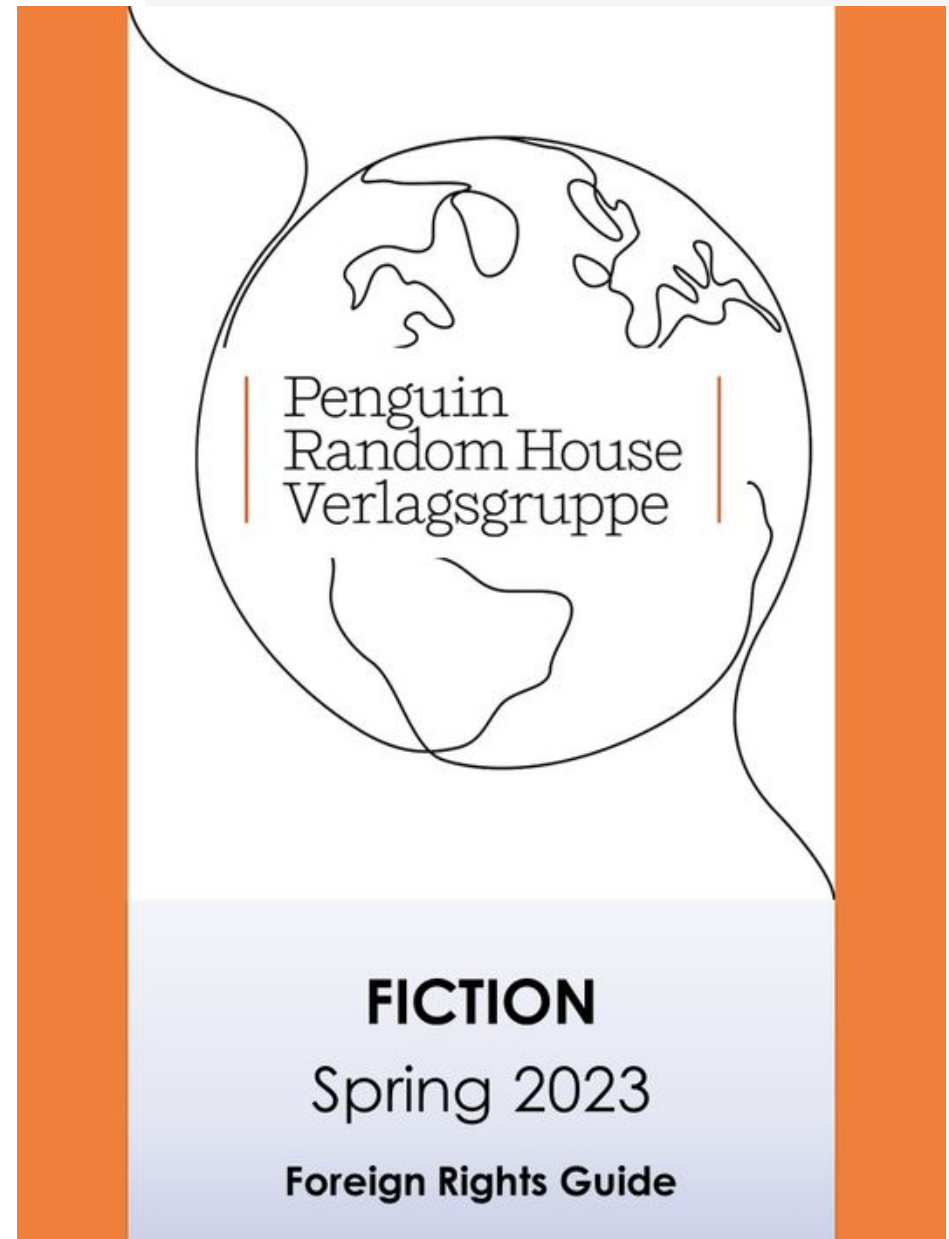


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Non-Fiction, Biographies &  
Memoirs**

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cm  
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wächst ein Birnbaum

FIKRI ANIL ALTINTAŞ

## A Pear Tree in the Morning

WHERE I COME FROM AND WHERE I BELONG

**Date of publication: April 20, 2023**

English sample translation available soon

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**"I'm more than other people's projections. I like being a  
someone who can't be defined by cliché."**

Fikri Anil Altıntaş grows up as the son of Turkish migrants in a small German city; his father is a teacher at a comprehensive school, and his mother is a cleaner. It is a childhood in the middle of social housing blocks, marked by the urgent desire to be "German" and the bitter disappointment about the reality for immigrants in Germany. The longing to be seen and to find his own way as a Turkish-Muslim man grows constantly. It is above all his relationship with his father that ultimately confronts him with the question: What does masculinity mean at all and how can it be understood and lived beyond the clichés?

In the midst of entrenched narratives, Fikri Anil Altıntaş searches for the nuances. He takes a radically honest look back at himself and his family history in order to better understand the present.

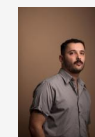
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### Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: C. Bertelsmann

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Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: Sag Alex, er soll nicht auf mich warten

IRENE DIWIAK

## Tell Alex Not to Wait for Me

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 22, 2023

English sample translation available

### True friendship in the midst of the Second World War

Munich, 1941. Students Hans and Alex don't seem to have much in common – until, one day, they both duck out of military training to discuss art and literature instead of practice standing to attention. From that day on, they are close friends, and Hans is a welcome guest at Alex's "discussion parties". But war is their constant companion, and the urge to speak out against it grows ever stronger within both of them. Their plans are risky, especially when Hans's younger sister, who mustn't at any cost find out about their intentions – moves to Munich... Diwiak tells the true story of a unique friendship, a story of the White Rose resistance group that for once doesn't deal with its end, but with its fascinating beginning – moving, intelligent and accessible.

**Diwiak is a brilliant, smart and humorous writer. The effect can sometimes be ruthless, for she refuses to gloss over human vanity, and thereby reveals the cruelty of banality.**

Marija Bakker, WDR5, on "Liebwies"

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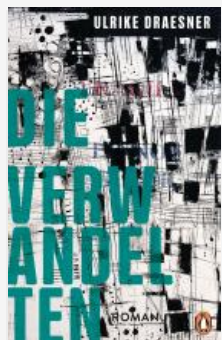
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Irene Diwiak



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Irene Diwiak, born in Graz, Austria, in 1991, has won several awards for her literary works and plays, and her 2017 debut "Liebwies" was shortlisted for the Austrian Book Prize (First Novel Award). Her second novel, "Malvita", appeared in 2020.



#### Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 608 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Original title: Die  
Verwandelten

ULRIKE DRAESNER

## Penetrating Silence

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 08, 2023

English sample translation available

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### A moving mother-daughter novel stretching across a century of European history


A model Nazi mother who teaches others how to raise their children while refusing to speak of the great loss she has suffered; a cook travelling across Germany in the summer of 1945 who would rather make love to women than to her employer; a lawyer and single mother who unexpectedly inherits a flat in Wrocław and discovers a hitherto unknown Polish branch of her family – these women are all bound together by a century of war and post-war life, flight, expulsion and violence.

How do you write about what happens to women in wartime – the way their voices are taken from them, the way they are changed for ever, and the hidden forces that keep them going? In "Penetrating Silence", Ulrike Draesner gives these women their voices back as they reinvent themselves, change language and country, and discover within themselves an unsuspected wellspring of courage, humour and strength. A devastating novel – moving, unsettling, tender and perceptive.

- The themes and topics of the novel will be further explored in a travelling exhibition in Stuttgart and in Wrocław, Poland, with further international stations (such as Rome, Boston, Montréal, and Singapore) being planned

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#### Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 240 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Original title: Das ist einer, der  
lebt!

MANUEL NIEDERMEIER

## A Full Life

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 01, 2023

English sample translation available

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### A dazzling, gorgeous novel about the importance of forging your own path

How can you avoid living the same life as your parents? Is it possible to truly emerge from their shadow? When seventeen-year-old Ralf, the son of a brilliant actor and a passionate linguist, meets Polish exchange student Małgorzata, everything suddenly seems possible. Ralf wants to be a writer and Małgorzata a scientist, and together they leave behind their parents' expectations and try to turn their dreams into reality. When a tragic event threatens to break Ralf's spirit, he finds salvation in the life of Arthur Cravan: born precisely a hundred years before Ralf, this headstrong author and boxer – and nephew of Oscar Wilde's – has been his hero for years. Cravan was a man who never gave up, who managed to extract himself from sticky situations with wit and chutzpah, and whose life bears a striking resemblance to Ralf's own.

