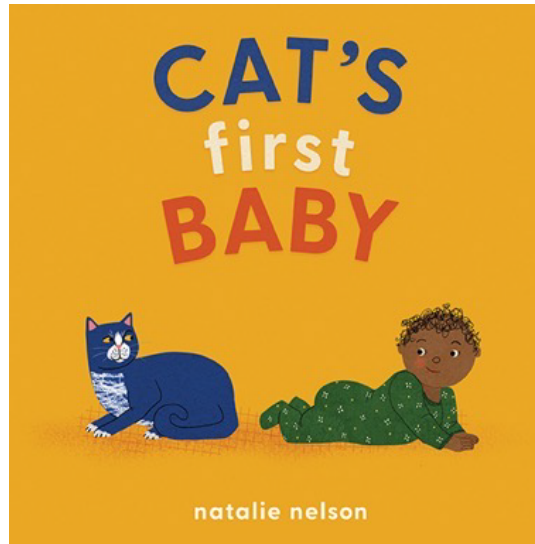
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Quirk Books · 2021 · 28 pages

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Quirk Books · 2022 · 28 pages

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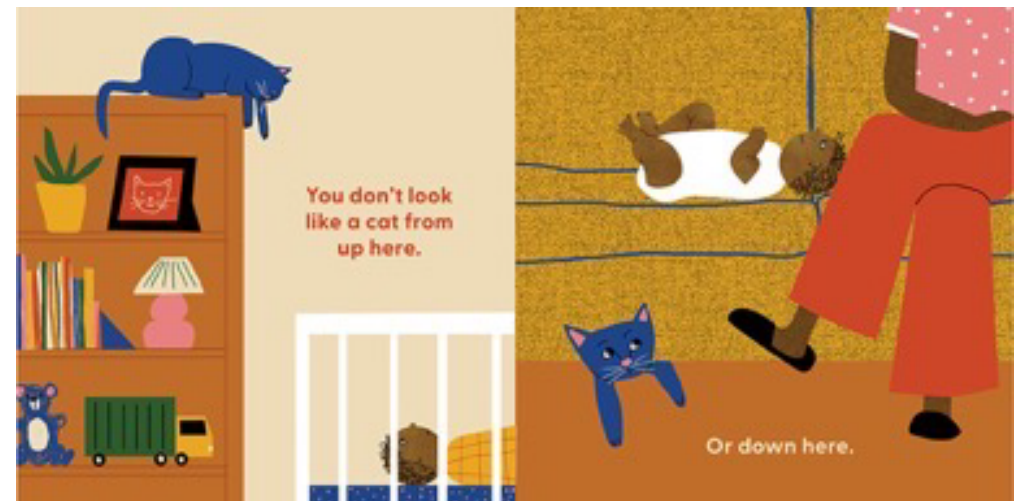


Quirk Books · 2024 · 28 pages

**Over 120,000 copies sold!**

**Nelson captures the wonder and humor of a new family member through the pet eyes.**

Dog is curious, and Cat is skeptical. Whether they're meeting a new baby or celebrating a holiday or milestone, you can count on Dog and Cat to sniff out answers and find wonder in new experiences in this playful board book series for babies and toddlers. Sure to delight kids and parents alike, this series promises to be a repeat read-aloud.



**Rights sold to France (Le Père Castor) and Italy (Il Castoro)!**



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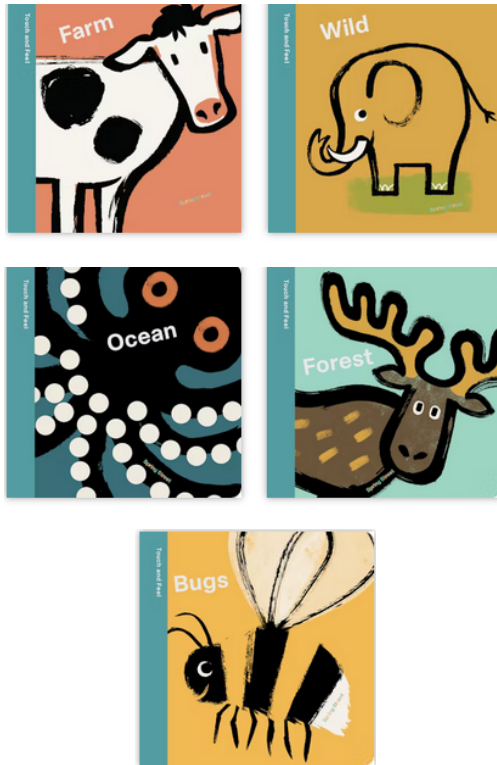
Stylish, design-led,  
beautifully produced and  
with contemporary  
artwork books.



0-3 years

## Touch & Feel

Illustrated by Lo Cole



## Touch & Trace



## Touch & Trace

Illustrated by Owen Davey



## All about us

Illustrated by Pintachán



# Is Three Too Much?

Text by Beyhan Gültaslar and illustrations by Christian Inaraja

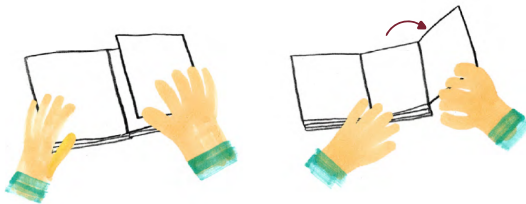


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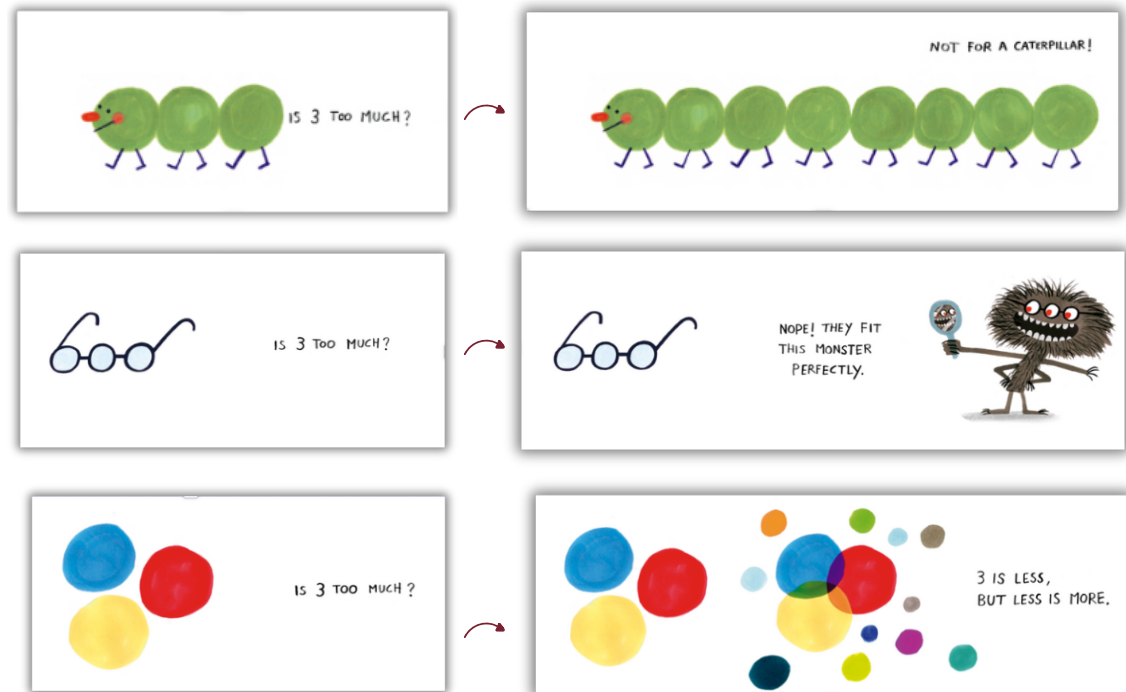


Is three too much?  
Unfold the flaps to get  
an unexpected answer!

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Is three too much? Sometimes  
it might be, sometimes it's not.  
To count in a very fun way.



A book to count with the little ones with scenes that go from the obvious to the absurd, and show that all depends on how you look at it. Unfolding every page is finding an answer, a twist, a joke... and a celebration!



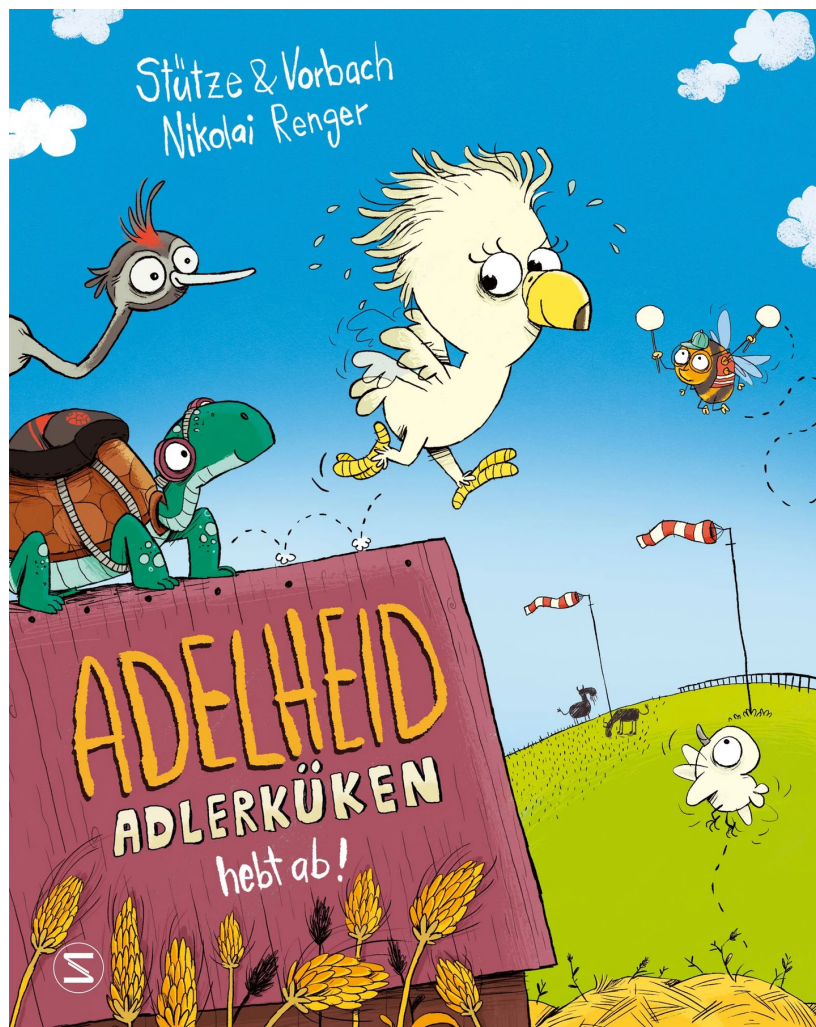
Eligible for translation, production and promotion grants by Institut Ramon Llull.



# Adelheid Eagle Chick Takes Off

Text by Annett Stütze and Britta Vorbach, illustrations by Nikolai Renger

ID #040835



Schneiderbuch · April 2024 · 32 p.

## Anyone can fly with the right friends

Adelheid is afraid of heights. Just looking over the edge of the nest makes her feel dizzy and nauseous. But she would love to simply soar into the air like the other eagles. That's why Mum enrolls her in Mrs Hummel's flying school. Together with Konstantin the crane and Hilda the turtle (just because you don't have wings doesn't mean you can't try ...), Adelheid starts practising how to fly. But it is only when a little chick gets into danger that the three flying students surpass themselves. Because together they can do much more than alone!

- How to overcome fears together and with humour: not every problem is as big as it seems.
- Fun for kids and adults to read aloud
- With loving details and side stories

Backlist title:

Dragon Firetail and  
the Gleaming Treasure  
Arena · 2019 · 32 p.



