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### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Elsa Klever

Pages & Size: 32 | 23,0x23,0 cm

Recommended age group: 3+

Original title: Drei Pudel essen eine Nudel

ELSA KLEVER

# Three Poodles Eat a Noodle

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

3+

## Welcome to the number zoo!

A louse builds a house, three poodles eat a noodle, seven cats try on hats...

This cheerful and entertaining picture book takes children on a madcap journey through the animal kingdom – and the numbers from 1 to 10. With funny rhymes, silly creatures and colourful illustrations, learning to count is fun!

- Original and absolutely hilarious

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Elsa Klever studied illustration at HAW Hamburg and at HSLU Lucerne in Switzerland. Alongside her work for renowned newspapers, magazines and companies, Elsa is particularly passionate about illustrating children's books. She has received several awards for her work: in 2015 she was awarded the Austrian Children's and Young People's Book Prize, and in 2021 her book "189" was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize. Elsa lives with her family in Hamburg.

WOLF BIERMANN, CARLOTTA MARÍN PÉREZ

# Little Mr. Moritz

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

4+

## A modern fairy tale about hope and kindness

This winter has been the longest and coldest in recent memory. The people have become as cold and hard as the icy streets. Little Mr Moritz, wearing a hat and wrapped in a warm scarf, watches as passers-by argue and get upset. Suddenly, something amazing happens: flowers start growing out of Mr Moritz's head! They are a little shining sign of hope that brings people together, making them laugh and, for a brief moment at least, forget the cold.

But then a police officer comes and disperses the crowd. The magic moment has evaporated, and Mr Moritz is left standing there, his head flowerless. But anyone lucky enough to have received a flower from him will never tire of telling the story of this miraculous event.

A poetic parable about the power of joy and solidarity.

- Rediscovered and newly illustrated: a modern fairy tale about hope and kindness in a cold world



### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Carlotta Marín Pérez  
 Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x28,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Original title: Der kleine Herr Moritz

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Wolf Biermann



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Wolf Biermann, born in Hamburg on 15 November 1936, is a German singer-songwriter, poet and dissident. In 1953, he moved to East Germany and started publishing his first songs and poems in 1960. In 1965, his sharp criticism of the country's one-party dictatorship resulted in his being banned from performing or publishing his work, and in 1976, while in West Germany, he was stripped of his citizenship and forbidden from re-entering the GDR, and he moved back to Hamburg. His expatriation triggered huge protests in both East and West Germany. His poetry collections are among the bestselling poems of postwar German literature, and he has been awarded numerous prestigious literary prizes, among them the Georg Büchner Prize, and most recently the Pour le mérite for Sciences and Arts (2026).

#### AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR

Carlotta Marín Pérez

Carlotta Marín Pérez lives with her family outside of Hamburg and with her heart in Córdoba. She originally studied sociology and believes it is an excellent foundation for illustration.



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Miriam Zedelius  
 Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x28,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Original title: Komm jetzt!

DANIEL FEHR

## Come On!

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

4+

Selected by Translate Swiss Books

### I'll be there in a sec! I just need to save the world first!

Tino and Daddy are planning a trip to the local swimming pool. Dad is ready to go, but Tino has to complete a few missions first: kick some party trolls out of his bedroom before they cause even more havoc, keep a hungry dragon from eating their entire home... and who else is there to take care of the monster about to flatten the whole town? Dad can wait a little - first things first!

- When a child's imagination turns wild, Mum and Dad will just have to wait!
- A funny and imaginative story where everyday situations turn into exciting adventures
- Trolls, dragons, monsters... there is no end to this boy's imagination!
- Daniel Fehr and Miriam Zedelius are a dream team

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Daniel Fehr



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Swiss-born Daniel Fehr creates picture books for children all over the world. He also invents board games for young and old. He has created numerous books and games for various publishers, and won many prizes at home and abroad, amongst which the Huckepack Picture Book Prize.

#### ILLUSTRATOR

Miriam Zedelius



© Susanna Wengeler

Miriam Zedelius studied graphic design and illustration in Leipzig, Halle and Granada. In 2007, she founded the silk-screen printers' collective in Leipzig, and has since then illustrated children's books, designed posters, painted murals and written stories. She has won many prizes for her work. She has three children, one garden, two bicycles, one piano and four desks, but zero cars.



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Kai Pannen  
 Pages & Size: 104 | 17,0x24,5 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Original title: Wer spinnt, gewinnt!

