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A dark, emotional and riveting journey into the darkest recesses of the human psyche – a young prison psychologist searches for her sister's killer

The breathtaking new page-turner from an exciting young voice in psychological thrillers

A powerful narrative voice, the unusual setting of a high-security prison, and a strong female protagonist

**Sarah Bestgen** was born in 1990 and lives in the Rhineland with her family. She studied psychology in Cologne and Bonn and worked in forensic and clinical psychology before joining a renowned personnel consulting agency in the area of executive selection and development. In addition to her fascination with people, their stories, and their psychological abysses, her great passion is writing. She was able to combine all of her interests in her thrilling debut **HAPPY END**.

## As a psychologist, she seeks the truth – as a sister, revenge

**Your secret is appalling. Your plan is shrewd. But your opponent has long had you in his sights**

It's been six years since Anna's sister, Sina, suddenly disappeared. There was a single clue: a huge pool of blood in her apartment. The only conclusion it allowed was that Sina had been the victim of a violent crime. Even after completing her psychology degree, Anna continues to be preoccupied with her sister's unexplained fate. Her quest leads her to a high-security prison, where she applies for a job as a therapist. Sina's death must not go unpunished, and Anna is willing to pay any price to find the truth. But Anna isn't the only one playing a hidden game. She soon starts receiving anonymous messages, only to realize that the sender is the person who murdered her sister – and also a member of her therapy group.

"Psychologist Sarah Bestgen knows exactly what people are capable of. **HAPPY END** is a rollercoaster ride, skillfully alternating between the highs and lows of human life and hurling the reader from one assumption to the next. Yet no sooner has the ride come to an end, than you feel like excitedly shouting, 'More!'"

– **Mike Altwicker, WDR4 on **HAPPY END****

### Also available:



**HAPPY END**

511 pp  
Nov 2024



**Sarah Bestgen**  
**SAFE SPACE**

When Maximum Security  
Is a Deadly Trap

Der sicherste Ort. Eine  
tödliche Falle.

**399 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**December 2025**



The first case for Marc Davids and Zoé Martin from the Special Investigations Unit in Frankfurt

Grim, brutal, and unsettling

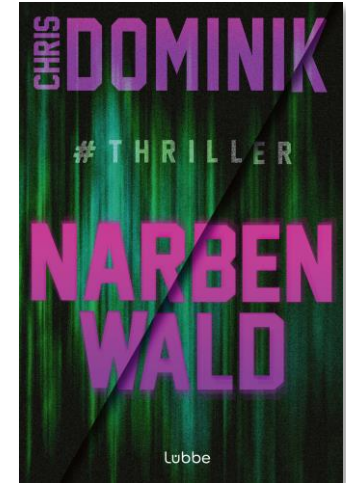
A breathless page-turner where nothing is what it seems

**You saw it. You heard it. You didn't say anything. Will you survive it?**

A man's eyeballs are discovered in an abandoned hotel. The words, "He saw it!" have been written below them in blood. Just one day later, the police also discover the associated, badly abused body. Even before Chief Detective Marc Davids and his colleague Zoé Martin can start following the first leads, a YouTube video goes viral on social media. It shows the night-time police operation at the hotel, the crime scene, the investigators, and all the gruesome details – except for the murder.

Shortly afterwards, two human ears are found at the construction site for a luxury hotel. Once again, there is a statement written in blood: "He heard it!" And this time as well, a video is posted on YouTube immediately afterwards.

Marc Davids and Zoé Martin from the Special Investigations Unit in Frankfurt face a gruesome mystery. Was it the killer who recorded the videos? Is he challenging the police? Does he want to provide clues for the investigators? Or is the killer himself being stalked by some insane YouTuber?

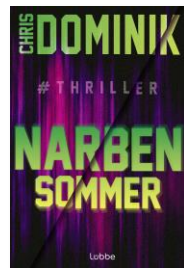


**Chris Dominik**  
**FOREST OF SCARS**  
**#THRILLER**  
*(A Davids and Martin Thriller Vol. 1)*

**Narbenwald #Thriller**  
*(Ein Davids-und-Martin-Thriller Bd.1)*  
**400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**August 2025**

**Chris Dominik** is a thriller writer based in Frankfurt am Main. His detectives Marc Davids and Zoé Martin from Special Investigations Unit AS9 conduct their investigations in the shadow of the skyline, between the towering banks and the red-light district.

**Coming soon:**



**SUMMER OF SCARS**  
**#THRILLER**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
Spring/Summer 2026



**ARTIST OF SCARS**  
**#THRILLER**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pp  
Autumn/Winter 2026

## DNA traces are conclusive evidence, right?

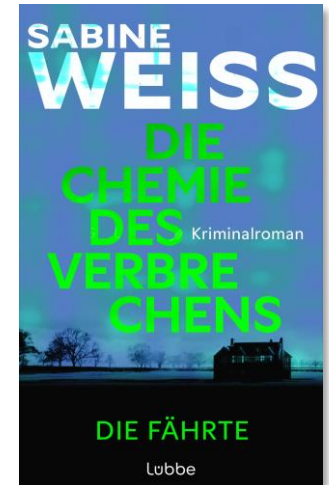
The launch of a fast-paced new series featuring May Barven, a defense attorney and forensic scientist investigating a cold case

Total print run for Sabine Weiß at Lübbe exceeds 600,000 copies

Every time the phone rings, May hopes it could be a client. She's a young mother who recently opened her own practice as a criminal defense lawyer. So far, however, she's only managed to gain smaller cases, which is why she's up to her neck financially. Then the Rickleffs case hits the media. He's a tour operator who offers his customers the opportunity to use a genetic database to discover where their ancestors came from and then book a trip there. To advertise this service, he uploaded his own genome into the database, and is now being accused of murdering a girl years ago. No one questions the DNA match, but May's experience and training as a forensic DNA scientist have taught her that although DNA evidence is considered the gold standard in criminal investigations, it is by no means as conclusive as generally assumed.

**"DNA never lies. All too often, unfortunately, it is misinterpreted."**

– Nicole von Wurmb-Schwark, PhD, expert in forensic genetics



Sabine Weiss  
**THE CHEMISTRY OF  
CRIME – THE TRAIL OF  
EVIDENCE**

Die Chemie des  
Verbrechens – Die  
Fährte  
445 pages  
Paperback  
November 2025

**Sabine Weiss** was born in 1968 in Hamburg. She studied German literature and history and worked as a journalist. Sabine Weiss lives with her husband and son in Nordheide near Hamburg.

# CRIME NOVEL ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH



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## Cherringham mysteries

For fans of Agatha Christie's *Miss Marple* series, Lilian Jackson Braun's *The Cat Who* series, Caroline Graham's *Midsomer Murders*, and the TV series *Murder She Wrote*, starring Angela Lansbury

Almost 2 MILLION UNITS SOLD!

49 episodes & 2 novels available

English manuscripts available

### Rights sold to:

- Czech Rep. – Latvia
- Estonia – Netherlands
- Finland – Sweden
- Italy

Co-authors **Neil Richards** (based in the UK) and **Matthew Costello** (based in the US), have been writing together since the mid 90's, creating content and working on projects for the BBC, Disney Channel, Sony, ABC, Eidos, and Nintendo to name but a few. Their transatlantic collaboration has underpinned scores of TV drama scripts, computer games and radio shows.