A touching and funny story about our attempts to determine our own lives, about giving up old role models and discovering new ones, and about true love.

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Manuel Niedermeier, born in 1984, studied German, linguistics and comparative literature in Regensburg and Vienna. Alongside writing novels, he also works as a stage technician and teaches creative writing. His debut novel "Durch frühen Morgennebel" ("Through the dawn mists") won the Bavarian Prize for the Promotion of the Arts in 2014.



ANGELIKA OVERATH

## Blurred Love

NOVEL

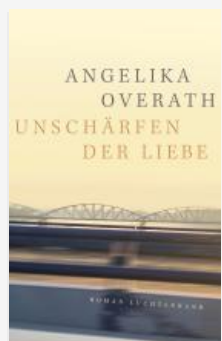
Date of publication: April 12, 2023

### A railway journey from Switzerland to Turkey

When Baran boards the train in Chur, he feels as if his life is already going off the rails. He suspects that his partner Cla, who remained behind in Turkey, is no longer being quite faithful to him, and that he himself has changed too: he has unexpectedly developed deep feelings for Alva, who is none other than Cla's former partner and the mother of their child. The longer he stares out of the train window at the barely changing landscape, and the more he starts imagining the lives of the strangers sharing his compartment, the more the line between past and present, places and times becomes blurred. On the night train from Sofia to Istanbul, a decision is made that must surprise everyone in the end. From Chur to Istanbul: "Blurred Love" is the story of an international railway journey, and the freedom three people might discover as they search for one another – and themselves.

**One of the most unique voices in German-language literature.**

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#### Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Angelika Overath, born in 1957, is a journalist, literary critic and lecturer, and the author of "Nahe Tage" ('Yesterdays'), "Flughafenfische" ('Airport Fish'), "Sie dreht sich um" ('She turns around') and "Ein Winter in Istanbul" ('Winter in Istanbul'). "Flughafenfische" was shortlisted for the German Book Prize and the Swiss Book Prize, among others, and she has won the Egon Erwin Kisch Prize for narrative non-fiction.

MICHAEL STAVARIČ

# The Phantom

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 26, 2023

**A love letter to Thomas Bernhard, and a navel-gazing examination of the question why we humans – the thinking, reflecting and sympathising creatures that we are – are teetering on the edge of the abyss**

Thom thinks he's a loser. He doesn't think much of society, and even less of his parents. He claims his socialisation has made him unfit for life. Thom is also highly intelligent, which explains why his thoughts are so Byzantine and why he's obsessed by dissecting himself and his life. He keeps fainting too. But this time, it's different: his life literally passes before his eyes. Thom thinks about his parents and his childhood. He thinks about his everyday life, his schooldays, his actions and attitudes, and realises that he isn't the tiniest bit better than anyone else. Thom wishes he lived in a different world. He wants to be happy, but the huge demands life places on us leave him lagging hopelessly behind. Thom is no longer alive – but he isn't dead either. He also thinks about Miss Gretchen, with whom he would have loved to have had a relationship. But when and why did it all go wrong? And is half an hour long enough to measure a life?

**Stavaric is one of our best authors. His strength lies in his cool and precise dissections of some of the key existential questions.**

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## Fiction, Literary Fiction

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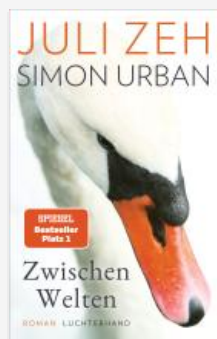
JULI ZEH, SIMON URBAN

## Between Worlds

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English sample translation available



### Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House:  
Luchterhand Literaturverlag  
Format: Hardcover  
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x21,5  
cm  
Original title: Zwischen Welten

### A social satire about the big questions of our time

When Stefan and Theresa bump into each other in Hamburg, their meeting ends in disaster. Twenty years ago they were like family – today, they hardly have anything left in common. While Stefan has done well for himself at Germany’s biggest weekly, Bote, Theresa has taken over her father’s farm in Brandenburg, and the different paths they have taken in life have grown into opposing world views: whereas Stefan is trying to fight climate change with investigative journalism, Theresa faces tough challenges on her organic dairy farm, and is close to breaking point.

However, the two of them decide to make a fresh start. In frank and emotional emails and WhatsApp messages, they slowly get to know each other again, telling stories about their lives: his in the ivory tower that is Hamburg’s cultural elite, and hers on a Brandenburg farm, deeply connected to the soil. Was there more than friendship between Stefan and Theresa, all those years ago – a love that wasn’t to be? Yet as they grow closer, they also keep having ill-tempered arguments about polarising issues such as climate change, sexism and racism. As much as they try to keep politics out of their friendship, it’s as if the divisions running through the country are present in Stefan and Theresa’s friendship too.

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Juli Zeh, born in 1974, studied law in Passau and Leipzig and took her PhD in the field of European and international law. This was followed by longer stints in New York and Kraków. Her debut novel "Eagles and Angels" was an international bestseller, and since then her books have been translated into 35 languages. She has been awarded myriad prizes for her work, including the Carl Amery Literature Prize and the Thomas Mann Prize. In 2018, she received the German Order of Merit, and was appointed judge at the constitutional court in the state of Brandenburg.

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Simon Urban



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Simon Urban, born in 1975, studied German, comparative literature and philosophy in Münster. His novel "Plan D", set in a fictional present where Germany is still divided into East and West, has been translated into eleven languages. He has won numerous prizes, including the Lion d'Or and the Clio Grand Prix. His most recent book is the Hamburg Book Prize-winning novel "Wie alles begann und wer dabei umkam" ('How it all started, and those who died', 2021) about a lawyer-turned-avenging angel.

HANNS-JOSEF ORTHEIL

## Instants of Art

HOW I LEARNT TO SEE

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

With 10 colour and 100 b/w illustrations

### Understanding the world through art: Ortheil's very personal way of seeing

Writing often begins with an image – and in Ortheil's literary work, meticulous observation and fine art have always played a big part. Here, he recounts childhood experiments with his family's telescope, gazing through the window at the world outside; his later photography and video work; and the "continents of art" that shaped his life: paintings and statues in 1950s churches in Cologne, trips to Greece, Rome and Paris in the 1960s and 1970s, and modern art in 1980s New York. But what can pictures convey that a text can't, and vice versa? In "Instants of Art", Ortheil travels back in time to the moments when art changed how he saw the world – a captivating and gorgeous personal history of seeing.



#### Fiction, Literary Studies

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Hanns-Josef Ortheil, born in 1951, is one of the most important contemporary German authors and has received many awards for his work, among them the Brandenburg Literature Prize, the Thomas Mann Prize, the Nicolas Born Prize and the Hannelore Greve Literature Prize. In 2009 he became the first director of the newly founded "Institute for Literary Writing and Literary Studies" at the University of Hildesheim. His novels have been translated into more than 20 languages.



**Fiction, Contemporary  
Fiction**

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 192 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Original title: Damals im  
Sommer

FLORIAN GOTTSCHICK

## That Summer

NOVEL

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English sample translation available soon

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### An opulent, melancholic novel about an unforgettable summer

In the late 1990s, two brothers are spending the summer holidays with their parents by the seaside. One is seventeen, cheeky, sporty and experienced in love; the other is fifteen, thoughtful, shy and doesn't have a six-pack. Everything changes one day, when the younger brother meets the mysterious Frenchman Philippe on the beach. He is fascinated by Philippe – by his smile, his jug-ears, his muscular body – but can't quite grasp why. On the last day of the summer, something happens which the boy has secretly been longing for, but never dared hope would happen. After spending the night together, the two lose touch. Philippe remains painfully out of reach, and eventually fades away. Then the fifteen-year-old discovers a secret about the Frenchman which abruptly ends his days of innocence...