KAI PANNEN

## Who Spins Wins

VOL. 9

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

4+

### What makes a real superhero?

It is carnival season in the beech hedge! While Bisy cheerfully slips into his Superfly outfit, Karl-Heinz reluctantly squeezes himself into his old Spider-Boy costume.

The twosome throw themselves into the festivities, but in the midst of the parade, Nico, the nasty louse, abducts Carnival Prince Theo Stinkbug and Princess Constance. wants to take control of the whole garden, but Spider and Fly will not have it. They plan to rescue the royal couple, and put an end to Nico's nefarious plans once and for all.

As they search high and low for Theo and Constance, Karl-Heinz and Bisy stumble on a mysterious carnival realm. There they meet some wannabe superheroes who boast that they can save the prince and princess much more quickly and effectively than Spider and Fly. But you don't need super powers - just some courage and a whole lot of creepy-crawly energy...

The new adventure featuring Spider and Fly by this bestselling author.

- Book 9 in the popular series by bestselling author Kai Pannen
- Fantastic topics that never get old: good versus evil, superheroes and team spirit
- Wonderfully quirky, exciting and hilarious text and illustrations
- Whether it's carnival season or Halloween, playing dress-up is always fun

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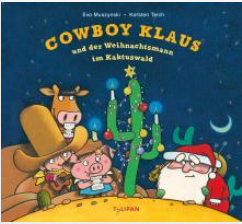
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Kai Pannen



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After studying art and film, Kai Pannen became an illustrator, cartoonist and producer of short films. Today, he spends most of his time writing books. In 2017, he won the German Book Trade Association award for his public readings.  
[www.kaipannen.de](http://www.kaipannen.de)



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Karsten Teich  
 Pages & Size: 40 | 25,0x23,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 4+  
 Original title: Cowboy Klaus  
 und der Weihnachtsmann im  
 Kaktuswald

KARSTEN TEICH, EVA MUSZYNSKI

## Cowboy Klaus and Father Christmas in Cactus Forest

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

4+

### A Wild West Christmas

Cowboy Klaus cannot wait! He is so excited. He and his friends – cow Rosi and pig Lisa – have decorated the Christmas cactus and baked lots of cookies, and now they are waiting for Father Christmas to show up. But Father Christmas is running late. He's having all sorts of problems getting to their Farm, because mean bandits and hungry coyotes keep throwing obstacles in his way. Will he make it in time?

- The long-awaited new edition of this popular festive picture book
- The wildest Christmas the Wild West has ever seen
- The perfect stocking filler

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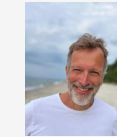
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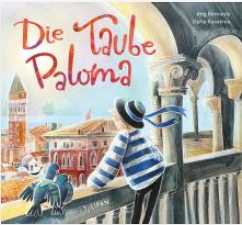
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Eva Muszynski



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Eva Muszynski (1962–2020) was a German children's book author and illustrator. She started her career creating comics for adults, before turning to writing and illustrating children's books. Her work includes the popular and prize-winning Cowboy Klaus series, which she co-created with Karsten Teich.



#### Picture Books

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Daria Kuvakina  
 Pages & Size: 32 | 25,0x23,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 5+  
 Original title: Die Taube Paloma

JÖRG BERNARDY

## Paloma the Pigeon

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

5+

### When cities are drowning and pigeons bring hope

Venice is in danger. Water levels are rising and the citizens are worried about their city's future. Amid all the chaos, pigeon Paloma and her friend Pico are desperately looking for a new home. But then something amazing happens: together with gondolier Angelo, they discover Leonardo da Vinci's secret notes, with instructions for turning Venice into a ship. Paloma knows they need human help, and puts the word out among her fellow pigeons – and so begins an extraordinary rescue mission, as humans and pigeons work together to build the biggest ship of hope the world has ever seen.

- A philosophical tale about the strength of cooperation
- Current topics: Climate emergency, housing shortages, strife, peace and hope
- Stunning, atmospheric pictures by multi-award-winning Daria Kuvakina

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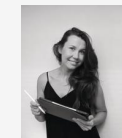


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Philosopher and writer Jörg Bernardy contributes to Die Zeit, and frequently talks about philosophy on the radio and on podcasts (including "Mauslive" and WDR's "Die Maus zum Hören"). He has a dog, lives in Hamburg, and writes books for children, teenagers and adults.

#### ILLUSTRATOR

Daria Kuvakina



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Daria Kuvakina, born in 1991, studied architecture but is currently devoting herself to a wide variety of art projects and children's book illustrations. She lives in beautiful Hamburg, but she always likes to travel to the sea in search of inspiration.

