

## Foreign Rights Catalogue Spring 2025

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#### Dear partners from around the world,

each new year brings new joys, new fun and new challenges. And the same goes for the heroines and heroes in our Spring titles, too:

- In the middle-grade high fantasy novel "Glim from the Gorse Forest", the young, shy imp Glim goes on a quest to save Ravenholm from an impending danger. On the way, she stumbles upon clumsy and fearless Annivé, an elf who is looking for adventures to write a book about. In their fight against the wizard Bredbeddel Brickus Brisen they realize that the key against evil lies in courage and friendship. As a reader you will simply love the witty, warm and humorous narrative tone of this adventure story.
- Volume 2 of our bestselling "The Magical Library of the Buks" (middle-grade) makes the Buks leave their library for the first time in centuries to look for help in the human world. At the same time, Finn and Nola travel through amazing book stories to find the missing book master. Only together can they defeat the sinister destroyer of books.
- "Made of Shards" is the exceptional and very authentic YA-debut of a 17-yearold author: Growing up in a poor neighbourhood with a violent stepfather, 16-year-old Chrissy is offered the chance to join a posh high school where she falls in love with handsome and rich Alex. Does their love stand a chance when two different worlds collide and Chrissy comes under pressure from all sides?

Join our heroines and heroes on their adventures!

We look forward to seeing you in Bologna.

Julia Schülli

Katharina Depken

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12,500 books sold

Translated into 13 languages

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### **READING EXCERPT**

When the world was still young, only just woven together by the fog nymphs from stardust, beeswax and rose thorns, there was a land called Ravenholm.

Rolling hills, grassy plains, mountains thundering with echoes, deep forests and glittering streams. It was a beautiful land that was inhabited by many different beings, such as dwarves, giants or gnomes. However, there were also Gluttongullets and Grimgrislies. What, you've never heard of them? Well, perhaps it's just as well. It would give you bad dreams if you knew that they existed.

But something else was special about Ravenholm. Magic threaded its way through the land like an invisible wisp and those who could perform magic were considered legendary heroes. As if they could work magic... which of course they could.

On the other hand, even the most talented magician would only have been a funny old fogey with a silly hat if they had not owned something that made conjuring possible in the first place - that's right, a magic wand. It was only such a wand that turned Galeron the Grouch into Galeron the Great, who could easily turn ghastly barley porridge into the finest blueberry curd.

Deep in the gorse forest, where the Grey Mountains rose up into the sky in the distance, lived the leaf imps. There was a village with cosy huts with pointed roofs, pretty shutters and loads of steps leading here and there. Sometimes even to nowhere, if an imp had had enough of building steps again. You ought to know that leaf imps loved crafting all kinds of things with wood - rocking chairs, bathtubs, bread bowls and beds. But what has all of this got to do with magic wands? Very simple - they are made of wood and were therefore a speciality of the leaf imps.

While by day the sound of sawing, milling and tapping rang out from the imp village, at night one could only hear the crickets and quiet whittling by Glim and Master Whittlewood. This is because magic wands can only be made under a glittering starry sky and this is what the two of them were doing. Master Whittlewood was, as his name gives away, a master in magic wand carving and Glim was his apprentice.

In imp years, Glim was four guarter twelvety and therefore still rather young. And perhaps we should add a word here about what the leaf imps looked like. Compared to beings that are bigger than them, they are quite small. At best as big as the nasty musk gnome, who is as big as two and a half owls one above the other but whose smell is much more pungent. Furthermore, leaf imps have pointed noses, greenish shimmering skin, small brown eyes and curly hair. Despite what some people might think, they do not have funny drop-shaped ears, but they do always have a craving for waffles made with chestnut flour. In winter they don coats made of moss, in summer shirts made of finely woven fern. The whole year round, on the other hand, they wear every conceivable kind of hat, with or without a bobble, often with adornments made of acorns, snail shells and ivy. Imps are therefore almost invisible in the forest when they are not moving.

Glim woke up to a brilliant spring day. She could already hear the hustle and bustle from outside. The imps were busy decorating their village with colourful garlands for the spring festival.

Glim stretched, put on her green imp hat with the sewed on earmuffs and strode to the workshop, where Master Whittlewood had already baked chestnut waffles and placed a pot of lime blossom tea on the workbench.

"So, are you nervous about the speech?" He grinned at Glim as he poured her a cup of tea.

"Oh, my goodness, the speech!" The little imp had forgotten all about that.

"Not to worry, everyone has long since forgotten my speech back then," Whittlewood reassured her.

Glim nodded and then sighed sadly. "How long were you wandering after that?"

The Master thought about it for a moment. "A very long while," he then said. And when he noticed that Glim did not exactly look very cheerful, he added hastily: "But you know the old saying: once an imp has seen the world with their own eves..."

"... then they can be late to rise," Glim added with a smile and took a sip of lime blossom tea.

### Everyone knows the Little Hobbit, now it's time to meet Glim, the little imp!

- Brilliant mixture of 'The Little Hobbit' for younger children and 'Snöfrid' for older children
- High fantasy in an outstanding narrative tone: humorous, warm, clever
- A joy to read for anyone between 9 and 99 years old

Glim has finished her training in wand-making and goes on a journey, as befits a leaf imp. On the way, she meets the clumsy elf Annivé, who becomes a loyal friend. But then the world is thrown into disarray: the sky over Ravenholm darkens and ice lightning strikes. Together, the friends try to find out where the threat is coming from. They discover Glim's magical abilities and have to stand up to the evil wizard Bredbeddel Brickus Brisen. Can the two little heroines really win this battle? The key to the fight against evil, they finally realise, lies in courage, friendship and love - true magic.