A captivatingly direct, nostalgic and funny story about the euphoria of first love, and about how a single childhood experience can change your whole future.

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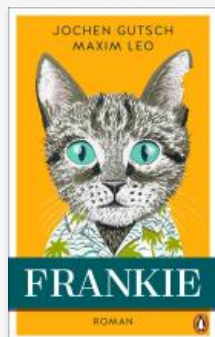
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Florian Gottschick graduated from the Babelsberg Film Academy in 2013 with a degree in directing. His films have been shown at more than 70 international festivals. His graduate feature "Nachthelle" ('Night Light') was nominated for the Grimme Prize, and can be viewed online alongside his other films. His latest projects include three TV series for ARD and ZDF, as well as one of only three German Netflix Originals produced in 2020. He teaches screen acting, screenwriting and directing. His most recent novel, "Henry", has been highly acclaimed, and is being adapted for the screen.



**Fiction, Contemporary  
Fiction**

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cm  
Original title: Frankie

JOCHEN GUTSCH, MAXIM LEO

# Frankie

NOVEL

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English sample translation available


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## **A hilarious and at the same time touching story about a four-legged roommate who knows nothing about altruism, but a lot about life**

Richard Gold has planned everything down to the last detail. Nothing will go wrong. Today's the day he'll take his own life. Or so he thinks. Because what Gold hasn't counted on is that, instead of killing himself, he'll acquire a new flatmate called Frankie. Frankie contributes nothing to the rent, keeps him up all night, wakes him in the morning, and otherwise ruthlessly exploits his hospitality. Nevertheless, they slowly become friends, at a time when Gold needs a friend more than anything...

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### AUTHOR

Maxim Leo



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Maxim Leo is a columnist at the Berliner Zeitung, and has won the Theodor Wolff Prize, as well as the European Book Prize. Together with Jochen Gutsch, he has conquered the bestseller lists with their books "Es ist nur eine Phase, Hase", and "Du bleibst mein Sieger, Tiger", and their joint stage shows regularly sell out.



### Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

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 Original title: Im freien Fall

HELME HEINE, GISELA VON RADOWITZ

## Free-Fall

THE NOVEL OF A LIFE

Date of publication: May 24, 2023

### A lively, light, humorous yet profound novel about one man's long and full life

Max seems to be living on the sunny side of the street: his childhood, schooldays, university education and marriage have all prepared him to one day take over his father's successful business. Everything seems to come to him effortlessly – until a rumour emerges, which destroys everything he used to believe in. Has fate merely been toying with him? Was his life predestined, or is everything that happened just coincidence? Although he has lost everything he once prized and loved, he is determined to make one last decision all on his own. But then he unexpectedly finds salvation.

With "Free-Fall", the world-famous author and illustrator Helme Heine and Gisela von Radowitz have created a parable in the guise of one man's story: when is life in our hands – and when are we in its hands?

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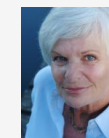


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Helme Heine's children's books – among them his "Friends" series – are known internationally. He is also a successful author of books for adults, a cartoonist, animator, sculptor and furniture designer. Born in 1941, this all-round artist spent many years in South Africa, where he founded a cabaret, edited a magazine and performed on the stage. He has won numerous awards.

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Gisela von Radowitz, born in 1941, studied languages and history of art, before moving to South Africa, where she raised two children while running her own theatre, directing plays and performing on the stage. She has published novels and children's books, worked as a translator, wrote screenplays and worked for TV.



KATJA KEWERITSCH

# Agnes Walks Out

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

## Sometimes you have to take a detour to make your dreams come true

After a huge row with her husband, Agnes knows she has to get out. As her marriage and her old life fall apart, she wanders aimlessly through Hamburg's city streets. She ignores Tom's phone calls, leaves her teenage children to their own devices and spends the night in a hotel. The next morning, she still doesn't have any answers – only more questions. So she decides to walk to Berlin, hoping to find out along the way what it is she actually wants in life. She hikes along the Elbe and its picturesque floodplains, recalling long-forgotten dreams and proceeding, step by step, into an unexpected future.

A wonderful novel about love, the happiness of being alone in nature and the dreams that inspire us.



### Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Diana Verlag  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 400 | 12,5x18,7 cm  
 Original title: Agnes geht

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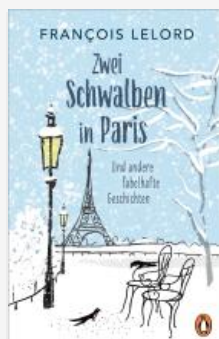
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**Fiction, Contemporary Fiction**

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 208 | 12,5x20,0 cm

Illustrations: 10 colour illustrations

Original title: Zwei Schwalben in Paris

FRANÇOIS LELORD

## Two Swallows in Paris

STORIES

**Date of publication: November 09, 2022**


With 10 colour illustrations

### Fairy tales from the world we live in

In these highly topical modern fairy tales, François Lelord – a specialist in happiness, who is truly in his element here – tells the story of ten key moments in the animal-human relationship. Who are we? How do we treat nature and our fellow creatures? What makes us happy? These warm-hearted, wise and funny stories hold up a mirror to humanity, and explore our behaviour towards the world we live in – whether it's parents who, just as the Covid pandemic breaks out, return from a market in the Far East with a pet pangolin for their little boy; the dogs of the presidents of totalitarian and undemocratic countries; a little rhino and a young villager, both afraid to go it alone; a father and son's vain attempts to domesticate a wild boar, which bring them closer together; a polar bear separated from his mother by the melting ice cap; a bonobo hungry for adventure; or a horse and its rider who are getting a bit long in the tooth.

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TRANSLATOR

Ralf Pannowitsch



### Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: C. Bertelsmann  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 240 | 13,5x21,5 cm  
 Original title: Wer braucht schon Wunder

ANNE MÜLLER

## Who Needs Miracles?

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 05, 2023

### Growing pains: mix-tapes and true love

Summer 1983. Lika has finally graduated high school. But before leaving her north-German home town, her father and her little brother, she takes a job waiting on tables at Kakadu, the local pub and restaurant. Full-time waiter Biggy becomes Lika's mentor, even though her life is anything but smooth. Kakadu soon becomes a kind of second home for Lika – not least thanks to Antoine, the French chef, who captivates her with his charm as well as his cooking. Through him, Lika discovers an entirely new side to love. Yet these sun-soaked summer weeks also bring with them a painful truth, when Lika discovers something about her deceased mother that turns her world upside down.

Heart-warming entertainment combined with quiet melancholy, this is a unique novel about leaving home, growing up and setting off into the big wide world, set on Germany's stunning Baltic coast in the early 1980s.

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#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Original title: Bella Donna. Die  
Malerin von Rom

CATHERINE AUREL

## Belladonna: The Painter of Rome

THE DAUGHTERS OF ITALY SERIES (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2023


### The call of art, and the power of love – the addictive finale to this gripping series set in Renaissance Italy

Rome, the centre of power and art: Tina reluctantly agrees to move to the Eternal City, where her husband Adamo Bellani, the scion of a Florentine beauty empire, plans to take up banking. On the way there, they meet ambitious painter Sofonisba, whose father wants her to show off her talent to Michelangelo. To Tina's great displeasure, the three of them continue the journey together – she can't help but be jealous of the self-assured artist. But no sooner have they arrived in Rome, than Adamo, Tina and Sofonisba are drawn into an intrigue that extends right into the centre of power – and these two very different women must stick together to save not only young love, but the construction of the great St Peter's Basilica...

- Volume 1 and 2 of the "Daughters of Italy" saga have been sold to the Czech Republic (Moba)

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EVA-MARIA BAST



## Miss Bly and the Bet With Jules Verne

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 18, 2023

**In fin-de-siècle New York, reporter Nellie Bly sets out to prove that she can travel round the world in less than eighty days**

Young journalist Nellie's bold articles are the toast of New York. When her editor-in-chief asks her to write more about "women's issues", she needs to come up with a spectacular new topic – and fast. So Nellie decides to embark on a voyage around the world, solo and with just a little hand luggage, to prove that she can do it in less time than Phileas Fogg, the famous hero of Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days". When she boards a steamer to England on 14 November 1889, little does she suspect that her trip will turn into the adventure of a lifetime – and that she'll even find true love.