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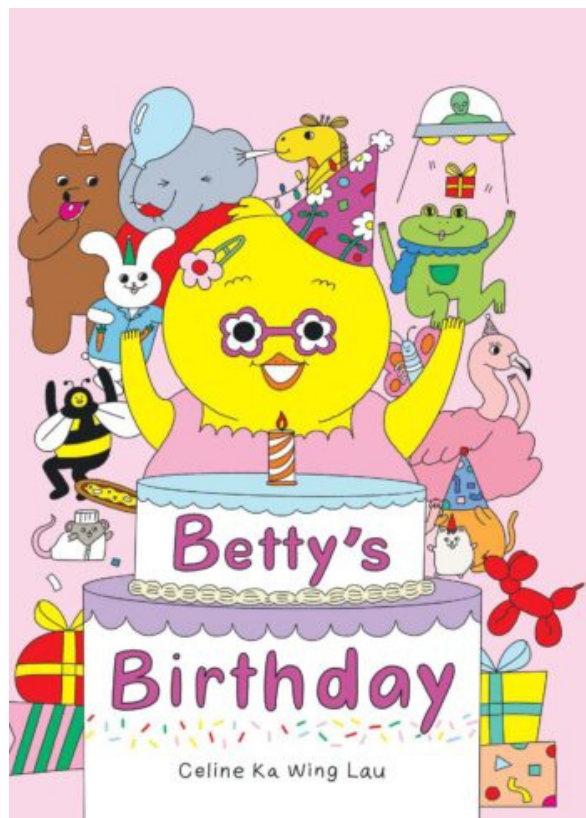
# Betty's Birthday

by Celine Ka Wing Lau



Betty is turning six today.  
She's going to have an amazing party...  
but which of her incredible outfits should she wear?  
And where has she put her glasses?

ID #40653



Cicada · May 2024 · 40 p.



This is a delightful, interactive, read-aloud picture book, in which young readers are asked to find, choose, count, discuss and otherwise engage with the silly, hyper-detailed illustrations of party games, dance competitions, pizza making and goody bags. Some unexpected narrative twists and turns pack each page with LOLs that will delight young readers and their grown-ups alike. A neon spot colour throughout will make this book an even more striking package.





# The Fish Boy

By Mamiko Shiotani



\*\*JBBY Honour List 2023 - Japanese IBBY's Section\*\*

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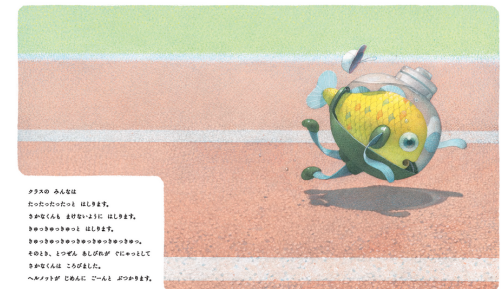


Kaisei-sha · 2022 · 32 p.

**This story conveys the joy of making friends  
while appreciating diversity.**

Sakanakun, a little fish, lives underwater. When he goes to school, he has to wear a glass helmet filled with water and rubber shoes on his fins. During a relay race in gym class, he injures one of his fins and doesn't want to go to school anymore. Lizard and Boy will help him change his mind.

さかなくんは だいいい  
がっこうが すきです。  
じょうがくせい として しょうがくせい  
です。  
きょうも さかなくんは げんがくせい  
として しょうがくせい  
です。  
でも、さかなくんは さかななので、  
みずの そとでは くらけません。  
そとに だるには じゅんぴが いります。



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# What is Happiness?

Text by Luca Tortolini, illustrations by Marco Somà

ID #40695



Emme Edizioni · March 2024 · 32 p.



A poetic and delicate book about happiness and the extraordinary power of love. A picture book enriched by the wonderful illustrations of Marco Somà, to learn the values of sharing and solidarity. A book for everyone, young and old, perfect for readings with children and for getting lost in the fantastic world of books.

**Rights sold to France  
(Sarbacane)!**



## The Divine Comedy

Text by Aristarco, illustrations by Marco Somà  
Einaudi · 2021 · 48 pages

This book is not a synopsis, nor a prose version, but an easy and playful book that gives the right tools to orientate in the complex structure of the poem, taste the wonderfulness of the verses and fall in love with the characters and the stories.



# Mouse Adventures

Torben Kuhlmann

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



Next coedition:  
October 2024



**To this day, Amelia Earhart remains an icon of the women's rights movement. There couldn't be a more fitting patron for the fifth Mouse Adventure!**

For the mice, the boundaries of their vegetable garden are the boundaries of the world. But one of them discovers a picture of a giant cat from Africa. How can she get there? With the help of a mouse pilot, the mouse builds a new type of flying machine. The colony wants to put the pioneer in her place and maliciously destroys her machine. But in the end, the cunning mouse sets off on her adventure after all. On this journey, she encounters not only gentle giant cats, but also a human woman who shares her passion: **Amelia Earhart**.

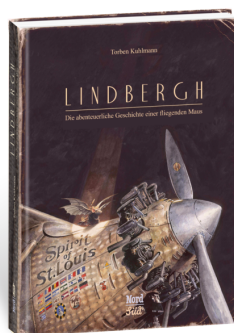
## Earhart

NordSüd · Sept 2024 · 128 p.

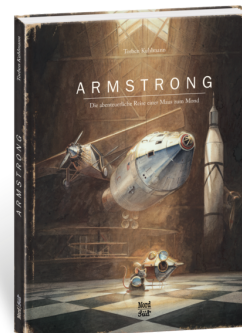
**1M copies sold worldwide**

**Sold to 30 languages/territories**

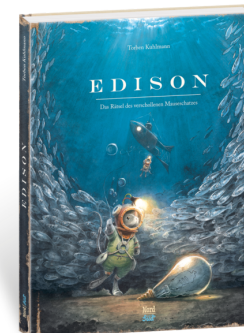
**Rights for Portugal and Brazil still available!**



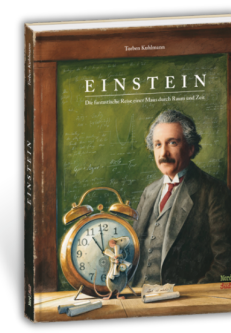
2014 · 96 p.



2016 · 128 p.



2018 · 112 p.



2020 · 128 p.



# Everyone Wants a Picture

## - But Not Just Any Picture

Written by Dieter Böge, illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald



Aladin · March 2024 · 48 p.

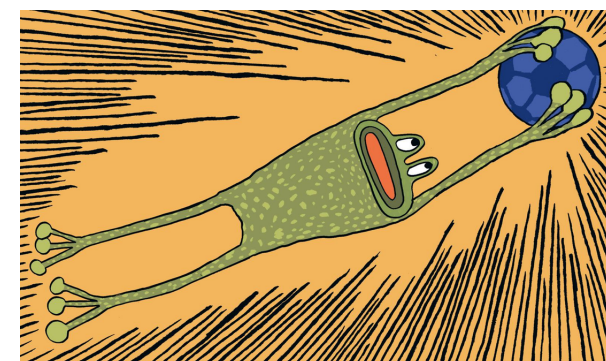
**A smart story in an unmistakable comic style that makes you pause and smile**



Der Kakadu wünscht sich ein Bild von sich

von einem Maler.

There's the ant who finally wants to have a picture in which only he can be seen. There's the cockatoo who dreams of being portrayed by a famous painter. Or the frog who wants a picture of himself as a "great catch". Familiar feelings that we, humans, also recognise when we strive to show ourselves at our best and -intentionally or unintentionally- betray our deepest desires in the process.



Der Frosch wünscht sich ein Bild von sich

als toller Hecht.

By the same author of:



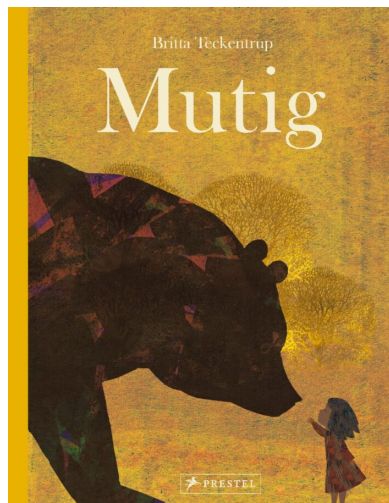
Andersen Award 2023 -  
Best Silent Book,  
The BRAW Amazing  
Bookshelf 2023,  
Hamburg  
Picturebook Prize 2022



# Britta Teckentrup

## When I Feel Brave

ID #40668



### A story about fear and courage

What you don't know can be scary. **Britta Teckentrup** explores what it means to be brave. She tells the story of a girl who walks through a dark wood all on her own and is startled by a bear: at first, the girl is afraid of the bear, but as she allows herself to get closer to it, the bear becomes her companion, and eventually even her friend.

The perfect starting-point for a discussion about fear, with children of play school or primary school age. It shows how paralysing your fears can sometimes be, but also how good it feels when you confront and overcome them.

Prestel · 2024 · 40 p.



## When I See Red



### A gorgeous and timely meditation on anger

The heroine of this story feels her anger like a storm in a dark forest. It sweeps her away, and she thunders and howls. She pours down her emotions like sheets of rain. This book illustrates many aspects of anger that are often hard to articulate –how overwhelming it is, how isolating, even scary. But it also shows anger to be a source of power and an agent for change. **Teckentrup's** impactful, boldly colored paintings skillfully evoke the way intense anger can take us on an emotional journey, one that can be both exhausting and affirming.



Prestel · 2021 · 48 p.

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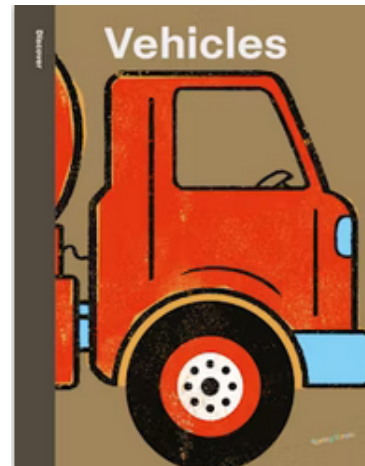
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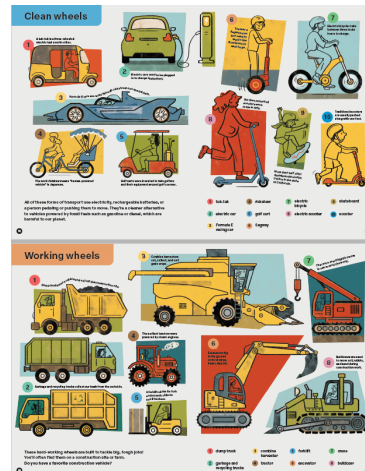
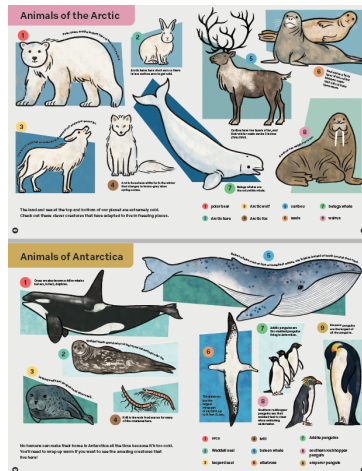
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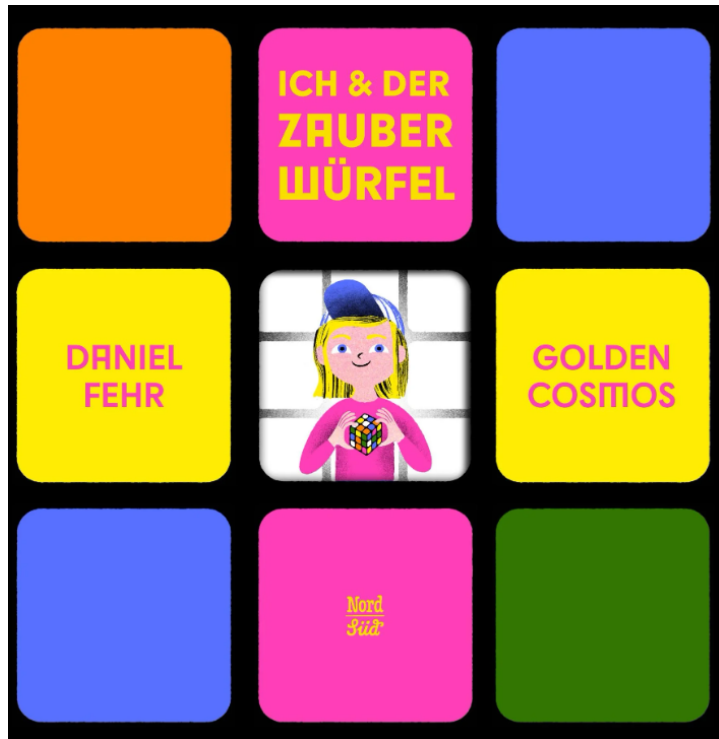
Illustrated by Lo Cole

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# The Magic Cube

Written by Daniel Fehr and illustrated by Golden Cosmos

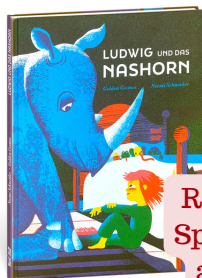


NordSüd · Sep 2024 · 48 p.