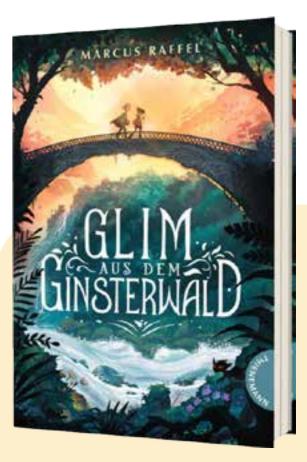


Marcus Raffel was born in Bochum in 1971. He is a screenwriter and head writer for series such as 'Nikola', 'Rita's World' and 'The Teacher'. This is his first children's book.

Max Meinzold, born in 1987, is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator. His focuses are in the area of science fiction, fantasy and children's and youth literature. He has already been nominated for many prizes for his modern, innovative book creations.

**Children's Novel** 





Marcus Raffel, Maximilian Meinzold (Ill.) **Glim from the Gorse Forest** ca. 320 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 9+ ISBN 978-3-522-18853-1 World Rights available





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Nina George, Jens J. Kramer, Hauke Kock (III.) **The Magical Library of the Buks 1: The Crazy Oracle** 384 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 10+ ISBN 978-3-522-50822-3 **Sold to:** The Netherlands, Russia, Ukraine, Slovakia 07/2024

Books disappeared from everyday life a long time ago. Videos and babbling avatars are everywhere instead. Finn, Nola, Mira and Tommy have never seen a book before! But when they discover the Buks' magical library after a storm, they learn about the forgotten power of books and accept the responsibility that comes with it.

Buks are guardian spirits who preserve books that no longer exist in the outside world, but lately a seemingly incurable disease is spreading across their library. Then the Crazy Oracle, which had been silent for years, prophesies that human children will save them.

Do Finn, Nola, Mira and Tommy have the power to bring back books – and thus restore happiness, dreams, cheerfulness and creativity to the world?

# Where book spirits and fantasy come to life

- Bestselling author duo Nina George and Jens J. Kramer
- Discovering one's strengths, acceptance, friendship and solidarity



Nina George, Jens J. Kramer, Hauke Kock (III.) The Magical Library of the Buks 2: The Cursed Medallion 384 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 10+ ISBN 978-3-522-50823-0 Sold to: Russia

To prevent the destruction of the magical world of books, the Buks must embark on their greatest adventure yet: for the first time, they conquer the unknown "outside" beyond their magical library. At the same time, the children Finn and Nola use magic crystal medallions to travel through the world of the most amazing stories in search of the missing book master and the cure for the terrible bleaching disease. Meanwhile, Mira and Thommy discover the Secret Book Guild in the human world and come dangerously close to the unknown destroyer of books. But only together can they win this race for freedom and fantasy. Wow. Now I'm gobsmacked. Alex has just become even more interesting than he already was. Just as I open my mouth to say something about it, Julia appears next to us, the girl from my class with the AI presentation.

Reading Excerpt

"Hey, Alex!" She's acting quite differently from yesterday, not at all disinterested.

"Hi," Alex replies, without taking his eyes off me.

"What are you chatting about?" Julia tries to butt further into the conversation. She doesn't take any notice of me, she's seeking Alex's attention only.

"We were just talking about feminism and International Women's Day," he replies.

For a moment nobody says a word. The silence hangs between us for so long that it becomes uncomfortable.

Could she please go away? is what I'm thinking, placing my hands on the table.

Julia looks at my knuckles, which are raw from boxing training.

"Oh my, Christina! What's with your hands..."

"Christine," I interrupt her. "My name is Christine."

She stares at me in confusion. "Um, yes, Christine. What happened to your hands?"

Alex now also peruses my battered knuckles. I'm glad that the long-sleeved shirt is hiding the scars on my arms.

I curl my fingers and flex them again, then I look at the backs of my hands. "Hell yeah," I say. "That was tragic. I squashed my hands in my golf cart door."

The corners of Alex's mouth quiver again, as do Julia's. His upwards, hers downwards.

"How awful! That looks really painful!" She looks at me with pity, then her expression turns sceptical. "I didn't know that there are golf carts with doors..."

Alex bursts out laughing and I can't hold it in any longer either. Julia looks completely taken aback. After a brief moment, she turns on her heel without a word and sits down at a table further back. We are still laughing when the course director closes the classroom door and steps in front of the class.

"Well then, my dears, let's get started!"

I turn away from Alex and face the front, but I can feel that he is still looking at me. It is nice to laugh with him. It is nice to talk to him, to look into his eyes. It is nice that he's sitting next to me.

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We stroll past Terra Green towards the car park. I see a couple of girls from my course standing near the school gate. And something else.

Something blue.

"Tomorrow after sixth period," I hear Alex say. I turn around towards him and see that he has followed my gaze. He has also spotted Tjard. His mouth is set in a thin line. Now it is clear. He has recognised me and he also remembers T. No wonder, with his hair colour.

"Perfect," I say hastily. "Let's meet straight after school at your place!" Not that he gets the idea we could go to my place. His lips relax. "Okay, cool. I look forward to it. See you tomorrow, Chrissy." He looks straight into my eyes.

"I look forward to it too," I say quiely, so that he can just about hear it.

He smiles then turns around and strides towards the car park.

I watch his broad shoulders for a couple of seconds. No, Chrissy, you don't need any guys... Except one. I look towards the school gate where my best friend is waiting for me. The girls are staring at his tattooed boxer biceps, whispering excitedly.

I start walking towards him. I have missed him. It feels strange, unfamiliar, to go to school without him. He starts grinning, lets go of his leather jacket and opens his arms wide as I approach.

I have missed him TERRIBLY.

I start running, drop my schoolbag just in front of him and leap into his arms. My feet are lifted off the floor. He hugs and squeezes me. I feel light. I fly past the girls who are no longer whispering excitedly.

Instead, they are staring at us. Jealously. Deprecatingly. Bad Boy T has evidently hit a raw nerve.

