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Dear Colleagues

Just over a year ago, I began searching for manuscripts for our new imprint, Pfaueninsel (Peacock Island).

Now, I am delighted to present our first catalogue – the result of an intensive and inspiring journey of discovery. Pfaueninsel stands for literary voices from across the world – for novels and narrative non-fiction that are moving, surprise us, and spark discussion.

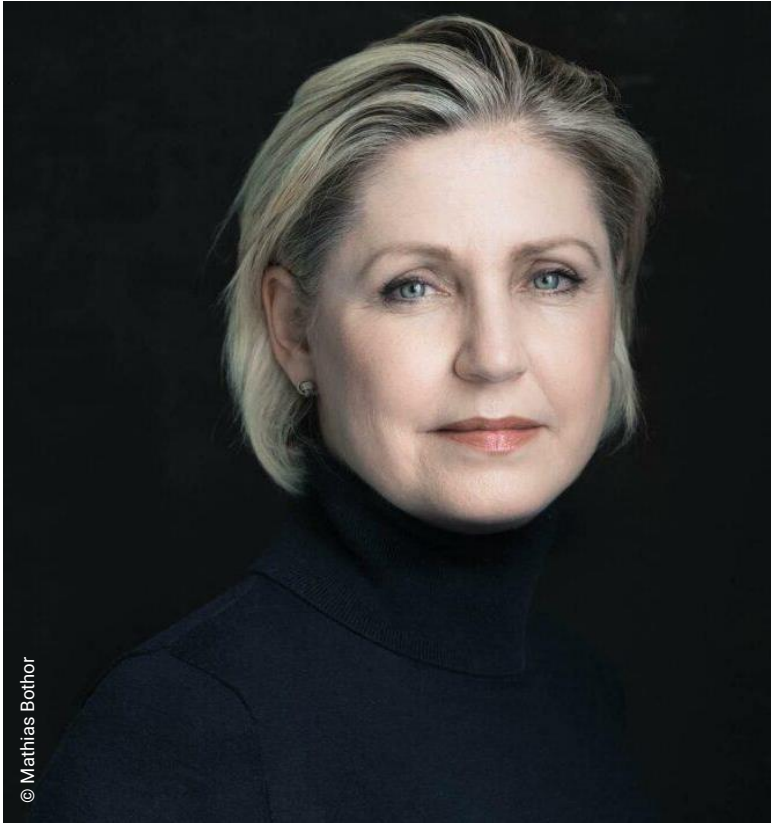
Peacock Island itself is located in the upper reaches of the Havel River near Berlin and has always been a refuge for those seeking to escape the hustle and bustle of the big city. An enchanted place far away from everyday life, where peacocks still stroll across the meadows, it invites you to pause, fill yourself with awe, and surrender to your dreams.

In our first catalogue, we transport readers to many unusual places: to Peacock Island itself, whose most dazzling inhabitant is portrayed in **TRÄUME AUS FEUER** (*Dreams of Fire*) by **Florian Illies**. We travel to Lithuania with **Ruth Olshan** in her moving debut novel **IMMERGRÜN** (*Evergreen*), and in **TAINTED LOVE**, the opening volume of an atmospheric and unique crime series, **Vincent Tal** brings the era of the 1980s back to life.

What distinguishes us as human beings is our ability to see the world through the eyes of others in the stories we tell. We hope our books will open as many new perspectives as possible.

Warm regards,

Constanze Neumann
Publishing Director, Pfaueninsel



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Florian Illies is the most successful non-fiction author in the German-speaking world

His books have been translated into 28 languages

Time and again, he manages to transport the past into the present and make it come alive

English sample translation available

Florian Illies was born in 1971. He served as Arts and Ideas editor for *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, managed the Villa Grisebach auction house, and is co-publisher of *DIE ZEIT*. Illies's international bestselling 1913: THE YEAR BEFORE THE STORM established a new genre. His most recent publications are the bestsellers THE MAGIC OF SILENCE: CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH'S JOURNEY THROUGH TIME and AS THE SUN GOES DOWN: THE MANN FAMILY IN SANARY.

The new book by the "great storyteller" [*Süddeutsche Zeitung*]

Let's immerse ourselves in the grand dreams of a great man. Johannes Kunckel was a magician and alchemist who believed he could conjure gold. As a result, the king of Prussia granted him Peacock Island, located between Potsdam and Berlin, so he could secretly create a new world out of fire in his wizard's workshop. In the end, a piece of glass – as red as a ruby and unlike anything human eyes had ever seen – emerged from his furnace. It would quickly become one of Europe's most sought-after luxury goods.

In the middle of the Baroque era, Johannes Kunckel took the step from magic to chemistry, making history in the process. Florian Illies now retells this story in his inimitable, highly atmospheric style – with poetry, wit, and empathy for the past.

"Florian Illies is one of this country's greatest storytellers."

– NDR Kulturjournal

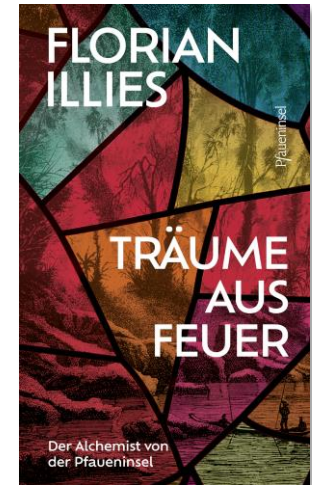
"No one retells history more absorbingly than Florian Illies."

– Sonntagsblick

"Illies is masterful at turning history into adventure stories."

– Deutschlandradio Kultur

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Florian Illies
DREAMS OF FIRE
The Alchemist of
Peacock Island

Träume aus Feuer
Der Alchemist von der
Pfaueninsel
Approx. 120 pages
Hardcover
June 2026

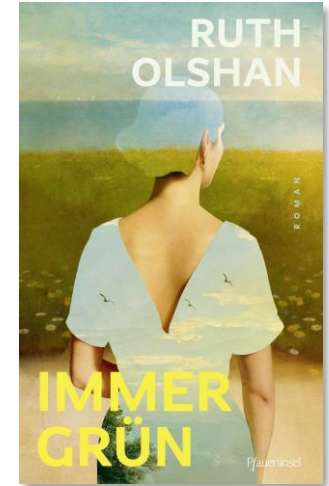
A family history featuring exile, chutzpah, and ever new challenges

As moving as it is lightly told – an unforgettable debut

For readers of Alina Bronsky, Olga Grjasnowa, and Katja Petrowskaja

Ruth Olshan is an award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker

With the urns of her mother's and grandmother's ashes in the trunk of her car, Ruth drives to Lithuania to lay them to rest in the family's long-lost homeland. On the endless journey, she looks back at her childhood after emigrating in the 1970s. First in Israel and later in West Berlin, she began a new life characterized by language difficulties, survival skills, and bureaucratic hurdles. Once a celebrated singer, her mother struggled with depression, while Ruth longed for normality, finding support in music and sports. EVERGREEN is a novel about exile, new beginnings, and the quiet power of art in the shadow of major upheavals.



**Ruth Olshan
EVERGREEN**

**Immergrün
256 pages
Hardcover
March 2026**

Ruth Olshan is of Ukrainian-Lithuanian descent. Born in Moscow, she grew up in Israel and Berlin, where she still lives today. She works as a director and author and has won numerous awards. EVERGREEN is her debut novel.

The opening volume of an atmospheric crime series set during special times and in a hidden place

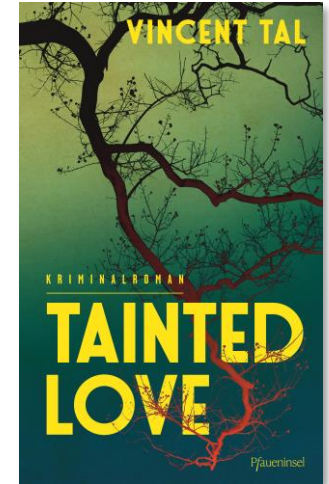
The era of the 1980s in an enchanted, idyllic setting

For fans of Liz Moore and Martin Walker

In the forests at the edge of the country, where murder isn't just a fairy tale

It is the summer of 1986 in northern Hesse close to the border with the GDR (German Democratic Republic). The air shimmers with the heat, as the forest quietly dies. The region is an enchanted idyll, where villages have fairy-tale names and the border with East Germany marks the end of the world. This is home to Martin Ritter, a librarian with a penchant for photography, and his girlfriend, Christine Lehmann, a sharp-eyed journalist. They are seekers who met and came to love one another on a terrible night when a little girl disappeared.

The sun, which has been scorching the forests for weeks, now reveals a luxury car submerged in a lake. Who sank it? What became of the driver? As Martin and Christine search for answers, they uncover sinister signs of love . . . and murder.



Vincent Tal
TAINTED LOVE

224 pages
Hardcover
April 2026

Vincent Tal was raised in the 1980s in northern Hesse near the border with the GDR. Today, he and his family live in a major German city. With his camera, he is drawn deep into forests as well as to the coasts and the open sea.

Coming soon:

**SWEET
DREAMS**
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 220 pp
Spring/Summer
2027

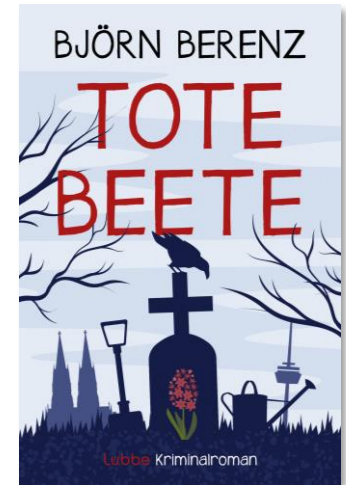
A hyacinth from the god of death – and an unsolved murder

A humorous crime novel,
warm-hearted and
whimsical

Great entertainment for
readers of Marc-Uwe
Kling

Melissa works as a visiting geriatric nurse. She loves her job and grows fond of all her elderly patients, never failing to bid them a proper farewell. While attending the funeral for one of her loved ones at Cologne's Melaten Cemetery, Melissa meets Heinrich, a quirky gardener. She is fascinated by his stunning flower beds and is especially taken with the copper-red hyacinths, his favorite flowers. These he claims to plant on the graves of people who did not die of natural causes. Melissa doesn't believe a word of it, but when Heinrich tells her things about the deceased that would be impossible for him to know, she decides to delve into the matter.

Björn Berenz was born in Koblenz in 1977. He and his family have lived in Germany's Vulkaneifel region for many years. His cozy crime series, set in Tuscany and Cornwall, are published under a pseudonym. He also writes several children's book series, holds writing workshops for children and young adults, and enthusiastically travels throughout Germany giving readings.



Björn Berenz
**FLOWERS BEDS FOR
THE DEPARTED**

Tote Beete
Approx. 320 pages
Paperback
June 2026

"Please help me."

The second captivating case featuring Dr. Eva Mares – authentic, clever, and thrilling

Peak suspense paired with profound emotional depth

Perfect for readers of Romy Hausmann, Charlotte Link, and Nele Neuhaus

A year after the nightmarish events in Bremen, gynecologist Dr. Eva Mares is hoping for a period of calm. Yet her fresh start in a rural setting is ill-fated. Her daughter becomes withdrawn, money starts running short, and her marriage is strained. Then one night, a stranger and his heavily pregnant daughter Nina appear at Eva's door. Nina is not well. Although Eva examines the pregnant woman and gives the all-clear, Nina leaves a message pleading for help on the mirror in the guest bathroom. The next day, the two have disappeared. While the police investigate an old missing person case, Eva follows a lead of her own and becomes entangled in a web of fear, violence, and lies.