Inspired by the amazing life of the US journalist Nellie Bly.

### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: Miss Bly und die Wette gegen Jules Verne

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### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 544 | 12,5x18,7  
 cm  
 Original title: Zeiten des  
 Umbruchs

CARMEN BELLMONTE

## Turbulent Times

THE MALLORCA SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

**Date of publication: April 12, 2023**

### The Delgado family are deeply divided

Mallorca, 1945. Antonia has suffered a serious blow, and has returned to Mallorca. She and her sister Carla are thrilled to be reunited, but their family is far from at peace. Antonia soon finds herself competing with her brother Leo, who now owns his own vineyard, and when Leo fuels his daughter's loathing of the rest of the family, the feud spreads to their children. Reconciliation seems impossible. But is everyone playing by the rules?

- Volume 1 and 2 of the Mallorca saga have been sold to The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

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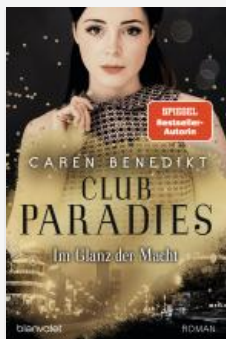
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Carmen Bellmonte is the pseudonym of the authors Elke Becker and Ute Köhler. Together they bring 35 years of Mallorca island experience to the table. They have been friends for over ten years, love travelling and good wine, and both write books set on their paradisiacal Balearic island. So it made sense to join forces and combine all their preferences in one big epic story.



**Fiction, Historical Fiction**

Publishing House: Blanvalet  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
 Original title: Club Paradies - Im Glanz der Macht

CAREN BENEDIKT

# The Paradise Club: The Glamour of Power

NOVEL

**Date of publication: March 29, 2023**

**She owns a famous nightclub in Berlin, he owns half the city – but one thing is missing... The new two-book series by bestselling author Caren Benedikt**

Berlin, 1976. Unscrupulous real estate patriarch Hanns Borchardt is at the height of his career. He’s the man everyone wants to do business with, and his wife Maria and their two children, Holger and Hanna, are living a life of luxury. But the Borchardts’ perfect life is a façade: Hanna is yearning for freedom and independence, Holger is rebelling against his family and their narrow-minded world, and Maria is considering divorce. But Hanns has even bigger problems: with all his fame and fortune, he is still greedy for more. So he makes a fateful decision – but what price is he willing to pay to protect his life’s work? And what role does Lea Stern, owner of Berlin’s most spectacular nightclub, play in all this?

- Volume 2 of this duology is planned for July 2023

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#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 624 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Original title: Wunderzeit

CORINA BOMANN

## Miracle Days

THE SISTERS OF WALDFRIEDE HOSPITAL (VOL. 4)

Date of publication: July 12, 2023

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti), The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekery)

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### Dedicated to her patients, hopeful for the future: the life of a young midwife in post-war Germany – the brilliant finale to this bestselling saga

Zehlendorf district, Berlin, 1948. When the so-called "raisin bombers" start dropping aid parcels from the sky, the staff at the Waldfriede clinic are relieved. The Berlin Blockade has spread misery among the city's residents, as well as in the clinic. Young student midwife Christina works hard at her job caring for her little patients. Her work fills her with pride, and helps her to deal with the deaths of her father and brother, who died in the war. When she falls head over heels in love with mechanic Paul, Christina dares to hope for a better future – but then Paul tells her of a daring plan, which may cost him his life. And he isn't the only one Christina has to worry about...

Bestselling author Corina Bomann's new novel set in and around Berlin's Waldfriede clinic is inspired by real-life stories.

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With her new series of novels about the Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin, she is fulfilling her heart's wish: inspired by the real chronicle of the clinic, she is creating a monument to the clinic and its eventful history, making it the setting for a great historical saga.



HANNAH CONRAD

## A Count on Detour

THE LILY PALACE SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

**Date of publication: February 15, 2023**

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Alpress)

### Fiction, Historical Fiction


Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
 Original title: Ein Graf auf  
 Abwegen

### Can true love overcome all?

Maximilian von Seybach is a passionate doctor. His greatest wish is to help the poorest in society. But his ambitious family think little of his plans, and when he discovers that his grandmother has already promised his hand in marriage to wealthy Sophie de Neuville, he is beside himself with rage – for Maximilian has secretly fallen in love with intelligent and beautiful Louisa. The only problem is that Louisa is a maid, working for the Seybachs. He doesn't want her to lose her position, but at the same time can't deny his feelings for her. The two are irresistibly drawn to each other. However, society is incapable of conceiving of a love such as theirs – and now Maximilian's marriage to Sophie is about to be made official...

- Volume 1 and 2 of this bestselling series have been sold to the Czech Republic (Alpress)

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HANNAH CONRAD

## Much Ado About the Countess

THE LILY PALACE SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 11, 2023


### Curtains up for a story of forbidden passion and true love!

Isabella von Seybach seems to be all set for the coming season: ready for the breathtaking gowns, ready for the heady parties, and ready, too, to find a husband. But she secretly has other plans: she dreams of turning her passion for theatre into a career. When Rudolf Heiland, an actor at the royal court and the most eligible bachelor in Munich, shows Isabella his disreputable yet exciting world, she is bowled over. Meanwhile, her closest confidant, Leopold von Löwenstein, is making plans for his own future – without Isabella. When Isabella finds out, she is confronted with feelings she has long tried to ignore. Now she has to decide: what – and, crucially, who – truly makes her heart beat faster?

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### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne

Format: Paperback

Pages &amp; Size: 512 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Wirbel um die Komtess

LUISE DIEKHOFF

# Children of the Tides

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 29, 2023

## Hopes for a new age, and the shadows of the past

Norderney, 1962. Young Hanna has started a new job as a carer in the Strandhafer children's convalescent home. She hopes to be able to contribute to the greater good, and help the young patients at the Strandhafer. But she soon notices that her efforts aren't as welcome as she'd hoped: battleaxe Margot, the senior nurse, runs the home with an iron fist, and puts a lot of pressure on Hanna. Hanna grows more and more suspicious of her: how can such a heartless person be in charge of looking after sick children? Hanna's inquiries reveal increasingly shocking discrepancies in the home's history. And now she has to decide whether to keep her head down as usual – or risk everything, and stand up for what she believes ...




### Fiction, Historical Fiction

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#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 560 | 11,8x18,7 cm  
Original title: Lügen und Leidenschaft. Die Somerset-Saga (3)

EMMA HUNTER

## Somerset: Love and Lies

THE SOMERSET SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 11, 2023


**A delightfully quick-witted heroine, a gorgeous rival, and an intrigue that brings them dangerously close together...**

Bath, 1795. Farmer's daughter Betty Hartley dreams of becoming a journalist and a woman of independent means. She has even found a position as a stenographer at the Somerset Star, Bath's latest society paper. Betty makes every effort to shine at work, and isn't all too pleased when she feels herself falling for Robert, the Somerset Star's secretive yet decidedly handsome publisher. When Princess Caroline comes to stay at the chic spa town, Betty finally gets the chance she's been waiting for, and infiltrates the princess's inner circle in the hopes of getting a scoop. But she is soon charmed by this admirable and clever woman, and feels torn: the last thing she wants to do is publish squalid stories about the princess. But Betty's rivals aren't asleep on the job either, and before long she and Robert are drawn into a treacherous scheme originating in the very heart of the royal court...

- Volume 1 of the Somerset saga has been sold to Spain (Maeva)

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#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
Original title: Traumfrauen.  
Petticoat und große Freiheit

ANNA JESSEN

## Dream Girls: Petticoats and Freedom

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

**In late 1950s Hamburg, photographer Klara lands an exciting job working for a glamorous women's magazine – a new life awaits...**

Hamburg, 1957. Searching for a position as an office assistant, twenty-year-old Klara Paulsen applies for a job at women's magazine "Claire". Since her father died at the front, Klara has been keeping herself and her mother afloat working as a photographer's assistant – but now she wants a proper job. When the magazine's personnel department turns her down, fate comes to her aid: they desperately need someone to take photos for the upcoming issue. Klara steps in, and when they offer her a permanent job as assistant photographer she's over the moon. It'll be the start of an exciting new life for her. But soon she finds herself constantly having to defend herself against her scheming colleagues, with only shy photographer Egon Hertig there to reassure her with a kind word. It doesn't take long for the two of them to become more than just colleagues...