BABETTE PRIBBENOW

# Pretty Poisonous

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

5+

## Each creature more toxic than the last

There are deadly creatures all around us in nature: cone snails fire poisoned darts at their prey, the hooded pitohui, a bird, eats toxic beetles that make it toxic in turn, and the plant nightshade, pretty as it looks, can kill a child with just three berries... But some poisons are actually quite good for you – in small doses! – and are often used in modern medicine.

A voyage of discovery following some of our fascinating poisonous fellow creatures!

- Following Tricksen, Täuschen, Tarnen ('Pretending, Deceiving, Camouflaging'), this is the second nature book by Babette Pribbenow and Rinah Lang
- A child-appropriate non-fiction picture book on poisonous plants and animals
- Informative, gripping, brimming with fascinating facts



### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Tulipan

Format: Hardcover

With illustrations from: Rinah Lang

Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x28,0 cm

Recommended age group: 5+

Original title: Richtig giftig

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Babette Pribbenow has always been fascinated by nature, and is passionate about instilling a love of the natural sciences in children and teenagers. She lives in Berlin surrounded by flowers and can't think of anything better than spending her time writing books.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Rinah Lang



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Rinah Lang studied illustration in FGröningen and Edinburgh. She works in a studio in Berlin, illustrating for magazines and journals, designing posters and illustrating books.



#### Non-Fiction

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Hendrik Jonas  
 Pages & Size: 40 | 21,0x28,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 6+  
 Illustrations: 20 color illustrations  
 Original title: Von Kopf bis Fuß auf Liebe eingestellt

INKA PABST

## Falling in Love Again

Date of publication: September 09, 2026

6+

### A life dedicated to music – the story of Friedrich Hollaender

Friedrich Hollaender wrote songs that became famous around the world, including the legendary 'Falling in Love Again', sung by Marlene Dietrich in the film 'The Blue Angel'. Born into a family of artists in Berlin, he started writing songs at an early age, first as a child at his piano, later, as an adult, for the cabaret, theatre and the movies – and his songs were by turns funny, intelligent, political, and sometimes all three at once. Many of his celebrated melodies became famous, and are still being sung today.

- A biographical picture book about Friedrich Hollaender, the revue and sound film composer of the 1920s and 1930s
- A story of flight and expulsion - and music

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Inka Pabst



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Inka Pabst is an actress, singer and director. For several years now, she has been writing songs for grown-ups, books for little ones and plays for everyone. Her debut children's book "As Grandma Got Smaller and Smaller" was published in 2017 and was enthusiastically received by the press.

#### ILLUSTRATOR

Hendrik Jonas



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Hendrik Jonas lives in Berlin and works primarily as an author and illustrator of children's books. His works have been translated into numerous languages and have been published in Brazil, the USA, the UK, South Korea, Japan and Norway, amongst others.

STEPHANIE RUNGE

# Seven Ounces of Dust

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

6+

## Enchanting mishaps galore

Normal kids get pocket money, but Pippa does not – because she is a witch! Instead of coins, she gets seven ounces of magic dust a week. Which she spends on lollipops, mini unicorns, puppies with floppy pink ears... and before Pippa knows it, she has spent it all. Oh no! How can she buy her sister Freya a birthday present now? Pippa asks for an advance on next week's dust, but her mum says no. So she comes up with a cunning plan – which goes horribly wrong. Suddenly, monkeys are bouncing around her room, Freya is mad as hell and Pippa is worried: how can you give someone a surprise when you have no magic left?

- A funny witch story - combining a very realistic issue with a hint of magic
- Perfect for first readers



### First Readers

Publishing House: Tulipan  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Jutta Wetzel  
Pages & Size: 48 | 14,8x21,0 cm  
Recommended age group: 6+  
Original title: Sieben Unzen Zauberstaub

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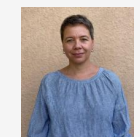


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Stephanie Runge was born in Berlin and studied communication design in Potsdam. She is passionate about creating beautiful graphics and designing books, and has now started writing her own stories for children and teenagers.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Jutta Wetzel



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Jutta Wetzel grew up in southern Germany, and after a brief career as a graphic designer and a job at a children's museum in the US, she moved to Hamburg to study children's illustration. She has illustrated numerous books for both German and international publishers, and now lives near Bonn with her family.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Tine Schulz  
 Pages & Size: 192 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 8+  
 Illustrations: 47 b/w illustrations  
 Original title: Die drei aus Reihe zwei

SILKE SCHLICHTMANN

# The Threesome in Row Two

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

8+

## An impossible team, an impossible mission

Horst, Olga and Mesut sit in the same row in their classroom. Other than that, they have nothing in common. Nothing at all. But now, thanks to an unfortunate series of events surrounding their new teacher Mrs Friend, they've been forced to team up. For Mrs Friend, everything is 'too' something: too loud, too quiet, too early, too late – in short, it is all too much. And now she has told the threesome to come up with a plan to improve the atmosphere in their class. However, if they keep causing trouble, there will be no school trip!