*Cherringham* is a serial novel à la Charles Dickens set in the sleepy English village of Cherringham. The detective series brings together an unlikely sleuthing duo: English web designer Sarah and American ex-cop Jack. Thrilling and deadly - but with a spot of tea - it's like Rosamunde Pilcher meets Inspector Barnaby. Each of the self-contained episodes is a quick read for the morning commute, while waiting for the doctor, or when curling up with a hot cuppa.

**Killer Pitch (Episode 49):** When a major network offers a TV deal to a group of new writers, the stakes couldn't be higher. The finalists are invited to a workshop in Cherringham to develop their show ideas - and compete for the coveted contract. But when threatening messages start arriving, it's clear someone will do anything to win. Can Jack and Sarah find the culprit in time ... before there's a real 'killer pitch'?



Neil Richards / Matthew Costello  
**CHERRINGHAM**  
– **KILLER PITCH**  
(Episode 49)

155 pages  
September 2025



Latvian, Czech, Estonian, English, Finnish and Italian

## They sell dreams – and lose their hearts

Perfect for all fans of the Netflix reality show **SELLING SUNSET**

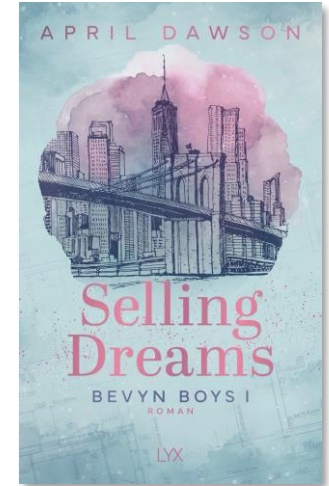
Back to her roots: April knows exactly what fans of CEO office romances want!

The author has sold over 320,000 books with LYX

Marissa Gallagher is an estate agent, and she never lets anyone get the upper hand – especially not Calder Bevyn, her biggest rival. Together with his brothers, Calder runs BEVYN ESTATES and is the Prince Charming of New York. Selling expensive luxury properties to wealthy clients is his speciality. But then Marissa snatches a deal from under his nose and is promptly hired by Calder's brother, the CEO of the company. As rivals within the same firm, they compete to become top seller – until genuine feelings come into play and Marissa and Calder are no longer sure whether they still want to win, or whether they have already lost their hearts...

### Tropes:

#Billionaire #Office Romance #Female Empowerment #CEO #Forced Proximity #Rivals to Lovers



April Dawson  
**SELLING DREAMS**  
(*Bevyn Boys* Vol. 1)

Approx. 400 pages  
Paperback  
February 2026

### Coming soon:

**April Dawson** lives in Austria with her family. She has been writing for ten years. Writing romantic novels with a hint of action, a little drama, a portion of humour and plenty of emotion is what she likes best.



**BUILDING TRUST**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
Spring/Summer  
2026



**OWNING HEARTS**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pp  
Autumn/Winter  
2026

### Also available (a.o.): *Starting Something*



- **STARTING SOMETHING NEW** (Vol. 1)
- **STARTING SOMETHING REAL** (Vol. 2)
- **STARTING SOMETHING GREAT** (Vol. 3)



## Powerful emotions on the editorial board of PURPLE CLOUD magazine

All the most popular tropes in one series: secret dating, enemies to lovers, forced proximity, second chance

A dream setting: New York, and the editorial board of a modern women's magazine

Tropes:

#Mental Health

#Office Romance

#Female Empowerment

#Found Family

#Rivals to Lovers

Linh Nguyen can hardly believe it when her unassuming little fan account about the famous 'Purple Clouds Comic' lands her a job as the new story writer at that very same magazine. But her excitement doesn't last long, because Xander – the illustrator of the comic – is far from happy to be working with the person who's been publicly criticising his work for months. Naturally, they clash – but with the comic on the verge of collapse, they realise they have to work together. And suddenly sparks begin to fly. Then, when Linh learns Xander's big secret, it's not only the future of the comic that's at stake but her own heart too...



**Mounia Jayawanth**  
**PURPLE CLOUDS**  
– BITTERSWEET  
(*Purple Clouds* Vol. 3)

**461 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**February 2026**

**Mounia Jayawanth** lives in Berlin and writes about eating disorders on her blog MIAS ANKER, providing moral support to sufferers, as well as trying to reduce the stigma around mental illnesses and campaigning for diversity, female empowerment and body acceptance.

### Also available:



**PURPLE CLOUDS**  
– HONEYMOON  
(Vol. 1)

469 pp  
March 2025



**PURPLE CLOUDS**  
– MEET CUTE  
(Vol. 2)

457 pp  
Aug 2025



Mona Kasten has sold over 5 million copies worldwide

Five-time winner of the LOVELYBOOKS READER's prize in Gold

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Start of Season 2 of MAXTON HALL – the TV series adaptation of SAVE YOU – on Amazon Prime Video

#3 SPIEGEL Bestseller

Rights to Mona Kasten's books sold to 26 territories!

**Mona Kasten**, born in 1992, studied library and information management before devoting herself entirely to writing. She lives in Hamburg together with her family and cats as well as an infinite number of books. She loves caffeine in every form, long walks in the woods and the days when all she can do is write.

## Following on from LONELY HEART and FRAGILE HEART – the long-awaited new book in the *Scarlet Luck* series by #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller author Mona Kasten

Just a moment with him, to forget the world...

After a relationship that almost broke her, and a split that became a public scandal, popstar Ashley Cruz is finally fighting back. Her new music is designed to show that she doesn't need anyone any longer. No more drama, no more talk about her past – and definitely no more headlines about men by her side. But then she meets Logan Buckley, the fêted guitarist of SCARLET LUCK, the hottest band in the world. A harmless moment soon turns into more – a friendship with certain benefits, without obligations, and above all without publicity. But the closer they become and the more they learn about each other, the more blurred their boundaries become. And soon Ashley starts to wonder whether she might be ready to let Logan into her heart after all...

**Tropes:**

#Sad/emotional #Celebrities #Friends With Benefits

**Also available:**



**LONELY HEART**  
(Vol. 1)

416 pp  
April 2022



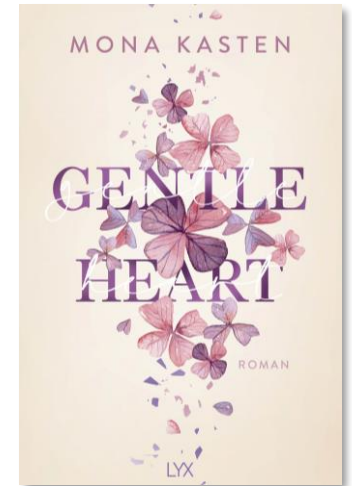
**FRAGILE HEART**  
(Vol. 2)

471 pp  
Nov 2022

**Also available (a.o.): *Maxton Hall***



– **SAVE ME**  
(Vol. 1)  
– **SAVE YOU**  
(Vol. 2)  
– **SAVE US**  
(Vol. 3)



**Mona Kasten**  
**GENTLE HEART**  
(*Scarlet Luck* Vol. 3)

**432 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**September 2025**

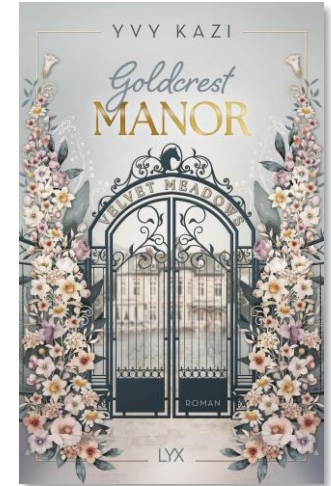
## THE romance for all New Adult horse fans

**He's a polo player, she's the heiress to a stud farm which is heavily in debt – together they must save Goldcrest Manor**

### Tropes:

- #High Society
- #Sports Romance
- #He Falls First
- #Childhood Best Friend
- #Found Family
- #Enemies to Lovers

When Mackenzie Bennett is diagnosed with epilepsy following a riding accident, her life changes overnight. The worst thing is that she's not allowed to ride any more, and her childhood friend Julian Bancroft seems to have had a personality transplant. Gone are the intimacy and the chemistry between them, which had been growing stronger by the day. Kenzie flees to London, and doesn't return to Goldcrest Manor stud farm until she's finished her studies. A lot of things have changed in her absence – apart from Julian's behaviour. But when they have to work together to organise an important event for the stud farm, she finally learns the reason for the changes in him. And soon he's got her heart racing again...