• Volume 2 of this duology will be published in August 2023



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**Fiction, Historical Fiction**

Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 416 | 11,8x18,7 cm  
 Original title: In den letzten Stunden der Dunkelheit

PETER KLISA

# The Final Hours of Darkness

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 15, 2023

## The war is almost over – but the next has already started

1936 is Frederic Carvis's last good year. He is studying physics in Berlin under the supervision of renowned physicist Paul Bergmann, and already getting a glimpse of the top echelons of the scientific world. Then he meets Anna, and the two fall in love and make plans for the future. But then everything changes...

In April 1945, Carvis is working as an interpreter for the US army. The war has left him traumatised. The fall of the Nazi regime is almost complete – but then Carvis is ordered to join a small commando and to fly to Berlin for a covert operation to kidnap Paul Bergmann. At no cost must the German nuclear programme fall into the hands of the Russians. Once in Berlin, Carvis hopes to be reunited with Anna...

### A tense moment in history, brilliantly told.

Titus Müller, author of "Die fremde Spionin"

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MINA KÖNIG

## The Couturier of Paris

ELSA SCHIAPARELLI ENCHANTED PEOPLE WITH HER DRESSES. SHE HAD TO FIGHT FOR HAPPINESS AND HER CHILD.

NOVEL

**Date of publication: June 14, 2023**

**"She slapped, whipped and tortured Paris – and Paris loved her for it." Yves Saint Laurent on Elsa Schiaparelli**

Paris, 1922. Elsa Schiaparelli and her young daughter have just arrived in the City of Lights. Elsa has been designing and sewing dresses for a long time now, and has come to Paris with visions of creating a collection more daring and expressive than anything the city has ever seen. Now, it finally looks like her dream is within reach: inspired by her new friends – artists including Man Ray, Jean Cocteau and Pablo Picasso – she designs clothes that are true pieces of modern art. But when her daughter contracts polio, Elsa needs to find the money to pay for her costly medical treatment. Then she meets the artist Francois, who shows her that fashion is more than just a trade.

### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 450 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Die

Modemacherin von Paris – Mit

ihren Kleidern verzauberte

Elsa Schiaparelli die Menschen.

Für ihr Glück und ihr Kind

musste sie kämpfen. □

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#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
Original title: KaDeWe. Haus der Wünsche

MARIE LACROSSE

## KaDeWe: The House of Dreams

THE KADEWE SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2023

**Set in early twentieth-century Berlin, this is the new instalment in the story of the two families behind the glamorous KaDeWe department store**


In Berlin, the Roaring Twenties are in full swing: the empire's corseted age is over, and new opportunities are opening up for the city's women. At KaDeWe, sales assistant Rieke Krause has worked her way up to head of department. Meanwhile, Judith Bergmann is flourishing at university and involved with one of the new store managers. There is still a lot that Rieke and Judith want to achieve – but then storm clouds gather on the horizon: the new regime tries to push KaDeWe's Jewish owners out, and Rieke and Judith are facing some very tough times...

**Lacrosse's sagas deliver what they promise: fantastic atmosphere, convincing and likeable characters, and stories without a single dull moment.**

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CLAUDIA LEY

# Where Storks Fly

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 26, 2023

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## A German-Polish love story set against the backdrop of the Second World War


Western Prussia, 1918. Gerda von Westkamm is growing up on the Lapienen estate, surrounded by endless meadows, forests and lakes. She spends her childhood summers with her best friend Thomas, dreaming up a world inspired by fairy tales and other stories. Ten years later, friendship turns into love. But Gerda and Thomas's families are divided not only by a beach, but by ideology: Gerda's German and Protestant father refuses to let her marry a Catholic Pole. When the situation escalates, Gerda flees to Danzig. There, she hopes to find happiness in some other way, and takes on a secretarial job in a shipyard. But her longing for Thomas, the chaos of the Second World War and her subsequent escape from western Prussia change everything.

### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Hardcover  
 Pages & Size: 528 | 13,5x21,5 cm  
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Claudia Ley is the pseudonym of the bestselling author Charlotte Roth. She was born in Berlin, studied in Naples, and has lived in London for several years. She is a translator, author and editor, and as such lives in a world of stories, which she believes can bridge the gap between people, cultures and epochs, and of which there can never be enough.



### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 656 | 12,5x18,7  
cm  
Original title: Die Hofgärtnerin  
- Blütenzauber

RENA ROSENTHAL

## The Royal Gardener: Magic Blossoms

THE ROYAL GARDENER SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 18, 2023

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**She is the first ever royal gardener, and is fighting for equality – but not everyone wants her to succeed. Will her dreams ever come true?**


Oldenburg, 1897. Marleene, the first ever female royal gardener, wants to use her success to help other women follow in her footsteps. But establishing a school for female gardeners is harder than anticipated: people still think of gardening as a man's world. When Marleene gets in the way of her arch-enemy, she's drawn into the greatest battle of her career so far, fighting for her students, her dreams, and love.

The fragrant conclusion to the popular Royal Gardener saga.

- Volume 1 of the "Royal Gardener" saga has been sold to the Czech Republic (Euromedia)

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Rena Rosenthal



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As a child, Rena Rosenthal would spend every free minute in her parents' tree nursery. Unlike the rest of her family, she didn't become a gardener, but her love for flowers has persisted. So it was clear from the start that her first family saga would be set amid the scent of lilacs and stunning rhododendrons.



#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 528 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Original title: Danzig

HILKE SELLNICK

## Danzig: Days of Change

THE DANZIG SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 14, 2023


### Love in a time of upheaval: the bestselling author's captivating new saga set in Danzig

Danzig, 1856. When young Johanna Berendt finds herself standing in front of the big villa in Langgasse Street, she feels deeply embarrassed. She eloped with a pianist just a few months ago, but now she's back and hoping that her family will forgive her. Yet a shock awaits Johanna: her father has died, and her brother is now in charge of the family and their long-established merchant business. And he has no time for his freedom-loving sister.

When Berthold Forster, a good-natured and considerably older shipyard owner, proposes to Johanna, she seizes the opportunity to free herself from her brother's sway. At Forster's side, she even develops an interest in shipbuilding, and Georg, Forster's son from his first marriage, is put out when she expresses a desire to help run the place. Yet Johanna is intelligent and courageous enough to pursue her vision, and Georg soon realises he has met his match – in business, of course. Or do his feelings run deeper?

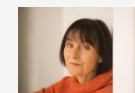
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Hilke Sellnick's bestselling historical novels have won her hundreds of thousands of fans over the years. With this first book in a brilliant new series for Penguin, she is now showing her readers a different side to herself. Set in nineteenth-century Danzig, it tells the addictive story of a young woman who defies social convention, turns an old shipyard into a successful business, and fights for love.

TERESA SIMON

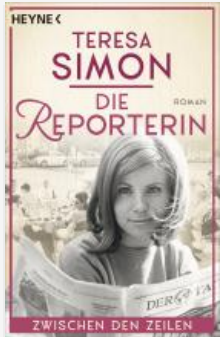
## The Reporter: Between the Lines

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

### A young woman fights for her dreams

May 1962. Marie Graf is in her early twenties and living the life her parents have planned for her. But she has a secret dream: she wants to become a reporter. She wants to write, inform and open people's eyes. When the newly founded paper *The Day* offers her an internship, she can hardly believe her luck. But Marie has to fight hard every step of the way, and learn to stand up to selfish colleagues and difficult interviewees, as well as her own parents. However, thanks to her mentor Marie gets a chance to meet famous actors, and becomes a society columnist under the pen name of Malou Graf. Yet success brings problems with it too, not least in her love life. And then she discovers a family secret, which might destroy the career she has worked so hard to build for herself...



#### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne

Format: Paperback

Pages &amp; Size: 416 | 11,8x18,7 cm

Original title: Die Reporterin - Zwischen den Zeilen

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**Fiction, Historical Fiction**

Publishing House: Diana Verlag  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
 Original title: Die Kinder von Beauvallon

BETTINA STORKS

# The Children of Beauvallon

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 12, 2023

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## The miracle of Dieulefit: during the Second World War, an entire village saves more than 1,000 lives

Dieulefit, 1965. Radio presenter Agnes is sent by her Freiburg station to a small village in France, where more than 1,000 refugees found shelter during the Second World War. Among them were many Jewish children, whom the courageous locals hid in the school of Beauvallon. Is it possible that Agnes's friend Lily, who disappeared twenty years ago, also survived the war? Can a former high-ranking Resistance officer help? Agnes's investigation turns into a tumultuous journey into the past, where she is confronted with the power of silence and an old promise.

Based on a true story.

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### Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
Illustrations: 1 b/w illustrations  
Original title: Mademoiselle Eiffel und der Turm der Liebe

SOPHIE VILLARD

## Mademoiselle Eiffel and the Tower of Love

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 12, 2023

With 1 b/w illustration


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### Opulent, emotional and irresistible: the inspirational story of Gustave Eiffel's daughter

Paris, 1887. Gustave Eiffel wants to build the tallest tower in the world, yet no one seems to have faith that his absurd steel colossus will be finished in time for the World's Fair – except, that is, for his bold daughter Claire. At a time when it is still thought unseemly for a woman to go for a walk on her own, she is her father's most valued advisor. But Eiffel has to contend with more than deadlines. Paris's cultural elite, led by Guy de Maupassant and Alexandre Dumas, think their city is being mutilated, and are taking a stand. Claire has her own worries too: her husband, young engineer Adolphe, is in charge of the high-risk construction of the tower's top, and her fears for his safety are threatening to destroy their marriage. Then a worker is killed in a fall, and Claire meets handsome reporter Gordon Bennett, who promises her a carefree new life in America. Will she choose the Eiffel Tower, or a future in the New World?

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#### Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 432 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
 Original title: Hotel Freiheit

GISA PAULY

## Hotel Freedom

THE SYLT SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

**Date of publication: March 15, 2023**

### Three women and their dreams – the third instalment in the brilliant saga set on the beautiful North Sea island of Sylt

Sylt, present day. The famous King Augustin hotel and café is now managed by Kari, while Brit has pulled back from the day-to-day running of the business. But what will happen now? Kari's daughter Alisia, who is meant to take over one day, has forged her own career as a famous model under the name La Cappuccina, and is the star of every catwalk. But when Alisia falls in love, everything changes – and the man in question looks very much like Mr Wrong...

**Pauly's emotional, moving and nostalgic story of three women and a café on the most beautiful island in Germany is a must-read.**

Anne Jacobs

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Gisa Pauly spent twenty years teaching at a business school before turning to writing. In 1994 she published her first book, "Mir langt's – eine Lehrerin steigt aus!" ("Enough! A Teacher Quits"), followed by several screenplays and novels. Her crime novels set on the island of Sylt featuring amateur detective Mamma Carlotta have repeatedly hit the bestseller lists and won the hearts of a wide readership. Today, Pauly is one of the most successful authors in the German-speaking realm.





### Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 256 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Mein unfassbar kompliziertes Leben (Männer nicht mitgezählt)

MIMI STEINFELD

## My Unbelievably Complicated Life (Not Counting the Men)

NOVEL


Date of publication: March 22, 2023

### A hilarious comedy for all fans of Sophie Kinsella

Cressi Catterberg is freshly in love with gorgeous Mika. She feels that he might be the one – if only she didn't suffer from commitment-phobia. And if only she wasn't convinced that her true love is actually Mr Lindholm, her therapist. Emotional upheaval is just one of her problems: there's her family too – or rather, her two sisters and three aunts, who constantly stick their nose into her business. But most of her energy is taken up with the café she has inherited from her mother, for which she has big plans. Mr Lindholm and Cressi's aunts know it's time Cressi started believing in herself – and in Mika.

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KATHRYN TAYLOR

## A Cottage For Two

CORNISH DREAMS

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

### Two vets are one too many – a tumultuous, charming romance set in a small vet’s clinic in Cornwall

Veterinarian Julia has just moved to picturesque Cornwall full of hopes for the future. Her heart is set on taking over the practice in the sleepy little village of Carywith. But instead of staying at pretty Cove Cottage as planned, she ends up in the summerhouse – together with handsome Henry, who has applied for the very same job. Julia and Henry will be taking part in a two-week trial run, to decide who gets to take over the practice. Soon, sparks fly between the perfectionist and her chaotic rival – in more than one sense – and Julia feels herself falling in love with her rival. But she hasn’t told him the real reason she left London at such short notice – and he, too, seems to be keeping a secret...

#### Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 320 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Ein Cottage für zwei

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#### Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 432 | 12,5x18,7 cm  
Original title: Am Horizont wartet die Sonne

MEIKE WERKMEISTER

## The Sun Awaits

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 03, 2023


### The big new summer read by this bestselling author

Katrin, an author living in Hamburg, is convinced that there are no coincidences – only serendipity. And while she writes books designed to help others, she is going through her own existential crisis. Then fate gives her a sign: when she comes across a love letter addressed to a Filipe in Portugal, she decides to deliver it in person. Together with her friend Julia, she travels to the idyllic peninsula on the Atlantic coast where mysterious Felipe lives. But then Katrin lands herself in the middle of a family drama – and finds something she didn't even know she was looking for...



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SOPHIE BICHON

## When the Stars Fall

THE HEAVENLY SISTERS SERIES (VOL. 1)

Date of publication: December 14, 2022

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### Can the ideal of peace and free love become a reality?


A village near Berlin, 1969. Kalliope and Kai are polar opposites: one is loud, the other quiet; one is a hothead, the other is always calm. They have been best friends ever since Kalliope can remember. During the boring summer before the start of their final school year, Kai's letters are the only thing that brings any light into her life. But when he returns from holiday, things suddenly feel different. Too late, Kalliope realises how much Kai means to her. She joins a group of hippies to find herself, and Kai, too, pursues his own path. They keep bumping into each other, getting closer and then separating again. According to a family legend, Kalliope and her sisters are doomed to find only a brief moment of true happiness in life. Is the love between her and Kai also doomed to fail?

#### Fiction, New Adult

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Publishing House: Heyne  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6  
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 fallen

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SOPHIE BICHON

## When the Sun Blazes

THE HEAVENLY SISTERS SERIES (VOL. 2)

Date of publication: June 14, 2023

### A time full of upheaval and change – can love finally be free?

Hamburg, 1978. Klio can hardly believe her luck when she lands an internship at a famous TV station. It's her dream job: she'll be reporting news from around the world and working for her idol, Anni Winter. But her new boss is arrogant, cold and condescending – not at all how Klio pictured. As Anni gradually opens up to Klio, the two women join forces to push all sorts of boundaries. Klio always knew that she was lesbian, but with Anni she can finally be truly herself. But their love must remain a secret. And then there's the old family legend, too, which prophesies that Klio's heart will be broken by a forbidden love affair. Klio and Anni now have to fight for their love, and for a better future.

- Volume 3 of the trilogy will be published in May 2024

#### Fiction, New Adult

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#### Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6  
cm  
Original title: SORRY. Ich habe  
es nur für dich getan

BIANCA IOSIVONI

## I'm Sorry – I Did it All For You

NOVEL

**Date of publication: March 08, 2023**

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Dobrovský)

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### Love can sweep you away – but what if it drags you into its darkest abysses?

San Francisco. Robyn, a young and ambitious journalist, is shocked when the police show up on her doorstep. Her ex-boyfriend Julian has been reported missing. At a single stroke, the past comes flooding back: the longing, the pain, the disappointment... Robyn thought she had put it all behind her. She's deeply worried about Julian. What could have happened? Robyn seeks help from her best friend, Cooper – though she has long felt much more for him than that. When the police suspect Cooper of having something to do with Julian's disappearance, she doesn't know what to believe, or what to feel. Who can she trust? Can she even trust herself?

An irresistible mix of powerful emotions, psychological suspense and addictive twists.

