

Off to the Mountains!

Selma: The Story of a Stellar Spider



"Have you ever felt like you do everything just that little bit different to everyone else? Meet fabulous Selma, who captures the beauty of the universe in her very unique way."

Hanna Lang Rights and Licensing Director

Fabulous Creatures



"A book to linger over! Cornelia Funke describes fabulous creatures from all over the world as if she's met each and every one, beautifully brought to life by Ruby Warnecke."

Sindhya Bergamin Rights and Licensing Manager



who wants to become one. Here you'll learn everything you ever wanted to know about the history of mountaineering."

Laetitia Hasler

Rainbow Fish and the Great Escape



"The newest volume of our beloved Rainbow Fish promises to be particularly exciting! For the first time, a real environmental issue is being addressed."

Andrea Naasan Editorial Director

Time to Split



"How do you know it's time to leave your comfort zone? When a bird equipped with an oven stops by to bake some muffins, Frog finally has the courage to take in the fresh air outside his greenhouse."

Theresa Gamper Graphic Designer



"A book for summit climbers and anyone

Rights and Licensing Manager



Millie and the Midnight Hedgehog

Millie

und der nisvolle Igel

that saving the planet begins at home. Bernadette is the unwavering advocate for children—for over 50 years."

Herwig Bitsche Publisher

What's for Dinner?



"A story that reminds us that you don't always have to play by the rules if your (wolf) instinct tells you to do the right thing."

Lena Dempewulf Rights and Licensing Manager

Dear friends and partners,

It's time to think about the Italian sun and the hustle and bustle of the Bologna Book Fair once again! We have a packed program for you, so let's dive in to some highlights:

Things are going to be a little bit different this fall. First of all, there is fabulous Selma, whose spider webs are so much more than a tool for catching flies. She wants to show the brilliance of the universe. And boy, does she!

Then there is Frog, who gets a very unexpected visitor in his greenhouse in *Time to Split*. He might just be inspired to venture outside for the very first time ... Things are also very different for our beloved Rainbow Fish as in his brand-new adventure (number 10!) he is the one needing rescuing for a change. Luckily, he is never out of ideas and knows just how to go about finding a solution.

And what about a wolf encountering a moral dilemma as he finds a lost bunny rabbit in the woods. Surely, he is now supposed to eat it—that's what wolves do. But why does that not feel quite right?

We are also very happy to welcome picture book maker extraordinaire Cornelia Funke to our list. In her Fabulous Creatures she tells us all about magical creatures and where you might find them, in a way that makes us feel like she's just popped back from a visit. And the vibrant illustrations by Ruby Warnecke are truly magical.

Of course, our fall program would not be complete without the newest Bernadette project: With Millie, she shows us that even with small gestures you can achieve great things—even facing something as big as the climate crisis.

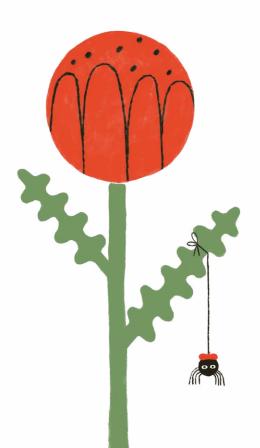
And we're rounding off the list with a beautiful non-fiction look at the history of mountaineering and all the obstacles that women in particular had to face to reach the top(s).

Enjoy the read, and let's talk books in Bologna!

With our very best wishes,

Your NordSüd Foreign Rights Team

Hanna, Lena, Sindhya, and Laetitia





All the spiders spin ordinary spider webs to catch flies.

And then there is Selma! Selma is different. She is creative. She has a dream. And Selma pursues it, no matter how nonsensical the other spiders find her web art. Because Selma's works are meant to capture the magnificence of the universe ...

Tini Malina gives her lovable picture book character a superpower that we all wish for from time to time: the power of vision, which helps to achieve the seemingly impossible. Let's go!

For those who like to think outside the box

A wonderfully whimsical and witty story

Anything is possible in art!

Tini Malina

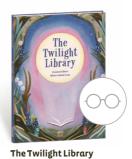
was born in Mainz, Germany, and gained a wide range of professional experience in various places before she finally found her way to illustrating children's books. She loves creating small, independent worlds for equally small and independent creatures. Today she lives, writes, and illustrates in Saarland.