**Yvy Kazi**  
**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
**– VELVET MEADOWS**  
(Vol. 1)

**429 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**August 2025**

### Coming soon:

**Yvy Kazi** was born in 1986. She loves walks through green woods and by stormy seas. She sprinkles the impressions she collects with a twinkle of the eye and a pinch of creativity, to help her readers escape from day-to-day reality for a moment.



**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
**– SUNLIT GROVE**  
(Vol. 2)

439 pp  
Dec 2025



**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
**– SILKEN WATERS**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
Spring/Summer 2026

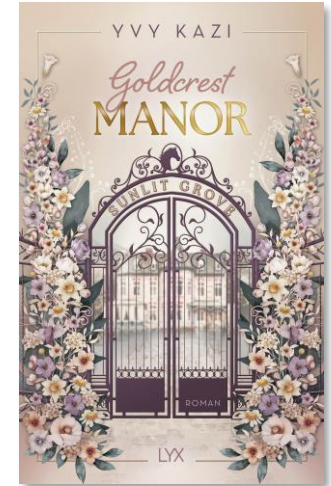
**He's a reluctant duke,  
she's a talented dressage  
rider – only together can  
they learn to trust**

**Tropes:**

#High Society  
#Sports Romance  
#Fake Dating  
#Found Family  
#Friends to Lovers  
#Rich Boy x Poor Girl

## A summer on horseback, and true love

Maeve Bennett is a talented dressage rider with a big dream – to compete in the Olympics. And although everyone knows how hard she's worked to achieve this goal ever since she was a child, nobody has any idea what she suffers at the hands of her trainer. For Maeve finds it hard to confide in other people – until she meets Archie. Straight away there's a special connection between them, and they both feel it. Archie too has learned to build high walls around his heart to keep other people out, and to avoid talking about what troubles him: his family and his future as the Duke of Hawthorne. But as Maeve and Archie grow closer, they both realise that only trust can mend a broken heart.



**Yvy Kazi**  
**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
– SUNLIT GROVE  
(Vol. 2)

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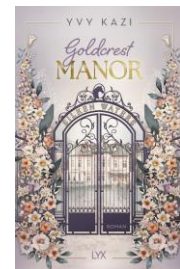
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**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
– VELVET MEADOWS  
(Vol. 1)

429 pp  
Aug 2025

### Coming soon:



**GOLDCREST MANOR**  
– SILKEN WATERS  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
Spring/Summer 2026

**Royals. Revenge.**  
**Forbidden feelings. The**  
**major new trilogy from #1**  
**SPIEGEL Bestseller author**  
**Lena Kiefer**

**Over 850,000 copies of the**  
**WESTWELL and**  
**COLDHART series sold**  
**with LYX**

**Rights to *Westwell* sold to:**

- Czech Rep. – Poland
- France – Portugal
- Hungary – Spain
- Italy – Ukraine
- Latvia – USA
- Netherlands

## The royals destroyed her family. Now she's out for revenge. But what if her heart has other plans?

Darcy is a brilliant confidence trickster who can slip into any role. She and her crew carry out spectacular raids, always with the aim of seeing justice done. But their biggest coup is yet to come: taking revenge on the British royals, who destroyed Darcy's family when she was just a kid. In order to infiltrate the royal family's inner circle, she poses as the perfect prospective bride for Crown Prince Spencer, who is hoping through his marriage to salvage the monarchy's reputation. But Spencer's unpredictable brother Tristan threatens to thwart Darcy's plans – he provokes her constantly, yet still she finds herself falling under his spell. Darcy, torn between what her heart wants and what her duty demands, finds it increasingly difficult to maintain her cover. But she knows full well that she and Tristan have no future. Because if he finds out who she really is, she'll lose everything...

**Tropes:**

**#Royals #Enemies to Lovers**



**Lena Kiefer**  
**ROYAL HEIST**  
(*Royal Heist* Vol. 1)

**482 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**November 2025**

**Lena Kiefer** loved making up stories even as a child. After school she spent some time writing articles before finding her way back to literature and studying German at university. She now lives with her husband near Lake Constance.

**Coming soon:**



**ROYAL FAKE**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 480 pp  
April 2026



**ROYAL LIES**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
Sep 2026

**Also available: *Westwell* & *Coldhart***



**WESTWELL**

- **HEAVY & LIGHT** (Vol. 1)
- **BRIGHT & DARK** (Vol. 2)
- **HOT & COLD** (Vol. 3)

**COLDHART**

- **STRONG & WEAK** (Vol. 1)
- **DEEP & SHALLOW** (Vol. 2)
- **RIGHT & WRONG** (Vol. 3)



**Book 2: an enemies-to-lovers story featuring a chambermaid and the youngest heir to the hotel**

**Laura Kneidl has sold 1 million books with LYX**

**Three couples. Three love stories. Excitement from start to finish**

**Vol. 1: #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller**

**Full unedited English translation of Vol. 1 available**

#### Rights sold to:

- Czech Rep. – Netherlands
- France – Spain
- Hungary

**Laura Kneidl** writes novels about everyday challenges, fantastical worlds, and love. She was born in Erlangen in 1990 and studied library and information management in Stuttgart. Inspired by her favourite books, she started work on her own first novel in 2009. After an extended stay in Scotland, the author now lives in Leipzig in a flat resembling a library!

## The New Adult series about luxury hotel THE DARLINGTON continues

Grace has suffered a terrible ordeal that has left her devastated. The only thing keeping her going is her search for the person responsible for the incident that changed her life forever. The chambermaid is looking for answers when she's caught breaking into the office of THE DARLINGTON's hotel manager – by none other than Ethan Darlington, the arrogant heir to the hotel. Grace can't stand Ethan, but she has no choice but to confide in him to stop him from exposing her. Their shared secret brings the pair ever closer until they cannot – and do not want to – resist the strong attraction between them any longer.