- Three completely different children who suddenly have to cooperate - and become a dream team against all odds
- With hilariously funny illustrations by Tine Schulz

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Silke Schlichtmann grew up on an orchard near Hamburg. Today she lives in Munich. Before she started writing stories, she worked as a scientist and editor.

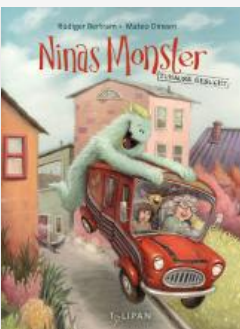
### ILLUSTRATOR

Tine Schulz



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As a child, Tine Schulz was just as shy as one of the heroines in her illustrations and preferred drawing to talking. She studied communication design and illustration in Wismar and now works as a freelance illustrator for publishers and magazines. She lives on and around the Baltic Sea in Rostock.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Mateo Dineen  
 Pages & Size: 144 | 15,5x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 8+  
 Original title: Ninas Monster.  
 Zuhause gesucht

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

# Nina's Monsters Need New Homes

VOL. 2

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

8+

## Monsters in the fast lane

All Nina wanted was one monster to make her feel safe. But now she has ended up with five of them, and urgently needs to find nice families for them all. The monsters are hard to hide, but thankfully her lovely grandma has agreed to look after them temporarily. But then the monster agency's owners show up, and a madcap chase across town begins – involving a mobile library without brakes, crazy twists and turns, monsters in disguise and a grandma racing like a pro... can Nina save her monster friends and liberate them once and for all?

- by bestselling author Rüdiger Bertram
- funny, full of action and heart-warming

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Rüdiger Bertram



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Rüdiger Bertram (b. 1967) makes a living thinking up funny, exciting stories for children. He loves giving public readings, for which he won an award in 2022.

### ILLUSTRATOR

Mateo Dineen

Mateo Dineen (b. 1972 in San Mateo, Ca.) studied illustration at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. He started working as a freelance artist in 2004 and is perhaps best known for his charming monster paintings. He lives in Berlin.



### Middle Grade

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from: Hanna Zeckau  
 Pages & Size: 176 | 14,8x21,0 cm  
 Recommended age group: 10+  
 Illustrations: 33 b/w illustrations  
 Original title: Thies

SIGRID ZEEVAERT

## Thies

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

10+

### A summer of questions

Thies hates the idea of moving. His woods, his hill, his friend Matteo and...well, Rosie, are all here. But Mum is thinking about moving somewhere else, partly because of their landlady, Mrs Winter, who picks up on every flaw and thinks even giggles are too noisy and annoying. Thies has been trying his hardest to make sure his mum does not have to worry about stuff, and sometimes even looks after his little sister – when there's really no other option, that is...

When he hangs out in the woods, Thies often ends up near the abandoned old signalman's house. One day, he finally plucks up the courage and goes inside, and discovers something under a loose floorboard that is not just old, but also full of history – a reminder of the Second World War that has to do with the nearby Belgian border and grumpy old Mrs Winter. And then Thies discovers that telling stories about the past can help you stay in the present.

- Sigrid Zeevaert writes with empathy for her protagonist
- about overwhelm and responsibility, the sense of belonging and the urge to be independent

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### ILLUSTRATOR

Hanna Zeckau



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Hanna Zeckau, born in Munich in 1978, studied communication design in Berlin and Paris. She lives in Berlin and works as an illustrator and book designer and has taught illustration as a lecturer. She has received several awards for her books such as the "Stiftung Buchkunst" Prize.



#### Middle Grade

Publishing House: Tulipan  
 Format: Hardcover  
 With illustrations from:  
 Barbara Jung  
 Pages & Size: 160 | 14,8x21,0  
 cm  
 Recommended age group: 10+  
 Illustrations: 56 b/w  
 illustrations  
 Original title:  
 Gespensterzentrale. Rettet  
 Knautschke!