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#### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: btb  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 288 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
 Original title: BILDRAUSCHEN

BERNHARD AICHNER

## Static Snow

A BRONSKI THRILLER (VOL. 4)

Date of publication: March 22, 2023

### Crime in real time: a manhunt is being live-streamed – the fourth book in the spectacular crime series

Press photographer David Bronski is taking a break in Tyrol. But the evil that has been his business for more than twenty years has followed him all the way into the mountains: out on a snowshoe hike, he stumbles across the dead body of a woman. The trail leads to a remote luxury chalet, where five social media stars are spending the weekend. As the snow starts coming down and avalanches threaten, the chalet turns into an escape room that no one can escape – not even Bronski, it seems.

### A sophisticated high-speed thrill ride.

Ulrich Noller, WDR

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#### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
 Original title: Mallorquinische  
 Strafe

LILLY ALONSO

## Mallorcan Punishment

A CASE FOR LLUC CASASNOVAS (VOL. 2)

CRIME NOVEL


**Date of publication: April 12, 2023**

### The Guardia Civil has its work cut out trying to solve a series of murders on the idyllic island

Happy days on Mallorca: at the traditional feast of Es Firó, they are pulling out all the stops to celebrate the island's history. In the snug little harbour of Sóller, which lies between the azure sea and the majestic Tramuntana mountains, the Sóllerics join the fray dressed in traditional costumes and carrying wooden swords. It might all be a bit wild – but it's how they do things here. Sergeant Lluc Casanovas loves taking part in the annual spectacle, so he's extremely annoyed when a body is found. Lluc's colleague Fina is at a loss: who would murder someone during a staged fight? The solution to the case lies deep in Mallorca's history – and the Guardia Civil has to act quickly to prevent more killings.

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### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Paperback  
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
Original title: DAS ENDE – Dein letzter Tag ist gekommen

JAN BECK

## The End: Today is Your Last Day

THE BJÖRK & BRAND SERIES (VOL. 4)

THRILLER


Date of publication: June 14, 2023

### He knows your innermost secrets – and will take everything away from you...

A woman is standing at the edge of one of the busiest roads in Berlin. She is clearly deeply distressed. Then she steps into the traffic, and is instantly killed. A live-stream simultaneously appears online, showing a man going about his daily business without a care in the world. He has no idea that he's being filmed. He, too, dies shortly after. Europol helplessly looks on as people who are apparently unconnected die right before their eyes. Their top agents, Inga Björk and Christian Brand, must put an end to the horrific spectacle – but there's just one problem: they haven't exchanged a single word since that night they spent together. And then Brand suddenly disappears without a trace...

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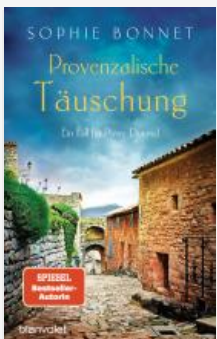
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**Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

Publishing House: Blanvalet  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x21,5 cm  
 Original title: Provenzalische Täuschung

SOPHIE BONNET

# Provençal Deception

A CASE FOR PIERRE DURAND (VOL. 9)

**Date of publication: May 11, 2023**

## Aromatic truffles, lush oak forests and a dead police officer – a new case for loveable detective Pierre Durand

It's truffle season in Provence. Pierre and Charlotte are preparing for their wedding, when a message throws Sainte-Valérie into turmoil: Gilbert Langlois – a recent newcomer in this mountain village, who has been hankering for Pierre's position – is found dead in the stream. Pierre comes under suspicion, but he thinks he knows the identity of the real killer: Maurice Marechal, the local mayor. When Pierre starts his own covert investigation to prove Marechal's guilt, the trail takes him to Mazan near Mont Ventoux, where Marechal and the victim grew up, and to a tragic case from the past. Everything points to the two events being connected – and then Pierre discovers that someone has been following hot on his heels...

### Bonnet's Provençal crime novels are an unrivalled mix of pleasure and crime.

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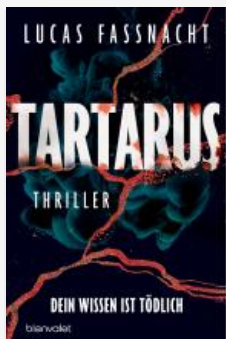
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**Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

Publishing House: Blanvalet  
 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
 Original title: Tartarus - Dein Wissen ist tödlich

LUCAS FASSNACHT

# Tartarus: Knowledge Can Kill

THRILLER

Date of publication: January 18, 2023

## A young PhD student, a secret project, and a controversial decision – for fans of the Netflix series "Biohackers"

He's done it! Leon Gärtner has finally got his MA – and when famous geneticist Nicole Stierli offers him a PhD research post, his childhood dream has come true. But when, at his first conference, he meets the mysterious journalist Valérie, who is murdered right in front of him soon after, his dream turns into a nightmare. All he has by way of a clue is the name Tartarus. When the official investigation stalls, Leon decides to take matters into his own hands – and is drawn into a world where one wrong word can spell death. When more than just his life is at stake, Leon has to decide how far he's willing to go to save his faith in science.

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**Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

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 cm  
 Original title: Unsterblich

MICHAELA KASTEL

# Immortal

THRILLER


Date of publication: April 12, 2023

## A lonely taxidermist – a ghastly project – a ruthless hunt

Taxidermist Sonja lives all on her own deep in the woods. She avoids all human contact like the plague, and the inhabitants of the nearby village are in any case convinced she’s a witch. Her clientele is mostly rather suspect, and many of the jobs they give her are unpleasant and illegal. When she meets a young man and feels herself falling for him, she decides to escape her hermit’s life. To do that, she first has to take on one last well-paid and very, very illegal job. But then long-buried trauma and family secrets raise their head – and soon she is not the only one who’s in mortal danger...

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THORSTEN SCHLEIF

# Judges Make Good Hunters

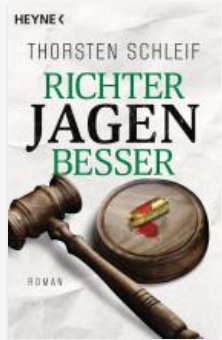
VOL. 2 OF THE BESTSELLING JUDGE SERIES

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 11, 2023

## Revenge is fair

District judge Siggie Buckmann has made an oath to serve the interests of justice – outside working hours, if need be. When his former mentor is found dead in the woods, he goes on the hunt for his killers. Before long, he finds himself in deep trouble with a shady developer, the Russian mafia and the state president’s son. The highly intelligent journalist Robin Bukowsky is Buckmann’s only ally in this fight against new enemies – but can he really trust her? A lot speaks against it, not least Buckmann’s own not quite legal past...




### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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 Format: Paperback  
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 cm  
 Original title: Der Bojenmann

KESTER SCHLENZ, JAN JEPSEN

## The Buoy-Man

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: April 12, 2023

### Murder in the north – a serial killer on the loose in Hamburg

Inspector Thies Knudsen, chief of Hamburg's criminal police, has never seen such an eccentrically displayed dead body: the wooden statue of the "Buoy-Man" – which stands near Övelgönne and Hamburg's famous Strandperle beach – has been cut down in the night and replaced with something else. That "something else" being a particularly macabre-looking corpse. The dead man's body has been preserved using the same process of plastination Gunther von Hagen once used in his controversial exhibitions. Knudsen and his team, tough Dörte Eichhorn and the forensic detective "Spusi" Diercks, are at a loss. Is it the work of a madman? Or is there more to it? Soon there are more artistically arranged murder victims – and it becomes clear that a serial killer is on the loose.

Ultimately, Knudsen does what he always does when he doesn't know what to do: he asks his old friend Oke "La Lotse" Andersen for help. The former ship's pilot lives near the first crime scene, has the Elbe's waters in his blood, knows Hamburg's port like the back of his hand, and is also well-read and extremely clever. Andersen sets Knudsen and his team on the right path, which leads them to a man who disappeared years ago – and to the Duckdalben, an international seamen's mission. Everything points to the Duckdalben's involvement, but can they stop the killer before he strikes again?

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Kester Schlenz, born in 1958, is a true-blue northern light: born in Kiel, he grew up in Schleswig, and then moved to Hamburg, where he also studied and became a journalist. Among others, he has worked for Cinema, Brigitte and Stern. His books have had great success, especially his bestsellers "God, Daddy!" and "What Now, Old Fellow?".