Meike Dannenberg
THE DOCTOR
– A DANGEROUS
APPOINTMENT (Vol. 2)

Die Ärztin
– Gefährlicher Besuch
(Bd. 2)
288 pages
Paperback
April 2026

Meike Dannenberg was born in Bremen in 1974. After completing her degree in applied cultural studies, she worked as a freelance journalist, writing articles and reports for a range of media outlets. In 2010 she became an editor at *BÜCHERmagazin*, where she has headed the crime fiction department since 2011. She is a member of PEN Berlin and the authors' association SYNDIKAT.

Also available:



THE DOCTOR
– A DANGEROUS
NIGHT SHIFT
(Vol.1)

272 pp
Oct 2024

A city trembles. A killer decides who lives and who dies

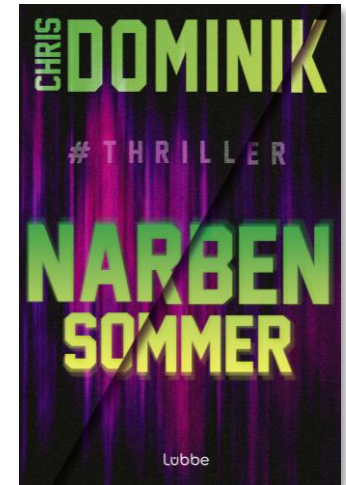
In their second case, Marc Davids and Zoé Martin follow a trail of blood and death into the abyss of Frankfurt's red-light district

A breathless page-turner full of surprising plot twists

Sinister, brutal, disturbing
— complex investigators
with a dark side of their own
hunt a merciless serial killer

It is meant to be a night of celebration. He is finished with high school and is experiencing a first taste of freedom. Yet on the way home from his graduation party, a young man is drawn into a gruesome crime that will never release him.

Years later. A storm is brewing over Frankfurt. Brutal murders, ruthless power struggles between rival gangs, and a horrific attack threaten to plunge the city into chaos. And among the sinister skyscraper canyons, a savage creature is hunting ... Its prey can only escape if the beast allows it.



Chris Dominik
SUMMER OF SCARS
#THRILLER
(A Davids and Martin
Thriller Vol. 2)

Narbensommer #Thriller
(Ein Davids-und-Martin-
Thriller Bd.2)
416 pages
Paperback
March 2026

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.

Also available:



FOREST OF SCARS
#THRILLER
(Vol. 1)

400 pp
Aug 2025



ARTIST OF SCARS
#THRILLER
(Vol. 3)

400 pp
Sep 2026

What if the future has already begun – only without us?

A haunting novel centering on a highly topical issue, while at the same time presenting an oppressive thought experiment

As if George Orwell and Aldous Huxley had written a novel together

Total circulation for Andreas Eschbach: approximately 5.5 million copies

Rights to Andreas Eschbach's previous books sold to 20 territories

Andreas Eschbach, born in 1959, studied aviation and space engineering and worked as a software developer. Since his amazing success of the science fiction thriller THE JESUS VIDEO he is one of Germany's bestselling authors. Andreas Eschbach lives with his wife on the French Atlantic coast.

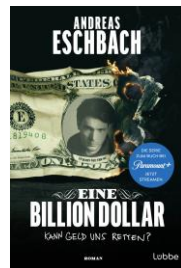
The setting is the near future. For years, the sun has been beating down relentlessly from the sky. The unbearable heat has made the South become uninhabitable, and turned national governments into nothing more than a facade. Those who could afford it have moved to northern Scotland, Greenland, Canada, or Siberia in good time. Only a handful of people remain in their homelands, Fausto among them. In a largely abandoned village, he and a few neighbors struggle to survive. Everyday life is hard and monotonous. That is, until one day a beautiful, taciturn young woman appears who seems enviably unaffected by the heat. Fausto falls in love and finds hope. He has no idea that Valérie is associated with an outrageous secret.



Andreas Eschbach
INTO THE PALE HEART OF SUMMER

Ins Fahle Herz des Sommers
240 pages
Hardcover
May 2026

Also available (a.o.):



ONE TRILLION DOLLARS

734 pp
Sep 2001



NSA - NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

796 pp
Sep 2018



ELIMINATING DEATH

655 pp
Sep 2024

They arrive on the island as strangers. But they're mistaken ...

#3 SPIEGEL bestseller

Narrated from the different perspectives of the five protagonists

Romy Fölck's crime novels have reached a total circulation of 600,000 copies to date

English sample translation available

Rights sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Latvia

Romy Fölck was born in Meissen in 1974. She studied law at Dresden University and began a business career with a major company in Leipzig where she was employed for 10 years. Today she works as an independent author and lives in the Elbmarsch region near Hamburg. She has published numerous short mysteries in anthologies and magazines.

The waves are lashing against the ferry on a stormy October day as five passengers arrive at the island of Neuwerk in the North Sea. For four of them, it is a return to a place that evokes dark memories – of a summer thirty years before, when two teenagers disappeared without a trace from their school's country hostel. The four were on Neuwerk back then, too, and one question has haunted them ever since. What really happened that fateful summer? There is someone who knows the answer and will not rest until amends are made for bygone guilt. As a hurricane approaches, and no one can leave the island, long-kept secrets begin to surface.

Atmospheric, powerful, and absolutely captivating – the first psychological thriller from the SPIEGEL bestselling author



Romy Fölck
FIVE STRANGERS
Only one of them knows the deadly secret that connects them all

Fünf Fremde
Nur einer kennt das tödliche Geheimnis, das sie alle verbindet
383 pages
Hardcover
March 2026

The attorney for the deceased – justice never rests

An investigator with a past – uncompromising, smart, and very close to the deceased

Grief, guilt, and a death that conceals more than one would expect – haunting and emotional

For fans of suspense, a book featuring strong characters, moral gray areas, and plenty of atmosphere

Matilda Rizzo is a funeral celebrant – as well as an investigator on behalf of the dead. In a remote town, she has been hired to supervise the funeral of an old woman. Yet she quickly senses that something is amiss. Teaming up with Jackie, a clever and headstrong 12-year-old, she begins to investigate, uncovering a web of dependency, silence, and guilt. The closer she comes to the truth, the more she reopens old wounds – not least some of her own. An atmospheric thriller about justice, trust, and the question of what a life is ultimately worth.

Greta Jung holds a law degree and worked as an attorney and estate executor. The idea for her character Matilda came to her as she was writing a eulogy and sensed how deeply the process immersed her in a family's history. In her crime novels, she forgoes classic investigations and instead tells stories where the law, guilt, and truth become blurred. She lives in southern Germany.



Greta Jung
THE ADVOCATE OF THE DEAD
Nothing has been forgotten

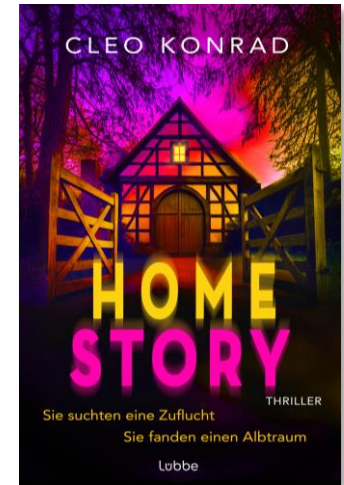
Die Totenklägerin
Nichts ist vergessen
352 pages
Paperback
March 2026

A remote farm community and a puzzling murder

Atmospheric, tingling, psychologically sophisticated – the new thriller from the winner of the 2024 VIKTOR CRIME AWARD

Isolation, secrets, and the suspicion of murder. An idealistic farming community provides the setting for a gruesome crime

The Steingruberhof is an isolated place. When a journalist is found murdered on the property of the eco-friendly farm community, suspicion falls on the residents. Eva, a young lawyer, is called in to help. She is the daughter of the charismatic woman who founded Steingruberhof, and she lived in the commune as a child. Now she returns – in the middle of a sweltering summer that acts like a burning glass on old conflicts and suppressed memories. The place she once called home now seems foreign to her. What are they hiding, these people Eva thought she knew? In her search for answers, she runs into a wall of silence – and soon finds herself in mortal danger.



Cleo Konrad
HOME STORY
They were looking for refuge. What they found was a nightmare

Sie suchten eine Zuflucht. Sie fanden einen Albtraum.

512 pages
Paperback
July 2026

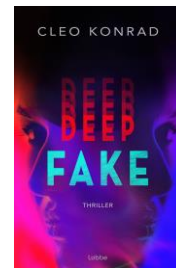
Cleo Konrad was born on Christmas in 1981 in the snowy foothills of the Alps. She now lives and writes in the beautiful city of Nuremberg. Employed at a research institute as a science journalist, she uses every free minute remaining after work and family to craft suspenseful stories. A LETHAL PODCAST was her thriller debut.

Also available:



**A LETHAL
PODCAST**

512 pp
March 2024



DEEP FAKE

528 pp
Feb 2025

CRIME NOVEL ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH



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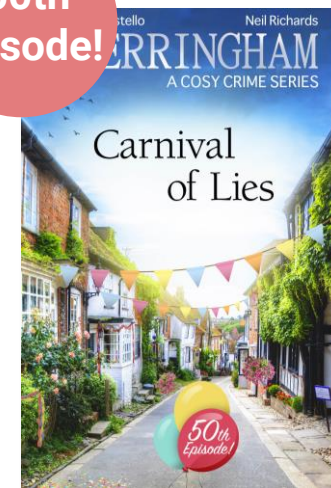
Co-authors **Neil Richards** (based in the UK) and **Matthew Costello** (based in the US), have been writing together since the mid 90's, creating content and working on projects for the BBC, Disney Channel, Sony, ABC, Eidos, and Nintendo to name but a few. Their transatlantic collaboration has underpinned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

Carnival of Lies (Episode 50):

It's a summer to remember - and a special celebration!

The 50th episode of the beloved cosy-crime series CHERRINGHAM is coming - and you don't want to miss this landmark adventure! Dive once more into the quiet village as Jack and Sarah face a brand-new mystery.

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.



Neil Richards / Matthew
Costello
CHERRINGHAM
– CARNIVAL OF LIES
(Episode 50)

174 pages
April 2026



Latvian, Czech, Estonian, English, Finnish and Italian

NEW ADULT – DARK ROMANCE

Book 1 of the CASINO DURABLE series by Carina Benning

The Durable brothers: attractive, powerful and hot as hell

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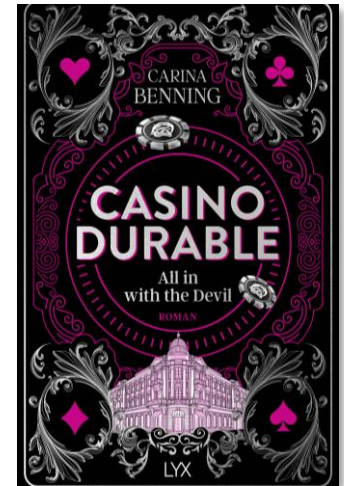
Welcome to CASINO DURABLE – luxurious, exclusive and full of darkness

You can't deceive a Durable

After Dawn witnesses a murder, her life is in danger. She can think of only one way to ensure her own safety: she will cheat at the exclusive CASINO DURABLE and let herself get caught. Once she's in prison the murderer will not be able to get to her. But she hadn't reckoned with Gabriel Durable, the heir to the nightclub and its head of security. Gabriel realises Dawn could be useful to him at the gaming table and could help him unmask an unknown enemy who is threatening the lives of the Durables. And so begins a game of cat-and-mouse in which the inscrutable casino owner and the fascinating fraudster grow ever closer, despite being on opposing sides...