### The sensational debut by an exceptional 17-year-old author

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YA at its best: an authentic and moving story about love, friendship and broken family

16-year-old Chrissy doesn't really want to be a 'social experiment', but she desperately wants to get out of her 'bad neighbourhood', away from her drug-addicted mother and her violent stepfather Marcel. The offer to take part in a study and transfer to the prestigious Heinrich-Heine-Gymnasium promises to bring her a little closer to her goal. At the elite grammar school, she meets Alex, who makes her heart beat faster. But Alex is not only funny, clever and incredibly hot, he is also rich. Can she really fall in love with someone who comes from a completely different world? All the while she scrutinises the mysterious experiment. When the truth is finally revealed, disaster takes its course ...



Danae Lake, born in 2006, began looking for ways to put her experiences into words and pictures at an early age. At the age of eight, she enrolled in drama school and three years later took on the lead role in a multi-award-winning short film; at fifteen, she began writing her first novel. The author is a senior at a grammar school.

Young Adult





Danae Lake **Made of Shards** 320 pages • 13,6 × 21,5 cm Age: 14+ ISBN 978-3-522-20306-7 World Rights available









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Pina Gertenbach, born in Karlsruhe, studied Communication Design in Mannheim and has since been working as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. She lives and works in Berlin.

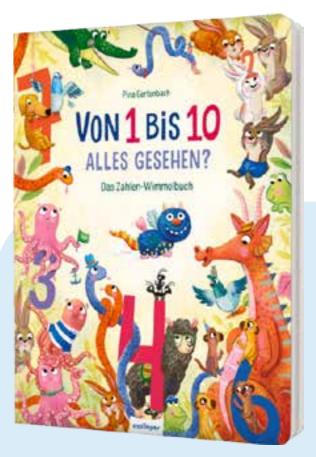
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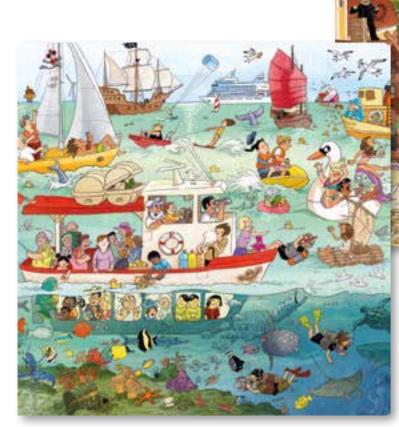
Pina Gertenbach (Ill.) From 1 to 10 - Found Them All? The Number Search-and-Find Book 26 pages • 25,2 × 32,6 cm Age: 3+ ISBN 978-3-480-23954-2 World Rights available 02/2025

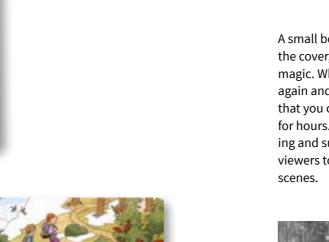




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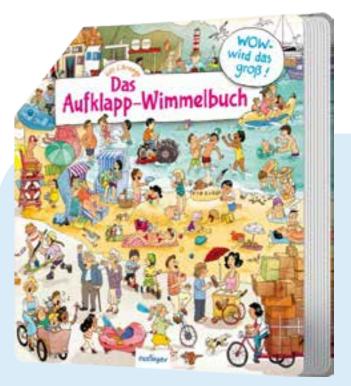
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Lilli L'Arronge, born in Regensburg in 1979, lives and works in Münster. Even as a child, she loved drawing picture stories and made her first bound book with string when she was seven years old. After studying visual communication, she now works as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer in the Hafenstraße 64 studios.



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Jasmin Schaudinn, Jutta Wetzel (Ill.) Wake up and Laugh! 14 pages • 19 × 17 cm Age: 18+ months ISBN 978-3-480-23928-3 World Rights available 02/2025



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There are a total of five animal figures in the book. The animals can be taken out and stacked on top of each other while reading the story: the lion climbs onto the elephant, the zebra onto the lion, the monkey onto the zebra and the parrot onto the monkey.

# the top of the tree?

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- Stack the animals so they can reach the tasty snack



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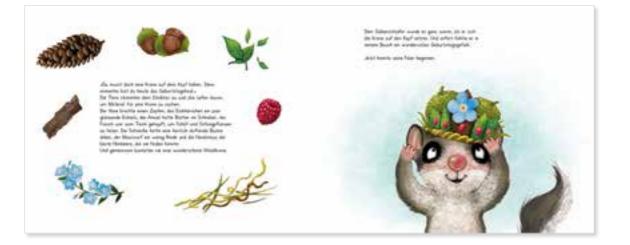


The pony has discovered something tasty up in the tree (a red juicy apple, as it turns out on the last double page). But it can't reach it! With the help of the stacking animals, children can find out what is hidden high up in the tree.

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After training to be an actress, Sabine Bohlmann has been in various films and series on television. She also works as a dubbing artist and has lent her voice to actors and characters like Lisa Simpson. Since 2004 she has been writing children's books.

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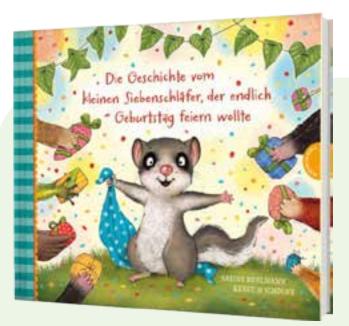
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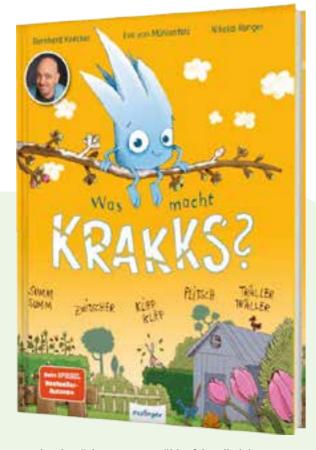
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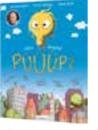
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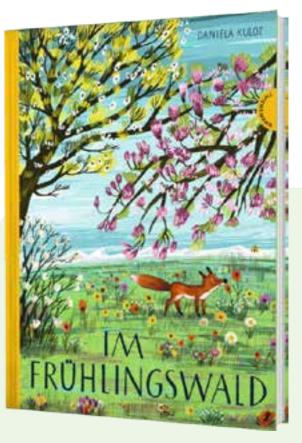