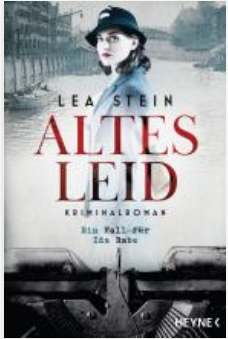
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Jan Jepsen, born in 1962, grew up in a former ship's pilot settlement. He discovered a passion for writing, travel and photography at an early age. His first novel ("Wie die Wilden" – 'Wild things') was about his childhood on the banks of the Elbe, and has been described as Hamburg's answer to "Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn".



**Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

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 Format: Paperback  
 Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm  
 Original title: Altes Leid

LEA STEIN

# Old Pain

A CASE FOR IDA RABE (VOL. 1)  
 CRIME NOVEL


**Date of publication: January 18, 2023**

## A dead body in the woods, and a brutal killer on the loose – a case for young Ida, the new St Pauli police officer

Hamburg, 1947. After just a few weeks' training, Ida Rabe joins the new Women's Police in St Paul's red light district. Soon, she has more than one case on her hands: post-war Hamburg still lies in ruins, and there's misery everywhere – there are beggars, prostitutes and young thieves on every corner. When a woman is found dead and gruesomely mutilated, no one seems to care. But Ida, whose own past is entangled in Hamburg's underworld, decides to find the killer. Soon, it becomes clear that a monster is on the loose in the city, and if Ida wants to solve the case she must put herself in great danger...

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Lea Stein is the pen name of author and journalist Kerstin Sgonina, who has already published several novels. When she moved to Hamburg at the age of 18, she immediately fell in love with the city. After finishing high school, she worked as a bouncer and bar staff in the red light district. "Old Pain" is her first crime novel, and the first in a new series featuring officer Ida Rabe.



**Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

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 Original title: Verschunden

SABINE THIESLER

# Gone

THRILLER

Date of publication: January 18, 2023

## Inspector Neri investigates a horrific series of crimes in Tuscany – Thiesler’s brilliant new thriller

Elena Ludwig is an attractive, well-off real estate agent living in Siena. To alleviate her boredom, she indulges in risky sexual adventures – if she ever comes across the wrong man, she could find herself in serious trouble.

Meanwhile, a brutal series of crimes is rocking the Tuscan idyll. People are disappearing, and the few who return are traumatised by what they’ve experienced. Inspector Neri investigates – but is already dreaming of his retirement home by the seaside, which Elena said she’d find for him. But then Elena disappears too...

**Thiesler is unrivalled in the way she manages to brilliantly and artfully contrast picturesque landscapes with the dark side of life.**

Grazia

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#### Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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 Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
 Original title: Schwarze Tage

ANDREA TOZZIO

## Black Days

A CASE FOR GABBIAONE AND CARLUCCI (VOL. 1)

Date of publication: March 15, 2023

### San Miniato, a baffling murder in the truffle woods, and a loveable pair of detectives from Florence – the first in a new crime series set in stunning Tuscany

A mysterious murder has been committed in the hills near picturesque San Miniato: Stefano Simonetti, chef at the famous Michelin-starred restaurant Tartufo, has been killed in cold blood. The only witness is his truffle hound Asta. Inspector Vito Carlucci from Florence's murder squad and his new colleague, young Laura Gabbiano, take on the case. But the whole affair is extremely baffling. Simonetti was executed with his own "vanghetta", a tool used to dig up truffles. Who has the famous chef's death on their conscience? Is it his biggest rival, with whom he has been fighting over Michelin stars as well as women? Or his estranged wife Gabriela, furious at the disastrous divorce proceedings? Or was it one of the employees of this irascible star chef, who clearly loved dogs more than people?

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Andrea Tozzio is the pen name of the writing duo Sabine Drössler and Ulrich Hefner. Both love Italy, and travel whenever they can to enjoy its landscape, people and cuisine. They have already had much success writing across various genres, and thanks to their professional background know more than most about police work and tricky cases.



**Fiction, Fantasy & Science  
Fiction**

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 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6  
 cm  
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 Geschichte

KATE KOWALSKI

## A Story on the Run

NOVEL

**Date of publication: January 18, 2023**

English reader report available

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### When one of her characters commits murder in the real world, writer Kate is in big trouble...

As everyone in the writers' city of Chapterio knows, words are powerful. Words can create characters, and characters can come alive. Anyone who writes has to register their fingerprint and a sample of their saliva, so that if a character escapes from a story, the authorities can identify the creator, who then has to write them back where they belong. Passionate fantasy author Kate has never had a problem with her characters, so she's surprised when the police wake her up in the middle of the night to tell her that one of her characters has committed a murder. Kate embarks on an adventure, desperate to find her character and save her reputation – but then she discovers an old secret from the past...

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Kate Kowalski started writing when she was very young. Her debut "Untergehen bei Ebbe" ('Drowned at low tide') was a huge success, and has been translated into twelve languages. She has since then written more than twenty novels across various genres.

STEFANIE LASTHAUS

# Mother Holle’s Labyrinth

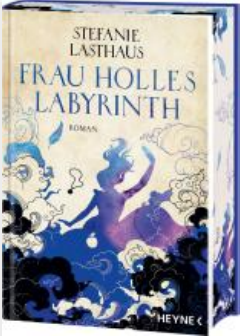
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 14, 2022

## A gloomy reinvention of the Mother Holle fairytale

Phila is less than happy to have to return to the countryside for her younger sister Millie’s twenty-first birthday. After their parents’ death, the sisters were taken in by their strict aunt, who always favoured Millie.


When their aunt gives Millie a necklace that once belonged to their mother, Phila is deeply hurt. The sisters get into an argument, and the necklace ends up in the well in their aunt’s garden. Phila has no choice but to climb down to retrieve it. But when she arrives at the bottom, she is no longer in her own world, but in Mother Holle’s maze – a grim, merciless realm, which makes you forget everything you once held dear.



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**Fiction, Fantasy & Science  
Fiction**

Publishing House: Penguin  
Format: Hardcover  
With illustrations from: Walter  
Moers  
Pages & Size: 650 | 17,0x24,0  
cm  
Original title: Die Insel der  
Tausend Leuchttürme

WALTER MOERS

# The Island of a Thousand Lighthouses

NOVEL

**Date of publication: September 06, 2023**

With illustrations by Walter Moers


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## The literary highlight of the year 2023

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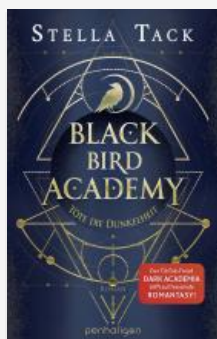
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Walter Moers has written himself into the hearts of readers and critics far beyond the borders of the German-speaking world. All his novels, such as *The 13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear* and *The City of Dreaming Books*, were bestsellers and have been translated into numerous languages.

Apart from the continent of Zamonia, Walter Moers has also created such popular characters as Optimus Yarnspinner and the cartoon character Adolf.



### Fiction, Fantasy & Science Fiction

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Format: Paperback

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Illustrations: 4 b/w illustrations

Original title: Black Bird Academy - Töte die Dunkelheit

STELLA TACK

## Black Bird Academy: Kill the Dark

THE BLACK BIRD ACADEMY TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

**Date of publication: April 12, 2023**

With 4 b/w illustrations

### Dangerous demons, hot exorcists and a fateful love: Welcome to Black Bird Academy!

The Black Bird Academy is a place like no other: at this esoteric school, future exorcists learn how to protect humans from demons. When Leaf Young wakes up in the academy's dungeon, she's shocked when a good-looking guy called Falco tells her that an almost-one-night-stand was, in fact, a demon, who plunged a dagger into her before taking possession of her body. Falco is fascinated by Leaf – no one has ever before retained control over their body after being attacked by a demon, at least not without losing their mind. The Academy makes a deal with her: they'll let her go, but only if she agrees to let Falco train her as an exorcist. What Falco doesn't know is that a seductive voice is talking to Leaf, and the voice is far from human...

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