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In September 2024, Bastei Lübbe has launched a **new community-driven imprint – pola**. pola addresses **young women’s realities** with both **fiction and non-fiction books**.

*“With pola we are amplifying the voices of young women and increasing their visibility by publishing stories about their lived realities, by focusing on their experiences, desires and views of the world, and thus **opposing the male view of the world with a female perspective.**”*

– Rūza Marija Kelava, Publishing Director



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pola is dedicated to publishing books for women in their late 20s and 30s, who are looking for **female authors, inspiring characters and authentic stories** that correspond to the diverse real life experiences of readers at this stage of life. **(Complex) female friendships, career and mental health, sexism in everyday life, (toxic) relationships, becoming a mother or remaining childless (for various reasons), growing up and the search for one’s own identity** are just some of the topics and challenges that young women are confronted with in reality and that pola also addresses in the books. Readers can find themselves and their interests in pola’s stories. pola empowers and encourages women to accept and prioritise themselves and to **exchange and interact** with other female readers via **Instagram**.

**Take a look at our international acquisitions and pola’s first German title** ➔

A selection of our international acquisitions for 2024/25:



Ella Berman  
**DAS COMEBACK**  
(Orig. *The Comeback*)

#MeToo  
#Hollywood  
#Self  
Empowerment



Carola Lovering  
**WAS UNS ZUSAMMEN HÄLT**  
(Orig. *Bye, Baby*)

#Toxic Friendship  
#Coming of Age  
#Motherhood



FERN BRADY  
**Strong Female Character**

#Autism  
#Gender  
Medicine  
#Auto-  
biography



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**EVIL EYE**

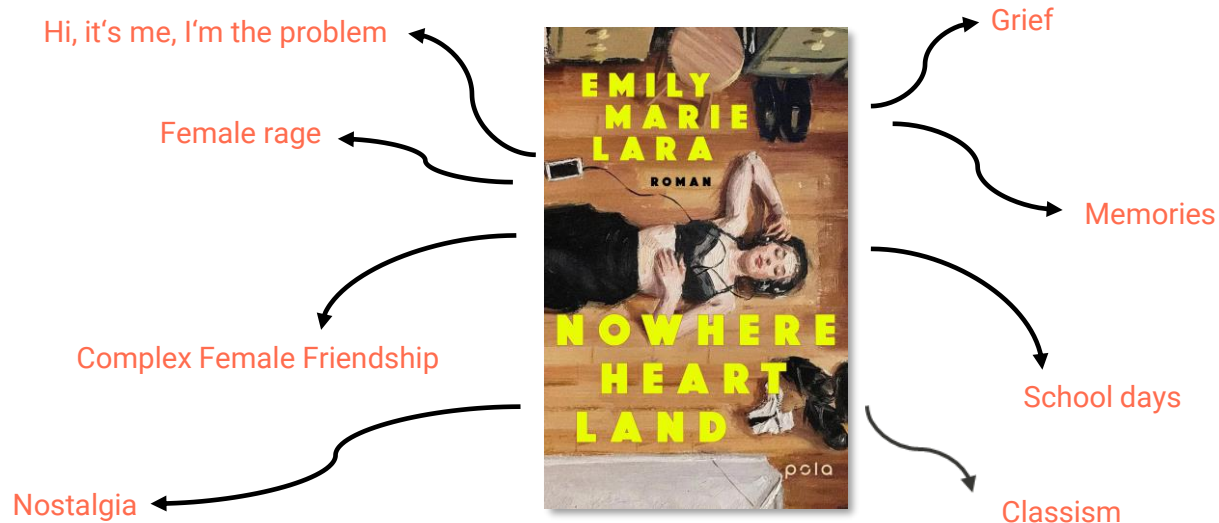
#Trans-  
generational  
Trauma  
#Gaslighting  
#Depression



Chloe Michelle  
Howarth  
**SUNBURN**

#Coming-of-  
Age Queer  
#Identity  
#Peer Pressure

This Spring, we are thrilled to have **pola's first German author Emily Marie Lara** and her impressive debut novel **NOWHERE HEART LAND** in our list. More information on the author and her coming-of-age story can be found on the next page.



## A brilliant and compelling début

A compelling book about the deceptive power of memory and the liberating power of truth

Emily Marie Lara writes about the best and worst aspects of growing up

English sample translation available

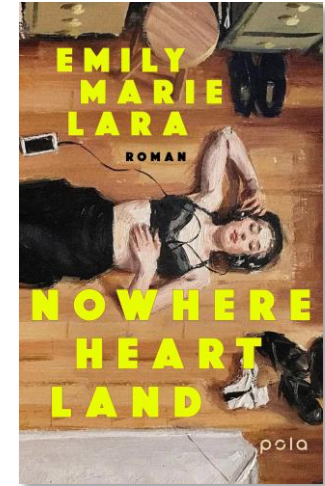
When will I finally know what I want?