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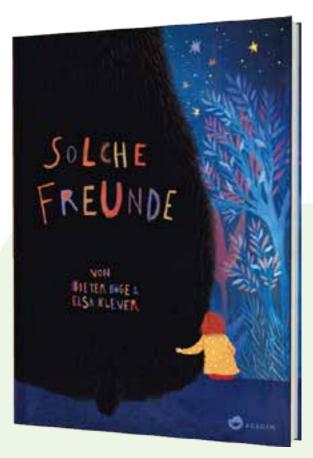
Elsa Klever was born in Berlin and studied Illustration at HAW in Hamburg and at HSLU in Lucerne. Since then she has been working for numerous magazines and publishing houses and in 2015 won the Austrian Children's Book Prize. She lives and works in Hamburg.

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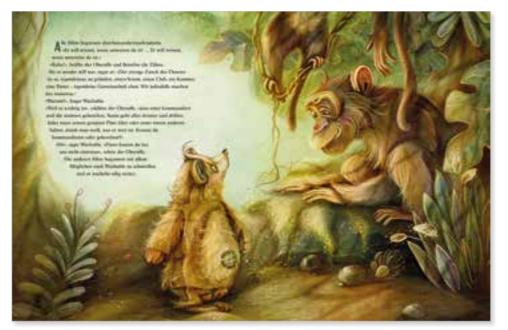
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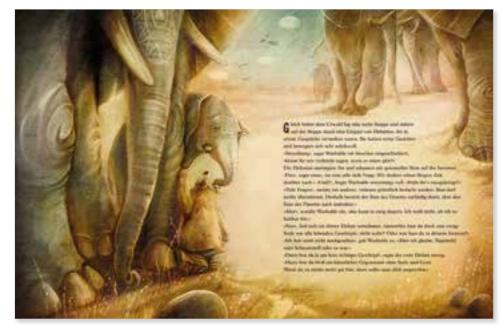


Dieter Böge, Elsa Klever (Ill.) Such Friends 48 pages • 23,2 × 30 cm Age: 4+ ISBN 978-3-8489-0239-2 World Rights available 05/2025









### A picture book classic is back!

Michael Ende conveys timeless values in a child-friendly way
Ingeniously illustrated by Julia Nüsch, the illustrator of 'Tranquilla Trampeltreu'
Encouraging children to engage in their first philosophical musings

An ageing teddy bear, long out of play, sets out to find out what he is there for. On his adventurous journey, he meets various animals: small, large, friendly and unfriendly. Each animal shows him a different view of the world, and the teddy bear realises that the meaning of life can be different for everyone. When he finally meets a little girl who wants nothing more than her own teddy bear, the bear has finally found his purpose and happiness again. A book full of warmth and wisdom that encourages children to reflect and reminds adults of timeless values.



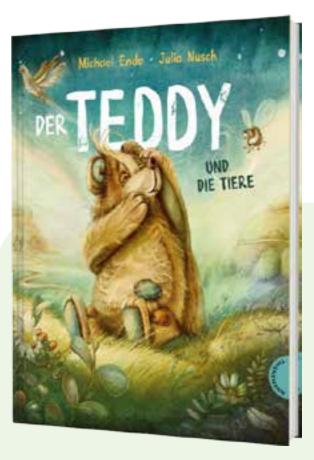
Julia Nüsch has illustrated numerous children's books and now also writes her own. She works as a graphic designer, illustrator and author in Hamburg.

Michael Ende (1929 - 1995). It was more by chance that he started writing for children, when he was asked to write the text for a picture book. Michael Ende let his love of telling stories take over and wrote "Jim Button and Luke the Engine Driver", which was an immediate and huge success after its publication in 1960. This was followed by other international best sellers, such as "Momo" (1973) and "The Neverending Story" in 1979. He is one of the most successful German authors, and over 35 million copies of his books have been sold in more than 40 languages. He was given many international prizes and literary awards for his works.

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Tranquilla Clumsy Oaf 40 pages • 23,2 × 30 cm Age: 4+ ISBN 978-3-522-45998-3 Sold to: Korea, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia, China



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Sold to: China, Korea, Spain (Spanish), Romania 06/2025



### Young Reading Heroes



Otfried Preußler, Thorsten Saleina (III.), Winnie Gebhardt (III.) The Little Witch 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 7+ ISBN 978-3-522-18594-3 Sold to: Lithuania, Latvia



Otfried Preußler, Thorsten Saleina (Ill.), F. J. Tripp (Ill.), Judith Ruyters The Little Ghost 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 7+ ISBN 978-3-522-18635-3 Sold to: Latvia, Lithuania



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Sabine Bohlmann, Kerstin Schoene (III.) The Little Dormouse Starts School 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 6+ ISBN 978-3-522-18592-9 Sold to: Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia



Ralph Caspers, Ulf K. (III.) Milla and the Very Voracious School 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 6+ ISBN 978-3-522-18588-2 Sold to: Slovakia



Ralph Caspers, Ulf K. (III.) Milla and those Cursed Vampire Teeth 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 6+ ISBN 978-3-522-18656-8 World Rights available

### Dr Brumm joins the 'Young Reading Heroes'

An incredibly funny new story with the popular characterLarge font and a puzzle after each chapter for first readers

To get as fit as the badger, Dr Brumm decides to eat healthier and orders a vegetable box subscription from farmer Hackenpiep. Now he gets a weekly box of fresh organic vegetables delivered directly to his doorstep. Unfortunately, he has ordered the size 'XXXXL', so that Hackenpiep leaves a whole trailer full of vegetables on his doorstep each week.

From now on, Dr Brumm faces a race against the growing mountain of vegetables: He eats until he can't stand to see any more vegetables. He invites his (soon to be annoyed) friends to vegetarian dinners every day. Hilarity ensues!