Fascinated, you start to turn the magic cube.  
Soon all the colour fields are mixed up.  
How can you put them back in order?

- 50th anniversary of the magic cube
- For all those who like to puzzle and ponder
- Narrative non-fiction



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Ludwig and the Rhinoceros  
Noemi Schneider, Golden Cosmos (il.)  
NordSüd · 2023 · 40 p.



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and Catalan

Let's build a dam!  
Daniel Fehr, Mariachiara Di Giorgio (il.)  
NordSüd · 2023 · 32 p.



# Hats

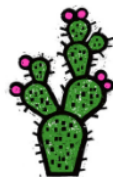
by Karen Exner

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Carlsen · Sept 2024 · 96 p.



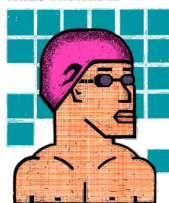
## Hats off!

This masterfully illustrated picture book is also a unique cultural history of hats



Headwear serves not only as decoration or protection. It is a message about its wearer, for example about her or his religion, place in a hierarchy, attitude or profession. Over time headgear has become tradition, symbol for movements, epochs and cultures. They have all kinds of forms, colours and materials. This book introduces a variety of people and goes on a journey through the cultural history of headwear.

BADEKAPPE  
MÖGLICHST WENIG WIDERSTAND



Badekappen geben dem Kopf eine glatte Oberfläche. Dadurch bietet sie auch einem schwimmenden Körper einen geringen Widerstand. Zudem schützen sie das Haar vor Chlor und kühlen das Kopfesinneren. In der Regel sind sie aus Silikon oder Latex gefertigt. Heute findet man auch Badekappen aus Stoff, die dann meist mit einem Haarschutznetz versehen sind.

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DASTAR  
ZEICHEN DES GLAUBENS

Der Dastar ist ein turkmenischer Kopfschmuck. Er besteht aus einem roten oder blauen Turban, der aus einem dicken Stoff gefertigt ist. Er ist ein wichtiges Zeichen des Glaubens und der Identität der Turkmenen. In der Regel wird er von Männern getragen, die eine religiöse oder politische Zugehörigkeit betonen wollen.



KIPPA  
ERINNERUNG AN GOTT

Die Kippa ist ein jüdischer Kopfschmuck. Sie besteht aus einem kleinen, schwarzen oder roten Kappen, der aus Wolle oder Leder gefertigt ist. Sie ist ein wichtiges Zeichen des Glaubens und der Identität der Juden. In der Regel wird sie von Männern getragen, die eine religiöse Zugehörigkeit betonen wollen.





# BiBiBiber the Beaver Has a Question

by Mai Thi Nguyen-Kim & Marie Meimberg

Oetinger · 2024 · 112 p.

As poetic as  
Oliver Jeffers



THIRD VOLUME  
coming Autumn  
2024!!



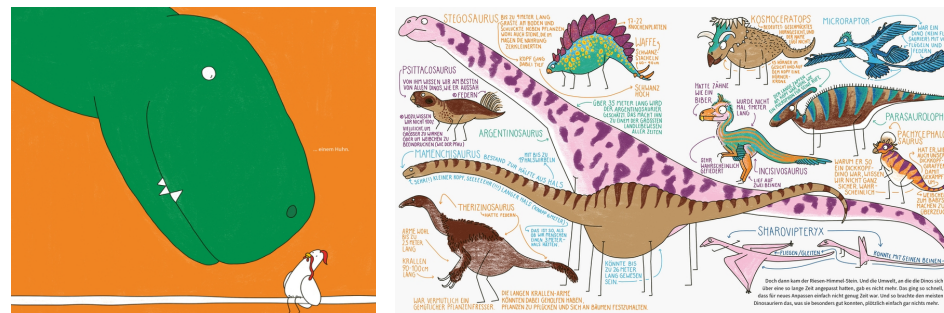
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## #01 Why do stars shine?

To understand why stars shine and what this has to do with dancing particles, air pressure and heat. With the carbon cycle of life, CO2 and plants. With the formation of the universe, our Milky Way and our Earth.



## #02 Are dinos really all dead?

To understand why dinos are still alive and what this has to do with the history of the earth. With evolutionary theory, animal competition and the fact that we survive better when we are very, very different. This seemingly small question is connected to climate catastrophe, good-bad simultaneity, mass extinctions, T. rex climbing frames and island kiwis. And with us. With the question of how we want to live. And how we change the world with our human magic.

**Mai Thi Nguyen-Kim, bestselling author  
and award-winning science journalist,  
and Marie Meimberg, Grimme Prize nominee  
and International Emmy Award winner**



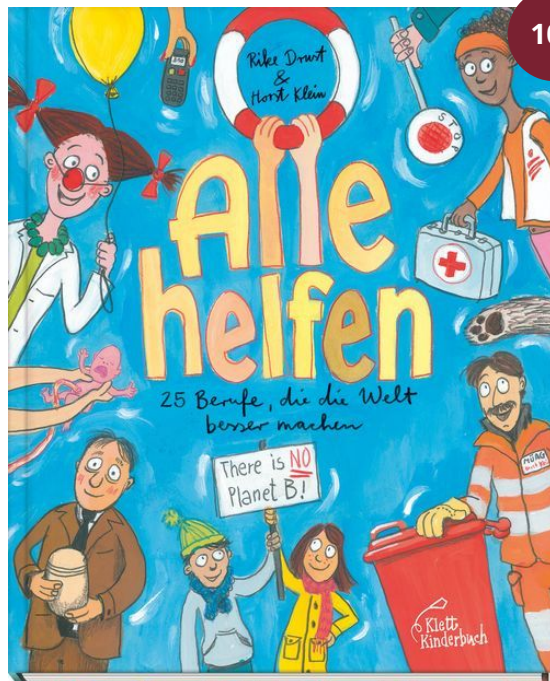
# Everyone Helps

## 25 jobs that make the world a better place

Written by Rike Drust and illustrated by Horst Klein



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### Inspiring: an eye-opening source for lively discussions

Yes, some truly terrible things are happening in the world: war and catastrophes everywhere, not to mention the climate crisis. These concerns don't altogether pass children by. We don't want to give them a false sense of security, so how do we talk about it? Rike Drust has the answer: **Look at the people helping!**

This book introduces us to 25 people, who contribute to making the world a better place. From the paediatrician in a crisis-torn region to the rubbish bin collector and the hospital clown we learn what they like about their work, why they chose their profession and what sometimes bothers them.

- **Honest, funny, heart-warming** – a book about the many opportunities we have to make the world a little better
- **Authentic:** over 1,500 people contributed stories for this book
- **Funny:** lots of little marginal scenes and heaps of insider knowledge

Klett Kinderbuch · 2023 · 64 p.





# Series

## THE AWESOME ADVENTURES OF Will AND Randolph

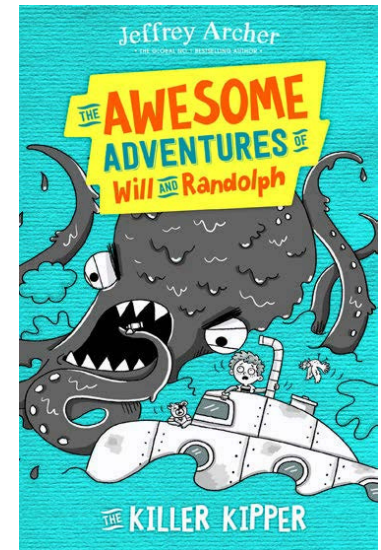
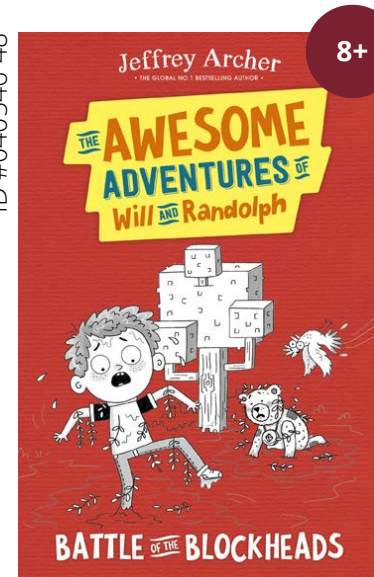
by Jeffrey Archer

One day Will and his brother Jamie receive a strange parcel from their explorer Aunt. Jamie is given a cool warrior statue. Will gets an emerald amulet which he's slightly less keen on. He gives the amulet to his toy bear, Randolph, and thinks nothing more of it until Randolph starts walking and talking. They are then sucked into a magical portal that transports them to an adventure in a different weird and wonderful world in every book.

- **Funny and crazy adventures**
- **B&W illustrations**
- **4 titles available!**



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Saga Egmont · March 2024 · 128 p.

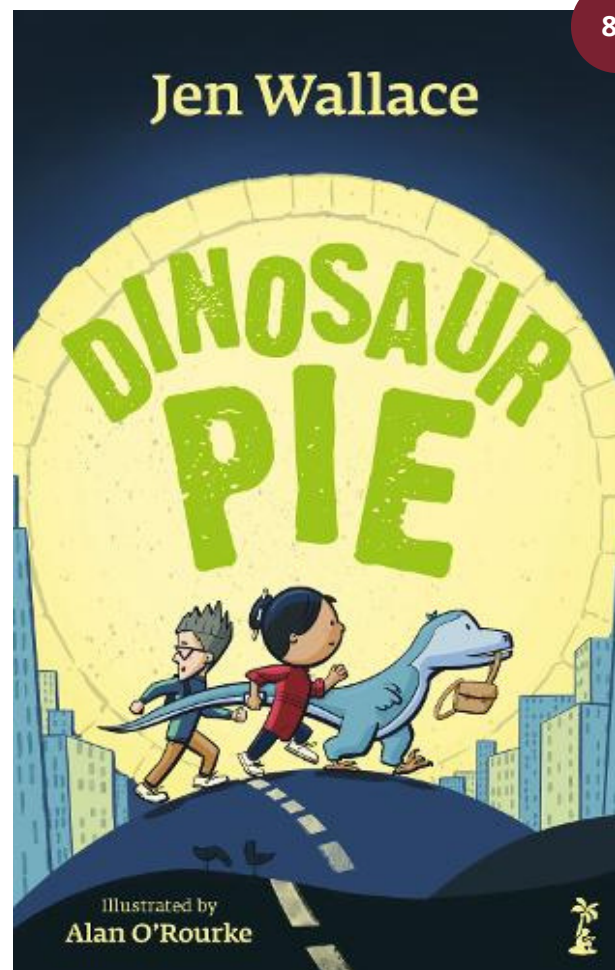


# Dinosaur Pie

Written by Jen Wallace, illustrated by Alan O'Rourke



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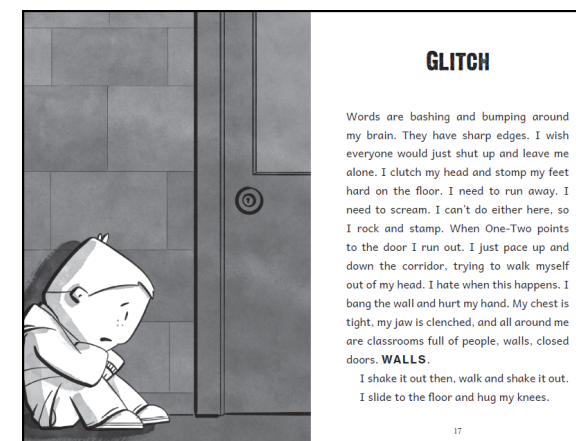
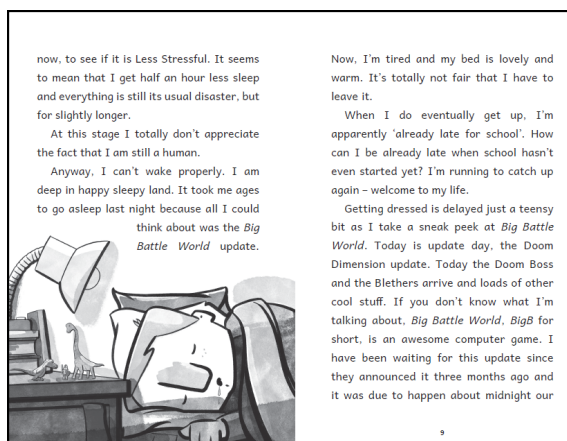
Little Island · April 2024 · 176 p.