Tropes:

#Hidden Identity #Forced Proximity #Enemies to Lovers #Secret Identity
#Rivals to Lovers

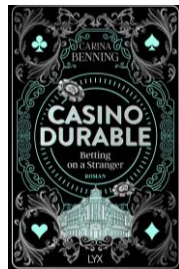


Carina Benning
CASINO DURABLE
– ALL IN WITH THE DEVIL
(*Heat & Betrayal* Vol. 1)

528 pages
Paperback
April 2026

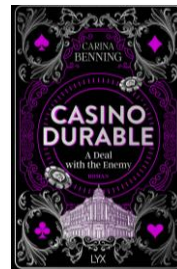
Carina Benning was born in Tirol in 1986 and still lives there in the mountains with her family. She loves getting lost in the woods with her dogs and thinking up new stories in quiet places. She usually writes these stories down in the early hours of the morning before returning to her day job as a teacher.

Also available / Coming soon:



CASINO DURABLE
– BETTING ON A STRANGER
(Vol. 2)

496 pp
Aug 2026



CASINO DURABLE
– A DEAL WITH THE ENEMY
(Vol. 3)

512 pp
Dec 2026

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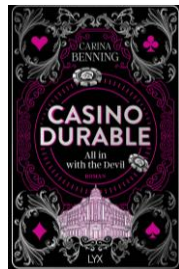
A Durable only loves once

To save her beloved grandfather from financial ruin, celebrated trapeze artist Jade Lemoine returns to Monte Carlo. She asks Bastien Durable to employ her as a performer at his legendary nightclub NUIT at the CASINO DURABLE. The two of them once spent the night together, but the Bastien of today is nothing like the man Jade once knew. Devastated by his brother's death, Bastien has changed: his illegal car racing is becoming ever more reckless, his business dealings more risky, and his heart more closed-off. But Jade is not fooled by his wild behaviour – she looks beyond it and starts to understand the dark maelstrom which Bastien's life has become...

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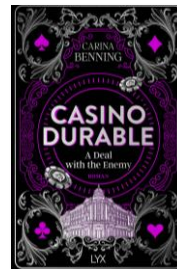
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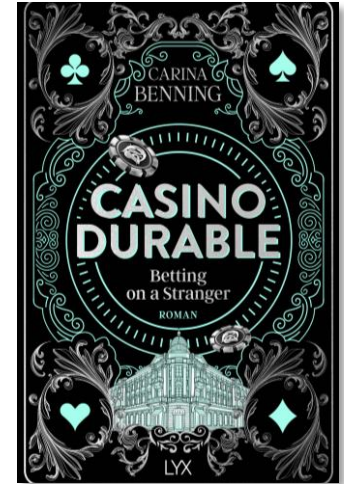
**CASINO DURABLE
– ALL IN WITH
THE DEVIL**
(Vol. 1)

528 pp
April 2026



**CASINO DURABLE
– A DEAL WITH
THE ENEMY**
(Vol. 3)

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Carina Benning
**CASINO DURABLE
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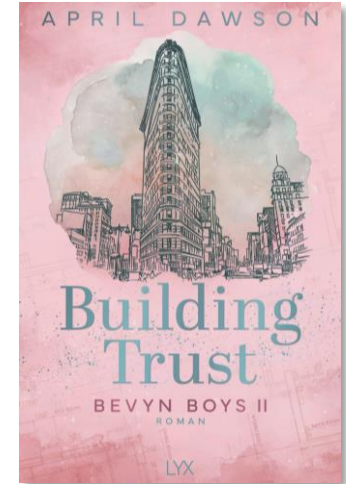
A fake relationship is the solution to her problem – until real feelings come into play...

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SELLING SUNSET

Back to her roots: April
knows exactly what fans
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want!

The author has sold over
330,000 books with LYX

As a result of her mother's campaign to become senator of New York, Josephine "Phin" Pearce is under a lot of pressure. The public have certain expectations of her, and if she is to live up to these expectations then she needs a job and a partner – and fast. Hoping she might get to work with her teenage crush Gideon Bevyn, Phin takes on a project for his family business Bevyn Estates (of which Gideon is the CEO). But to her dismay she is assigned to work not with Gideon but with the youngest Bevyn brother, notorious bad-boy Adric. Adric needs to salvage his reputation if he is to stay working at the firm, and he offers Phin a deal: if she helps him clean up his image by pretending to be in a relationship with him, Adric will help her get closer to his older brother. It seems like the perfect plan – until Phin starts to wonder who her heart really belongs to...



April Dawson
BUILDING TRUST
(*Bevyn Boys* Vol. 2)

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July 2026

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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.



SELLING DREAMS
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OWNING HEARTS
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Also available (a.o.): *Starting Something*



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

They couldn't be more different – but polo brings them together

He's a polo player with an image problem – she's trying to find herself

The final book in the **GOLDCREST MANOR** trilogy by SPIEGEL
Bestseller author Yvy Kazi

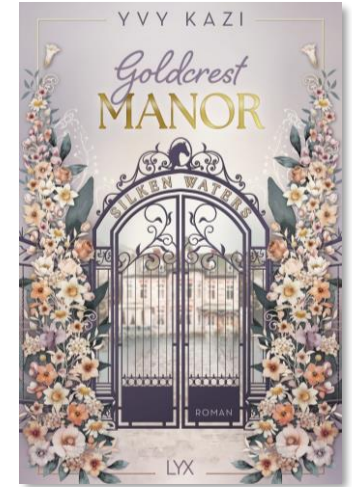
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Tropes:

#High Society #Sports
Romance #He falls first
#Rich Girl/Poor Boy
#Found Family #Angst
with a happy ending

Following an argument with her controlling father, Brooke Holloway has left home. Luckily she is able to stay at an old luxury ranch called GOLDCREST MANOR, where she hopes to figure out what she really wants from life. But even her greatest passion, polo, is not without its challenges. Because she finds herself on the same team as Desmond, who used to make life difficult for her when they were at school together. She remembers him as an arrogant womanizer – but to Brooke's surprise, Desmond now seems to be a changed man. The more time they spend together both on and off the polo field, the more Brooke starts to realise there's another side to Desmond. But can she really trust the "new" him?



Yvy Kazi
GOLDCREST MANOR
– SILKEN WATERS
(Vol. 3)

432 pages
Paperback
April 2026

Also available:

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
– VELVET MEADOWS
(Vol. 1)

429 pp
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(Vol. 2)

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Book 2 of the *Royal Heist* trilogy from the queen of cliffhangers

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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.

"We need rules."

He looked at me. "Rules? What kind of rules?"

"Rules for what's allowed to happen between us... and what isn't."

Darcy was well aware that her love for Tristan had no future. But she was still prepared to give up her great goal of destroying the royal family for his sake. Six months later, however, she finds herself on the other side of the world without the man she loves. When she suddenly comes face to face with him again, he doesn't try to have her arrested. He needs her help to stop his sister Matilda from marrying the Spanish crown prince. To do this, Darcy will need to steal back the royal painting that she and her crew previously stole; the subject of the picture is more than just controversial. She and Tristan will have to pretend to be a couple, both inside the palace and in public. She agrees, although she knows there's more at stake than just her heart. And when she and Tristan get to Spain, there are several adversaries waiting for them...

Tropes:

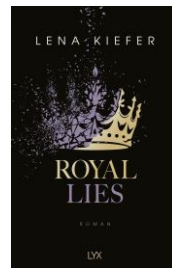
#Royals #Enemies to Lovers

Also available:



ROYAL HEIST
(Vol. 1)

482 pp
Nov 2025



ROYAL LIES
(Vol. 3)

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WESTWELL

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Lena Kiefer
ROYAL FAKE
(*Royal Heist* Vol. 2)

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

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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 grand finale in the bestselling series about luxury hotel THE DARLINGTON

For Rose, her job as a kitchen assistant at THE DARLINGTON is just a springboard. She dreams of attending a renowned culinary school and becoming a top chef. But as the luxury hotel is plunged deeper and deeper into scandal, she thinks about jacking it all in. Until she meets her new boss: Logan Darlington, the prodigal son of the Darlington family – and the man Rose once had a passionate one-night stand with! Logan would have preferred not to have anything to do with THE DARLINGTON, but getting a job as the hotel's head chef is the only way he can gather incriminating evidence to use against his father in court. When he meets Rose, however, his focus starts to waver. Because ever since they spent the night together, he hasn't been able to get her out of his head...

Tropes:

#Love at First Sight #Right Person Wrong Time #One Night Stand #Good Guy #He falls first #Forced Proximity #Forbidden Love #Who did this to you? #Rich Boy/Poor Girl

Also available:



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

557 pp
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**THE DARLINGTON
– ETHAN &
GRACE**
(Vol. 2)

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



- **TOUCH ME. NOT** (Vol. 1)
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- **FORGET US. NOT** (Vol. 3)
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- **LOVE ME. NOT** (Vol. 5)



**Laura Kneidl
THE DARLINGTON
– LOGAN & ROSE**
(*The Darlington* Vol. 3)

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Hardcover
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When nothing stays hidden from the camera...

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

A morning show in **Boston: news, intrigue, friendships and strong feelings**

She's his true love – he's her biggest mistake

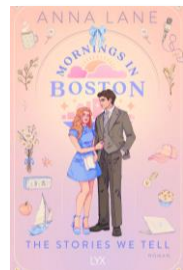
For Scarlett Astor, a go-getting young reporter for **MORNINGS IN BOSTON**, there's only one thing that matters as much as a good story: the truth. When a scandal erupts around her stepfather, she leaves her party-girl reputation behind and starts pursuing one risky story after another. Another aspect of her new life is her fake relationship with popular weather reporter Grayson Ray, who is in a very difficult situation. But their deal becomes a problem when Scarlett's new cameraman turns out to be none other than Jasper Bancroft. Scarlett used to be deeply in love with Jasper, until he revealed one of her secrets and broke her heart. So why can't she stop her old feelings for him from returning?

Tropes:

#Bad Boy #Grumpy-meets-Sunshine #Opposites Attract #Forced Proximity
#Enemies to Lovers #Haters 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.

Also available:



MORNINGS IN BOSTON – THE STORIES WE TELL
(Vol. 1)

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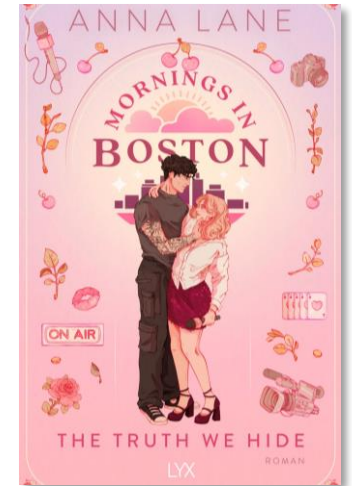
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Anna Lane
MORNINGS IN BOSTON – THE TRUTH WE HIDE
(*Love on Air* Vol. 2)

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He thinks the game is lost – until she changes the rules...

The third and final book in the **MORNINGS IN BOSTON** trilogy from newly discovered writer **Anna Lane**

Tropes:

- #He Falls First
- #Brother's Best Friend
- #Forced Proximity
- #Enemies to Lovers

Harper Shaw has almost given up on her dream of running a successful blog, when she gets the chance to present a football special on MORNINGS IN BOSTON alongside ex-quarterback Everett Knight. But there's one problem. Everett was her brother's best friend until he cost him his professional career. Harper hates Everett as much as she hates football – but he's never been able to forget her. Everett is bitter and resentful about his accident and the abrupt end of his career, but thanks to Harper he suddenly feels as though he now has the chance to make a fresh start. Soon the pair of them have their eyes on more than just the viewing figures, and sparks start to fly in the studio...