Tini Malina

Selma: The Story of a Stellar Spider 48 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm

Age: 4+ Sales price: €18 Publication: August 2025 World Rights available (excl. World English)

More spiders







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Frog lives a happy, idle life in his greenhouse. "Simply wonderful!" he says, sipping his banana juice. But suddenly everything is different. An unexpected visit from a bird, muffins that get bigger and bigger and then—an oven that explodes. This changes everything. Frog dares to take a first step out of his greenhouse.

A story about overcoming habits and the spirit of discovery in all of us, charmingly told by Daniel Fehr. Raphaël Kolly's first picture book with NordSüd immerses us in a humorous and colorful world.

Get out of the glasshouse!

Set off and discover new things

With humorous pictures by Raphaël Kolly

Daniel Fehr

was born in Winterthur, Switzerland. He writes picture books for children all over the world. He also invents board games for children, families, and adults. Numerous of his published works have received international awards. Daniel Fehr lives in Switzerland.

Raphaël Kolly

grew up in a village in the foothills of the Swiss Alps. He completed his preparatory studies in Bern and graduated from the Lucerne School of Art and Design with a bachelor's degree in fiction illustration. Since then, Raphaël Kolly has been working as a freelance illustrator. *Time to Split* is his first picture book with NordSüd.

Daniel Fehr

Raphaël Kolly **Time to Split**

32 pages / 28 × 21.5 cm Age: 4+ Sales price: € 17 Publication: August 2025

World Rights available (excl. World English)



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Marcus Pfister

Rainbow Fish and the Great Escape

32 pages / 21.5 × 28.7 cm Age: 4+ Sales price: € 18 Publication: August 2025 Rights sold: Dutch, English (World), French, Slovenian

Marcus Pfister

was born in Bern. He studied at the School of the Arts and then trained as a graphic artist. In 1986 his first picture book was published by NordSüd. His breakthrough came in 1992 with The Rainbow Fish. To date, Marcus Pfister has published more than 60 books that have been translated into around 50 languages and have won several international awards. He lives in Bern with his family.

> Rainbow Fish's 10th exciting adventure!





The peaceful life of the Rainbow Fish and his friends is suddenly disrupted one day. Fleeing fish report a large ship and a huge net. Sure enough, the Rainbow Fish and his friends end up in a trawl net. But the Rainbow Fish has a bright idea on how to escape. Help comes in the form of energetic crabs and lobsters.

environment.

Over 30 million copies of the series sold worldwide



REGENBOGENFISCH in Gefahr

Marcus Pfister's Rainbow Fish is one of the world's most popular picture book characters. In his new book, he tells a child-friendly story about human intervention in nature and the consequences for the

A new adventure of the modern picture book classic

The Rainbow Fish experiences human intervention in nature for the first time



Dragons, unicorns, and thunderbirds are among the fascinating mythical creatures that countless myths are woven around.

This book offers the youngest children a first encounter with this fantastic world. For example, with the quilin that can walk on clouds or the basilisk that can petrify with its gaze.

Cornelia Funke describes the creatures as if in a first-hand account. The master of fantasy literature tells the story humorously and in her very own way. She knows which mythical creature you only hear good things about and which you should really avoid.

Cornelia Funke has teamed up with illustrator Ruby Warnecke on this project. Ruby came across the fantastic world of mythical creatures in the Etruscan Museum during her visit to Cornelia in Tuscany. She was inspired by what she saw, and the idea for this magical book was born.

Fantastic animals presented by Cornelia Funke and Ruby Warnecke

The first encounter with mythical creatures

Myths and stories from around the world

Cornelia Funke

is one of the most internationally successful and best-known German author of children's and young adult books. She has been awarded numerous prizes for her books, including the German Youth Literature Award 2020 for her body of work. Cornelia Funke lives in Tuscany, Italy.

Ruby Warnecke

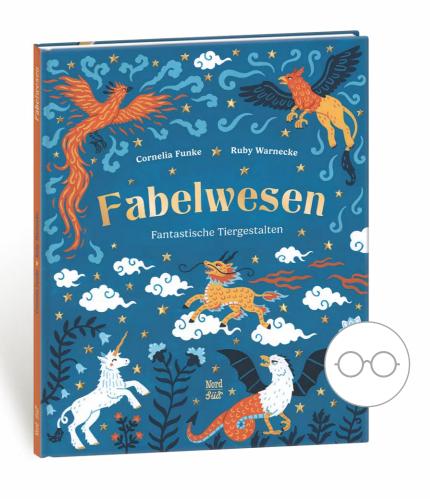
lives with her family in Hamburg, where she also completed her master's degree in illustration. During her studies, Ruby spent a semester abroad in Baltimore (USA) and discovered her passion for making art for children. Ruby is part of Cornelia Funke's "Artists in Residence" program.