## A hilarious and heart-warming story about a boy with ADHD who is transformed into a dinosaur

Rory is having a weird week. A really weird week. He has been turned into a ridiculous, small, feathered dinosaur. Pretty awkward. Rory can't use a human toilet. He can't hold a video game controller in his little dino claws. His breath smells really bad. And his new carnivore body can't stop craving sausages.

Rory finally gets his friends to take his embarrassing situation seriously, and together they embark on Operation Make Rory Human Again. But it's not easy...Will Rory be stuck as a dinosaur forever?

**Neurodivergent protagonist: the author explores Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in a relatable and compassionate manner informed by years of working with children**



# The Sorceress's Daughter

Written by Paul Maar, illustrated by Hannes Maar



Oetinger · 2024 · 96 p.

**Paul Maar's new fantasy book takes young readers into a colourful world full of magic, magical creatures and exciting adventures**

Mrs Schmitt is a wicked sorceress as they say in the book: she is bad-tempered and mean and loves to conjure up bad things like floods, forest fires or erasers that tear holes in exercise books. Her 11-year-old daughter Fizzi is quite different. But above all, Fizzi has nothing to do with magic. "That can't be right!" exclaims Mrs Schmitt and whisks Fizzi off to the netherworld - and her eternally nagging husband along with her. But the world in between isn't so scary after all and Fizzi soon discovers that she too harbours little magical powers.

**Paul Maar is one of Germany's most popular and awarded authors, considered a modern classic.**

«Ich heiße Male. Ja, ich bin ein Mensch», sagte Male.  
«Du hast Zauberkräfte», sagte Frau Mahme. «Was willst du also von mir? Etwas, was du nicht selber zaubern kannst?»  
«Ja» Male nickte und hielt Frau Mahme den Koffer dicht vor den Kopf.  
Sie hatte das Gefühl, dass Frau Mahme nicht mehr gut sehen konnte. Ihre Augenlider waren nicht weiß, sondern dunkelgelb, ihre Pupillen klein wie Stecknadelköpfe.  
Male verneigte sich jetzt auch ganz tief, wie vorher der Fuchs, und sagte: «Du bist mein Vater. Ich hätte gerne, dass er endlich wieder ein Mensch ist und wir dann gemeinsam zurückkehren können in die Menschenwelt.»  
«Seltsam», sagte Frau Mahme und wiegte den schuppigen Kopf hin und her. «Menschen haben einen Koffer zum Vater!»  
«Eben nicht!», sagte Male. «Deshalb sollst du ihn bitte zurückverwandeln in einen Menschen mit zwei Beinen.»  
Jetzt steckte die Schildkröte, auf der Frau Mahme stand, ganz, ganz langsam den Kopf aus dem Panzer.



«Kann sie nicht, das kann sie nicht!», krächzte sie.  
«Sie hat viel zu wenig Zauberkräfte. Ist ja auch noch jung. Keine hundert Jahre alt.»  
«Großmutter Mahme spricht fast nie», flüsterte der Fuchs Male zu. «Dass sie mit dir redet, ist etwas ganz Besonderes.»  
Die alte Schildkröte, die der Fuchs Großmutter Mahme genannt hatte, wandte sich an Male.

Was sollte sie tun? Sie legte den Koffer flach auf den Boden und hoffte, der Troll würde ihn übersehen.  
Aber da hörte sie auch schon das laute Stampfen des Trolls hinter sich. Er hatte den Koffer gleich entdeckt und versetzte ihm wohl einen starken Tritt. Denn schon flog der Koffer im hohen Bogen aus dem Seh-nis-Gebiet.  
Male hörte ihren Vater noch singen: «Aua! Harte Landung nicht im Gras. Macht keinen Spaß!»  
Dann war er still.  
Der Troll tastete anscheinend um sich. Sie hörten ihn im Gras nach ihnen suchen Dabei brüllte er: «Wo seid ihr! Ich krieg euch! He, sagt was!»  
Diesen Gefallen taten ihm Male und der Fuchs natürlich nicht. Sie schlichen vorsichtig immer weiter von der Trollstimme weg.  
Der Troll war inzwischen auf der anderen Seite des Seh-nis-Gebiets herausgekommen. Der unsichtbare Fuchs und die unsichtbare Male beobachteten ihn, wie er jetzt den Bach bestaunte, mit beiden Füßen ins Wasser sprang, dass es hoch aufspritzte, und offenbar Gefallen daran fand.

Er schrie begeistert «Ho, ho, ho!», während er durch den Bach stampfte. «Ho, ho, ho!»  
«Er interessiert sich nicht mehr für uns», flüsterte Male. «Las uns schnell zurückgehen!»  
«Du meinst weitergehen», flüsterte der Fuchs zurück.





# Series DREAM VOLLEY

by Annalisa Strada & Myriam Sylla



Middle-Grade

ID #04784-87



Il Castoro · April 2024 · 128 p.

## BOOK #1 READY, SET... FLY!

12-year-old Catherine doesn't know what to do: she doesn't like dance anymore, and she's just argued with her best friend. Could it be time to try a new sport? Elisa gives her some good advice: volleyball!



## BOOK #2 A TEAM'S IN TROUBLE

The Dream Volley team's in trouble: if they don't find a new sponsor, they'll have to merge with the unbearable enemies!

Catherine, Elisa and Victoria face the challenges of being 12 years old, both on and off the court, with their favourite team: Dream Volley!



2 more books coming  
in Summer 2024!

# Series MONSTROUSLY CUTE

Written by Sonja Kaiblinger, illustrated by Anton Riedel

ID #040840



9+

Baumhaus · March 2024 · 128 p.

- **Bestselling author Sonja Kaiblinger**
- **Cool bonus feature (only in the 1st edition): character cards to tear out and display**



When science nerd Ludwig ends up in a dustbin again thanks to class bully Egon, he realises that this time he is not alone – there's something in the bin with him! And this something is not only hairy and ugly but has big googly eyes, a little round tummy and sharp front teeth. It also has a predilection for dirty socks, and makes short work of the contents of the dustbin. Ludwig's spirit of discovery is awakened: what is this creature? It turns out to be quite affectionate, and follows Ludwig all the way home. He knows he can't let his parents see it. But that's easier said than done when the creature turns Ludwig's bedroom upside down. And it doesn't stop there...





# RIM and the liberated Words

Written by Maddalena Vaglio Tanet, illustrated by Iaria Mancini

ID #040803

10+



Rizzoli · March 2024 · 256 p.

**For all those 'who know that words are alive and need our care'**

Try to imagine a world where words do not belong to everyone, but are strange little creatures that live in cages and are bought at the market. A world where only the rich can afford the luxury of using strange and complicated terms, no one can read and write, school does not exist and neither do books. A world where many things cannot be said, simply because you do not have the words to say them.

This is the world of Rim, a curious little girl who, like the other inhabitants of her village, does not even suspect that things might be different. Everything changes, however, when she comes across a bizarre old man dressed in rags and without teeth. His name is Witzold and he is about to drag her into an incredible adventure. Among giant watermelons, powerful sorcerers and magic spells, Rim will discover what terrible secret is hidden in the past of her kingdom and in the highest tower of the castle. But above all she will encounter many, many words, starting with the most important of all: freedom.

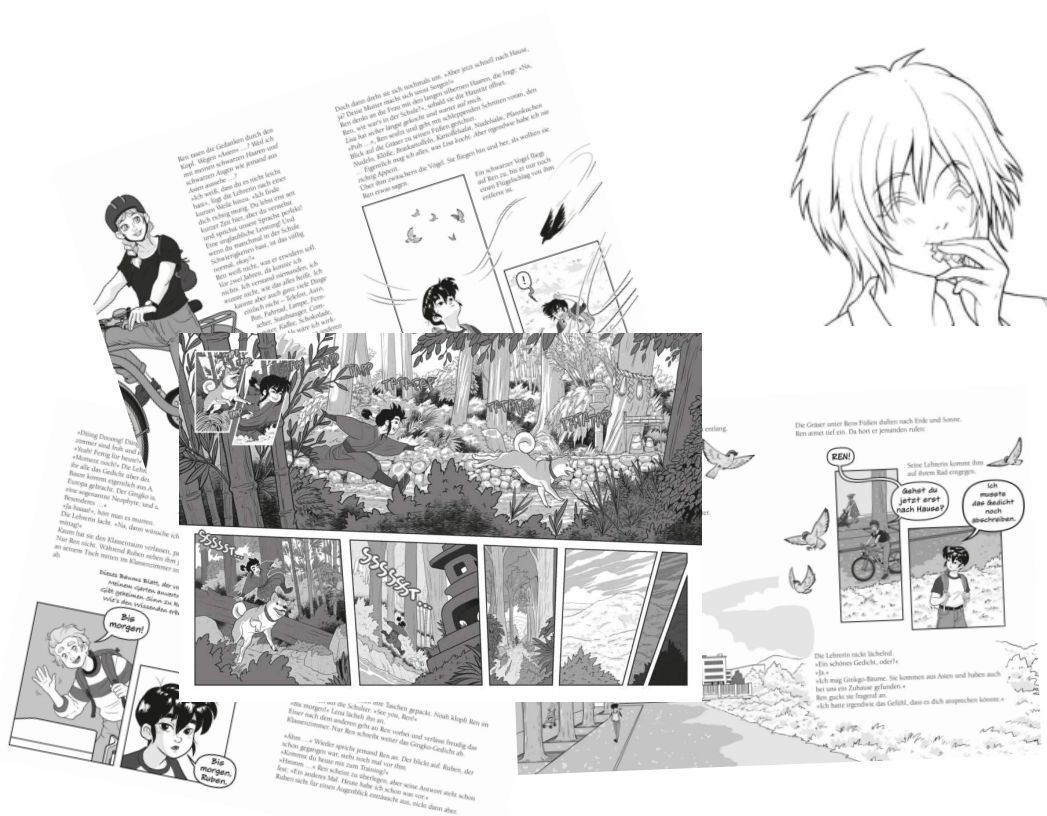


# Manga Stories

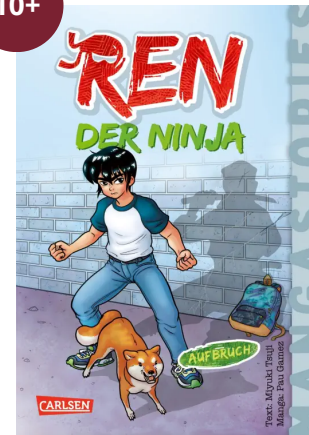
Carlsen · April 2024 · 256 p.

**Extra-short on text, extra-long on manga pictures, and extra-exciting and action-packed**

- Innovative series concept: with a high percentage of manga-style pictures.
- Exciting stories, illustrated by real manga artists.
- The perfect introduction to the world of mangas for girls and boys – in keeping with the **big manga trend!**



10+  
ID #40837-9



## Ren the Ninja #01

### Departure

Text by Miyuki Tsuji

Illustrations by Pau Gámez

One day Ren meets a magical dog and the mysterious girl Ana. She tells the boy that he is a chosen ninja. What does that mean? With strength and skill, they will manage to free many suffering animals.



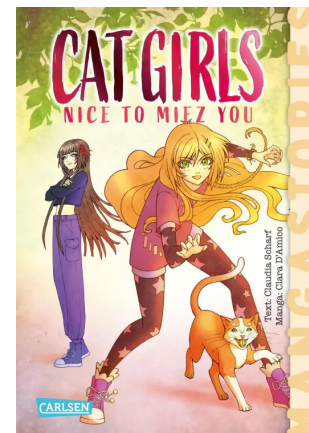
## Ren the Ninja #02

### Resistance

Text by Miyuki Tsuji

Illustrations by Pau Gámez

Ren meets his wise teacher. From her he learns that as a chosen ninja he should travel to his village in his distant homeland to support his family in a big fight.