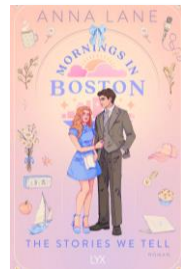


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A SPIEGEL Bestseller author and a unique writing talent

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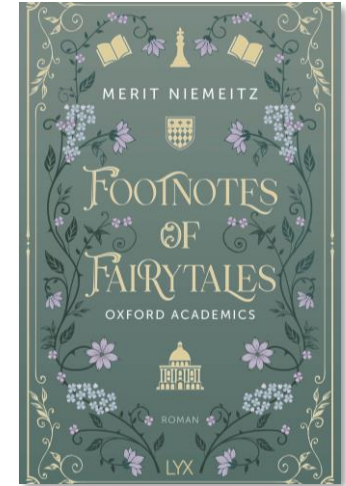
Tropes:

- #Slow Burn
- #Cottage Core
- #Light Academia
- #Forced Proximity
- #Rivals to Lovers
- #Rich Boy/Poor Girl

Merit Niemeitz was born in Berlin in 1995 and still lives there, in an apartment full of flea market treasures, plants and books. Ever since she was a child she has loved words and has written her own stories. During and after her time at university, where she did a degree in cultural studies, she has worked in the book industry, and never wants to do anything else.

The new series from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Merit Niemeitz

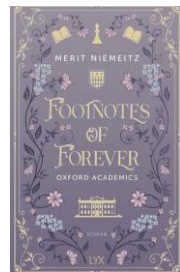
The only love stories that matter to Brielle are the ones in the fairy tales she's studying as part of her PhD at Oxford University. She avoids anything that might distract her from her studies – especially Coben Bronte. Popular, self-assured Coben is a fellow PhD student with whom Brielle shares a desk in the library – and nothing else. Until she finds herself in urgent need of money and in competition with Coben to run a seminar. When this competition suddenly gives rise to an unexpected deal, they both discover new sides to each other, and gradually grow closer. But however much Brielle wants to trust Coben, she knows only too well that happy endings only exist in fairy tales. Don't they?



Merit Niemeitz
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Dr Ian Rice is a thoracic surgeon at WHITESTONE HOSPITAL. He lives for his job and for sarcasm, good sex and coffee. Ian does believe in love, but he wastes his time dating a constant stream of different women. He is arrogant and a know-it-all, but also honest and caring – which is precisely why photographer Jess Collins finds it so hard to forget him. Jess has recently moved to Phoenix to be closer to her sister, and what she needs now is consistency in her life, not more chaos. But against all the odds Ian and Jess start to grow closer, and for the first time Ian wonders whether he might have met the person he wants to spend the rest of his life with. But just when they've both decided to fully commit, Jess's world threatens to come tumbling down all over again...

Tropes:

#Hospital #Found Family #Friends to Lovers



Ava Reed
WHITESTONE HOSPITAL
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(*Whitestone Hospital* Vol. 5)

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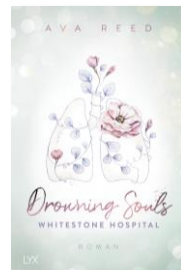
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Ava Reed has always been a bookworm. Leaving the house without something to read – unthinkable! Eventually she discovered writing and blogging for herself, and has never looked back. Ava Reed lives with her family in Frankfurt am Main.



WHITESTONE HOSPITAL
– HIGH HOPES
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He has a secret – it's her job to discover it

Although NFL star Saint Alvarez loves his job as a wide receiver for the L.A. Vipers, he hates being in the public eye. But when he makes a slip-up that gets massive media attention, he has to do something to salvage his image, and agrees to have a documentary made about him. Saint vows not to make the journalist's job easy for her – but he hadn't reckoned with Callie McQueen. Not only does she have a comeback for all his taunts: she also seems to be able to see through the walls he has built around himself. But no matter how well Callie seems to understand him, and no matter how attracted he is to her, he can't allow her to discover his secret...



Alicia Sommer
CLASHING WITH NO. 6
(*L.A. Vipers* Vol. 3)

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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.

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MY IDEA OF NO. 14
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Sarah Sprinz was born in Tettmang in 1996, and later moved to Aachen to study medicine. When she's not writing she likes to go for long walks along the lakeshore, thinking up new ideas for stories and dreaming of her next trips to Canada and Scotland. She loves spending afternoons writing in cafés, maple syrup, and keeping in touch with her readers on Instagram. (@sarahsprinz).

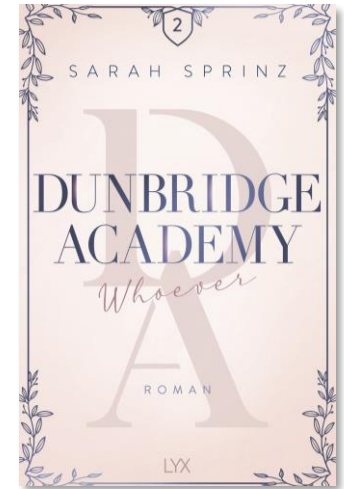
Welcome back to DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY: a new school year, a new clique, familiar feelings

"Do you ever wonder what if?" "Every day. How do you stop doing that?"

Cleo Fantino and Alexander Hallendale were made for each other. Everyone at DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY knew that. But now, in the sixth form, Cleo surveys the wreckage of her relationship and starts to think she's better off without Alexander. She could never forgive him for letting her down when she needed him most. Him leaving the school was definitely for the best. But then Alexander returns, and behind his aloof exterior Cleo soon senses that he's in as much pain as she is. She wants with every fibre of her being to hate him – but she just can't stop her heart from yearning for him...

Popular trope:

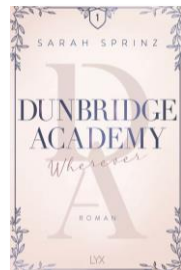
#Dark Academia #Sports Romance #Second Chance #Soul Mates #Found Family #Forced Proximity



Sarah Sprinz
**DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY
– WHOEVER**
(*Dunbridge Academy* Vol. 6)

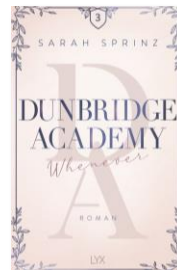
560 pages
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**DUNBRIDGE
ACADEMY
– WHEREVER**
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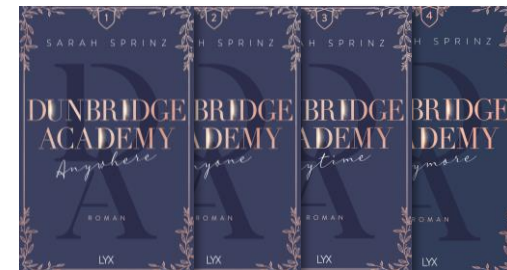
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**DUNBRIDGE
ACADEMY
– WHENEVER**
(Vol. 7)

592 pp
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Tropes:

#Hidden Identity

#Secret Identity

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.

Music is Aria's passion. By day she works as a pixel artist, and by night she streams her own songs on Twitch. But she wants more – she wants to compose the soundtrack to NOVEL HAVEN, the cosy game produced by her studio. And one day she gets the chance to do just that, when she's given the job of helping with audio recordings for the game. Her plan: to secretly use the studio's professional equipment for her own work. But she's thwarted by the charismatic actor employed to do the voiceover for the game. When Aria enters the recording studio after work, she finds he's already there. And what she hears is definitely not U-rated. Because Felix has a secret – but that's far from the darkest thing he has hidden from Aria...



Anabelle Stehl
NOVEL HAVEN
– **SOUND OF DREAMS**
(*Novel Haven* Vol. 3)

432 pages
Paperback
March 2026

Also available:



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

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NOVEL HAVEN
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She's fighting for the system. He wants to see it burn

An unequal team caught in a web of lies, betrayal and violence

The first book in a breathtaking dark romantasy duology

For fans of Broadbent's CROWNS OF NYAXIA series and of dystopian stories like THE HUNGER GAMES and SILVER ELITE

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Tropes:

#Slow Burn #Hidden Identity #Rich Girl/Poor Boy #Found Family #Forced Proximity #Enemies to Lovers #Who did this to you? #Secret Identity #Haters to Lovers #Chosen One



Marie Grasshoff
I AM THE BLADE
(House of Blades Vol. 1)

608 pages
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Marie Grasshoff was born in 1990. She studied book science and linguistics and then worked for several years as a social media manager for a large agency. She is now a freelance author and graphic designer based in Leipzig.

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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.

Only in the past can she save the present

Something terrible has happened, and the whole of Korea is being laid waste by dark creatures. Jia is beside herself with grief and rage. In the archives of the Hong clan, she finds a clue as to how she can reverse Sora's fate. The demonic monsters are from a painting by the artist Sin Yun-Bok that has somehow come to life. To save her sister, Jia must travel back to the 18th century, destroy the painting and kill the artist. If she fails, her family and all of Korea are doomed. To her horror, however, Jia realises she has gone too far back in time. But then a mysterious traveller helps her carry out her plan...

Tropes:

#Slow Burn #Korea #Time Travel #Hidden Identity #Redemption Arc #He Falls First #Secret Identity

Also available:



PRINCESS OF THE THOUSAND THIEVES – BETRAYED
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Thea Hong
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– CHOSEN (Vol. 2)

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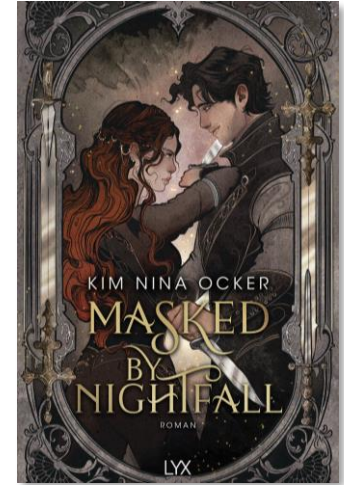
LYX has sold over 250,000 books by Kim Nina Ocker

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Tropes:

#Magic #Forbidden Magic
#Hidden Identity #Trials
#He Falls First #Found Family
#Forced Proximity
#Enemies to Lovers
#Who did this to you?
#Touch her and die
#One Bed

To save her family, Elodie Havare signs up for a dreaded selection process – a brutal training camp where only the best candidates survive. They go on to serve as Shadow Soldiers at the Rift. This is dangerous work, for many people have disappeared on the border with the kingdom of the fallen gods. To make it that far, Elodie will have to fly under the radar and not become a target. But then she is partnered up with none other than Jax Elder, a candidate as dangerous as he is fascinating. Together they fight for their own survival – and an attraction grows between them that could destroy everything. Because Elodie has a secret that no one can ever know...



Kim Nina Ocker
MASKED BY NIGHTFALL
(*Last Shadows* Vol. 1)

688 pages
Hardcover
May 2026

Also available:

Kim Nina Ocker, born in 1993, lives with her family near Hanover. She prefers to write love stories, both realistic and fantastic. When she's not sitting at her computer, she spends her time with family and friends.



**VEILED BY
MIDNIGHT**
(Vol. 2)

704 pp
October 2026

THE new dark fantasy must-read

Book 1 of the new dark romantasy series by Christina Rain, the popular author of KNIGHTSTONE ACADEMY

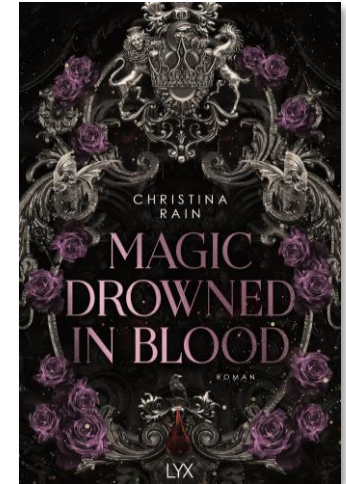
A successful self-published German author with a huge fanbase

Elite vampire college, reverse harem, deadly trials and forbidden temptations: dark New Adult fantasy at its best!