Cornelia Funke

Ruby Warnecke

Fabulous Creatures 48 pages / 23.3 × 28 cm

Age: 4+ Sales price: € 19 Publication: September 2025 World Rights available (excl. World English)





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Big Gray Wolf is about to howl fervently at the full moon when he hears a howl that doesn't sound quite right. As he follows the sound, he finds a lost bunny in the forest. Wolf Rules state that he must eat it.

But a note from the bunny's parents makes the wolf think twice: The parents promise a big feast if the wolf accompanies the bunny home! This reward sounds so tempting ... Should the wolf follow the rules or not?

Larysa Maliush's humorous illustration and captivating story convey to us what is right is not always black or white, but sometimes also wolf-gray.

> Does a wolf have to eat a bunny? An amusing story full of slapstick comedy

Encourages critical thinking in children

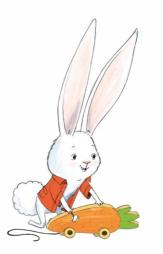
Larysa Maliush

was born in Minsk, Belarus, and currently lives in Berlin. As an author and illustrator, she is surrounded by stories every day. Ideas for new pictures come to her in the most unexpected moments—while paying at the supermarket, chatting with a neighbor, or when she steps into a puddle.

Larysa Maliush

What's for Dinner? 32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm

Age: 4+ Sales price: € 18 Publication: August 2025 World Rights available (excl. World English)





Millie and >> the Midnight Hedgehog

Bernadette

Millie and the Midnight Hedgehog

32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Age: 4+ Sales price: € 17 Publication: July 2025 World Rights available (excl. World English)

Bernadette

was born in Northampton, England. She studied illustration and art at Maidstone College of Art in Kent, with Brian Wildsmith and David Hockney, among others. She has worked as a freelance illustrator since 1968. She has illustrated countless Grimm and Andersen fairy tales for NordSüd Verlag in her unique style. Bernadette lives and draws in Kent.

But then something magical happens: Millie meets a mysterious hedgehog who can take away her fears. Because just like in fairy tales, there is good and evil—but good always triumphs. As Millie's plants grow, so does her hope, because she now knows even with small actions, she can make a big difference.

pictures.

Everyone counts!



The Forest Keepe



Millie loves her neighbor's blooming garden so much that the neighbor gives her three potted plants. Of course, Millie would rather have a garden of her own, but her parents don't have time for that. They are too busy saving planet Earth as climate protectors. Millie is therefore anxious: Can I even help the Earth?

In Bernadette's modern fairy tale, Millie learns to overcome her fears and to enjoy the small ways she can make the world a better place. Bernadette illustrates this very personal story with delicate, detailed

Inspiring hope in difficult times

How even small gestures can achieve great things

A declaration of love for the power of stories

New Picture Books



The summit is the goal! How the ascent of the mountains began, what challenges the pioneers of alpinism faced, and how the race for the highest peaks continues to this day is the subject of Katja Seifert's fascinating non-fiction book. She has paid particular attention to the achievements of women. After all, women had to struggle with specific social demands and challenges for a long time.

The expeditions to the peaks take us to the highest mountains in the world and show that mountaineers from different nations are pushing the limits of what is possible with the help of the Sherpa.

Richly illustrated with impressive picture panels and great attention to detail, this non-fiction book offers a solid path through fascinating terrain.

The adventure of mountaineering: the history, the mountains, the pioneers

Famous mountaineers worldwide

Lavishly illustrated non-fiction title including many amazing facts

Katja Seifert

was born in Linz, Austria, and has remained there. The freelance illustrator, who only discovered her love of illustration after graduating in architectural studies, lives and works in her hometown. She has received the Austrian Children's and Youth Book Award, among others, for her work. *Off to the Mountains!* is her first nonfiction book.

Katja Seifert

(excl. World English)

Off to the Mountains! 64 pages / 24.5 × 30.5 cm Age: 6+ Sales price: € 25 Publication: August 2025 World Rights available

Defying expectations



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New Picture Books





A poetic tale about a new beginning

Bernadette Watts The Smallest Snowflake Rights sold: English (World),





on the important things in life

Gisela Cölle The Star Tree 32 pages Rights sold: English (World)









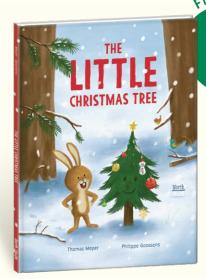
Die Heilige Nacht Aurel von Jüchen Celestino Piatti

Now as a beautiful standalone in a new design

Aurel von Jüchen / Celestino Piatti The Holy Night 40 pages

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It's Christmas!