## Cat Girls #01

### Nice to meowt you

Text by Claudia Scharf

Illustrations by Clara D'Amico

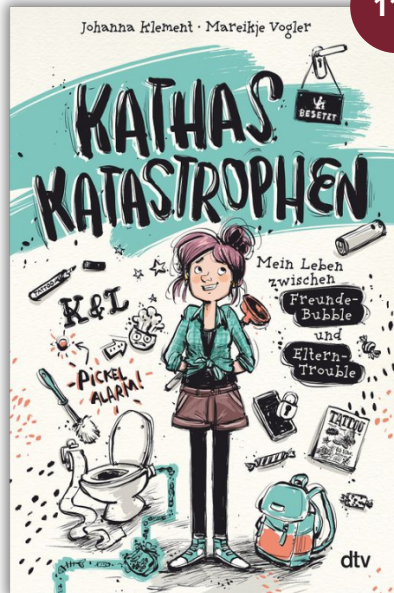
Minou moves to a new city: new school, new grief... And then, she realises she can jump higher, hear more clearly and see better than anyone else. She has cat-like abilities – she is a CAT GIRL.



# Cathy's Catastrophes

Written by Johanna Klement, illustrated by Mareikje Vogler

ID #040828-9



**I'm a teenager, get me out of here!!**

## #01 My Life, from Friendship Bubble to Parent Trouble

Twelve-year-old friends Cathy and Lisi stumble from one disaster to the next. There's always something happening, it just always manages to be the wrong thing. How can a bowl of goulash cause so much harm? And how can a fake tattoo be so embarrassing? And then there's the class environmental project that's currently running – completely out of control ...

**Humorously weird, this series takes on the normal disasters of everyday life**

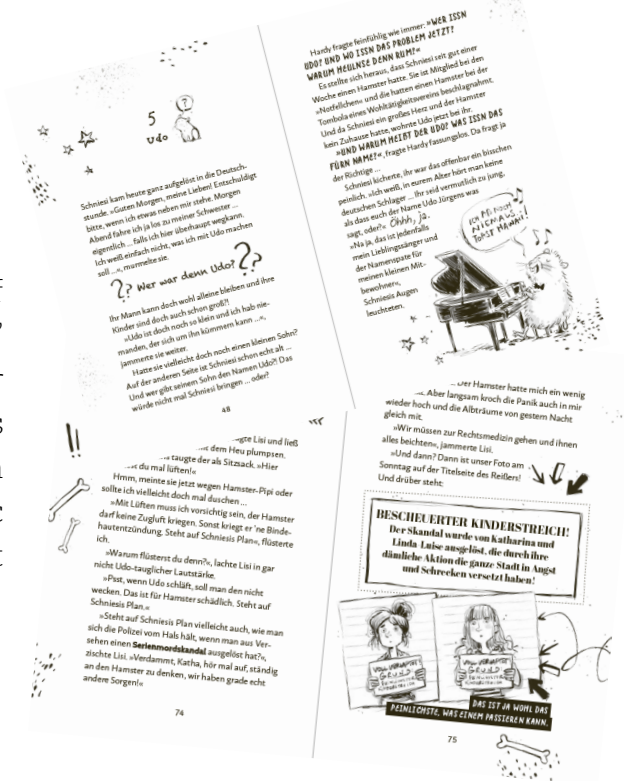


## #02 My Life, from Bone Blunder to Hamster Disaster

Katha got a very bad grade in her ethics test and has to make use of the project week to improve her grade. The topic is 'responsibility' and she has no idea what to do. Luckily, her teacher is looking for someone to care for her hamster Udo for a few days. Udo escapes from his cage! And then Katha and her friend Lisi find a bone in the forest and drop it in the letterbox at the Institute of Forensic Medicine. When the local newspaper reports a murder, things start to get completely out of hand ...

DTV · 2023-4 · 114 p. / 144 p.

**Third volume Autumn 2024!**



# Trilogy SEPIA

by Theresa Bell

Middle-Grade

classic fantasy  
& suspense

power of books  
& imagination

ink & alchemist  
war

ID #040719



11+

The most expected trilogy  
bought by Thienemann after  
a big auction in Germany!

Twelve-year-old Sepia realises that books are more valuable than gold in Flohall as soon as she arrives in the famous harbour city with its fragrant ink and whispering paper. She is there to learn the craft of book printing from Silversyll, one of the three great masters. Why was she chosen - a clumsy orphan girl with ink stains on her fingers? Sepia soon finds loyal friends in Niki and Sanzio. But strange things start to happen in Flohall. Sinister figures prowl around, and then the masters disappear. Sepia suspects that this has something to do with the Ink War and a dark alchemist who everyone thought had been defeated long ago.

Thienemann · Feb 2024 · 384 p.



# Series **BIG TROUBLE** with **Angry Chairs**

Written by Lachlann Carter, illustrated by Douglas Holgate

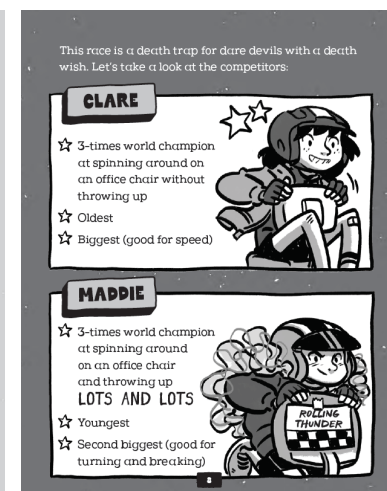
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**A riotously funny, spooky series  
about two kids whose surroundings  
keep trying to eat them**

Maddie and Clare live in a quiet, palm treelined dead end, which they call Dead End, with their dad and pet chicken. It's a place where not much happens, except for the odd small incident. Like a mass uprising of angry chairs. And the appearance of a prehistoric mutant fart gas. And an invasion of killer pineapples. But other than that, things are pretty boring in Dead End. You can see why Maddie and Clare have to make their own fun ...

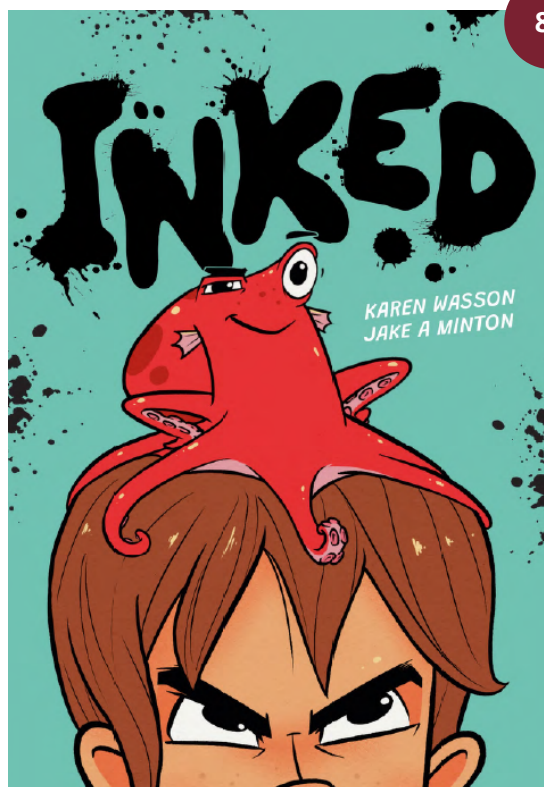
Figment Books · Aug 2024 · 224 p.



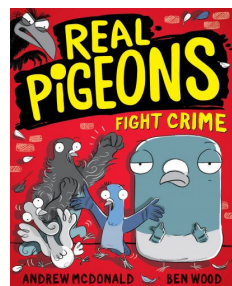
# Inked

Written by Karen Wassen, illustrated by Jake A. Minton

ID #040759



Figment Books · April 2024 · 300 p.



From the bestselling illustrator Jake A. Minton  
**REAL PIGEONS** sold 200.000 copies  
 Sold to 7 territories  
 Animated movie sold to Nickelodeon

**Hilarious enemies-to-besties story about the unlikely friendship between a stubborn octopus called Otto and a lonely twelve-year-old kid called Sid who DOES NOT want to be seen talking to him**

Sid is an introverted 12-year-old who wants to blend in. Otto is an opera-singing octopus who wants to stand out! So when Otto mistakenly ends up in Sid's struggling family fish shop in the small town of Rone (instead of Rome), Sid's already complicated life is turned completely upside down.





# Motorsnails

Written by Jacopo Napolitano, illustrated by Francesco Sala



Graphic Novel

ID #40187



Il Castoro · Nov 2023 · 176 p.

Full ENG translation available!



A wild, crazy and hilarious adventure in space

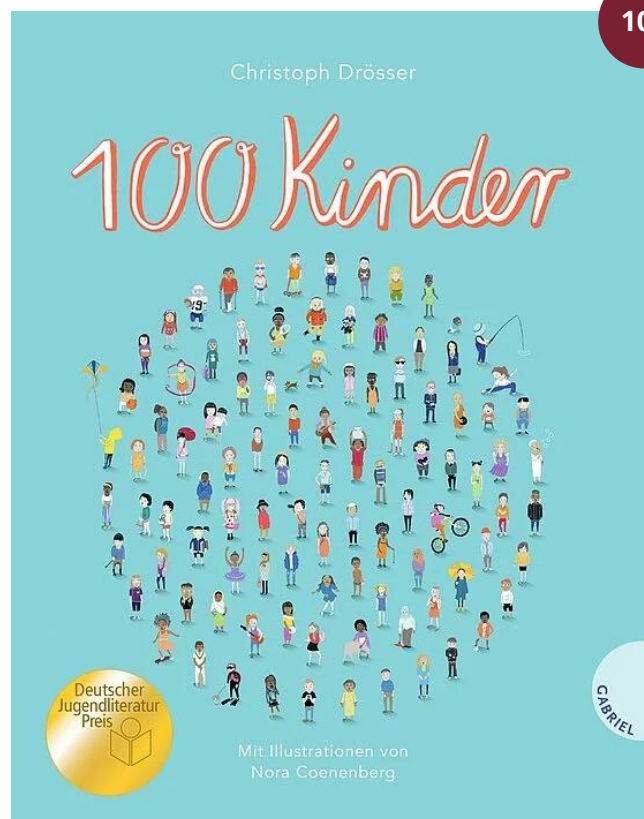
Marta and Stax dream of becoming the reigning champions of motorsnail races at the LunarPark! They come up against Uranians, Venusians and pilots from every other planet. Overtakings, explosions, tunnels on fire, giant monsters... only the fastest will survive.



# 100 Children

Written by Christoph Drösser, illustrated by Nora Coenenberg

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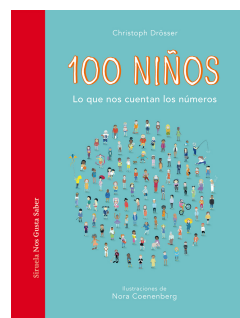


**A close look at our world – a thought experiment shows children how other children live all around the world**

There are around two billion children in the world, and each one lives differently. It is quite difficult to visualise such a big number as real children. It becomes easier if this large number is reduced to just 100 children in a thought experiment. How many of them would have a pet? How many would need glasses? And where would they even live?

- German Youth Literature Award 2021
- More than 20.000 copies sold!
- Updated and expanded edition
- Rights sold to: Spain, Czech, Poland, Lithuania, Korea, Italy, Estonia, Denmark, China and Bosnia Herzegovina

Thienemann · January 2020 · 104 p.