Two princes. An ancient magical contract. Three men she absolutely must not fall in love with...

Every three years, the magical royal house of the North demands its tribute. To renew the alliance between the royal house and Nightcastle College, a dangerous contest is held and two female vampire students are chosen to follow the princes Loras and Tarabas to their court. Half-vampire Lark is an outsider at the college, and doesn't think much of the whole spectacle – but then her name is read out at the selection ceremony! Lark will face deadly tests and will be drawn into intrigues, power struggles, forbidden temptations and dark secrets between the royal brothers. Suddenly it is not only her immortal life and her future that are at stake, but also her heart...

Tropes: #Dark Academia #Vampire #Royals #Trials #Forced Proximity #Enemies to Lovers #Why Choose?



Christina Rain
MAGIC DROWNED IN BLOOD
(*Blood and Magic* Vol. 1)

448 pages
Paperback
February 2026

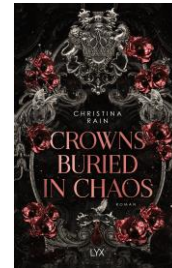
Christina Rain lives with her family near Dortmund. She broke off her teacher training course to become a freelance writer, and has been successfully publishing dark romance and romantasy novels ever since. When she is not writing her own stories, she works as an editor and cover designer for other authors.

Also available:



PALACE WOVEN IN DARKNESS
(Vol. 2)

480 pp
June 2026



CROWNS BURIED IN CHAOS
(Vol. 3)

544 pp
November 2026

Welcome to the Day-and-Night Games!

Book 1 of the fantasy duology THE DAY AND NIGHT DUET by Nina Schilling

The great German fantasy discovery of the year

An epic fantasy duology: a gripping enemies-to-lovers story about two enemy courts and a magical tournament

#3 SPIEGEL bestseller

Rights sold to:

– Italy

As a child **Nina Schilling** loved reading, and it wasn't long before she started writing her own stories. In addition to New Adult and coming-of-age romances, she particularly loves fantasy, magic and the magic of the impossible. These passions are combined in her latest books.

For generations, the heirs of the Day-and-Night Court have competed against one another in a magical tournament to decide who will rule over the Third Court. So ever since he was a child, Nox (the heir to the throne of the Night Court) has had only one aim: to defeat the princess of the Day Court. But when he meets Cass, his opponent's maid, his laser-sharp focus begins to falter. Although they are supposed to be arch-enemies, the pretty Light Warriress turns the Shadow Prince's head. And when they unexpectedly find themselves having to work together, they both start to look beyond the prejudices of their courts. But the Day-and-Night Games are fast approaching – and there is more at stake than just their hearts.

Tropes: #Magic #Royals #Opposites Attract #Found Family #Forced Proximity #Forbidden Love #Enemies to Lovers #One Bed

Also available:



**AND MIDNIGHT
FADES TO DAWN**
(Vol. 2)

528 pp
Aug 2026



Nina Schilling
**WHEN SHADOWS
DARKEN THE SUN**
(*The Day and Night Duet*
Vol. 1)

496 pages
Hardcover
March 2026

The gripping finale of the fantasy duology

Book 2 of the fantasy duology THE DAY AND NIGHT DUET by Nina Schilling

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#1 SPIEGEL bestseller

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Following the dramatic events of the Day-and-Night Games, both courts find themselves in great danger. And so, despite the hostility between their peoples, Cass and Nox have no choice but to work together – it's the only way to save both their kingdoms. But this requires the Light Warriress and the Shadow Prince to look past the hatred they were brought up to feel, past the betrayal that still hurts – and past the conflicted feelings for one another that lie within their hearts.

Tropes: #Magic #Royals #Opposites Attract #Found Family #Forced Proximity #Forbidden Love #Enemies to Lovers

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DARKEN THE SUN**
(Vol. 1)

496 pp
March 2026



**Nina Schilling
AND MIDNIGHT FADES
TO DAWN**
(*The Day and Night Duet*
Vol. 2)

**528 pages
Hardcover
August 2026**

A powerful début novel which weaves female self-empowerment into the story of a timeless summer in a unique way

Feminist, vivid and captivating

A moving coming-of-age novel about tender first love and body image

English sample translation available

Dara Brexendorf was born in 1991. She lives in Kiel and works as a freelance author and literary workshop leader. She moderates an open mic event for writers at the Literaturhaus Schleswig-Holstein, features on the podcast LITERARISCH, SOLIDARISCH, and works for the literary magazine DER SCHNIPSEL. She studied literary and media studies in Kiel and Mainz followed by literary writing in Hildesheim. In 2025 she was awarded the Liliencron Nachwuchspreis für Lyrik aus Schleswig-Holstein, a poetry prize for young writers.

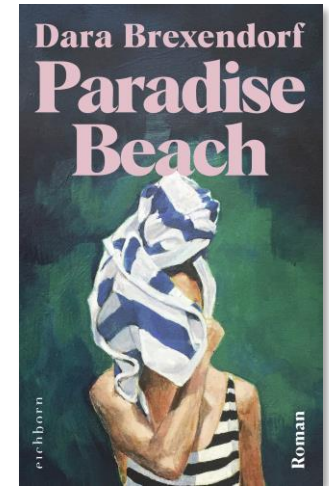
Memories of a summer that changed everything

Ada has been sleeping very badly since she was put on medication following an operation for endometriosis. She listens to the noises in her block of flats and thinks back to the summer she spent with her cousin Lilli at her home on the Baltic coast when they were younger. Ada spent that summer perfecting her own body and thinking about Elja, a girl she met there who turned her world upside down. But halfway through the unusually hot summer of 2003 came a terrible pain, and with it a silence, that would gradually cut Ada off from the rest of the world.

PARADISE BEACH is a sensitive coming-of-age novel about the memory of a shimmering hot summer whose effects have never gone away. An artistic and melancholy début novel.

Recommended by New Books in German (Spring 2026):

"With its delicate prose and focus on a woman's sense of self, Paradise Beach contributes to the cultural dismantling of menstruation taboos, recalling the work of Yael Inokai and the atmospheric weight of Sylvia Plath's The Bell Jar. It is a beautifully crafted, necessary debut."



Dara Brexendorf
PARADISE BEACH

256 pages
Hardcover
April 2026

**About female friendship
as an alternative to
patriarchal social
structure**

**A poetic and eloquent
exploration of the limits of
what can be
communicated**

**SITTING IN THE THICKET,
CRYING was
recommended for
translation by New Books
in German (Autumn 2024)
and nominated for the
Buddenbrookhaus Debut
Prize 2024/25**

Felicitas Prokopetz studied philosophy at the University of Vienna, and language arts and literary writing in Leipzig at the University of Applied Arts and the German Institute for Literature respectively. She lives and works as an author and copywriter in Vienna.

A declaration of love for the power of female friendships

Viktoria and Helene are two women who could hardly be more different, yet they have been inseparable since childhood. Together, they can do anything—even raise Viktoria's daughter, Lara, after the girl's father abandons his responsibilities. Years later, Viktoria fulfills her big dream: she resumes her biology studies and conducts research on communication in ravens. In the process, she encounters phenomena that defy explanation. As peculiar events pile up, and the boundaries between reason and instinct begin to blur, Viktoria and Helene become entangled in a mystery that tests not only their minds but their friendship as well.

"Warm-hearted, compassionate and funny, this is an astute study of motherhood and memory, friendship, love and loyalty in even the toughest of times."

– **New Books in German on SITTING IN THE THICKET, CRYING**

"A captivating and thought-provoking family novel – as subtle and clever as I have rarely read. Very poetic!"

– **Elke Heidenreich on SITTING IN THE THICKET, CRYING**

Also available:



**SITTING IN THE
THICKET, CRYING**

208 pp
Feb 2024



**Felicitas Prokopetz
WHEN THE WORLD
BEGAN TO SHAKE**

**Schon schwankte die
Welt
208 pages
Hardcover
May 2026**

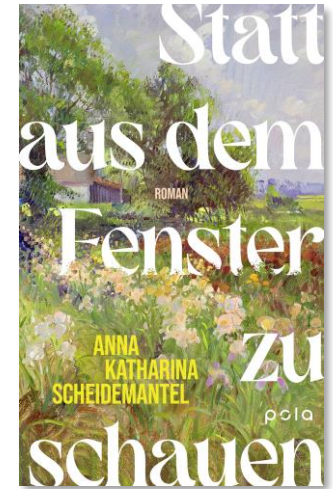
How quiet does it have to be for you to hear yourself again?

A captivating novel about courage, doubt and the quietest wonders of life

Poetic, true to life, hopeful: for fans of Caroline Wahl, Mariana Leky and Dörte Hansen

English sample translation available

Sophie is stuck – stuck on the hamster wheel of study and achievement, stuck in a deadly dull internship. But everyone agrees she is destined for great things. It's just that even Sophie herself doesn't know what these things are. And so, on a whim, she goes online, finds a dilapidated old house in the east German countryside and buys it for a song. Unfortunately the renovation work turns out to be a lot more difficult than it looks on YouTube. And what is she supposed to do with all the long hours of silence between the days? But eventually, here amid the fields and the shimmering light, Sophie finally starts to cast off other people's expectations and ask herself: what do I really want? And why?



**Anna Katharina
Scheidemantel
INSTEAD OF LOOKING
OUT THE WINDOW**

**Statt aus dem Fenster
zu schauen
352 pages
Hardcover
April 2026**

Anna Katharina Scheidemantel (1995) went to school near Stuttgart. She then lived in the Netherlands, Belgium, Britain and the USA. Following her Masters degree in political sciences, she gained work experience at international organisations and at a start-up social enterprise. She now lives in Berlin, where she does have a balcony but sadly not enough room to keep chickens.

A novel about friendship, love and the mistakes we make when we try to get everything right

An ode to books and to the homes we find within their pages

The perfect read for an unforgettable summer

#3 SPIEGEL bestseller – in the top 20 for more than 16 weeks

Over 80,000 copies sold

Rights sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Italy
- the Netherlands

Lucy Astner lives with her family in Hamburg, but part of her heart will always belong to New York and the East Coast of the USA. Books were her first love, so she chose to study German and English at university and now uses her books and film scripts to tell the kind of stories she loves best. **NO SUMMER WITHOUT AUGUST** is her first summer read.

Sometimes it takes courage to let love in

Two children who share a love of books. Twelve summers growing up together. One decision that changes everything. And ten days to write a new chapter.

Charlie left her hometown on the East Coast of the USA many years ago. Now she hears that her childhood friend August's grandmother has died and left Charlie her bookshop. But August is the reason Charlie went away in the first place. When she sees August again, feelings and memories that Charlie has long since repressed start to come back to the surface. The more stubbornly she tries to stop them, the more she realises that she has to confront the past – and her feelings for August.

***THE* summer read of the year for anyone who loves books, bookshops and great love stories**



**Lucy Astner
NO SUMMER WITHOUT
AUGUST**

**Kein Sommer ohne
August
416 pages
Paperback
June 2026**

Volume 2 of a wonderful series of novels about a camellia oil factory

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

English sample translation of Vol. 1 available

Rights to Tabea Bach's previous books sold to:

- Croatia
- Czech Rep.
- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain

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.

Camellia magic in Japan. The perfect feel-good read

Since the beginning of the new year, Lucy Riwall has been working at the Tsubaki factory on the Japanese island of Soshima. She lives in a charming cottage that she's named her "camellia house." She thinks longingly of Finn and wonders whether they will ever get back together again. After a promising start at the factory, however, the first difficulties arise, leaving Lucy hardly any time to dwell on Finn. When she and her Japanese colleagues travel to attend the big anniversary celebration in her Breton homeland, surprising plot twists and unexpected encounters occur. And Lucy realizes that the path through life is rarely straight and simple.