**Glamour, love and a great scandal: the three Darlington brothers have to prove themselves as hoteliers in British high society**

#### Tropes:

**#Bad Boy #Billionaire #High Society #Rich Boy/Poor Girl #Haters to Lovers  
#Friends With Benefits**

#### Also available:



**THE DARLINGTON  
– HENRY & KATE**  
(Vol. 1)

557 pp  
July 2025

#### Coming soon:



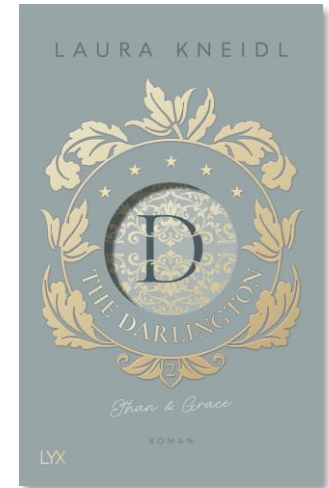
**THE DARLINGTON  
– LOGAN & ROSE**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
Feb 2026

#### Also available (a.o.): *Me.Not*



- **TOUCH ME. NOT** (Vol. 1)
- **LOOSE ME. NOT** (Vol. 2)
- **FORGET US. NOT** (Vol. 3)
- **BREAK US. NOT** (Vol. 4)
- **LOVE ME. NOT** (Vol. 5)



**Laura Kneidl  
THE DARLINGTON  
– ETHAN & GRACE**  
(*The Darlington* Vol. 2)

**528 pages  
Hardcover  
October 2025**

## Love and intrigue on the set of MORNINGS IN BOSTON

The first book in the **MORNINGS IN BOSTON** trilogy from newly discovered writer **Anna Lane**

A **rivals-to-lovers** dynamic on the set of a morning show

Atmospheric, thrilling and full of power plays

### Tropes:

- #Office Romance
- #Hidden Identity
- #Forced Proximity
- #Enemies to Lovers
- #Rivals to Lovers

You'll find **Anna Lane** with her head in an imaginary world and her fingers on a computer keyboard. She was born in Upper Austria in 1994 and loves coffee, travel and romance books. When she's not bringing sensitive characters to life, she's dreaming about her next trip abroad or spending time outdoors or with her favourite people.

Ambitious journalist Penelope Sanderson has taken a big step forward in her career, finally landing a job on a high-ratings show called **MORNINGS IN BOSTON**. She presents the show alongside Connor Kingsley between seven and nine o' clock every morning, and tries to give the audience the best possible start to their day. It would all have been perfect if it hadn't been for her devastatingly attractive co-presenter (and the nation's heartthrob) who, keen to ensure his own success, has been trying to put obstacles in her way ever since their first show together. But Penelope has no intention of letting Connor get the upper hand – even though he seems, in spite of everything, to understand her better than anyone else she knows. And she's certainly not going to read anything into the way he flirts with her on camera...



**Anna Lane**  
**MORNINGS IN BOSTON**  
– **THE STORIES WE TELL**  
(*On Air* Vol. 1)

**456 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2025**

### Coming soon:



**MORNINGS IN BOSTON**  
– **THE TRUTH WE HIDE**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 448 pp  
Spring/Summer 26



**MORNINGS IN BOSTON**  
– **THE GAMES WE PLAY**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 448 pp  
Spring/Summer 26

### Also available: *Dating*



**LOVE, DECODED**  
(Vol. 1)

473 pp  
Dec 2024



**LOVE, UNCOVERED**  
(Vol. 2)

447 pp  
April 2025

## Secrets, forbidden feelings and words left unsaid – a captivating New Adult series from Anna Savas, which will break readers' hearts in the best way

The third book in the heart-rending New Adult trilogy from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Anna Savas

Anyone who likes a good tearjerker will love this series

Vol. 1: #6 SPIEGEL Bestseller (HC list)  
Vol. 2: #2 SPIEGEL Bestseller (HC list)

Anna Savas has sold more than 210,000 books with LYX

Rights sold to:

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Anna Savas was born in 1993, and can't imagine a life without books. Since she was a child, writing has been like breathing to her. And because ideas often come out of nowhere, she always carries a notebook with her.

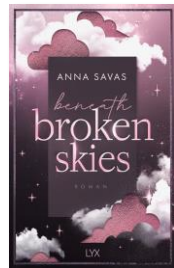
For Madelyn Prince, nothing is more important than her job at her family's prestigious publishing house. But when the company is acquired by another publisher, Maddie faces unexpected challenges: the young heir to the rival publishing house – and now Maddie's new boss – is none other than Wesley Knight. Wes, whom Maddie was in love with at school but who never really took any notice of her. Wes, who sees deep into her soul despite all the walls she has built around her heart. The more time they spend together, the harder they fall for each other – until one moment changes everything...

The story of Madelyn and Wes continues! – **Book 3** of Anna Savas's emotional and dramatic New Adult series *London is Lonely*.

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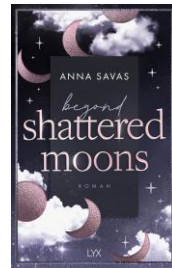
#Sad/emotional #Office romance #Second Chance

Also available:



**BENEATH  
BROKEN SKIES**  
(Vol. 1)

512 pp  
Feb 2025



**BEYOND  
SHATTERED  
MOONS**  
(Vol. 2)

592 pp  
June 2025

Also available (a.o.):  
*New England School of Ballet*



– **HOLD ME**  
(Vol. 1)  
– **STAY HERE**  
(Vol. 2)  
– **SHINE BRIGHT**  
(Vol. 3)  
– **MOVE ON**  
(Vol. 4)



**Anna Savas**  
**BETWEEN FADING STARS**  
(*London is Lonely* Vol. 3)

523 pages  
Hardcover & Paperback  
December 2025

The second book in a trilogy about the L.A. Vipers

The kind of sports romance readers love: sexy, romantic and full of highs and lows

## Tropes:

- #Mental Health
- #Sports romance
- #Opposites Attract
- #Found Family
- #Forced Proximity
- #Famous/Non-Famous

**Alicia Sommer** was born in the Rhineland and now lives in Munich. She is a cultural scientist. During her time in California she discovered American football and has been an ardent fan of the San Francisco 49ers ever since. In her New Adult début with LYX she combines her love of American football with her greatest passion, writing.

## As an NFL star, he has everything – but only she makes him complete

Kayce James is an NFL star. As a tight end for the L.A. Vipers, he seemingly has it all: success, money and fame. But behind his brilliant façade, he struggles with the pressure to succeed and with a fear of failure which eventually becomes so all-consuming that it threatens to destroy his career. Kayce has nobody he can confide in, until he meets a talented young sports physician who not only treats his physical pain but also understands the darkness within him. Shaila Sterling might be Kayce's last hope of returning to his previous form, if it weren't for their shared past and a secret that Kayce is determined to keep even from Shaila...



**Alicia Sommer**  
**FALLING FOR NO. 89**  
(*L.A. Vipers* Vol. 2)

**432 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**October 2025**

## Also available:



**MY IDEA OF NO. 14**  
(Vol. 1)

443 pp  
May 2025

## Coming soon:

**Book 3 in  
the L.A.  
Vipers  
series**

**L.A. Vipers** (Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
Spring/Summer 26



## When the 'fake' in 'fake dating' suddenly feels real

**Book 2 in the new gaming series from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Anabelle Stehl**

**50% of young women play video games, and GAMETOK has millions of views**

**Vol. 1: #7 SPIEGEL Bestseller**

**Tropes:**  
#Fake Dating  
#Enemies to Lovers

To help promote NOVEL HAVEN, Nataly goes live for the first time in her life – and soon attracts the attention of a famous gamer who criticises a character she helped create. Nataly feels personally attacked, and gets embroiled in a debate with DMRDylan. Their argument goes viral and causes an absolute shitstorm. As if that wasn't enough, she and Dylan are appearing on the same panel at the next convention, and their renewed war of words makes everyone think they're romantically involved. Suddenly Nataly is in danger of losing everything, and to avert a PR scandal she suggests fake dating – not realising that 'fake' can quickly start to feel real...



