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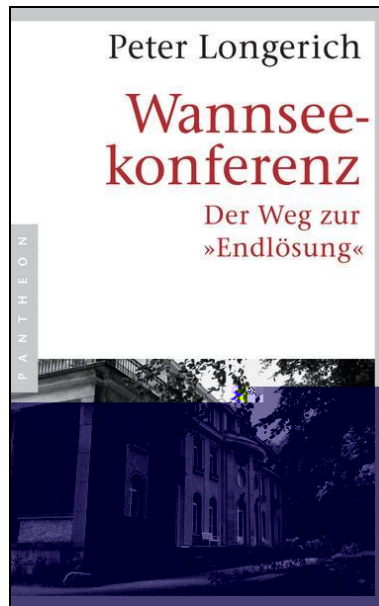
Non-Fiction
Spring 2017

A new assessment of the significance of the Wannsee Conference within the context of the Holocaust

English sample translation available

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Peter Longerich, born in 1955, professor of modern history at the Royal Holloway College of the University of London and the founder of the college's Holocaust Research Centre, has been active at the Bundeswehr University in Munich since 2013. The internationally renowned expert on the history of Nazism has published numerous documentations; his books *Politics of Destruction* (1998) and *We Knew Nothing of All This* (2006) are standard works. His biographies of Heinrich Himmler (2008), Joseph Goebbels (2010) and Adolf Hitler (2015) were acclaimed worldwide.



Peter Longerich
Wannsee Conference
[Wannseekonferenz]
The road to the "Final Solution"

Pantheon
224 pages
November 2016

On January 20, 1942, fifteen high-ranking representatives of the NS state, following an invitation by Richard Heydrich, met in a luxurious villa on the Wannsee to discuss the "final solution" of the "Jewish question". The minutes of the meeting record that the decision taken was to deport a total of eleven million people, expose them to murderous forced labour and use other methods to kill any survivors and those unable to work.

Peter Longerich, one of the most eminent researchers into NS history, reveals how, in the minds of Third Reich leaders, the vague intention of destroying the Jews developed into a precise and clear-cut murder programme and how hugely significant the Wannsee Conference was within the context of the Holocaust. The book contains the complete minutes of the Wannsee Conference, annotated by Peter Longerich.

• **Spiegel bestseller: 7,000 copies sold**

Press:

"Knowledgeably and rich in detail, Longerich leads readers through the dark world of a monstrous planning for murder during the middle of World War II." *Süddeutsche Zeitung*

"Not a comfortable book, but an important one." *Hellweger Anzeiger*

A sensational find of contemporary documents and a fascinating research

English sample translation available

Selected by *New Books in German*

Susanne Schädlich, born in Jena in 1965, is a freelance author and translator from English. 2009 saw the publication of her best-selling title *December Again and Again: The West, the Stasi, the Uncle and Me*. Her last book *Westward, as far as possible* was published in 2011.



Susanne Schädlich
Unsigned Letters
[Briefe ohne Unterschrift]
How a BBC programme challenged East Germany

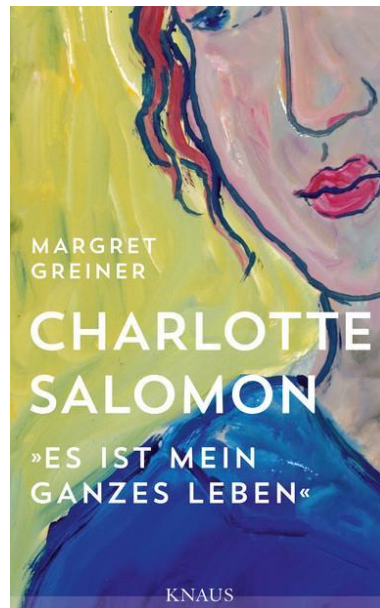
Knaus
304 pages
With 10 colour illustrations
March 2017

They write letters and risk a lot – the addressee: BBC, London. In 1949 the British Broadcasting Company started transmitting the programme "Unsigned Letters", in which, for 25 years, letters written anonymously by East Germans were read out every Friday evening.