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
REUNION AT THE CAMELLIA HOUSE (Vol. 2)

Wiedersehen im Kamelienhaus (Bd.2)
464 pages
Paperback
April 2026

Also available:



THE CAMELLIA HOUSE (Vol. 1)

397 pp
 Oct 2025



WINTER AT THE CAMELLIA HOUSE (Vol. 3)

144 pp
 Oct 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)**

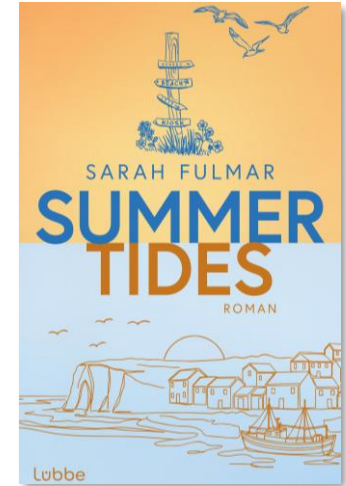
She knows what she wants. Until he's right in front of her

**A love story that feels like
sun on your skin and sand
between your toes**

**Summer, sand, sea: a cosy
slow-burn romance set in
Cornwall**

THE summer read of 2026

Scarlett wants to make a new start in Cornwall – with an old seaside kiosk, a healthy dose of stubbornness, and the hope that this time she is finally going to make it. Here, beneath the vast skies of St. Ives with its golden beaches and crystal-clear waters, she's found exactly the right place. Jonah, a lifeguard who has abandoned his career as a doctor, is planning to leave everything behind and travel the world – no commitments, no responsibilities. But from the moment they meet, the attraction between them is undeniable. The problem is, Scarlett has a boyfriend in London. And Jonah has his own reasons for not wanting to get involved with anyone. Yet they can't seem to keep apart... What if the most sensible thing to do is not the right one?



Sarah Fulmar
SUMMER TIDES
(*Seasons by the Sea*
Vol. 1)

320 pages
Paperback
April 2026

Tropes:
#Bad Boy #Slow Burn
#Small Town Romance
#Cottage Core #Grumpy
Meets Sunshine #He Falls
First #Found Family
#Forced Proximity #Best
Friend's Brother

Sarah Fulmar studied English literature in Munich and London. She loves immersing herself in the world of her own stories and setting them down on paper. The key ingredient: powerful emotions and racing pulses. She lives with her partner in Munich and works as an editor for a large magazine publisher.

Coming soon:



**AUTUMN
SECRETS**
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 320 pp
September 2026



**WINTER
WISHES**
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 320 pp
Nov 2026



**SPRING
DREAMS**
(Vol. 4)

Approx. 320 pp
Spring/Summer 2027

From the Emerald Isle to the Red Continent

For 25 years, Elizabeth Haran has been writing successful family and romance novels about life in her homeland

Elizabeth Haran's total German print run to date exceeds 1.5 million copies

Rights to Elizabeth Haran's previous books sold to:

- Czech Rep. – Russia
- France – Slovakia
- Latvia – Spain
- Poland

Elizabeth Haran grew up in Zimbabwe and England before she migrated with her parents to Australia. After finishing her schooling in Adelaide she went on to work in different occupations. She has already successfully published several novels. She lives with her family in a beachside suburb in Adelaide, South Australia.

County Kerry, Ireland, 1967. Life is hard for Molly McGuire who runs the household for her father and six brothers. Although she dreams of having a life of her choosing and a career of her own, her future seems mapped out in advance. One fateful day, however, she decides to take a chance on fulfilling her dream. With the help of a brother, she seizes the opportunity and secures passage on a ship to Australia. Even as she travels into an uncertain future, she never loses confidence that she will find happiness and love on the other side of the world.

A touching saga of emigration from Ireland to Australia. A young woman sets out for the Red Continent



Elizabeth Haran
**IN THE LAND OF THE
BIG SKY**

**Im Land des weiten
Himmels**
416 pages
Hardcover
August 2026

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



**A COURAGEOUS
WOMAN**
(Vol. 1)

394 pp
Aug 2022



**DEPARTURE FOR
THE OUTBACK**
(Vol. 2)

476 pp
Aug 2023



**DESTINY UNDER
THE RED SUN**
(Vol. 3)

432 pp
Aug 2024

Volume 1 of bestselling author Sarah Lark's great Canadian duology

A great page-turner about two very different women whose strength will also inspire modern readers

A rousing, multi-faceted panorama of 19th-century Canada

Total circulation for books by Sarah Lark to date is 5.6 million

Rights to Sarah Lark's previous books sold to more than 20 territories

England in 1861. Vivian is a noblewoman who falls in love with her father's stable master, a man who is completely unacceptable in terms of her social position. The two elope, embarking to Canada and then traveling with the Overland Transit Company to the gold fields of British Columbia. On the crossing, they meet Colleen, who is fleeing her masters and has carefully prepared for her journey. They dream of a happy future and will have to prevail in a fascinating and harsh land during the gold rush. Yet they all come to realize that gold is no guarantee for happiness.



Sarah Lark
DANCE OF THE MAPLE LEAVES
(*Canadian Dreams* Vol. 1)

Tanz der Ahornblätter (Bd. 1)
592 pages
Paperback
June 2026

Sarah Lark, born 1958, worked as a tour guide for many years. She discovered her love for New Zealand very early in life. Its breath-taking landscapes have attracted her magically ever since. Sarah Lark is the pseudonym of a successful German writer.

Also available (a.o.): *High Flyer Saga*



FLYING HIGH AND REACHING FOR THE STARS
(Vol. 1)

576 pp
Feb 2024



FLYING HIGH AND LIVING OUR DREAMS
(Vol. 2)

624 pp
Dec 2024

Also available: *The Long White Cloud Saga*



A dream, a strong woman and a love that changes everything!

Sophie Oliver's total print run with Bastei Lübbe: 118,000

The moving first instalment in a saga about a weaving company on the wild coast of northern England

A new family saga from the author of *Grandhotel Schwarzenberg*

Rights to *Grandhotel Schwarzenberg* sold to:
– Czech Republic

Sophie Oliver lives with her family in Bavaria. Before settling down with a husband, children and a dog, she travelled the world. Writing is one of the constants in Sophie's life, as she has been doing it since early childhood and is very passionate about it. She doesn't want to be limited to one genre but indulge in the rich diversity of all sorts of stories.

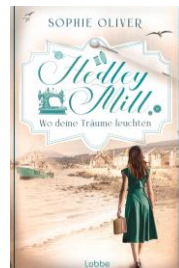
England, 1954: when Laura Hedley finishes fashion college she moves to the windswept village of Craster on the North Sea coast, where her father is from. Here she plans to design and weave tweed fabrics to be sold all over the world. But the villagers, most of whom make a living from herring fishing, are deeply mistrustful of her. Laura sticks to her guns: she takes on local women who have had enough of herring fishing, and her weaving company soon starts getting noticed. Only Fred Barrington, the heir to the local fish smoking plant, is totally unimpressed. In fact he seems to have an active aversion to Laura. Until the wild Northumberland landscape shows each of them their own path...



Sophie Oliver
HEDLEY MILL
– WHERE THE ROAD TAKES YOU (*The Weaving Company Saga Vol. 1*)

Hedley Mill – Wohin der Weg dich führt (Bd. 1)
320 pages
Paperback
June 2026

Coming soon:



HEDLEY MILL
– WHERE YOUR DREAMS SHINE
(Vol. 2)

304 pp
Dec 2026



HEDLEY MILL
– WHAT TIME WILL TELL
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 300 pp
Spring/Summer 2027

Also available: *Grandhotel Schwarzenberg*



- **THE PATH OF DESTINY** (Vol. 1)
- **RETURN TO BAD REICHENHALL** (Vol. 2)
- **THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TIME** (Vol. 3)

**Warm-hearted, funny, wonderful
– this romcom celebrates imperfect new beginnings**

A heart-warming romance set in a village and with a cast of characters you can't help but love

For anyone who needs a holiday in the countryside and a break from the daily grind

A funny and moving story about self-discovery and new beginnings in your thirties

Laura has had enough. Of her job. Of the dating scene. Of Hamburg. And of herself. All her friends have had children, but Laura keeps asking herself: is that really what I want? One day, on a trip to the countryside, she decides on a whim to stay there – and a surprising journey begins, out of the fog of her anxieties about the future and into her real life. Little by little, with the help of a lovably eccentric old lady and a shy veterinary, Laura begins to find herself. This warm-hearted, wise and funny novel tells a story of new beginnings, unexpected friendships and the liberating realisation that happiness can take many forms – which do not have to include children or a high-powered career.



**Kristina Günak
OFF YOU GO**

**Ab durch die Mitte
304 pages
Paperback
June 2026**

Kristina Günak was born in Northern Germany in 1977. Having worked as an estate agent for several years, she now works as a mediator and systemic coach. Her first novel was published in 2011 and her humorous books have taken the hearts of the romance novel readers by storm.

A modern romcom with an idyllic setting, for all fans of reality TV and dating shows

Charming, funny and with lots of heart

The perfect holiday read

Fake dates, real feelings – a romantic comedy set on the Baltic coast

Janne's dream is to get a job at the YouTube channel NordStyle. When she puts forward a proposal for a dating show and suddenly becomes a contestant on it herself, it feels like her big break is close at hand – until another contestant pulls out. Janne has no choice but to invent a new contestant: Jeremy, who unfortunately has a terrible cold and is too ill to appear on camera... and who looks very much like her arrogant neighbour Ben. Ben is so unlikeable that he's sure to be voted out straight away... isn't he? But it turns out the fans love "Jeremy" – and if he stays in the show, Janne is going to have to persuade Ben to spend a romantic weekend with her on the Baltic coast... An exciting story about little lies, big feelings, and having the courage to be true to yourself.



**Yvonne Struck
(NOT) A DATE**

Yvonne Struck was born and grew up in Lübeck. She started writing stories and poems while she was at primary school. After her A-levels she studied biology at university and then had various different jobs before becoming a full-time author. She writes books for young people and novels for adults.

Also available:



**BLIND DATE WITH
A SEAGULL
(Vol. 2)**

365 pp
May 2024

**(K)ein Date mit dir
352 pages
Paperback
July 2026**

A turbulent new beginning on the North Sea coast

A fresh, feel-good story about family, belonging and new beginnings, told with humour and heart

North Sea coast vibes, two strong protagonists from different worlds, and a lovably eccentric village community

For fans of the TV series SCHITT'S CREEK and MODERN FAMILY

The luxury lifestyle of socialite Isabell Duval and her adult children Clara and Lucas comes to an abrupt end when the head of the family, Sebastian, becomes embroiled in a huge financial scandal and ends up in prison, his bank accounts frozen. With just 27 euros to their name, the three flee to idyllic Deerhusen in North Frisia. There they stay at a guest house run by Isabell's down-to-earth sister Stine, and have to get used to instant coffee, travelling by bike and mucking in around the house. It's time to reinvent themselves. But how are they supposed to do that with no staff and no money?



Bente van der Meer
WELCOME TO DEERHUSEN.
FAILURE WITH A SEA VIEW (Vol. 1)

Willkommen in Deerhusen
Scheitern mit Seeblick
(Bd. 1)
304 pages
Paperback
April 2026

Bente van der Meer is the pseudonym of authors Indra Janorschke and Jenna Schönberg. They have both been successfully publishing contemporary fiction with major publishing houses for many years. They write about confident women, family secrets and the power of love. Indra Janorschke lives with her husband and five dogs in Hagen. Jenna Schönberg lives in Berlin.