**Spanish Edition  
(Siruela)**



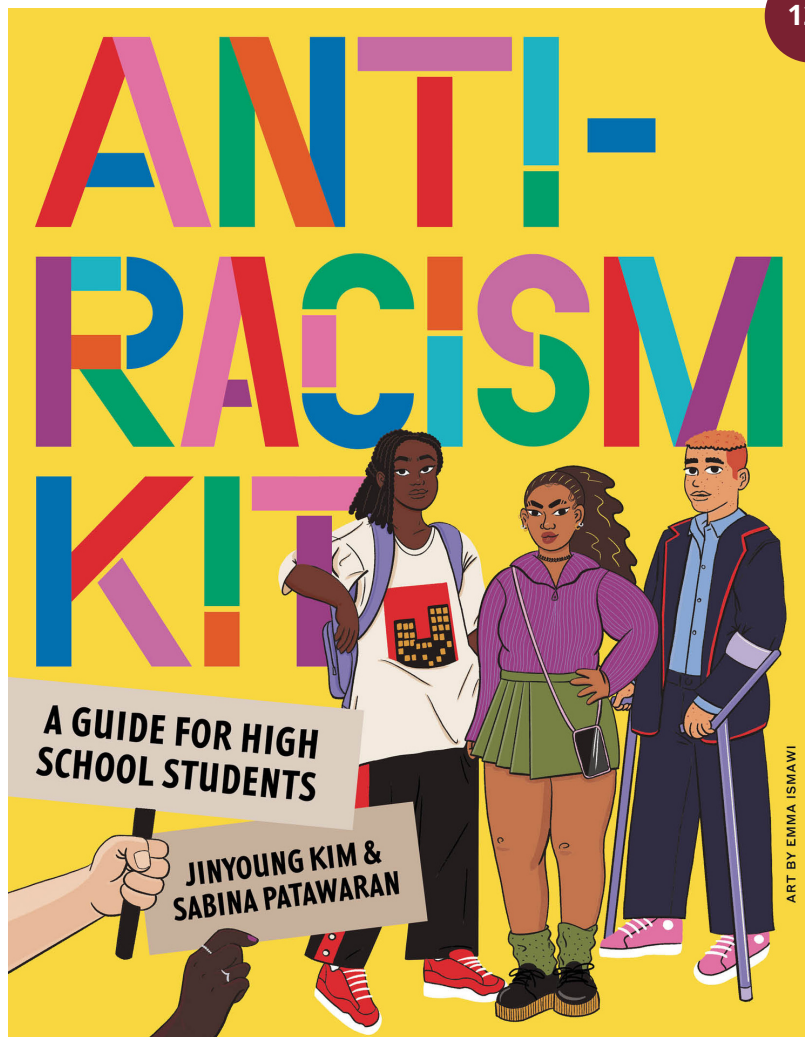


# Anti-Racism Kit

Written by Jinyoung Kim & Sabina Patawaran illustrated by Emma Ismawi

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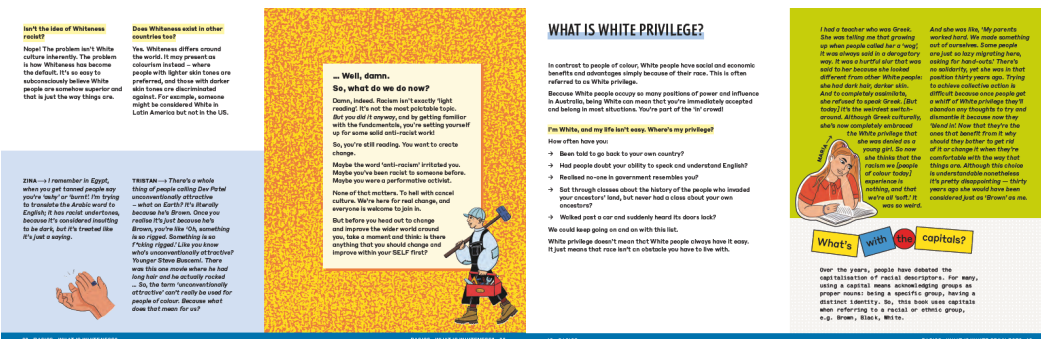
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## The essential, comprehensive first guide to dismantling RACISM, created especially for high school students

Written by two bright young Australian thinkers, the Anti-Racism Kit is a liberating, eye-opening exploration of anti-racism and racial justice centring on the lives and experiences of young adults. Covering three actionable, tangible areas for change – Self, School and Society – this guide breaks down key steps in learning about and practising anti-racism, including understanding important concepts such as privilege and internalised racism and learning to speak up effectively and safely in challenging situations.

Hardie Grant · Feb 2024 · 208 p.



# The Fox Of Aramir

by Katja Brandis



YA

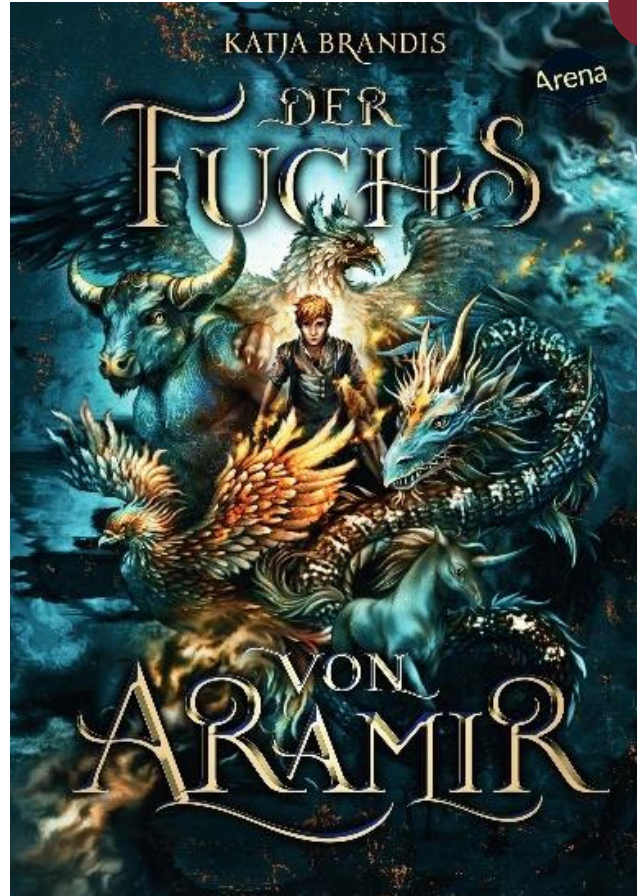
fantasy adventure

great LOVE story

new world building

mythical creatures

ID #040567



YA

For readers of Sarah J. Maas  
and Holly Black

In the harbour town of Aramir live several powerful families of mythical creatures. The charming, cunning fox Devan belongs to none of these families but he has become known as the Fox of Aramir because he uses his sharp intelligence to assist the rich families. When called upon to do so, he is supported by his rebellious best friend Rouka. But one day, the Prince of Aramir blackmails Devan into trying to fulfil an impossible wish. While Devan travels to the land of the elves, in order to bring back one of the unpredictable singing elves, there is a conspiracy that shakes the very foundations of Aramir. Suddenly, not only Devan's future is under threat but also that of the whole town and its mythical inhabitants

Arena · Feb 2024 · 456 p.

The new, enchanting fantasy adventure by best-selling author Katja Brandis  
with more than 2.500.000 copies sold of her Wood Walkers Series!



# Even if it hurts

by Lila Storm



YA

romantasy

paranormal  
characters

pain & loss  
love & memories

spicy twist

ID #040804



YA

Would you give up LOVE  
to stop SUFFERING?

Jonah has recently moved to Aster and can finally go to school like the others, without hiding his yellow eyes behind dark lenses, and feel accepted despite the folded flower on his skin, a symbol of the mark of pain. In Aster, in fact, the Children of Astaroth, people who can take away negative feelings or bestow special talents, are not persecuted, on the contrary, they are privileged. Here Jonah meets Judith, a girl with whom he shares a passion for art. The two discover the strength of feelings they have never felt before, but she hides an immense pain: her father has disappeared suddenly, leaving her with an emptiness that makes it impossible for her to surrender to such an overwhelming love. Jonah could erase Judith's pain, but in doing so he would also erase any memory of their love born between the folds of that suffering. Fate then forces Judith to make an impossible choice: remember and continue to love Jonah or forget and choose the more carefree life that Nate, who has always been her safe haven, could give her.

Mondadori · Feb 2024 · 320 p.

# Trigger

by C. G. Moore

YA

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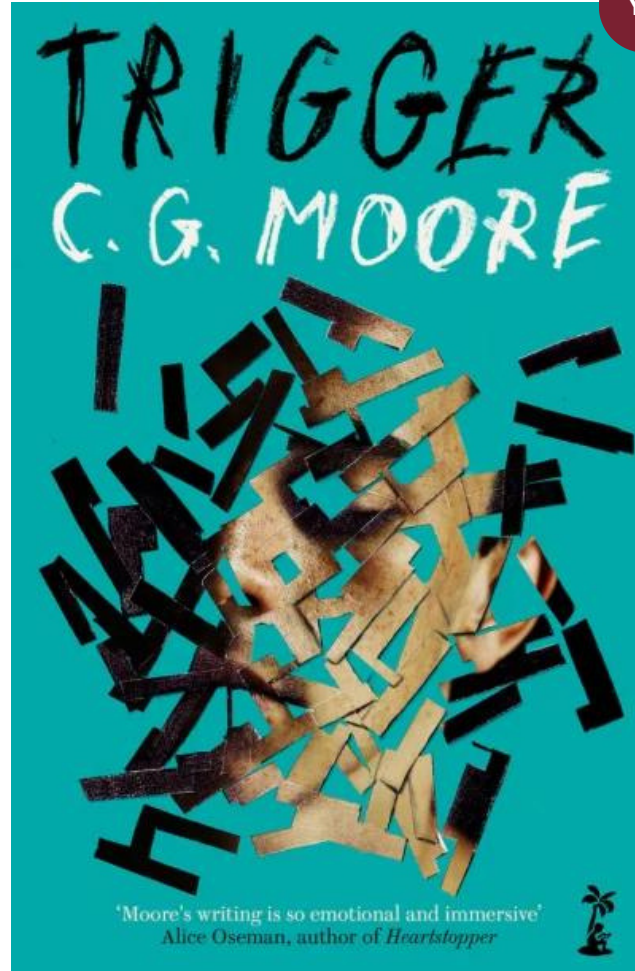
ID #040627

verse novel

sexual assault

shame, denial,  
acceptance

confrontation with  
reality,  
struggle, liberation



Little Island · March 2024 · 200 p.

## A story to break taboos on consent in the LGBTQ+ community

17-year-old Jay wakes up in a park, battered and confused and unable to remember what happened the night before. But he has his suspicions. His best friend takes him to the hospital, and Jay is referred to the sexual assault unit. At first Jay refuses to believe that he was raped.

However soon Jay becomes overwhelmed when the weight of what has happened starts to dawn on him. He wants answers, and his search leads him down a dark and dangerous path. When Jay attends group counselling sessions, he meets Rain, who encourages Jay in his quest for justice. Could his exboyfriend, Jackson be involved?

"Moore's writing is so emotional and immersive"  
Alice Oseman, author of Heartstopper.



# Duology ASHES & SOULS

by the bestselling author Ava Reed

BACKLIST HIGHLIGHT!

Over 25.000 copies sold!

YA

YA

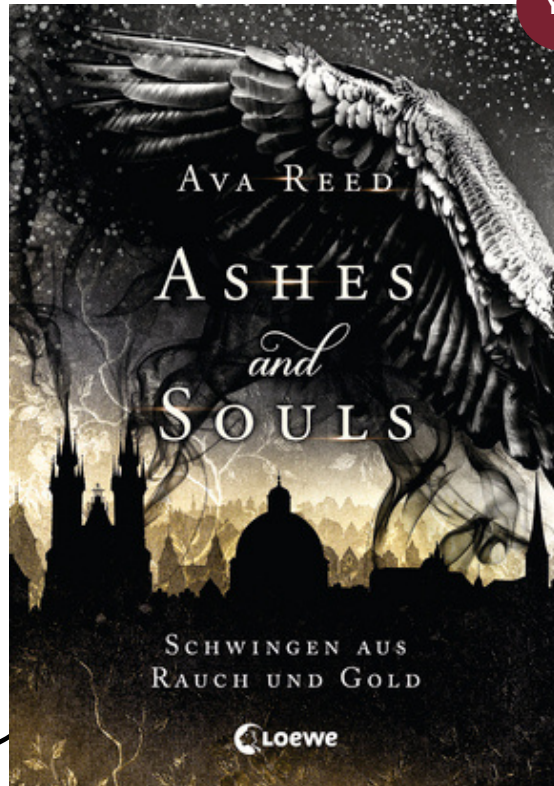
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romance

dark fantasy

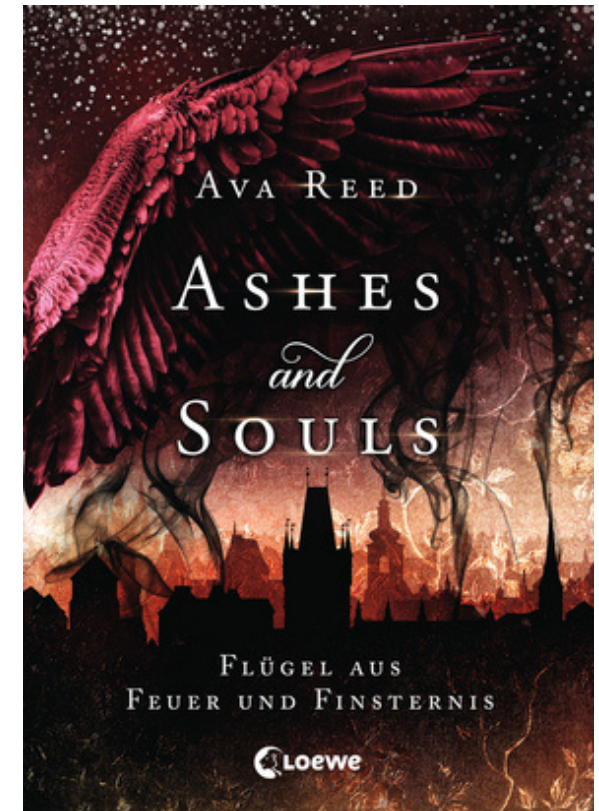
Good vs. Evil

(im)possible  
LOVE



Loewe · Book #01 · Sept 2019 · 284 p.