**Anabelle Stehl**  
**NOVEL HAVEN**  
**– MATCH OF FATE**  
(*Novel Haven* Vol. 2)

**489 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2025**

**Anabelle Stehl** was born in 1993; six years later she chose Bulbasaur as her starter Pokémon, and her passion for gaming was born. She studied linguistics, lived for a while in Ireland, and now lives in Hamburg where she writes romantic feel-good books.

### Also available:



**NOVEL HAVEN**  
**– LEVELS OF LOVE**  
(Vol. 1)

445 pp  
July 2025

### Coming soon:

**Book 3 in the *Novel Haven* series**

***Novel Haven* (Vol. 3)**

Approx. 448 pp  
Spring/Summer 26

## If the rules don't suit you, make your own

A clever, darkly funny novel about the precarious lives of young women in our modern consumer society

Female rage against social norms for women, and self-emancipation by unconventional means

### Tropes:

- #Consumer society
- #Young, female, financially precarious
- #Heartbreak forum
- #Black humour

**Julia Bähr** (born in 1982) studied communication sciences and trained as an editor at the German School of Journalism. After ten years working as a freelancer in Munich she joined the FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG as editor of its arts section. In 2023 she moved to Berlin and joined the TAGESSPIEGEL, where she is a member of the editorial team. Her own criminal record is clean – or so she claims...

Leonie has her own ideas about morality, and she behaves accordingly. She trashes her boss's office, skips out of restaurants without paying the bill, and lies in job interviews – but she always has a good reason for it. When she runs out of money, she takes a job in Munich. But the city is too expensive for someone on a normal salary. When she meets three women who fund their own lifestyles in dubious ways, she is fascinated. Leonie soon comes up with her own business idea: people who have had their hearts broken pay her to carry out elaborate revenge plots. But after a while she starts to have doubts: how much money do you really need to lead a good life? And how much of a risk will she take to get it?

"Julia Bähr hits the sweet spot between humour and tension perfectly."

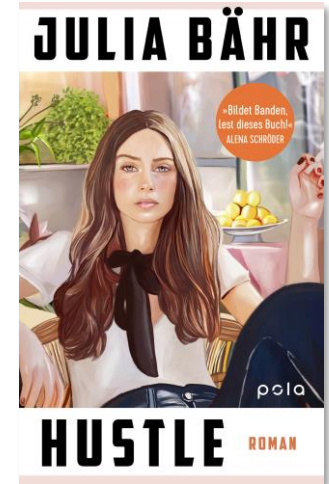
– **Magda Birkmann, literary promoter at the Berliner Literaturhaus Lettre Étage**

"Everyone should read this book! ... A wonderful novel about the healing power of the revenge plot, as funny, profound and energising as a holiday with your best friend."

– **Alena Schröder**

"This book is the funniest answer to the question of how to survive in a capitalist system: who can I get to join my criminal gang of female friends?"

– **Mareike Fallwickl**



Julia Bähr  
**HUSTLE**

316 pages  
Hardcover  
October 2025

A novel about two young women torn between self-promotion and self-fulfilment

A powerful exploration of the opportunities and downsides of social media

As @joanajune she has 50,000 followers online

## About a friendship torn between self-promotion and self-discovery: clever, modern and emotional

Can you leave behind the person you've always been?

When influencer Anouk starts looking for a new flatmate, she sees the unassuming Delia as a perfect opportunity for a fresh start. Delia (or Lilly as she calls herself) moves in, hoping to become the person she has always wanted to be: a successful playwright. Anouk, for her part, thinks she can use Lilly for her own ends, and increasingly lets her into her life. A relationship soon develops between them which leads them both to question their ideas about success and self-fulfilment – and which might even have the potential to become a real friendship.

### Tropes:

**#Competitive pressure #Self-Doubt #Belonging #Female Empowerment**

**Joana June** was born in Munich in 1996, and studied the theory and practice of professional writing in Cologne. On social media she shares book recommendations and content about her writing process with her enthusiastic online community. Her YouTube videos have had over 2.6 million views. **BESTIE** is her début novel.



Joana June  
**BESTIE**

336 pages  
Paperback  
August 2025

## Abysmally happy – about the simultaneity of feelings

**An impressive novel about the search for stability and the power of new beginnings**

**A longing for belonging and the hope of finding stability in the world. Elli Kolb captures her generation's attitude toward life**

**For readers of Caroline Wahl and Sally Rooney**

The death of her beloved grandfather plunges Romy into a crisis. She loses her footing, feels disconnected from everything and surrounded by darkness. That is, until Jakob appears, whom she meets at a party. He manages to remind her of something important, namely, that things can be very bad but at the same time still very good. Even on dark days, there is light. As they care for a sick pigeon together - Romy's grandpa's favorite animal – they grow closer. At some point, the pigeon recovers and spreads its wings. Will Romy, too, be able to find courage and face life again?

The press on Elli Kolb's debut novel 9 DEGREES:

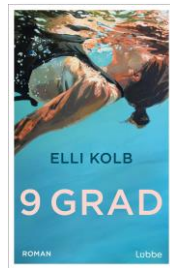
"A touching novel about love, friendship, and self-discovery."  
– **Nürnberger Zeitung**

"Did you love '22 Bahnen' [22 Lengths]? Then this book belongs on your reading list!"  
– **Desired**

"A sophisticated novel that is truly worth reading."  
– **Bayerischer Rundfunk**

**Elli Kolb** was born in 1986 and studied General and Comparative Literature and Nordic Philology in Munich and Gothenburg. She now lives in Fürth, not far from a river. When she's not by the water's edge, you'll find her blogging about mind-body connections and mental health – especially the potential of cold to combat depression – at [understandingly.de](https://www.understandingly.de).

### Also available:



**9 DEGREES**

253 pp  
Sep 2024



**Elli Kolb**  
**THE GLOW IN THE SKY  
ON DARK DAYS**

**Das Leuchten des  
Himmels an dunklen  
Tagen**  
**238 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**October 2025**



## One child's moving search for her lost mother

**A star on the horizon - Jasmin Schreiber shows that even in darkness consolation can still be found**

**A sensitive and cautious exploration of an important topic**

**A captivating melding of a fascination with outer space and coming to terms with grief**

**Rights to MARIANA TRENCH sold to:**

- Czech Republic
- Poland
- Romania
- Italy
- Russia
- Netherlands
- Turkey

**Jasmin Schreiber**, born in 1988, is a biologist, writer, and science journalist. When she is not conducting expeditions to ferns and arthropods, she writes her way onto the bestseller list and tells stories about science and nature in a podcast called BUGTALES.FM. Her nature column is available by email at [schreibersnaturarium.de](mailto:schreibersnaturarium.de).

Nine-year-old Maja is growing up in a dysfunctional family – a tyrannical father, a loving but oppressed mother, and a good scattering of things that are kept quiet and nobody will explain to her. When Frank, Maja's father, murders her mother, he tears a hole in the world – not only for Maja, but also for all the others who are left behind. From one moment to the next, nothing remains as it was before. Deeply grieving, Maja is tossed about by custody battles and the bureaucracy. Amidst the applications and legal jurisdictions, she loses her family, her home, and her sense of security; she is no longer certain who she belongs to.

Maja's godmother, Liv, becomes her only glimmer of hope. Liv works as an astrophysicist and fills Maja with enthusiasm for the wonders of the universe while at the same time struggling with her own insecurities, old anxieties, and the burden of suddenly having to assume responsibility. Nevertheless, Liv and Maja grow closer, peering through a telescope into endless space and searching for answers that no one else can provide.