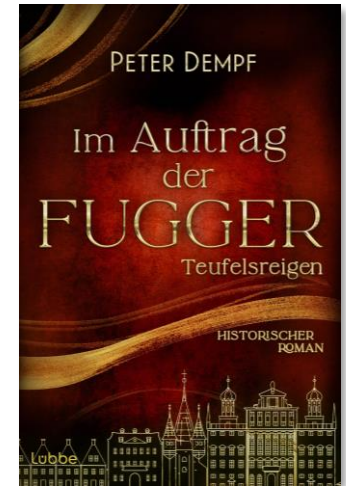
Intrigue, power, and vengeance in the age of the Fuggers

A gripping historical novel set against a carefully researched backdrop. Complex characters and a brilliant sense of the period

A new, exciting adventure in the service of Jakob Fugger takes Afra and Herwart from Augsburg to Venice

Total circulation to date for Peter Dempf's books published by Lübbe is approximately 400,000

The year is 1505. The Holy Roman Empire pulsates with life. At its center stands Jakob Fugger, Europe's most influential financier. Yet the rich and successful also have their enemies. The head of the Fugger family has good reason to employ two unusual private investigators: a thief named Afra, and Herwart, who is a messenger. When Fugger dispatches them to Venice, the two attend a masked ball in the Fondaco dei Tedeschi and quickly discover the first signs of a conspiracy. The trail leads back to Augsburg, to rival merchant families, teamsters, agents of the Pope, and a rose garden. It is only at the last minute that they realize there are plans to turn a festival into a deadly trap.



Peter Dempf
IN THE SERVICE OF THE FUGGERS
– Round Dance With The Devil (Vol. 2)

Im Auftrag der Fugger
– Teufelsreigen (Bd. 2)
576 pages
Paperback
March 2026

Peter Dempf, born in Augsburg in 1959, studied history and German languages. In addition to novels, Dempf, who has been awarded several literary prizes, also writes pieces for radio, screenplays, short stories, lyric poetry and non-fiction, especially about historical subjects.

Also available (a.o.):



IN THE SERVICE OF THE FUGGERS
– The Burgundian Treasure (Vol. 1)

512 pp
March 2025

The exciting fate of two sisters struggling as women for freedom and self-determination in revolutionary Paris

A culinary journey through time. Immerse yourself in the creation of the first restaurant in world history

Sensual and richly detailed. Smells, aromas, and textures come to life

The creation of the first restaurant in Paris. A story of courage, freedom, and pleasure

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Julia Kröhn
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THEIR DREAMS

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Julia Kröhn was born in Linz, Austria, in 1975 and lives in Frankfurt am Main. A historian by training, her great passion is not just storytelling, but engaging with history itself. When she's not working on a new historical novel or traveling for research and inspiration, she shares her knowledge as a guide at the Historical Museum in Frankfurt.

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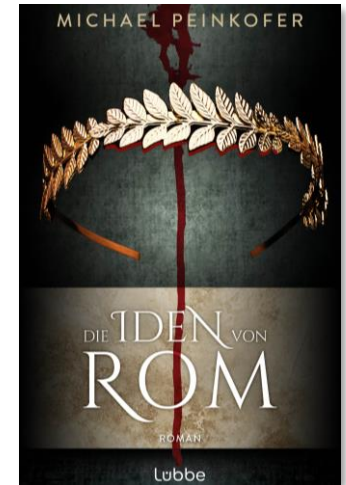
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Ulrike Renk
DAYS OF CHANGE
(*The Kamule Estate* Vol. 2)

Tage des Wandels (Bd. 2)
496 pages
Hardcover
April 2026

Ulrike Renk was born in 1967, earned a degree in literature and media studies, and lives with her family in Krefeld. Family histories have always fascinated her, allowing her novels to interweave reality with fiction to great effect. A SPIEGEL bestselling author, she draws on true events and writes about people whose lives should never be forgotten.

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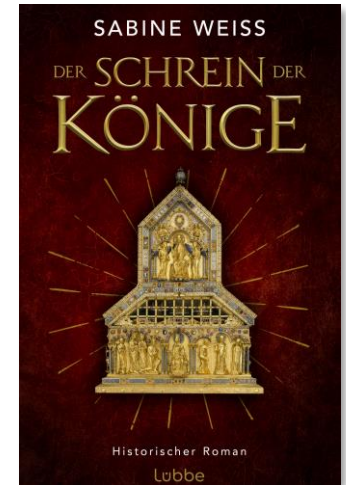
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An invaluable treasure and a work of art such as the world has never seen

Atmospheric, sensual, colorful – An epic historical novel set in the 12th century surrounding Nicholas of Verdun and the creation of the world-famous Shrine of the Three Kings

About the power of art, the strength of family, and the search for peace in a world full of upheaval

After conquering Milan, Rainald of Dassel, the powerful Archbishop of Cologne, pulls off a coup. He tracks down the remains of the Three Kings and convinces Emperor Barbarossa to permit him to take them to his archdiocese. Years pass, and Cologne is overrun with pilgrims hoping to be healed by the relics. The bones still rest in an inconspicuous box. Meanwhile, the outstanding reputation of Nicholas, a goldsmith in Verdun, has long since reached the ears of the mighty. He is chosen to create a shrine that does justice to the precious relics and the city where they are preserved. The goldsmiths of Cologne, however, are anything but thrilled that a stranger is snatching the lucrative commission from under their noses.



Sabine Weiss
THE SHRINE OF THE THREE KINGS

Der Schrein der Könige
544 pages
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Sabine Weiss was born in 1968 in Hamburg. She studied German literature and history and worked as a journalist.



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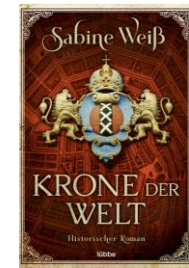
THE FLOWERING OF THE AGE

559 pp
Jan 2023



GOLD AND HONOR

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Right-wing extremism in Poland, and the path leading back to democracy

How democratic structures crumble when extremist forces gain influence

The author encourages readers to actively support democracy

A wake-up call for all who downplay right-wing extremism or push it to the back of their minds

Poland was off to a faster start. In 2005 and 2015, the country elected a right-wing populist government drawn from the Law and Justice Party (PiS), at a time when the AfD in Germany was still ramping up. Poland experienced how rapidly and, above all, how radically the foundations of democracy can be attacked and restructured if a political force is only ruthless enough. Ever since, we have been able to observe how difficult it is to return to functioning institutions, balanced media coverage, and simply to a constructive democratic culture. One thing is becoming clear: trying out right-wing populism for a few years is a very dangerous experiment.

Martin Adam was born in 1986. He gained his academic background in communication sciences, history, and Eastern European studies at the universities of Erfurt, Berlin, and Wrocław. He was a reporter for *Inforadio RBB* and hosted the German-Polish magazine program *Kowalski & Schmidt*. Since September 2022, he has served as Warsaw correspondent for the ARD.



Martin Adam

EKSPERYMENT

What we can learn from Poland's fight against right-wing populism

Eksperyment

Was wir aus Polens Kampf gegen den Rechtspopulismus lernen können

304 pages

Paperback

April 2026

Why girls are cracking under enormous social and community pressure, and what we can do about it

This book encourages discussion and sensitizes readers to the hidden dangers of growing up in the modern world

Jana Frey was born in Düsseldorf in 1969 and numbers among the most empathetic voices in German-language literature for children and young adults. Her body of work includes more than one hundred publications. Ranging from poetic picture books to socially relevant novels for young people, they have been translated into more than twenty languages. Jana Frey presents writing workshops, leads improvisational theater groups for young people, and is also active in parental counseling.

How Performance Pressure, an Obsession with Beauty, and Social Media Are Destroying Our Girls

Our girls are growing up in a world that promises them everything while at the same time demanding everything in return. They are expected to be successful in school, confident in everyday life, and flawless in their appearance. But behind the glossy images and “likes,” quiet desperation is spreading. Bestselling author Jana Frey takes an unsparing yet empathetic look at the lives of today’s teenagers. Drawing on powerful stories, up-to-date research, and her own personal insights, she points out how dangerous the invisible snare of expectations, self-optimization, and supposed perfection has become.

This book is a wake-up call for parents, for teachers, and all of us. If we want to protect our daughters, we must act now.



Jana Frey
WE ARE LOSING OUR DAUGHTERS

Wir verlieren unsere Töchter
Wie Leistungsdruck, Schönheitswahn und Social Media unsere Mädchen zerstören
256 pages
Paperback
July 2026

168,000 followers on Instagram (@ichbinginapunkt), 12.4 million likes on TikTok (@ginamillennialbigsis)

In video formats like “Das Ding ist...” (“The Thing is ...”), Gina Hitsch talks in a relatable and accessible way about the issue of racism

Gina Hitsch and Martin Freres are a couple, and the book features numerous examples drawn from their own personal experience

Gina Hitsch was born in Ghana in 1995 and grew up in Germany. She is a content creator and educational consultant. She studied social work and management in Cologne.

Martin Freres was born in 1989 and studied business psychology and dispute resolution in Bremen and Los Angeles. He went on to work as a management consultant in Munich. He now works for a large insurance company in Cologne.

How we can overcome the polarised discourse around racism

Gina is a strong anti-racist voice on Instagram and Twitter. Martin sometimes used to think she overdid it a bit. But they got engaged nevertheless.

In this witty, sharply observed book, content creator Gina Hitsch and her partner Martin Freres use concrete examples to look at why conversations about racism are so difficult and how we could make them better – on social media, at work, and within our families and relationships. They do not engage in finger-wagging, but nor do they ignore everyday racism. With the courage to own their own feelings, and with a great deal of empathy for one another, they explore situations from their own lives and try to find a way out of the polarised discourse of our era.

“Gina manages to package complicated issues in a humorous way. In doing so, she achieves something very important: she makes anti-racism accessible to everyone.”

– Tara-Louise Wittwer (#1 SPIEGEL bestselling non-fiction author of SORRY, BUT... and NEMESIS’ DAUGHTERS)



Gina Hitsch / Martin Freres

THE THING IS:

There's Another Way to Talk About Racism

Das Ding ist:

man kann auch anders über Rassismus sprechen

224 pages

Paperback

April 2026

An underestimated dependency

**#7 SPIEGEL Bestseller
(Business Books)**

The first popular non-fiction book to highlight the dangers of China's rare earth monopoly

Greater independence for Europe? The author shows the measures politicians must take now

The book outlines the sectors where rare earth metals will be required as raw materials in the future

As raw materials, rare earth metals are strategically important for the economy of the West. They are indispensable for many military technologies as well. The world's largest producer of rare earth metals is the People's Republic of China. That poses a considerable security risk for supply to the West. This problem has flown under the radar of political decision-makers for far too long. Granted, Brussels is striving for greater autonomy, but Europe is missing the chance to take the necessary steps. This book highlights the risks of China's monopoly on rare earth elements and discusses possible solutions.

Rare earth metals – everyone needs them, and China has them. Europe is dangerously dependent and susceptible to extortion.

How much longer will this go on?

Jakob Kullik holds a PhD in political science and is a research associate at the Chair of International Relations at Chemnitz University of Technology. His research focuses on commodity markets and raw materials policy, with a particular emphasis on rare earths and critical raw materials.



Jakob Kullik
RARE EARTH ELEMENTS
The Global Battle for the
Raw Materials of the
Future

Seltene Erden
Der globale Kampf um die
Rohstoffe der Zukunft
288 pages
Hardcover
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An emergency psychologist explains the steps we can take to confront the crises of our times with greater resilience

After reading this book, readers will be able to recognize their own self-efficacy and capabilities

The book shows that you can't save the world by yourself; you need others for support

- Rights to FAKE FACTS have been sold to Slovakia and Poland
- Rights to TRUE FACTS have been sold to Poland

Pia Lamberty is a psychologist and expert in the field of conspiracy theories. She is a member of "Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories," an international professional network. Interviews and reports on her research have appeared in numerous national and international media.