Susanne Schädlich came across these unique documents and in her book tells us about the British journalists who stood up to East Germany for such a long time. More than anything else she erects a monument in honour of the courageous letter-writers who were mercilessly persecuted by State Security, the "Stasi".

"I have to write anonymously; that means the name of the place and title are accurate but everything else fictitious. This procedure is necessary because I am writing from a region in which Democratic Freedom is only known in books, where the brown dictatorship has been replaced by a red dictatorship [...]. If this letter were to be written under my true name and read by the wrong people, I'd be sure to be shot in the neck."

The first biography that uses Charlotte Salomon's intensive pictures as the starting point of the narrative.



Margret Greiner
Charlotte Salomon
[Charlotte Salomon]
"It is my whole life"

Knaus
304 pages
With 24 colour illustrations
March 2017

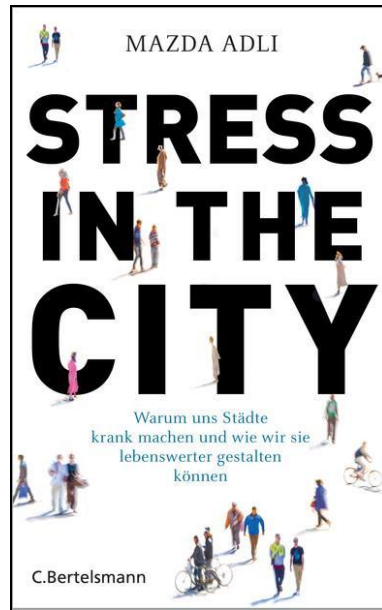
Margret Greiner studied German and history and spent many years working as a teacher and journalist. Her work has regularly focussed on the lives of exceptional women. Her most recent narrative biographies were *Cut Out for Freedom. Emilie Flöge: Fashion Designer and Life Companion of Gustav Klimt* and *Charlotte Berend-Corinth and Lovis Corinth: I Want to Belong to Myself.*

Who is the young woman who with her paintings took possession of her life with such impressive power and this way defied death?

It is only in recent years, shortly before the approaching anniversary of her birthday 100 years ago, that Charlotte Salomon has increasingly become the focus of public attention again. The artist and writer – murdered by the Nazis in Auschwitz at the age of 26 – left behind an impressive autobiographical oeuvre: a series of almost 800 pictures, a story board of her short and tragic life, a kind of "Anne Frank in images".

Margret Greiner has taken this diary in colour as the starting point for her research and placed Salomon's self-portrait in the centre of her narrative biography.

How city life alters our psyche



Mazda Adli
Stress in the City
[Stress in the City]
Why cities make us ill and
how we can make them
better places to live in

C. Bertelsmann
320 pages
May 2017

Mazda Adli studied medicine and afterwards became a junior doctor at the Clinic for Psychiatry at the Free University in Berlin. In 2004 he was appointed senior physician at the Clinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Charité. The focus of his scientific work is mainly on research into stress and depression. As the executive director, he initiated the World Health Summit at the Charité in 2009. In 2013 he became the medical director of the Fliedner Clinic in Berlin.

Forecasts for 2050 say that about two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities. Yet is it not precisely these cities, with their deafening noise, their hustle and bustle, their anonymity and the problem of isolation, not to mention exhaust fumes, that make us sick in body and soul?

The psychiatrist and stress researcher Mazda Adli has been looking into these issues for years within the "Stress in the City" project at the Charité in Berlin; he has developed a smartphone app to measure stress, has chosen an interdisciplinary approach for his book and argues in favour of the creation of places that are not built up so that in spite of high stress levels cities remain worth living in.

The latest facts about healthy eating, hidden hunger and senseless diets



Prof. Dr. Hans Konrad Biesalski
Our Nutritional Biography
[Unsere Ernährungsbiografie]
Knowing it means living more healthily

Knaus
300 pages
April 2017

Professor Dr. Hans Konrad Biesalski, born in 1949, after studying physics went on to study medicine. As a medical nutritionist he has been head of the Institute for Biological Chemistry and Nutrition Sciences at Hohenheim University since 1995 and since 2014 has been the director of the Food Security Centre. Biesalski has been involved in research into the significance of micro-nutrients for health and has published numerous textbooks, including the *Pocket Atlas of Nutrition*.