*A love  
for eternity*



Loewe · Book #02 · March 2020 · 384 p.

Prague is called the Golden City, but all that 18-year-old Mila can see is grey. Mila has a special gift: she can foresee death. Humans that will soon die lose all color. Desperately, she hopes to find her roots in Prague to get rid of this curse. However, her gift soon involves her in the war between light and darkness and she learns that heaven and hell are a lot different than she has imagined. Taniel, the ambassador of light has the job to eliminate Mila as he is convinced that she endangers the balance of the world. Asher, on the other side, wants to use Mila's gift for the dark side. But he surely didn't plan to fall in love with Mila ...

# Swordcrossed

by **the bestselling author** Freya Marske

By the same author of:  
Trilogy **THE LAST BINDING**



Spanish/World rights sold to V&R

YA

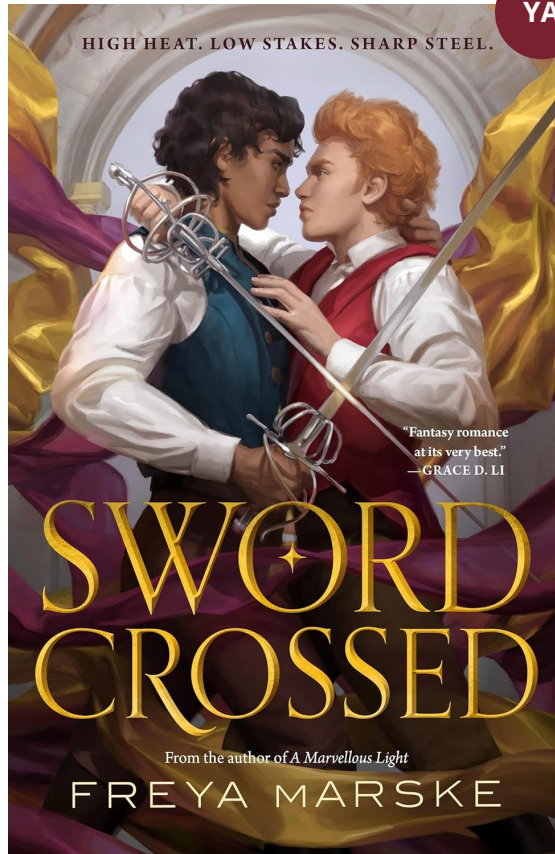
ID #40509

romantasy

everything is possible

wit, charm and spice

enemies-to-lovers



Tor · Oct 2024 · 284 p.

“Clever, sparkling, and perfectly indulgent, *Swordcrossed* feels like stepping into a party already in full swing.

Everything is possible; everything is wondrous.

This is fantasy romance at its very best.”

—Grace D. Li, New York Times bestselling author of *Portrait of a Thief*

Mattinesh Jay, dutiful heir to his struggling family business, needs to hire an experienced swordsman to serve as best man for his arranged marriage. Sword-challenge at the ceremony could destroy all hope of restoring his family's wealth, something that Matti has been trying—and failing—to do for the past ten years. What he can afford, unfortunately, is part-time con artist and full-time charming menace Luca Piere.

Luca, for his part, is trying to reinvent himself in a new city. All he wants to do is make some easy money and try to forget the crime he committed in his hometown. He didn't plan on being blackmailed into giving sword lessons to a chronically responsible—and inconveniently handsome—wool merchant like Matti.

However, neither Matti's business troubles nor Luca himself are quite what they seem. How many lies are you prepared to strip away, when the truth could mean losing everything you want?

**Low stakes. High heat. Sharp steel.**

YA



# Duology RED UMBRELLA SOCIETY

by Caroline Brinkmann

coloured edges



YA

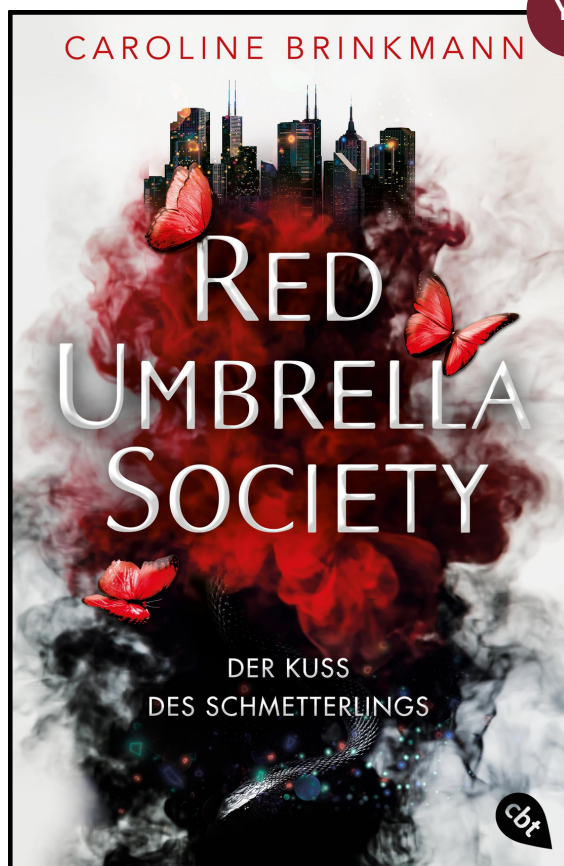
YA

urban fantasy

murder in  
New York

dark secret  
society

thief & detective  
fatal attraction



Penguin/CBJ · June 2024 · 336 p.

A mysterious murder shakes New York. The victim is, of all people, a member of the powerful Red Umbrella Society, whose members supposedly have special abilities. The last thing Skadi needs is to be dragged into this, because she has enough problems of her own. She and her brother owe money to an unscrupulous underground boss and have to do risky jobs for him. But then, during one of these assignments, Skadi stumbles upon a dead body and becomes the target of the young and extremely attractive investigator David Bell. He is convinced of her guilt and does everything in his power to catch her. But someone is interested in protecting Skadi. Someone to whom she owes more than she would like and who demands a dark favour in return.

A quick-witted thief, an attractive detective, and a dark secret between them



The Kiss of the Butterfly (Book #01)

The Bite of the Serpent (Book #02) - coming soon!



# Hunger's Bite

By Taylor Robin

ID #040617



Union Square, Feb. 2025, 272 p.

Taylor Robin is a comic books trans author and illustrator. He's written for Boom's *Steven Universe* series and has been published in several anthologies with Iron Circus Comics.

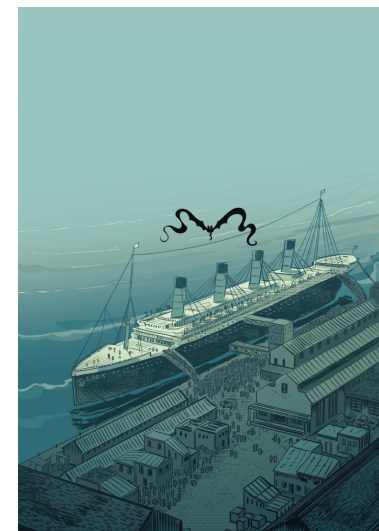
**French rights sold to Bayard!**

YA

**A YA horror-lite GN  
in which three teens battle a creature  
haunting a 1920s ocean liner**

When gay teen vampire Warwick ("Wick") Farley is dispatched by his shifty employers—the international paranormal investigation organization Goldfinch—to look into an ocean liner whose mysterious new owner could threaten Britain's maritime business, he discovers a supernatural threat frightening even to him. Teaming with brave Neeta Pandey, the teenage ward of the ship's captain, Wick stands against Honeycutt—who appears to be a merely crass American businessman who's just bought the SS Lark, but is in fact an energy sucking entity intent on destroying the ship.

**Sequel coming in Spring 2026**





# Fangirl Fantasy

By Olivia Vieweg

#040583

YA



Carlsen · May 2024 · 256 p.

By the same author:

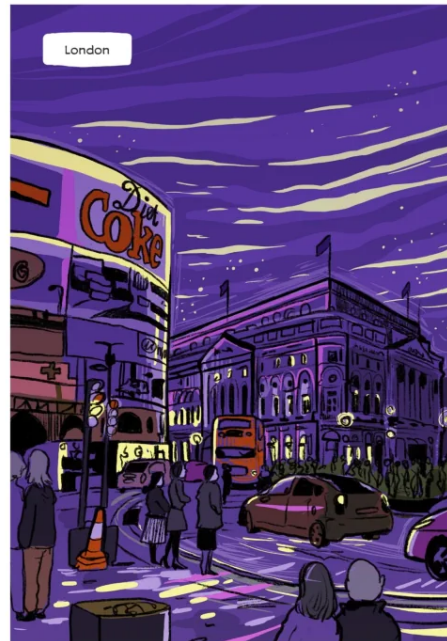


The Last Days  
of the World  
Carlsen · 2018 · 294 p.



## Wacky story about the phenomenon of fan culture

The actor Allan is stuck in a crisis: He wants to shed his image as a rom-com star and finally tackle some serious character roles. Alas, it's Allan the rom-com star that his fans love! When three fangirls kidnap him, chaos ensues. They force Allan to act out scenes from his films – according to their rules. Quickly realizing he can't escape from them, he starts to sabotage his kidnappers' plans. But there's something he didn't think of: **Worse than being adored by his fans is being despised by them...**



What goes on in the heads of fans? Fans generate piles of content on social media and often contribute greatly to the success of their stars. Nevertheless, they are ridiculed and, to some extent, underestimated. Olivia Vieweg researched the phenomenon of fan culture and made a story out of it.

# series DEADENDIA

By Hamish Steele

#039029



YA

Union Square, 2024, 256 p.



Rights sold to: Spanish World/TBR,  
Italian, Turkish, French, Polish

DeadEndia series is Steven Universe  
meets Adventure Time for fans of  
Scott Pilgrim, Rick and Morty and  
Pumpkinheads



Part workplace comedy, part supernatural horror adventure, with a splash of LGBTQ+ romance, *The Watcher's Test* is perfect for fans of author Hamish Steele's TV series *Dead End: Paranormal Park* who are in search of more adventures, for graphic novel lovers who want more diversity in their reads, or simply as an introduction to the zany, creative, and laugh-out-loud funny world of *DeadEndia*.

By an Eisner Award-winning creator.



Graphic Novel

New series by  
Hamish Steele  
coming soon!!





# Heartbreak Hotel

Written by Micol Arianna Beltramini, illustrated by Agnese Innocente

ID #040568



Il Castore · March 2024 · 192 p.

YA

Maya lost the love of her life, Martino was fooled of by the boy of her dreams, Fiona was betrayed by her boyfriend and her best friend and Fede feels responsible for what happened to his girlfriend. Different but equally broken hearts, welcomed in the delusional comfort of the Heartbreak Hotel. But there is a time to mourn and there's a time to overcome the sorrow and put it aside. And a time to heal by opening up to the world again.