Countless crises and too little hope? Giving up is not an option

The world is in flux – and changing at a speed many people find overwhelming. Familiar certainties are eroding; psychological stress is on the rise. Exhaustion, resignation, and fears about the future are widespread. The permanent state of crisis and the increasingly threatening situation leave many people feeling powerless – but actually they're not. People can change the world and have the ability to exert greater influence than they realize. This book provides readers with a set of tools not only to stay personally resilient, but to help shape a better tomorrow as well.

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**FAKE
FACTS**

352 pp
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**TRUE
FACTS**

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June 2021



**DANGEROUS
BELIEF**

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**Pia Lamberty
THE END OF THE WORLD
CAN WAIT**

How to Find Hope in
Times of Crisis

**Der Untergang kann
warten**

Wie wir in Krisenzeiten
Hoffnung schöpfen

256 pages

Hardcover

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Is the war against terror a war against human rights?

Twenty-five years of the war on terror: a global chronology of failure

Why international law and the protection of civilians must become the focus of attention

The author worked for the Red Cross for many years and has experienced the suffering first hand

After 25 years, the end of the war on terror is still nowhere in sight.

The year 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the start of the “war on terror.” What has this warfare yielded – not to mention the armed hostilities and conflicts that ensued? By violating the law and demonizing the enemy, the war on terror has produced a spiral of violence and retaliation. It has contributed to the erosion of the international order created after the Second World War. Most recently, the situation in Gaza has clearly shown the excesses that the struggle against terrorists produces and how civilian populations suffer. Ronald Ofteringer presents perspectives on how to counter the spiral of violence and how appropriate preventive measures that exceed national interests can be implemented.

Ronald Ofteringer has an academic background in Islamic Studies, ethnology, and politics. He has supervised emergency aid and human rights projects for medico international in Turkey, Kurdistan-Iraq, Israel-Palestine, and Lebanon. For years, he has been advising and supporting the development of strategies for dialogue with warring non-state entities in conflicts related to the war on terror, with the goal of ensuring impartial protection and emergency aid for the civilian population, prisoners, and the wounded.



Ronald Ofteringer
THE WORLD IN RUINS
The Failure of the Wars on Terror and their Consequences

Die Welt in Trümmern
Über das Scheitern der Antiterrorkriege und ihre Folgen
256 pages
Hardcover
September 2026

What makes people want to be heroes?

The story of the greatest catastrophe in German Arctic research, the demise of the Schröder-Stranz expedition. A captivating portrayal by Jürgen Kehrer

Comprehensively researched, with numerous illustrations and maps

For readers of Michael Palin's EREBUS. THE STORY OF A SHIP und THE WAGNER. A TALE OF SHIPWRECK, MUTINY AND MURDER by David Grann

Jürgen Kehrer is a journalist and author. He writes historical and contemporary crime novels, television scripts, and nonfiction books. Jürgen Kehrer lives with his wife in Berlin.

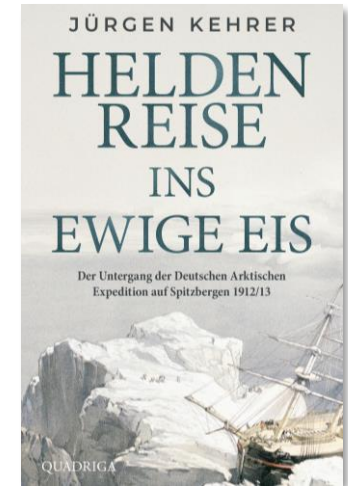
In **August 1912**, the crew of the ship HERZOG ERNST, headed by expedition leader Herbert Schröder-Stranz, set off for Spitsbergen. It was the age of the great polar expeditions, and the race to the South Pole was in full swing. While the German Arctic Expedition was also meant to transform courageous men into heroes, the venture foundered on inexperience and boundless overconfidence and ended in disaster. From increasingly reckless course changes and spectacular rescue missions, to the exhausting battle against the icy cold, Jürgen Kehrer recounts the gripping story of this catastrophic undertaking with breathtaking suspense – and delves into the age-old longing to be a hero.



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Jürgen Kehrer
A HEROIC JOURNEY INTO THE ETERNAL ICE
The Demise of the German Arctic Expedition to Spitsbergen in 1912/13

Heldenreise ins ewige Eis
Der Untergang der Deutschen Arktischen Expedition auf Spitzbergen 1912/13
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Navigating discrimination and self-empowerment

An authentic perspective that shows how ableism and sexism intersect

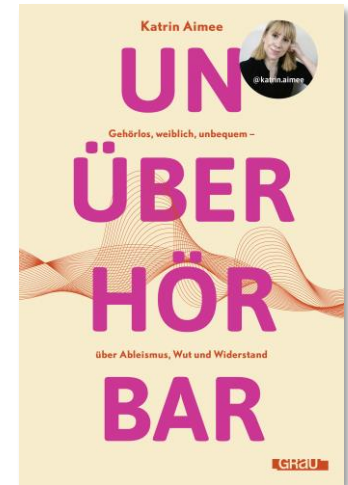
A highly topical subject in a society which still excludes disabled people

Don't be an inconvenience, don't stand out – for a long time these principles shaped Katrin Aimee's life. In her book she writes about the long and arduous process of getting a diagnosis of deafness, and the difficulties she faced within an education system that was not designed for her. She also describes the psychological wounds inflicted upon her by other people as a result of her disability.

When she was thirteen, for example, Katrin asked her teacher to wear a microphone so that Katrin, despite her severe hearing impairment, would still be able to understand her. She was met with a curt refusal. Katrin felt silent, ashamed. She had long since internalised the idea that, as a disabled woman, she was allowed to exist but only as long as she did not cause any inconvenience to anyone.

With great candour and analytical acuity, Katrin Aimee illustrates the impact of structural discrimination. Without complaint or self-pity, she calls for a society which accepts diversity as a matter of course and in which all human beings are entitled to their basic human rights.

Katrin Maag a.k.a. »Katrin Aimee« has personal experience of what it is like to be subjected to structural discrimination: she is deaf, and had to learn to fight for her rights even as a child. A trained psychologist, she has worked for several years in the field of diversity and inclusion in the education sector, and is a strong pro-feminist and anti-ableist voice on Instagram and TikTok. **BEING HEARD** is her first book.



Kathrin Aimee
BEING HEARD
Deaf, Female and
Inconvenient – On
Ableism, Rage and
Resistance

Unüberhörbar
Gehörlos, weiblich,
unbequem – über
Ableismus, Wut und
Widerstand
208 pages
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An authentic account of stillbirth

A taboo subject: the rising stillbirth rate has brought the issue to public attention

A book that gives readers comfort and courage

An account of happiness, pain and starting again: Claudia and Robert Ludwig write about the greatest joy and the worst loss of their lives. When Claudia was 39 weeks pregnant, their son's heart suddenly stopped beating, and their lives were changed irrevocably. They each reflect with honesty and openness on the period of grief that followed and the ways they found to cope with the unimaginable. They never gave up hope of having another child. A year later, their second child was born. This self-help book shows how love lasts, how to hold onto hope even in the midst of pain, and how joy and grief can coexist.



Claudia & Robert Ludwig
YOU WERE STILL
The Loss of a Child Who
Always Stays With You

Claudia & Robert Ludwig share content about their holidays, family life and touching moments at @freiheitimgepaeck. Shaped by the stillbirth of their first son and the subsequent birth of their second son, their 'rainbow baby', they speak bravely, honestly and relatably to a large community and serve as an important voice on issues like grief, loss and starting again.

Du kamst still
Vom Verlust eines
Kindes, das trotzdem
bleibt
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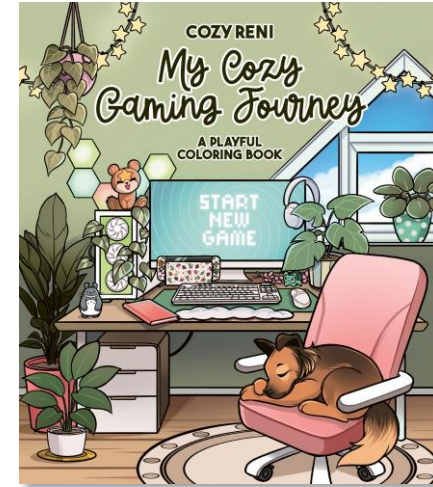
CozyReni has an international community

The perfect match: the colouring book trend for the gaming scene

CozyReni's social media channels revolve around indie and cosy games. With her calm presence and meticulous attention to detail, she invites her community to press pause on the madness of everyday life with these creative and relaxed games. Thanks to CozyReni's insights into the scene and her feel for trends, she is the biggest content creator for these themes in the German-speaking world, with over 150,000 followers on Instagram and TikTok.

The perfect book for fans of the cosy games trend

Cosy games are booming. Players love building virtual farms, furnishing apartments, opening bookshops and guiding cute avatars through pastel-coloured worlds, because it's such a great way to relax. CozyReni spotted this trend early, and built an international community around it. For cosy gaming fans who want to relax in real life as well as online, CozyReni's colouring book is just the thing. It draws on the aesthetic of cosy games and transports readers into lovingly designed scenes from the cosy universe, from a tiny gaming room to cottagecore interiors to a mystical forest to a gaming shop in Tokyo.



CozyReni
MY COZY GAMING
JOURNEY
A Playful Coloring Book

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Dinner & Dice – more than just a murder mystery evening

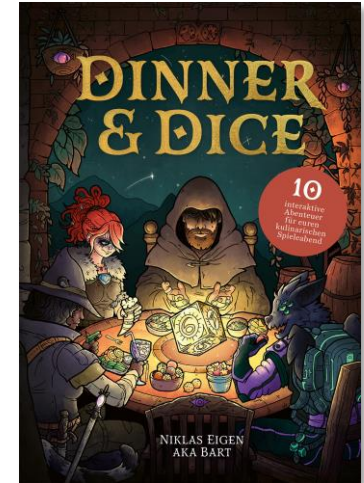
For fans of murder mystery parties, exit games and pen-and-paper systems like 'Dungeons & Dragons'

More than a murder mystery party: the first playbook to combine the atmosphere of a murder mystery dinner party with simple pen-and-paper rules

Will you save a little village from an ancient threat, uncover a royal intrigue at a masked ball, or retrieve the most valuable pirate treasure of the seven seas? Whichever role you want to play, 'Dinner & Dice' makes it possible. Menu ideas to complement each set of game instructions provide additional inspiration for creating the perfect setting. The first playbook to combine the atmosphere of a murder mystery dinner party with simple pen-and-paper rules will turn your next games night into a top-class event – whether you're a pen-and-paper novice or a murder mystery veteran.

Pen-and-paper games, a cross between role play and cooperative board games, are narrative adventures played at a table with pens, paper, dice and imagination. The players take on the roles of characters and, together with the games master, create an ongoing story whose outcome is determined by dice and decisions. As evidenced by the best-known example of the genre, 'Dungeons & Dragons' (D&D), these types of games are more popular now than ever.

Niklas Eigen is not only an e-sports moderator but also a gifted storyteller on the pen-and-paper scene. As games master, he shares his stories and worlds with thousands of viewers on his Twitch channel. He is one of Germany's most popular streamers within the growing field of analogue role play games.



Niklas Eigen
DINNER & DICE
10 Interactive
Adventures for Your
Culinary Games Night

10 interaktive Abenteuer
für euren kulinarischen
Spieleabend
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