This is a novel about the repercussions of violence, about structural failure, and the way a community unravels when a femicide shatters everything. Narrated from several perspectives, it unfolds a panorama of a family experiencing a state of emergency in a society that continues to sidestep the structural core of violence.



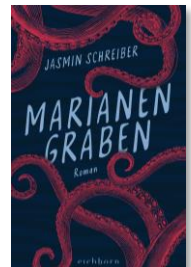
**Jasmin Schreiber**  
**THERE, WHERE I CAN SEE YOU**

**Da, wo ich dich sehen kann**  
**428 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**November 2025**

**Also available (a.o.):**

**MARIANA TRENCH**

254 pp  
March 2020



**Tabea Bach's print run to date: 940,000 copies**

**English sample translation available**

**Rights to Tabea Bach's previous books sold to:**

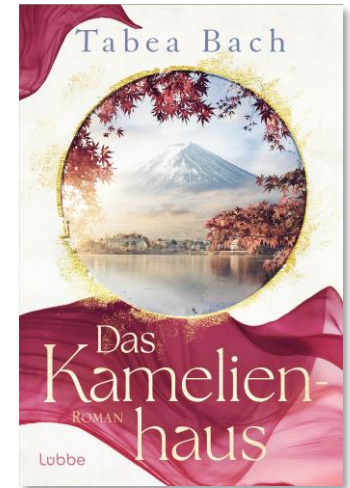
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**Tabea Bach** worked as an opera dramaturg before devoting herself completely to writing. She was born in Tübingen and studied in Munich and Florence, Italy. Today, she lives with her husband in an idyllic village in the Black Forest, the starting point for numerous journeys to places all over the world. The magnificent landscapes she encounters during her travels find their way into her women's novels where they become atmospheric settings for her stories.

## **A journey to Japan from a Camellia nursery in Brittany – told by bestselling author Tabea Bach**

After finishing her studies, Lucy returns to Camellia Island in Brittany, France, where she plans to join the cosmetics company owned by her mother, Sylvia. Yet re-adjusting to the place of her childhood isn't easy. When a trip to a camellia oil factory in Japan comes up, Lucy is more than delighted – especially when she meets the attractive Finn en route and spends a magical day with him in Tokyo. But is Finn really the person she sees in him? And can she achieve her objectives for the family cosmetics company? The factory is on the verge of folding because the owner has died, and Lucy's stay in Japan takes a completely different turn than she had planned.

## **From CAMELLIA ISLAND to the CAMELLIA HOUSE in Japan – Tabea Bach moves her successful CAMELLIA ISLAND series to the new setting of Japan**



**Tabea Bach**  
**THE CAMELLIA HOUSE**  
(Vol. 1)

**Das Kamelienhaus (Bd.1)**  
**397 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**October 2025**

### **Coming soon:**



**REUNION AT THE CAMELLIA HOUSE**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
Spring/Summer 2026



**WINTER IN THE CAMELLIA HOUSE**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pp  
Autumn/Winter 2026

### **Also available (a.o.): *Camellia Island***



- **CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 1)
- **THE WOMEN OF CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 2)
- **COMING HOME TO CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 3)
- **A WINTER LOVE ON CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Novella)

## She overcame all obstacles and lived her dream

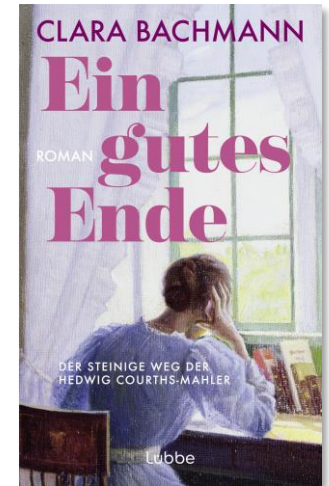
**A captivating biography of Hedwig Courths-Mahler to commemorate the 75th anniversary of her death which falls on November 2025**

**She was both: “a great realist” (Bertolt Brecht) and the queen of the romance novel**

**A total print run of 80 million books, translations into dozens of languages, and 20 screen adaptations**

**Clara Bachmann** is a pseudonym used by two German authors. Touring the city of Leipzig on foot, they learned about the interesting life of Hedwig Courths-Mahler – the “queen of kitsch”, as she was called by her critics. The authors share not only a weakness for sweets with their protagonist, but also a love of books and the dazzling world of the theater. They both live in Leipzig.

At the beginning of the 20th century, Hedwig Courths-Mahler rose to become the uncrowned queen of the romance novel and Germany's most successful female author. Like no other, she had the ability to provide entertainment with her novels and give women courage. Bertolt Brecht called her a great realist. Raised in poverty, she later established friendships with the prominent theater figures of her day. Initially, however, the happy ending she had hoped for with painter Fritz Courths did not materialize. She then found consolation in her writing, despite the strict disapproval of her family and husband. Facing intense resistance, she held fast to her dream of a life as a writer and never lost sight of ordinary people.



**Clara Bachmann**  
**A HAPPY ENDING**  
The Rocky Road of  
Hedwig Courths-Mahler

**Ein gutes Ende**  
Der steinige Weg der  
Hedwig Courths-Mahler  
**400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2025**

## The finale of the great family saga set in Hamburg

A portrait of life in the troubled Germany of the 1970s

A time of upheaval, student protests, terrorism and the RAF, hippie culture, and new sexual freedoms

Michaela Grünig brings contemporary history to life

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**Michaela Grünig** was born in Cologne (her spiritual home), and has spent many years working abroad. There she not only encountered interesting people and their stories, but also discovered her own great love of travel. Since 2010 she has made her onetime hobby – writing – into her job. She lives in western Switzerland with her family and her many pets.

Hamburg in 1968. A rift runs through Germany; the new generation is locked in conflict with the old. Ulrike Casparius, a budding journalist, also sympathizes with the student movement and is rebelling against her parents. Her empathic sister, Sabine, desperately seeks acceptance and finds it in a group of hippies and squatters. She joins them and together, they make grand plans for a better future. Then one of Sabine's friends discovers that she is related to Kurt Jacobson, who works in the Federal Prosecutor's Office. This sets the RAF in motion, and all at once Sabine's intellectual games turn deadly serious. In her distress, Sabine turns to Robert, Kurt's son, yet he passes off her fears as exaggerated ...

### Also available:



**BLANKENESE.  
TWO FAMILIES  
– Light & Shadow  
(Vol. 1)**

496 pp  
Feb 2023



**BLANKENESE.  
TWO FAMILIES  
– Difficult Decisions  
(Vol. 2)**

525 pp  
April 2024



**Michaela Grünig  
BLANKENESE. TWO  
FAMILIES  
– In Stormy Times  
(Blankenese Vol. 3)**

**Blankenese – Zwei  
Familien. Zeitensturm  
(Bd. 3)  
479 pages  
Paperback  
September 2025**



## Finally! The successful tea merchant saga continues

A poignant family story about solidarity and humaneness set in the 1950s

Picturesque landscapes and eventful history combine in the atmospheric setting of Friesland

Inspired by the history of well-known German tea trading companies

The hard times seem to be over. The three sisters' tea business is producing its first profits. But the village views the women's independence with growing suspicion, which also puts a strain on Gesa's secret relationship with Keno. Then, one day, a down-and-out war veteran arrives at the doorstep of the Friesenhof. It is Gerold, who had been considered missing in action. Gesa had abandoned all hope of ever seeing him again years ago. Now he wants to pick up where he left off with her before the war, placing Gesa before a difficult decision.