Daniel Napp (\*1974) studied Graphic Design in Münster. Even as a student, he won several awards. He now works as a freelance illustrator and has already illustrated numerous picture books and books for children.

Thorsten Saleina studied Communication Design and Illustration in Hamburg. After completing his studies, he designed advertising campaigns, product packaging and corporate identities as a graphic designer at various agencies. Today he illustrates books for children and adults and works freelance for design and advertising agencies.

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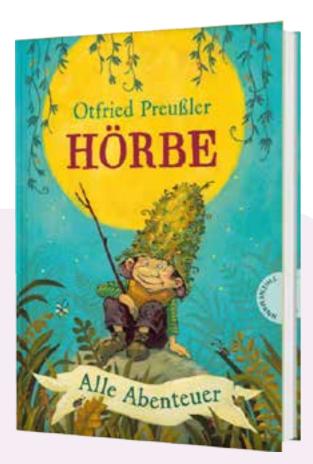


Daniel Napp, Thorsten Saleina (Ill.) Dr Brumm and the Darned Vegetable Crate 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 6+ ISBN 978-3-522-18636-0 World Rights available 01/2025

### **Children's Novel**

### A children's classic with timeless charm

- A bind-up of both Herbie read-aloud titles
- Over 350,000 copies sold to date
- With fresh 4c illustrations



Otfried Preußler, Annette Swoboda (Ill.) Herbie with the Big Hat All Adventures 224 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm Age: 6+ ISBN 978-3-522-18852-4 Sold to: Japan, Poland, Hungary, Russia, Romania, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania

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One lovely summer's day, goblin Herbie decides he's had enough of making jam and decides to go off on a hike instead, looking for adventure! He packs some cake and sets off. The little goblin has to face all sorts of dangers on his trip. What a good thing he becomes friends with Zwottel with the shaggy fur. Together they can even deal with the dangerous Plampatsch.

Is there a greater happiness in the world than having good friends? Herbie and Zwottel now live together at Herbie's house. For Zwottel it is a completely new world. He does not know what a table, a chair or a chimney are. But whatever happens - the most important thing is that Herbie and Zwottel are together.



Otfried Preußler is one of the best known and most successful authors of children's and juvenile literature in Germany and the world. His books have a world-wide print-run of about 50 mio. copies in more than 350 translations, some of them like "The Little Witch" or "Robber Hotzenplotz" have been translated into more than 50 languages.

Annette Swoboda (\*1962) drew her first picture book at the age of nine. She studied Art in France and Graphic-Design in Mannheim. She is one of the most successful German illustrators. Her picture books have been translated into many languages.

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### A genie in a bottle to love

- Imaginative read-aloud stories for every day About a special friendship between a genie in a bottle and an old lady
- Funny and emotional





One day, a very special surprise awaits Giselala. As she is dusting, she frees a little genie from an old soda bottle! Flupp is curious, cheeky, bright and simply loveable. But: he is still learning how to grant wishes, so he doesn't quite manage it yet. Flupp thoroughly disrupts the already colourful life of Giselala. Much unpredictability and craziness happens all at once, but the little genie also brings so much warmth into the old lady's world.



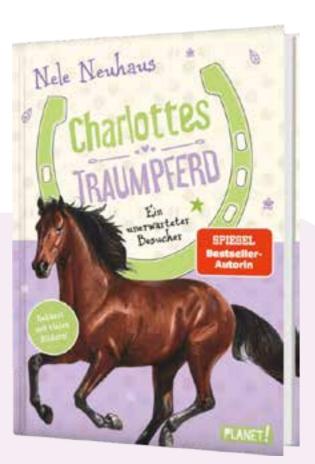
Fee Krämer, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.) **Giselala and Flupp** A Genie Springs from a Bottle 112 pages • 18,3 × 25,6 cm Age: 5+ ISBN 978-3-480-23956-6 World Rights available 02/2025

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The third instalment of the successful series with lots of illustrations and a shortened text

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Nele Neuhaus, Katharina Rücker-Weininger (Ill.) Charlotte's Dream Horse 3: An Unexpected Visitor 176 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 9+ ISBN 978-3-522-50819-3 Sold to: Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland 04/2025 The new riding instructor would be really great – if only he hadn't brought arrogant Katie with him! Charlotte's joy is rather dampened when Katie badmouths her horse Won Da Pie and makes herself unwelcome wherever she goes. But much worse is the news that the lease on the stables is coming to an end and the future of the riding club is uncertain. Charlotte and her friends take up the fight for their beloved riding stable and get help from an unexpected side ...



Nele Neuhaus was born in Münster. After studying Law, History and German, she initially worked in an advertising agency. A keen writer since her youth, she was soon succeeding in establishing an admiring and ever-growing readership and fan base with her first thrillers for adults. In summer 2010, the thriller "Snow White Must Die" became an international bestseller. She combines her passion for writing and horses in the children's series "Charlotte's Dream Horse" and "Elena".

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Charlotte's Dream Horse Vol. 1 176 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 9+ ISBN 978-3-522-50812-4 Sold to: Italy, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary



Danger at the Stables 176 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 9+ ISBN 978-3-522-50818-6 Sold to: Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, The Netherlands

# Magical or not: Kim has to save this horse!

About magic horses, friendship and self-empowerment
Lots of b/w illustrations, short text: perfect for inexperienced readers
A must-read for all horse lovers: 10,500 copies sold of Vol. 1

A horse of her own! That would be almost too good to be true for Kim. Especially since she always has to share everything at home with her siblings. But then she discovers an injured horse on an outing! She excitedly tells the Cherry Tree School about it, but the arrival of a new heart horse transport is already causing all sorts of commotion. But Kim doesn't let up. She finds the horse again – and realises that a villain is after it. Kim immediately knows that she has to save the injured horse! Will she manage it before the uncanny pursuer gets hold of it?



Judith Weber grew up with horses. Her family includes four children and Icelandic pony Ronja, whose coat never shines like silk, but who knows a few cool tricks. She writes books for children and adults.