The perfect winter read for cozy nights

Thomas Meyer / Philippe Goossens The Little Christmas Tree 32 pages

Rights sold: English (World), Chinese Complex



A Christmas story as tender as a Christmas carol

Kerstin Hau / Selda Marlin Soganci Little Angel's Christmas Song 32 pages Rights sold: English (World), Romanian



out more:





32 pages

Romanian



Warm-hearted classic about reflecting



L Festive Season





Chicken is happy when she gets a **big box** from Rabbit for his birthday. But, wait! There's nothing in it!

Lena Hesse Eine kiste IRGendwas A BOX OF SOMETHING



Chicken has ordered something in a big box and Rabbit is wondering what it could be. Surely something that would be useful on their island .. but what?

Lena Hesse

Eine Kiste Nichts / A Box of Nothing 28 pages / 21.6 × 21.6 cm Age: 3+ Publication: Spring 2015 Rights sold: Complex Chinese



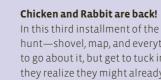
Lena Hesse Eine Kiste Irgendwas / A Box of Something 36 pages / 21.6 × 21.6 cm Age: 3+ Publication: Spring 2020



Lena Hesse Eine Kiste Alles / A Box of Everything 32 pages / 21.6 × 21.6 cm Age: 3+ Publication: Fall 2025



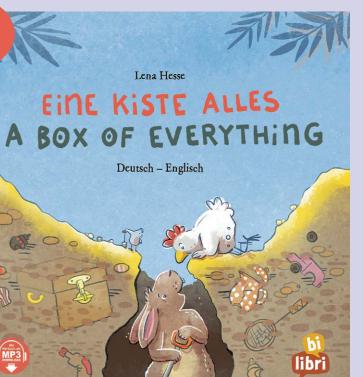




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In this third installment of the beloved box series, they get to go on a proper treasure hunt—shovel, map, and everything. The friends might have different ideas of how to go about it, but get to tuck into their very own treasure in the end. But eventually, they realize they might already have everything they need.

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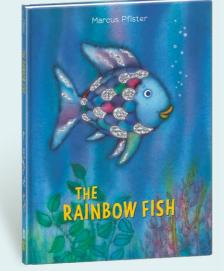
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Please see below for upcoming printing schedules and feel free to get in touch about prices to join our co-edition printings.

Co-edition, delivery February 2026 **The Rainbow Fish** (across all titles and formats)

04. 08. 2025	Confirmation of order required, files availa
11.09.2025	Finished files due to NordSüd
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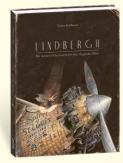
The Rainbow Fish

Overview Co-editions

Co-edition, delivery March 2026

Torben Kuhlmann's **Mouse Adventures** (Lindbergh, Armstrong, Edison, Einstein, Earhart)

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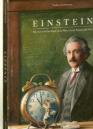
Lindbergh







Armstrong



Einstein







Earhart



The Rainbow Fish: Counting To be reissued for 2026

The Rainbow Fish: Colors

To be reissued for 2026





The Rainbow Fish: Opposites

To be reissued for 2026

Good Night, Little Rainbow Fish

Check out our board book

Rainbow Fish Makes Peace

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Rainbow Fish and the Great Escape The new story for 2025



The Rainbow Fish small board book Bestselling format in both German and English!



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Anne-Christin Plate The Flower Seller 40 pages / 28 × 21.5 cm Publication Spring 2024 World Rights available



Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreis LUCHS, May 2024

"A great story that gives a face and personality to those on the margins of society." Serafina Jury

Praise for Genius Noses¹

White Raven, 2023

Society of Illustrators: Illustrators 65 Exhibition, 2023

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Praise for Genius Ears:

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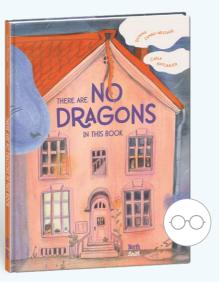
German Youth Literature Prize, Nomination 2024

Serafina Newcomer Prize for Illustration, 2023

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"This playful story celebrates the exuberant power of the imagination and uses the picture book in all its materiality to create a joyful game of hide-and-seek and discovery." Jury of the German Youth Literature Prize