We cannot ignore what we eat, it is with us all our lives – and we really do have a nutritional history, even if we are not aware of it. Our lifestyle varies according to our age, and with each new lifestyle we try out different kinds of food or diets. The result can be major deficiencies, perhaps making us fat or ill.

Here at last is a book with a comprehensive analysis of the pros and cons of the most important diets and nutritional recommendations.

The eminent nutritional doctor Hans Konrad Biesalski explains how we can organize what we eat in such a way that we remain healthy.

Why our health begins with our grandparents and does not end with our grandchildren



Peter Spork
Our Health is Not a Coincidence
[Gesundheit ist kein Zufall]
How life affects our genes –
The latest epigenetic findings

DVA
416 pages
With 15 b/w illustrations
March 2017

Peter Spork, born in 1965, studied biology and received his PhD for his work on neurobiology and biocybernetics. Since 1991 he has been freelancing as a science journalist for print media including *Die Zeit*, *Geo Wissen*, *FAZ*, *NZZ*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, and *bild der wissenschaft*. He is also much in demand as a speaker at company and medical congresses. Spork has published several popular scientific non-fiction books, including the 2009 bestselling *The Second Code* and is also the author and editor of the newsletter *Epigenetics*.

Still largely unnoticed by the general public, things are changing in the way experts see health and the cause of widespread public health problems. Ground-breaking research in the field of modern biology has demonstrated that health is not a condition given to us at the beginning of life, like a kind of basic stock paid into our account to get us going for the future. Health is a continual process in which the body cells work against ageing and disease. In the process, the cells remember not only environmental influences and the effects of our own lifestyle but also what our parents and grandparents went through, and the memory of their eating habits or emotional strain is molecular-biologically stored away. Of particular importance are the experiences of the time before and after one's birth. Health is a cross-generational project.

Science writer Peter Spork vividly explains how the transfer of health and personality works and how we can control the fundamental processes. He also clarifies how we as parents and grandparents can pave the way of our children and grandchildren to a long, healthy and happy life.

Everyday physics for beginners and those in the know



Aeneas Rooch
Rub the Cat or How to Bend Water

[Rubbel die Katz oder wie man Wasser biegt]

The wonderful world of everyday physics

Heyne Paperback
224 pages
With 29 colour illustrations
February 2017

Aeneas Rooch was born in 1983 and studied mathematics and physics. He works in the field of software and freelances as a science journalist. He likes playing the piano and badminton (but rarely at the same time).

Why are wet jeans darker than dry ones? Why is 40 degrees not twice as hot as 20? And why can't mountain climbers boil eggs?

With scientifically substantiated facts and highly entertainingly, Aeneas Rooch gets to the bottom of our daily lives. He also supplies us with DIY experiments to show off with. For example, he shows how to make cappuccino sing, open a bottle of wine with a shoe or divert a jet of water (just a hint here: this is where the cat comes into it).

Refreshing and amusing – physics with a difference! For readers of Randall Munroe's *What If?*.

• **Spiegel bestseller: 9,000 copies sold**

Press:

"When is Physics fun? Aeneas Rooch's new book *Rub the Cat* answers this question." kurier.at

Funguses are the real rulers of the world!



Robert Hofrichter **The Mysterious Life of Funguses**

[Das geheimnisvolle Leben der Pilze]

The fascinating wonders of a hidden world

Gütersloher Verlagshaus

224 pages

May 2017

Robert Hofrichter, born in 1957, is an Austrian zoologist, biologist, environmentalist, journalist and nature photographer. He has authored myriad books and written an international bestseller on identifying mushrooms and toadstools. The intriguing world in the ground has fascinated him ever since he was a child and even after fifty years still fires his imagination.

They are neither plant nor animal and live mainly hidden away. And yet: without funguses our woods, our climate and perhaps even life itself as we know them would not exist. They are the rulers of a world full of breath-taking superlatives, amazing facts, surprising partnerships and unsolved puzzles.