Elena Cavion is Italian. Although she doesn't ride horses, she brings unicorns and other fantastic animals to life on paper.

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The School of Heart Horses: Cosmo & Toni 144 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 8+ ISBN 978-3-522-50806-3 World Rights available



Judith Weber, Elena Cavion (Ill.) The School of Heart Horses: Runa & Kim 128 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 8+ ISBN 978-3-522-50848-3 World Rights available 02/2025

### An urban 'fairy godmother'

Lovingly talks about integration and inequality

Conveys a positive world view and trust in one's own abilities



Silke Wolfrum, Mareikje Vogler (Ill.) Lila Lona and the High-Rise Gang 144 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 8+ ISBN 978-3-522-50860-5 World Rights available





When Ilona turns up in the high-rise at Josef-Mayr-Ring 124b with her cowboy boots and blue work coat, the lives of Vinzi, Benno and Esma become an adventure. A purple lock shimmers in her piled-up hair and she talks to Bogomil, her mop, as if he were a person. Ilona doesn't just seem to clean, she seems to do magic – but does she really have magical powers? One thing is clear: Now the building is full of secrets and the children experience one adventure after another.

## A completely dogged-up holiday

The perfect read for any family holiday! Wonderful situational comedy meets blended family issues

A sunny, light and empathetic story

Liv is really excited because she's finally going on holiday. Its a bit of a bummer that Mum's new boyfriend's annoying children are coming along, but his cheeky dog Fido is also joining them. And Liv loves him more than anything! But on the ferry to Elba it happens: Liv and Fido swap bodies. Oh no!

Now Liv has to watch Fido get up to all sorts of embarrassing nonsense as a girl. But at the same time, as a dog, she also learns all sorts of exciting things about her new family ... Is the holiday perhaps not as ruined as she thought?



Anna Ludwig didn't have a capybara as a child, but she did have dogs, cats, budgies, rabbits, mice, frogs, fire salamanders and even a cockatoo! She already knew back then that she wanted to be an author and now devotes herself entirely to writing and filmmaking.

Marina Halak grew up in Ukraine. She moved to Germany in 2016 and has been working as a freelance children's book illustrator for publishers, authors and magazines worldwide since 2020. When she's not drawing, she spends time with her family, reads books, tries out new recipes and collects beautiful things.

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 240 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm

 Age: 8+

 ISBN 978-3-522-50807-0

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Anna Ludwig, Marina Halak (Ill.) My Summer as a Dog ca. 160 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 8+ ISBN 978-3-522-50870-4 World Rights available

### Reading Excerpt

It wasn't just fog that drifted through Other Lane that morning, but also whispers and murmurs. If Karl listened carefully, he thought he could hear hundreds of voices. Perhaps it wasn't fog at all that was making the world outside his window sink into a dull white-grey, but a gathering of ghosts?

Karl thought many things were possible, especially in this strange street, which, as the name suggested, was completely different from all the other streets in the city. The morning fog was unusual at this time of year and the inhabitants of the houses, even their pets, all had something strange about them. What's more, Karl lived in the most unusual house in Other Lane - house no. 7.

There was nothing unusual about Karl himself. Except perhaps that he didn't live with his parents like other children. Karl lived with his great-aunt Zissi. But wait! There was perhaps one thing that was unusual about him, or rather about his family:

Karl's parents were jungle explorers and had travelled to the Amazon over three years ago to research the South American grunt snorkel frog. Perhaps this is why Karl had such a pronounced talent for research - or more precisely, for observing and finding things out. He was born with it. And he could put it to good use at Other Lane no. 7!

Before Karl's parents had left, he had made a solemn promise to them to stay out of anything that seemed strange to him. But that wasn't so easy in this house! Because his neighbours were either strange or highly suspected of being strange.

And so many suspects in one place promised a lot of adventure. Should he miss out on that? That was out of the question!

Almost every day after school, Karl did what he did best: He investigated and turned himself into a detective. A pretty good one, in fact. He even adopted an alias. He called himself Detective Sniffer Nose.

It wasn't unusual for him to wear his grandad's old peaked cap while investigating, which made him look like a master detective. He also wore sunglasses to make himself even more inconspicuous. He always had a notepad in his pocket, in which he wrote down everything that seemed strange to him with a sharpened pencil. And that really was a lot in Other Lane 7!

However, Aunt Zissi didn't want to hear about her neighbours being strange. Perhaps that was because she was quite strange herself, which of course she would never have admitted. But it was obvious! In her handbag, for example, there was a small, short-sighted snake guarding Zissi's reading glasses. Aunt Zissi claimed that such a snake was perfectly normal and she was sure that every fine lady had such a little helper in her handbag. After all, it was extremely practical: the snake handed her the glasses whenever Aunt Zissi needed them and even cleaned them from time to time.

Aunt Zissi denied vigorously that she often mistook the nest of a bird that had been nesting unsuccessfully in her wardrobe for years for her hat when she hurriedly left the flat.

And as she didn't like Karl pointing out her own oddities or those of her neighbours, she forbade him to talk about them at all, let alone sneak around the house and note their habits.

And so, Karl had been keeping his detective work a secret for some time. After all, you didn't have to tell adults everything! He observed the residents of his house quietly and secretly, but all the more attentively.

But had Karl realised what trouble he would get himself into with his curiosity and his latest genuine criminal case, he wouldn't have stuck his nose into other people's business. And then the whole of Other Lane no. 7 would have been spared a lot.

### Nothing is as it seems in Other Lane

The first in a witty series of detective stories Countless original ideas and fantastic phenomena Volume 2 will be published in Autumn 2025

Karl and his friend Elsa both live in Other Lane, which is actually different from normal streets. Invisible people, dwarves, boat goblins and even a real witch live here. But only Karl and Elsa with their sharp senses know this. For the two junior detectives, a new incredible case awaits behind every door ...



Christiane Schreiber studied graphic design, trained as an educator and works as an author, freelance illustrator and as an educator. She likes to draw inspiration for her illustrations and book ideas from the stories of the nearby, legendary Siebengebirge mountains.