ANNE-DORE KROHN, WIEBKE NIELAND

## The Ghost Club : Save Knautschke!

VOL. 2

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

10+

### How to feed a hippo in a crisis

Fritzi has enough on her plate, what with the disappearing cereal bars and the mess in the kitchen – but then she finds Hans sitting on her bunk bed. He is pale, cheeky, and definitely a ghost. Hans is from 1946, when Berlin lay in ruins and food was hard to come by. But what he is most worried about is Knautschke, Berlin Zoo's famous hippo, who desperately needs food, or he will starve to death... Luckily, Fritzi and Hans can count on Fritzi's neighbour Yunis to help. He has just become an expert on the subject – and helps them on their quest to save the hippo. And so, at midnight, Fritzi and Hans travel back in time to postwar Berlin. But how can they save Knautschke, when the people in the city do not have nearly enough to feed themselves?

- The second volume of this exciting series that brings past times to life
- Detective story, ghost adventure & time travel in one

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Wiebke Nieland



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When she was little, Wiebke Nieland loved listening to stories about the past. She studied history and German in Cologne and Oxford, and later moved into an old house in Berlin. After attending the Berlin Academy of Journalism, she worked for newspapers, periodicals, TV and radio – which is where she first met Anne-Dore Krohn. The two colleagues soon became friends, and later co-authors. Nieland is currently a culture editor, and lives in a Berlin neighbourhood full of old houses and old stories with her husband and two children.

## ILLUSTRATOR

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Barbara Jung studied communication design. She works as a freelance illustrator for many children's and young adult publishers. She prefers stories with subtle humor and a certain depth. She lives alternately in Frankfurt am Main and in a small town at the Baltic Sea.



## Novel

Publishing House: Tulipan

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 192 | 14,8x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 12+

Illustrations: 50 b/w illustrations

Original title: Die beste meiner Welten

ANTJE HERDEN

# The Best of My Worlds

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

12+

## When dreams are more than just dreams

Sam is fourteen and feels like a sleepwalker in her own life. She has dreams that feel more real than her day at school – about shooting a video with a TikTok star in Paris, about seeing her formerly best friend Noah again... And they all end in a weird sort of dark nothing. Then she meets Psipsinella, a mysterious cat that claims Sam can travel between worlds. While Sam tries to regain control of her life, her reality starts falling apart: her parents are about to split up, her friend Luise falls seriously ill, and she is being targeted over a video that is making the rounds at school. Between school bullies and family crises, jumping between the worlds seems like a perfect escape. But what if this comes at the cost of losing the original one, even if it is less than perfect or easy?...

- Fantasy meets science fiction
- Parallel worlds, a girl who can jump between them, and the meaning of the world we live in
- A gripping coming-of-age novel about finding yourself, bullying, friendship and family issues
- Intense and emotional – Herden really knows how to write for her target audience

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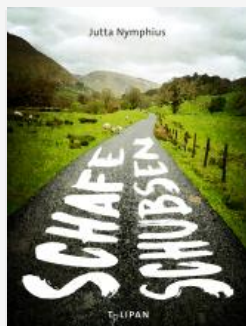
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Antje Herden studied a bit of chemistry and a lot of architecture. Since 2004 she has been writing novels and short stories for adults and features for city magazines. Since 2010 she has fully dedicated herself to children's and youth literature. Antje Herden lives in Darmstadt.



## Novel

Publishing House: Tulipan

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 224 | 14,8x21,0 cm

Recommended age group: 14+

Original title: Schafe schubsen

JUTTA NYMPHIUS

# Nudging Sheep

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

14+

## Scottish freedom

Tilda is furious with the whole world. Especially with her dad. The two of them cannot seem to stop arguing. And now he is sending her off to Scotland with her grumpy grandma Renate. It's Tilda's worst nightmare.

But somewhere along the way, between bagpipe parades and whisky distilleries, their mandatory road trip in a rental car turns into a crazy journey full of surprises. While Tilda cannot get Jade, who she met at summer camp, out of her head, and struggles to work out who she really is, grandma Renate keeps thinking about her own past: a youth filled with longing, her friendship with Karin, and decisions that shaped her life for ever.

Among the stormy Highlands with their mysterious lochs, steeped in Scottish history, a tender bond develops between Tilda and Renate, as they learn to trust each other and gradually discover what freedom really means.

- An intergenerational novel about family, love and secrets – page-turning, sensitive, and very funny
- Grandma and granddaughter are chalk and cheese, but also more alike than they thought
- An eventful road trip through Scotland
- A moving coming-of-age tale about being yourself and about emancipation
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