**Fenja Lüders**  
**THE FRIESENHOF**  
– Fateful Days  
(Vol. 2)

**Der Friesenhof**  
– Schicksalstage (Bd. 2)  
381 pages  
Paperback  
October 2025

**Fenja Lüders**, born in 1961, is a true Frisian. She grew up on a farm on the coast of the North Sea as the youngest of four siblings. She moved to Oldenburg to study history and politics, where she continues to live. Alongside writing, she has a strong passion for classical music.

### Also available:



**THE FRIESENHOF**  
– On New Paths  
(Vol. 1)

348 pp  
Jan 2022

### Also available: *The Speicherstadt Saga*



- **THE SCENT OF THE WIDE WORLD** (Vol. 1)
- **THE SPLENDOR OF A NEW TIME** (Vol. 2)
- **THE DREAM OF FREEDOM** (Vol. 3)

## When sparks fly between bookworms!

The fourth novel about an enchanting library in an Irish fishing village

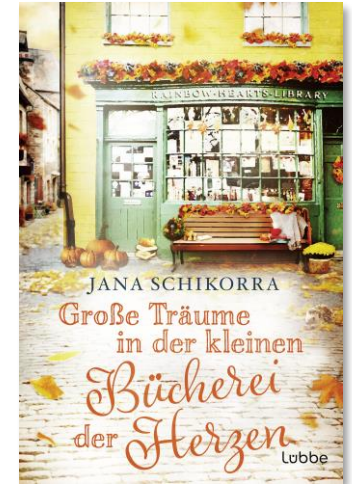
Books 1 and 3 won the LOVELYBOOKS COMMUNITY AWARD

A love of books meets romance, charming characters and an enchanting setting

Rights sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Netherlands

Illustrator Beverly Snyder is thrilled to be allowed to help out at the Rainbow Hearts Library. She offers to take the thoughts and feelings people have written down and turn them into pictures – everyone loves the idea! While Beverly is illustrating an author's book, she meets publisher Matt. Matt, with his reclusive nature, is the polar opposite of fun-loving Beverly. When her overbearing grandmother comes to visit, Beverly asks Matt to pose as her boyfriend to ward off questions about her relationship status. But it soon becomes hard to tell the difference between fake feelings and genuine ones...



Jana Schikorra  
**BIG DREAMS AT THE LITTLE LIBRARY OF HEARTS**  
(*A Feelgood Ireland Romance* Vol. 4)

**Große Träume in der kleinen Bücherei der Herzen (Bd.4)**  
Approx. 350 pages  
Paperback  
December 2025

### Also available:

Jana Schikorra was born in Lübeck in 1993, and now lives with her family on the Baltic Sea coast – but she's happiest in the mountains. When Jana is not dreaming of a house in the Alps, she can be found writing books.



**THE LITTLE LIBRARY OF HEARTS**  
(Vol. 1)

340 pp  
Feb 2024



**SUMMER HAPPINESS AT THE LITTLE LIBRARY OF HEARTS**  
(Vol. 2)

338 pp  
May 2024



**CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT THE LITTLE LIBRARY OF HEARTS**  
(Vol. 3)

336 pp  
Oct 2024

## The fantastic journey into the world of books continues

The conclusion of a magical two-part series about the book travelers at Libronautic Inc.

Adventurous reading that overflows with book magic, suspense, humor, and literary figures

For fans of Cornelia Funke, Kai Meyer, and Garth Nix

Rights to Akram El-Bahay's previous books sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Netherlands
- Russia
- Italy

**Akram El-Bahay** turned his passion, writing, into a profession. He works as a journalist and author. As the child of an Egyptian father and a German mother, his upbringing exposed him to influences from both cultures. This is also reflected in his novels. Akram El-Bahay is a member of PAN, a network of German fantasy authors.

Adam and Elisa are trying to discover what became of Elisa's mother. Just a few years after Elisa was born, the woman failed to return from a journey into the books, disappearing in a story without a trace. What does this have to do with the characters who are apparently being brought into the real world from books? For a long time, Adam and Elisa have not known who they can trust at Libronautic Inc. Someone seems determined to thwart their research – and at all costs.

### Also available:



**THE BOOK TRAVELLERS – A Path of Ink and Magic** (Vol. 1)

384 pp  
May 2025

### Also available (a.o.): *Magical Pictures*



- **THE LOST MASTERS** (Vol. 1)  
365 pp | Dec 2023
- **THE MASTERS OF THE SEVENTH FAMILY** (Vol. 2)  
381 pp | April 2024



**Akram El-Bahay**  
**THE BOOK TRAVELLERS – A Portal of Silver and Lies** (Vol. 2)

**Die Buchreisenden – Eine Tür aus Silber und Lügen** (Bd. 2)  
352 pages  
Paperback  
November 2025

## She has to pass ten tests or she will die

**The first book in a captivating romantasy duology set in Korea**

**A K-drama in book form: Thea Hong writes about old legends and modern South Korea**

**An own-voice fantasy story for fans of Asian light fiction by writers like Elizabeth Lim and Axie Oh**

**English sample translation available**

Sora is the rightful heir to a Korean business empire belonging to the Clan of Thieves, a family which for centuries has possessed magic powers and used them to acquire wealth and power.

But Sora is a big disappointment to her family, for she does not seem to have any magic powers at all. And so she lives far away from the glittering metropolis of Busan, on the island of Jeju, where she runs a small café and cares for her sick mother. Until one day a sealed letter arrives, with an invitation that turns her entire life upside down. She meets people she had never wanted to see again, and an attractive god who is trapped and needs her help as much as she needs his.

### Tropes:

**#Magic #Korea #Trials #Secret heir #Found family #Forced proximity #Reverse grumpy-meets-sunshine #Deadlines and countdowns**

### Coming soon:

**Book 2 in the *Princess of the Thousand Thieves* series**

**PRINCESS OF THE THOUSAND THIEVES**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
Spring/Summer 26

Scan this QR Code in order to listen to ***I Will Rise*** – the official song from PRINCESS OF A THOUSAND THIEVES – BETRAYED:



**Thea Hong**  
**PRINCESS OF THE THOUSAND THIEVES – BETRAYED** (Vol. 1)

**Prinzessin der tausend Diebe – Betrayed (Bd. 1)**  
**430 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**October 2025**

**Thea Hong** is a qualified music teacher and has previously worked as a musicology researcher in Seoul. She now lives with her dog in Hamburg, where she works as a project manager. She loves her life in Germany and her trips to South Korea to visit her family. Her passion for K-dramas, Korean mythology and history is reflected in her work.



## Of crusaders, courtly love song, and a heartless betrayal

An adventure-filled criminal case and a tender love story set in Baden (south-west Germany) during the High Middle Ages

**The year is 1190 AD.** During the third crusade, healer Franziska von Hellenau saves the life of the Margrave of Baden. When she returns home from the Holy Land ten years later, the crusader's sons are organizing a grand tournament. The bird dealer Wigbert has also arrived. He carries rare feathers in his luggage and hopes to do a lively business with the rich attendees. Yet the king's envoy, minnesinger Walther von der Vogelweide, has other plans for him. He wants Wigbert's help in exposing a dangerous spy. Together with Franziska, they confront life-threatening intrigues and a shadowy power struggle aimed at nothing less than dethroning the king.