Monika Parciak was born in Gdansk and grew up in beautiful Neuss. She studied communication design and has worked as a freelance children's book illustrator and graphic designer ever since.



Christiane Schreiber, Monika Parciak (Ill.) Other Lane No. 7: A Case for the Fantastic Lint Dog 160 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 8+ ISBN 978-3-522-18663-6 World Rights available





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Making friends is not so easy. And if your name is Grause and you have horns, pointy fangs or are invisible, it gets more complicated. And even more when you only have a week to do it and it's an instruction from the Institute for Other Beings. Fortunately, the Grause family already has their little neighbour as a friend: Ottilie Schmidt. She will certainly make sure that no one in number 13 of the cul-de-sac is left emptyhanded. But what about the child in number 3, where a crow has suddenly started sitting on the roof? A new adventure begins for the Grause family.



After training to be an actress, Sabine Bohlmann has been in various films and series on television. She also works as a dubbing artist and has lent her voice to actors and characters like Lisa Simpson. Since 2004 she has been writing children's books.

Even as a child, Daniel Steudtner knew how to embellish his parents' wallpaper with pencil and paint. He now illustrates children's and young adult books in his spare time.

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Welcome at the Grauses 192 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 9+ ISBN 978-3-522-50828-5 Sold to: Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Estonia, Slovakia, Latvia, Czech Republic

Bestselling Author



Sabine Bohlmann, Daniel Steudtner (Ill.) Welcome at the Grauses: Making Friends for Beginners 192 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm • Vol. 3 in Spring 2026

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Wieland Freund, literary critic and author

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Sepia has now been living in Flohall for over a year and soon she will have to prove herself in her first test. But that doesn't stop her from secretly visiting an alchemical theatre play with Niki and Sanzio. But the ink magic is going haywire again: texts are twisting into cryptic messages, ink creatures are reporting eerie events, and a tremor is going through the city. Is Flohall being haunted by a past that is even darker than the Ink War?



As a child, Theresa Bell wanted to be an actress or a pirate, but ended up studying Japanese and German studies. She loves fantastic stories, coffee and drawing.

Eva Schöffmann-Davidov studied Design and Communication Design. She illustrates for several publishers of books for children and teenagers.

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Theresa Bell, Eva Schöffmann-Davidov (Ill.) Sepia and the Conspiracy of Flohall ca. 416 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm • Vol. 3 in Spring 2026 Age: 10+ ISBN 978-3-522-18659-9 Sold to: Belgium, The Netherlands, France 03/2025

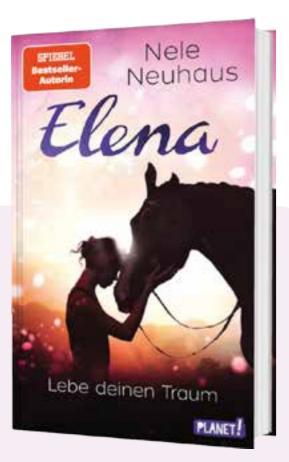
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Bestselling

Author



Nele Neuhaus was born in Münster. After studying Law, History and German, she initially worked in an advertising agency. A keen writer since her youth, she was soon succeeding in establishing an admiring and ever-growing readership and fan base with her first thrillers for adults. In summer 2010, the thriller "Snow White Must Die" became an international bestseller. She combines her passion for writing and horses in the children's series "Charlotte's Dream Horse" and "Elena".

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Annika Scheffel studied Applied Theatre Studies and has been working in the field of screenplay. When in March 2010 her debut novel "BEN" was published, it was awarded the Advancement Award of the Grimmelshausen Prize. Her novel "Hier ist es schön" ("It is beautiful here") received the Robert-Gernhardt Prize.

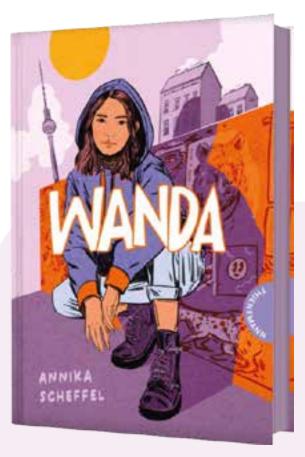
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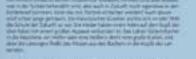
Annika Scheffel, Dana Lédl (III.) Wanda 368 pages • 14,8 × 21 cm Age: 11+ ISBN 978-3-522-18689-6 World Rights available 03/2025







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Christoph Drösser lives in San Francisco as a freelance journalist and author. Before that he was an editor at "Die Zeit" for 18 years in the department of knowledge. As part of the Knight Science Journalism Fellowship, he spent a year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was awarded the title of "Science Journalist of the Year 2005" and the media prize of the German Mathematicians' Association (DMV) for his services to the popularisation of mathematics.

Gareth Ryans, born in Downpatrick, studied Fine and Applied Arts and Media Design in Belfast and Donegal. After working in Helsinki for several years as a children's book illustrator and educator, he now lives in Hamburg with his family.

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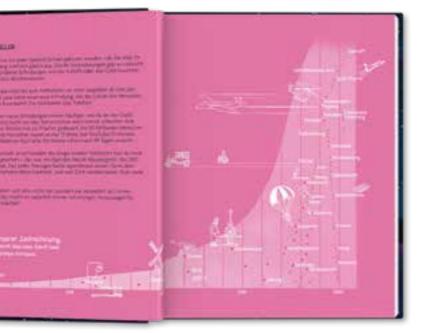




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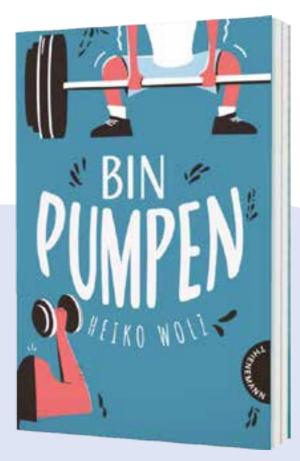
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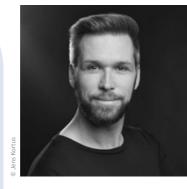
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Heiko Wolz has published over 40 novels for children, young people and adults, received the literature scholarship from the Free State of Bavaria, was nominated for the Oldenburg Youth Book Prize, the lesekicker and other awards. He spends several weeks a year travelling to schools and libraries to inspire children to read.