Robert Hofrichter opens our eyes here to the invisible eco-universe to be found under our feet – and not only there!

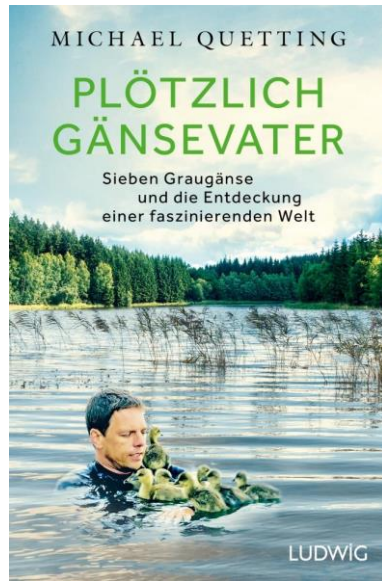
For all readers of Peter Wohlleben.

An adventure to move heart and soul

English sample translation available

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Michael Quetting, born in 1974, is a laboratory head and pilot at the Max Planck Institute, where he can combine his passion for flying with his love of his feathered friends in a wonderful way. In addition, for the course of the research project he also displayed his qualities as a single-minded caretaker, ambitious researcher, courageous leader of the flock and adventuresome flight controller.



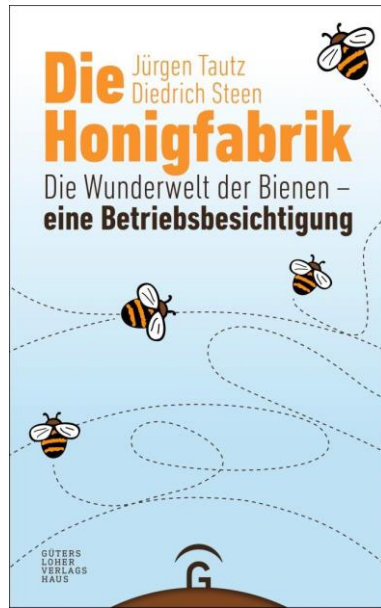
Michael Quetting
Suddenly a Goose Father
[Plötzlich Gänsevater]
Seven greylag geese and the discovery of a fascinating world

Ludwig
256 pages
With 23 colour illustrations
March 2017

The task Michael Quetting has as part of a research project is to train greylag geese to follow him and his ultralight plane. The first step, however, is in a manner of speaking sitting on the eggs. When seven greylag geese finally hatch out, the newly fledged goose father quickly notices one thing: what he has is a proper gang of kids, each with their own individualities.

Quetting affectionately characterises the gang and so lets us, the readers, in on the adventure – how the little goslings develop; how together they conquer the land, water and air – right up until the moment of the difficult farewell when his geese are let loose into freedom and Michael Quetting is a different person ...

Life in a hive – at last vividly explained



Jürgen Tautz /
Diedrich Steen
The Honey Factory
[Die Honigfabrik]
The magical world of bees –
a works tour

Gütersloher Verlagshaus
272 pages
With a 4c picture section
April 2017

Jürgen Tautz, born in 1949, is an internationally recognised expert on bees and a professor emeritus at the bio centre at Würzburg University. Since 2006 he has been in charge of the HOneyBee Online Studies (HOBOS) interdisciplinary project. Tautz has authored numerous publications and been awarded several prizes for his work in the field of science education.

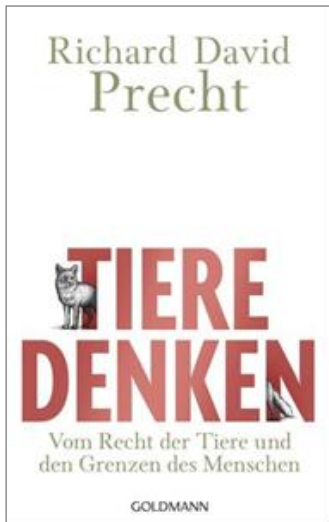
Diedrich Steen, born in 1963, is in charge of the publishing programme of a book publishing house. Bees have been kept in his family for over 100 years, and he himself has been active in this field for 20 years.