- **Spanish/World rights sold before publication!**
- **Amazon #01 in Italy (pre-orders)**
- **Full ENG translation available!**



**There is a place (a non-place)  
where we have all been guests, at least once  
in our lives, when we have had our hearts broken.  
Welcome to the Heartbreak Hotel.**



# trilogy CRUMBLING HEARTS

by Carolin Wahl



New Adult

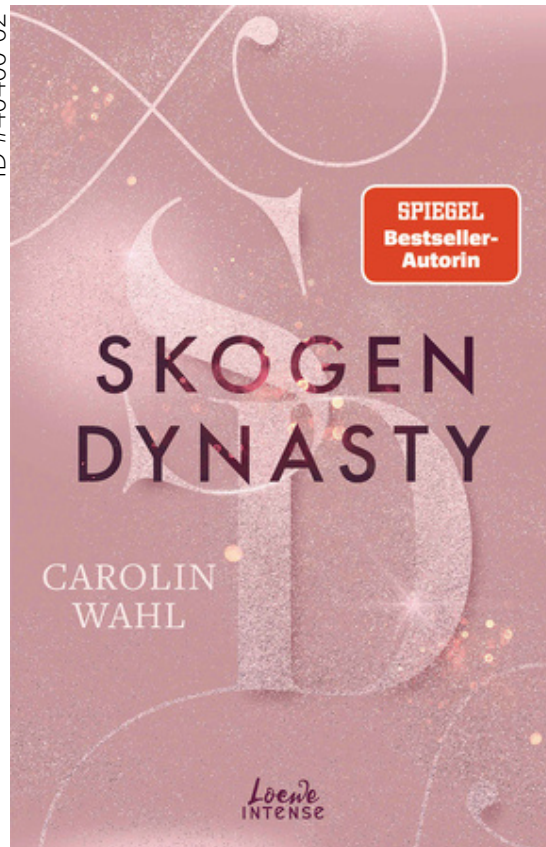
elite society

childhood besties  
to enemies  
to lovers

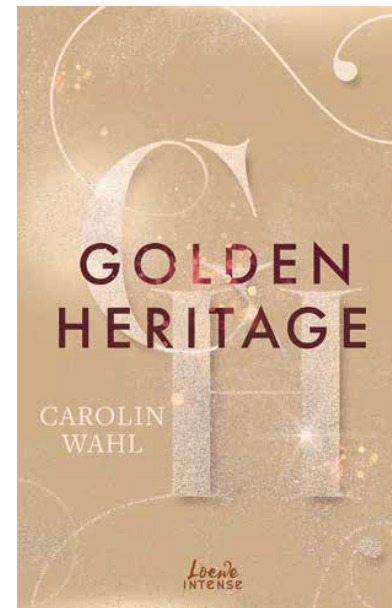
slow burn romance

spicy but  
glamorous

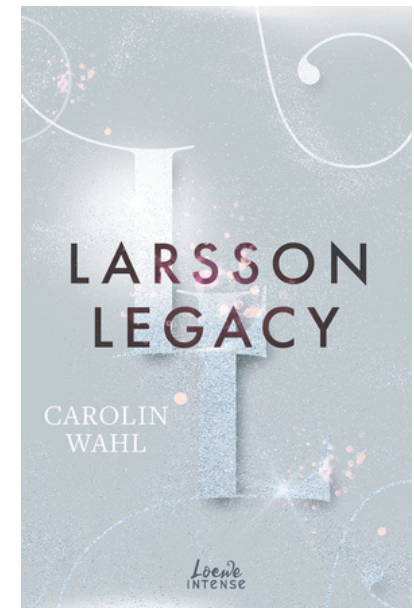
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Loewe · March 2023 · 432 p.



# 02 · April 2024 · 400 p.



# 03 · Nov 2024 · 400 p.

3rd reprint · Book 01  
Over 40.000 copies sold!

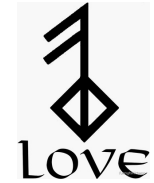
ENG sample  
available!

Ellinor Skogen used to be a ghost. False name, no social media accounts, secluded elite boarding school. Only her best friend Lucas gave her a sense of normality – and that tingling feeling in her stomach. Until he finds out that she is the heiress to the leading Oslo cookie company KOSGEN and breaks off contact with her. Now, almost six years later, she meets Lucas on her first day at work under a concealed identity. But instead of betraying her, he offers her a deal: he will help her at work if she gives him access to Oslo's elite life. But can this really work when there is such a huge spark between them?



# duology NORDIC CLANS

by Asuka Lionera



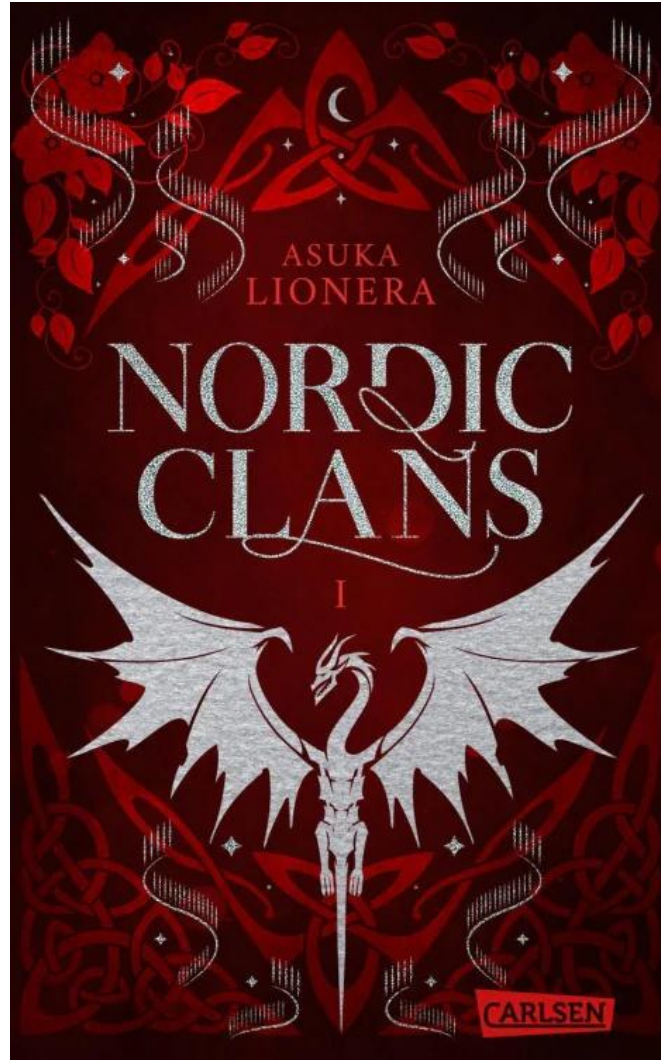
New Adult

romantasy

nordic saga

spicy romance

mystical beings



Carlsen · 2024 · 416 p.

In the icy North, the young clan leader Yrsa is faced with a challenge: To become head chieftain of all the clans and to save her family, she must win a difficult competition. Standing in her way is the leader of an enemy clan: Not only is Kier her strongest opponent, and, like Yrsa, blessed with a magical talent, he's also the son of the man who killed her father. But other feelings besides revenge are soon kindled in Yrsa's heart...

- Sizzling enemies-to-lovers fantasy for Viking fans
- An ill-fated love affair
- Epic battles against dark creatures

Book #02 will be out in Fall 2024!

# Chosen by Death

by Rebecca Humpert



New Adult

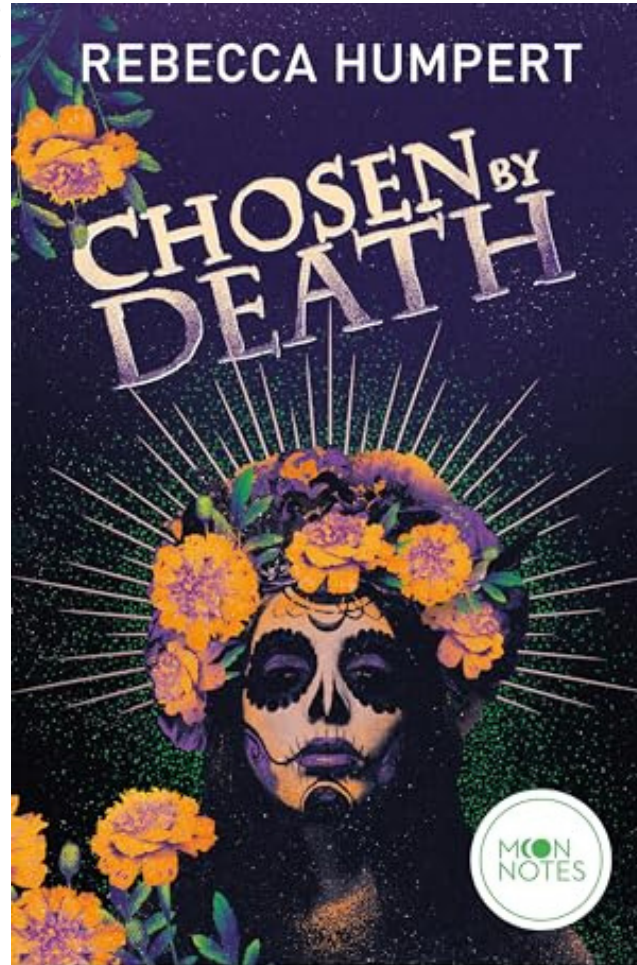
Aztec mythology

witchery

an irresistible god

a travel to the  
underworld

ID #40740



Oetinger · 2024 · 400 p.

An ancient feud forbids them to be together. When Nan, the god of the underworld, appears to the 21-year-old death witch Elena, she cannot refuse his offer. Recently, her village on Isla de Mujeres has been in danger. For the souls of the dead are unleashed and Elena fears they have something to do with the mysterious deaths haunting the community. To save her village, she makes a pact with Nan. As his chosen one, she must travel with him to the underworld.

But Elena realises too late that she could lose not only her life but also her heart down there ..





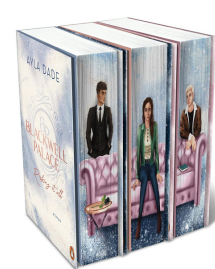
the bestselling New Adult author **Ayla Dade**

## Blackwell Palace (3 books)

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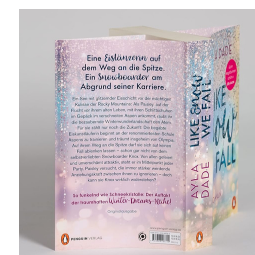
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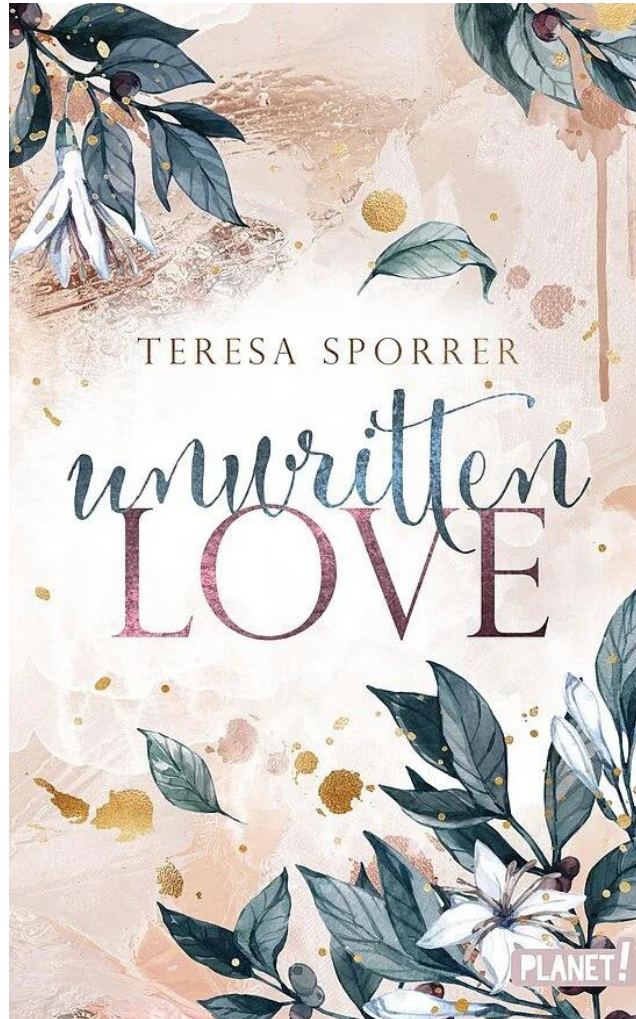
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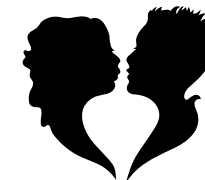
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