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Jana Fuhrmann was born in Hamburg. After studying philosophy, modern German literature and psychology, she worked in press and public relations for theatres. She is currently a press officer for a large NGO.



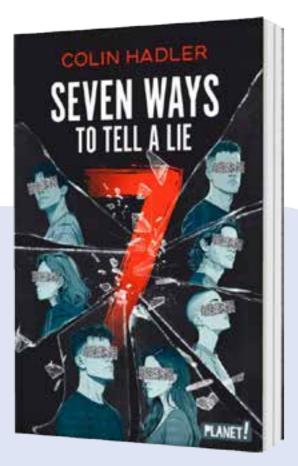
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Colin Hadler participated in theatre performances from the age of 12. He writes screenplays, poems and novels. Already during his school days, he toured other towns and states in a quest to get young people to read again. He currently lives in Vienna and is studying Journalism and Communication Studies.

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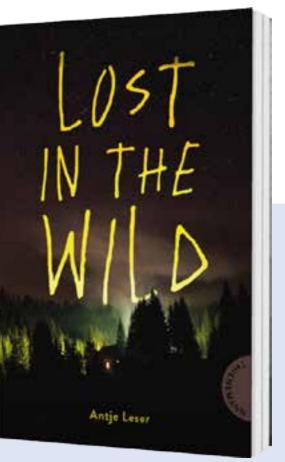
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Antje Leser studied German and Romance languages and literature before setting up her own business as a journalist, editor and copywriter. Today, she writes stories for children and young people, writes articles, and broods over non-fiction texts.



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Julia Dippel has written several bestselling Romantasy series. She works as a freelance director for theatre and musical theatre in Munich. To pass the magic of storytelling on to the forthcoming generations, she has also been teaching children and young people about dramatic figures for more than ten years. Her scripts, adaptations and own works have already been performed on many occasions.

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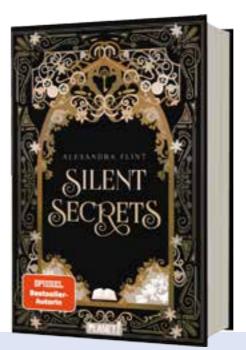
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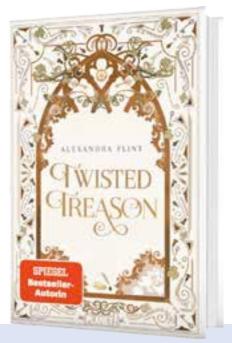
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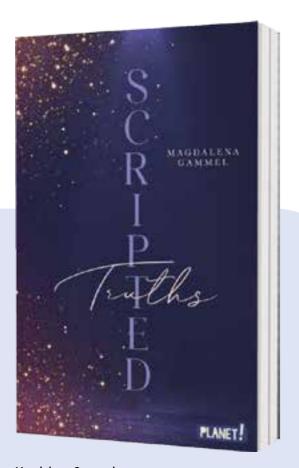
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Alexandra Flint lives in Munich, where she studied Electronics and Information Technology and is now fully dedicated to literature when she's not traveling around the world with a rucksack and tent.

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Magdalena Gammel was born in Munich in 1997. Literature and film have always been her passion. A few forays into acting, however, made her realise that she would rather tell stories than act them out.

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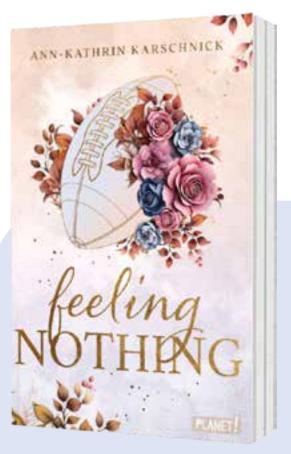
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Ann-Kathrin Karschnick lives in the north of Germany. Since her husband started playing American football, she has taken a keen interest in the sport and repeatedly incorporates it into her numerous novels.

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**Fam Schaper** has already published New Adult novels, but her heart has been beating for fantasy stories since childhood. She likes to spend her time with friends in the park, in second-hand shops and, of course, in bookshops. Just as Euryale has decided to turn down immortality in order to spend a lifetime with Deacon, he is snatched away from her and abducted to the underworld. Bound to a strange red thread of life, she sets out with Callisto and Cecilia to retrieve her beloved. To do so, she must confront not only her aunts, the Furies, but also her mistress – the darkest goddess of the underworld. But Euryale is determined to save Deacon. And hell has never seen a fury rage for love ...

**Teresa Sporrer** always had a passion for books: first as a reader, then as a blogger, and now as a successful author. Apart from witty and romantic love stories, she also writes fantasy novels about antiheroes.

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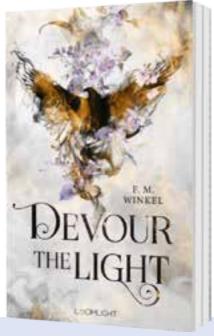
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**Cosima Lang** has always preferred living in fantastical worlds and adventurous stories over staring at a blackboard. She started writing her own stories at the age of eighteen.

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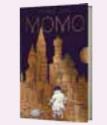
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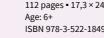
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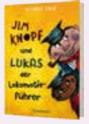
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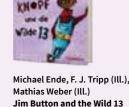




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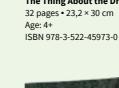


















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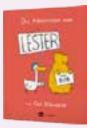


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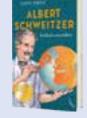
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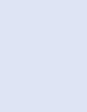
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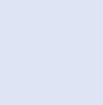
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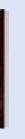


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