Why aren't the boy bees allowed to stay in their colony just as it is getting cosy? And what about the sexual excesses of a young queen bee?

This book has the answers. It tells of life in a colony of bees and invites us to go on a tour of the factory they run. This is a world inhabited by headstrong individuals, with clever methods and an amazing set of rules. It might look as if life in the hive is nothing but seething anarchy. But the bees know exactly what they are doing, and it is with stunning skill, fascinating expertise and impressive team work that they carry out their plans.

This book combines the most fascinating discoveries and greatest secrets in bee research and shows readers why humans and bees cannot survive without each other.

Highlights Autumn 2016



Goldmann, 450 pages,
October 2016

Richard David Precht: *On Animals*

Philosopher and bestselling author Richard David Precht asks if the way we treat animals is morally justifiable. With wit, astuteness and a wealth of knowledge, he analyses our image of and behavior towards animals through all disciplines and epochs, and develops a new approach to issues such as factory farming, hunting, zoos and animal experiments.

For readers of Martha C. Nussbaum and Jonathan Safran Foer's *Eating Animals*

- *Spiegel* bestseller: 65,000 copies sold
- English sample translation available

Press

"Precht again has succeeded in making a complex topic understandable and engrossing." *P.M.*

"With perceptiveness, humour, and his wealth of knowledge through all disciplines, Richard David Precht examines the structures of our mindsets." *Inside*

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Knaus, 256 pages,
September 2016

Wolf Küper: *A Million Minutes*

5-year-old Nina is a child with special needs, but also with a very special imagination and a wonderful, unconventional way of looking at the world. When she asks her Daddy to spend one million minutes with the family for "all the nice things in life", this is the start of a two-year (or one million-minute) trip around the world.

A Million Minutes is an amusing declaration of love for everything that doesn't work out as planned. A true story: infectious, amusing, intelligent.

- *Spiegel* bestseller: More than 25,000 copies sold
- English sample translation available

Press

"*A Million Minutes* is heart-warming, light, and humorous. It describes the magical anarchy that a child brings into the world of parents – and reminds us that one should simply make dreams come true." *Main-Echo*

"This book lives from Nina's wit and Küper's clever and critical self-reflection ... [it's] a declaration of love to time, or as Nina would say: Just no hasticalness!" *NDR Info 'Buchtipp'*

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Knaus, 680 pages,
November 2016

Hans-Jürgen Jakobs: *Who Owns the World?*

Hans-Jürgen Jakobs has investigated into the thriving global business with financial products run by asset management firms, private-equity specialists and the credit institutions of the "shadow banking" sector. In this book he introduces readers to the world's biggest stakeholders in this neo-capitalist financial system, in order to reveal its key influencers and document (oftentimes hidden) economic power structures.

- **#1 Spiegel Economy bestseller: 32,000 copies sold**
- **English sample translation available**

Press

"Jakobs makes an appeal [...] for stronger financial-market regulations. This fact-rich reference book also reveals how to better monitor the rich and powerful." *ZDF aspekte*

"Whoever wants to know the major actors in the global world of finance must read this book." *Rheinische Post*



GVH, 192 pages,
September 2016

Jehuda Bacon / Manfred Lütz: *"As Long as We Live We Have to Decide."*

Jehuda Bacon is one of the last Auschwitz survivors and what he has to say is incredible. The famous artist sees his Auschwitz experience as the starting point for a message of humanity: For in every person, even in the worst possible kind, there is a spark of God.

This book is an opportunity to read an existential dialogue between German theologian and psychiatrist and a Jewish artist and humanist.

- **Spiegel bestseller: 50,000 copies sold**
- **English sample translation available**

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Ariston, 256 pages
September 2016

Boris Nikolai Konrad: *All Just in my Head*

Neuroscientist and world memory champion Boris Nikolai Konrad introduces us to the way our brain and memory function and what we can do to improve our memory.

- **More than 5,000 copies sold**
- **Accessible and entertaining – popular science at its best**

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