**Ralf Dorweiler**  
**THE SONG OF THE BIRD DEALER**

**Das Lied des Vogelhändlers**  
**368 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**September 2025**

**Ralf H. Dorweiler** was born in 1973 near Frankfurt am Main and studied theater, film, and television science at the University of Cologne. In keeping with his broad range of interests and talents, he then pursued many different activities, from acting to managing call centers. In the meantime, Ralf H. Dorweiler lives in the southern Black Forest where he holds an editorial position at a major regional newspaper. He is married to an opera singer and has a son.

### Also available (a.o.):



**THE GIFT OF THE SADDLER**

429 pp  
Oct 2020



**THE QUEEN'S CLOCKMAKERS**

511 pp  
Feb 2022



**THE GOLD PANNER'S MISSION**

429 pp  
Oct 2024

## The age of tyranny has begun

The next bestseller by the well-known German historian

The author provides illustrative explanations of the way despots manipulate at will in order to rise to power

What does the future hold? What awaits us in the age of tyranny? Guido Knopp provides the answers

**Guido Knopp** is probably Germany's most popular historian. His name is inextricably linked with successful TV shows such as THE GERMANS, HISTORY, and HITLER'S HENCHMEN, all of which were turned into internationally bestselling books. In addition, Guido Knopp is a successful journalist and television moderator. Due primarily to his insight into current affairs, he is often interviewed as a competent subject expert.

Legitimate rulers who behave like despots are not an invention of our time, but it is striking how they've come into fashion again – heads of state who rely on violence and rule arbitrarily. They may not have come to power through a coup or revolution, and were (by and large) democratically elected to office, yet their style of governing ultimately amounts to tyranny.

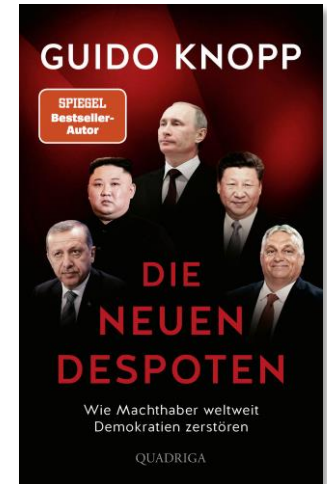
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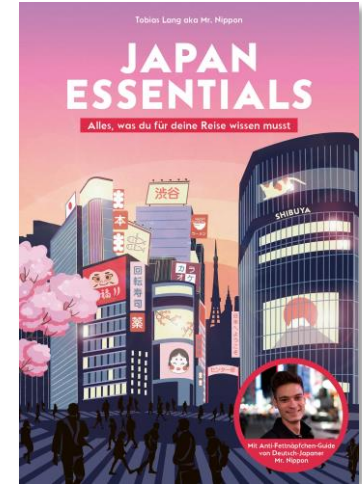
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## A guide to Japan: inside knowledge for the perfect trip

**For travellers to Japan  
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**Dos and don'ts: preparing  
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What should you never do in a Japanese restaurant and how can you find the best hotel in Tokyo? There are thousands of videos on social media addressing these and similar questions. Japan has become THE hot travel destination. But what do you need to know to help you prepare for your trip to Japan? If anyone can answer this question, it's Mr Nippon. The German-Japanese creator emigrated to Tokyo in 2021, and on his social media channels he shares content about life in Japan – from interesting facts to useful insider tips. In his first book he gives a handy summary of everything you need to know before travelling to Japan – and which faux pas you should avoid at all costs.



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**Tobias Lang aka Mr. Nippon** lives up to his name: he has become the most popular German-speaking YouTuber on the subject of Japan. The German-Japanese creator emigrated to Tokyo in 2021 and has been sharing content about life in Japan ever since. With humour and expert knowledge he explains cultural specificities, gives practical restaurant tips and reveals how to find the perfect hotel for your trip to Japan, as well as how to avoid faux pas.





## An exclusive look behind the scenes with e-sports star Tolkin

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In this gripping insider book, Niklot 'Tolkin' Stüber takes us on a thrilling ride through the world of e-sports. The record-holding German champion and pioneering e-sports-caster reveals the hidden dynamics of a multi-billion-euro industry which has long been about more than just gaming. Tolkin gives an authentic account of his road to becoming a pro, the intense competitions and the people behind the screens. He shares personal highlights, setbacks and insights into a digital universe that fascinates millions. A must-read for gaming fans, newcomers to the industry, and anyone who wants to understand why e-sports are one of the most influential forms of entertainment in the 21st century

### **Nikot Stüber aka Tolkin**

began his pro career in e-sports straight after leaving secondary school in 2017, initially much to his parents' chagrin. He is now a record-holding champion of the German 'League of Legends'. As the first German caster, he broadcasts the Korean, Chinese and European 'League of Legends', and parts of the German one, on the streaming platform Twitch.



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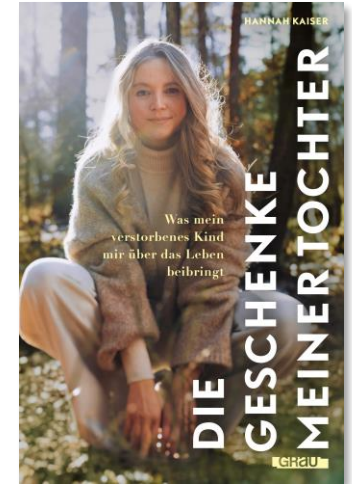
**“And then everything stood still. The whole world caved in.”**

**Hannah Kaiser draws incredible inner strength from her terrible experience with death**

**Important theme: coping with crises in life**

Within the space of a few days, Hannah Kaiser goes through the best and the worse of human experiences: the birth and death of her baby daughter. How does a person survive such a tragedy? She gives a powerful account of her all-consuming grief and the trauma that takes hold of her body for months afterwards, but also of the love she is filled with. “The worse this pain is now, the greater the strength I will be able to draw from this experience later on.” With incredible inner strength and emotional wisdom, Hannah Kaiser abandons herself to the waves that life sends crashing over her, and eventually learns to swim in them. A heartening story about coping with death.

**Hannah Kaiser** has been a YouTuber ever since the early days of the platform, and her channel @KleinaberHannah has over 300,000 subscribers. She shares content about body image, personal development and pop culture in her own uniquely positive and cheerful way. In January 2023 she gave birth to her daughter, who died suddenly and unexpectedly a few days later.



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**"I was nine years old when the youth welfare officer came."**

**Looking at the  
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alcoholism**

**One of the biggest  
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alcohol**

Betty Taube's life is extraordinary in many ways. She came fourth in the ninth season of 'Germany's Next Top Model', hosted by Heidi Klum. And as well as a successful model, she is also a racing driver and a pilot. But her childhood was defined by her mother's alcoholism. Betty experienced abuse, violence and fear from an early age. At the age of nine she was taken to a children's home, and when she was 18 her mother died. In this frank and honest book, Betty shares her experiences and what she has learned from them. Accompanied by insights from experts and the perspective of a person suffering from addiction, she raises awareness of a serious problem in our society and helps give others the strength to find their own way.

**Betty Taube** is a model, influencer and popular guest in the entertainment industry. Over 1.3 million people follow her daily life on Instagram. But behind her smile is a poignant story: she grew up with an alcoholic mother and ended up in a children's home. Today she campaigns on behalf of children whose parents suffer from addiction, and in her book she speaks openly about her experiences, to help give others the strength to find their own way.



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