"A sweetly offbeat adventure that will have readers peering into their toilets for a dragon of their own." Kirkus Reviews



Donna Lambo-Weidner Carla Haslbauer There are No Dragons in This Book 32 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Publication Fall 2023 Rights sold: English (World), Japanese



Lena Anlauf Vitali Konstantinov

Genius Noses 64 pages / 23.3 × 28 cm Publication: Spring 2023 Rights sold: English (World), Chinese Simplified, Czech, Danish. Korean. Russian

Lena Anlauf Vitali Konstantinov **Genius Ears** 64 pages / 23.3 × 28 cm Publication: Spring 2024 Rights sold: English (World), Chinese Simplified, Danish,

Korean

Dayeon Auh The Three-Year Tumble 40 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Sales price: € 17 Publication: Fall 2024 Rights sold: English (World)



Best 7, Deutschlandfunk, 2025

Kinder- und Jugendbuchpreis LUCHS, November 2024

"Auh, a muralist, skillfully incorporates various media—acrylic, watercolor, oil pastel, felt-tip marker, and colored pencil—making each page pop with life. The rich landscapes are lavishly textured with strokes, lines, and blots of color, enhancing the upbeat tone of the text. A bright and lively addition to any folktale shelf." Kirkus Reviews

"[Torben Kuhlmann's] books are thicker than most picture books, thoroughly researched, epically told and, no, not a niche product, but a global success." Hans ten Doornkaat, NZZ am Sonntag

"Budding makers with dreams of their own will take heart from the pink-eared engineer's declaration that 'even for the tiniest of creatures, nothing is impossible!' The art and the exploit both soar." Kirkus Reviews

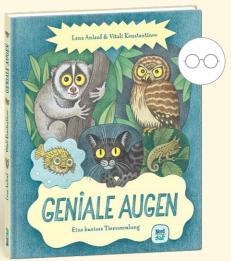


"A particularly engaging addition to natural history shelves." Kirkus Reviews on Genuis Ears

"This richly illustrated non-fiction book neatly orchestrates factual knowledge and amusing anecdotes, and thus allows readers to browse through it again and again."

White Ravens jury on Genius Noses





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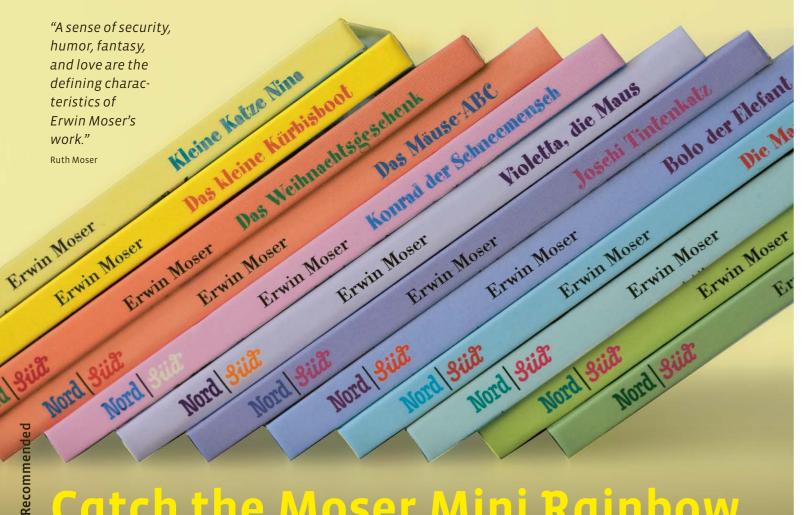
Genius Eyes 64 pages / 23.3 × 28 cm Publication: Spring 2025 Rights sold: English (World), Chinese Simplified



Torben Kuhlmann

Earhart

128 pages / 21.5 × 28 cm Rights sold: English (World), Catalan, Czech, Dutch, French, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish



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Our Erwin Moser minis can be collected, reformatted, and enjoyed in all different formats and sizes! We have currently 17 titles available in the series (up to publication in Fall 2025) and plan to continue with new books for a while.

Conrad the Snowman

The Christmas Gift

They are full of character, brimming with the beloved Moser illustrations, and perfect for the very young readers.

All titles

Age: 4+

Erwin Moser

Sales price: € 10

32 pages / 14.8 × 14.1 cm

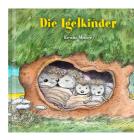
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