*“This week I’ll be thirty, older than Conny will ever be, and apart from that I’ve achieved nothing at all. The world is spinning around me; it must be the smoke, hunger, time. I put out the cigarette and curl up on the sofa again. I go on leafing through my calendars and school exercise books in search of her. I tear out a whole page for a line from a song, and pin it up on the wall with the pictures: I wish you knew when I said two sugars, actually I meant three.”*

A young woman wakes up in her hometown in the German provinces with a black eye. Rosa has always wanted to be far away from here, but now, after many years in London, she’s back – and she’s haunted by confusing memories of her youth at a humanist boarding school, of her mother Conny, who died young, and of old friends who no longer speak to her. Torn between nostalgia and reality, Rosa seeks the truth among old stories. Vividly and with a humorous lightness of touch, Emily Marie Lara tells the story of a young woman who resists growing up with all her might, and who nevertheless, in the course of that resistance, ends up finding herself.

### Tropes:

**#Coming of Age #Complex Female Friendship #Classism #Memories #School Days #Different Life Plans**



Emily Marie Lara  
**NOWHERE HEART LAND**

**352 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**April 2025**

**Emily Marie Lara** was born in 1993 and studied German, Romance Studies and Communication Studies. After several years living in Britain and Berlin, she has now moved back to North-Rhine Westphalia. By day she works in media, and by night she writes – on paper, by candlelight. In 2022 she won the Wuppertal Literature Biennale Prize.

## A Cosy Crime Mystery Series set in the south of England

The young heiress of a cosy inn based in a small English village and her cook are solving criminal cases

Crime fans can enjoy more than 30 volumes of *Tee? Coffee? Murder!*

English manuscripts available for volumes 1-12

Rights sold to:  
– Netherlands

**Ellen Barksdale** was born in the English seaside resort of Brighton, where her parents ran a small boarding house. From childhood she was a bookworm, and from a young age was interested in crime novels. Her first experience of crime fiction was with the Maigret novels by Georges Simenon. After years of reading crime fiction, she decided to take up writing herself. *Tea? Coffee? Murder!* is her first mystery series. The author lives near Swansea with her partner Ian and their three mongrels Billy, Bobby and Libby.

There was nothing in the will about this... Cottages, English roses and rolling hills: that's Earlsraven. In the middle of it all: the "Black Feather". Not only does young Nathalie Ames unexpectedly inherit this cosy inn from her aunt, she also falls heir to her aunt's secret double life! She solved criminal cases together with her cook Louise, a former agent of the British Crown. And while Nathalie is still trying to warm up to the quirky villagers, she discovers that sleuthing runs in the family.

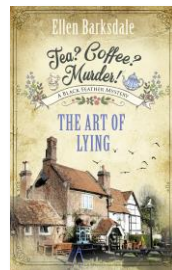
### Once Upon a Time There Was a Murder (Vol. 33):

And they did not live happily ever after . . . a new case for Nathalie and Louise

There's been a murder in the fairytale forest! The woman who owned the *Witch You Were Here* restaurant is found dead – in her own oven. With some help from their friends, Nathalie and Louise set out in search of the culprit, encountering all sorts of conflict and intrigue along the way.

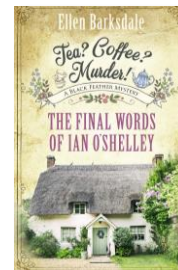
When another employee of the fairytale forest is attacked, the two investigators face a question: was the violence directed solely against the victims, or is someone trying to put a totally un-fairytale ending to the entire fairytale forest?

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



**THE ART OF LYING**  
(Vol. 1)

154 pp  
Dez 2017



**THE FINAL WORDS OF IAN O'SHELLEY**  
(Vol. 2)

131 pp  
Feb 2018



**BLUE POODLE BLUES**  
(Vol. 3)

135 pp  
April 2018



**Helen Barksdale**  
**TEA? COFFEE? MURDER!**  
**Once Upon a Time There Was a Murder** (Vol. 33)

**Tee? Kaffee? Mord!**  
Es war einmal ein Mord  
(Bd. 33)  
**234 pages**  
**April 2025**

## THE MALLORCA INSPECTOR

Belongs in your carry-on luggage on any trip to Mallorca

Plenty of suspense, good food, and a stunning landscape

Perfect vacation and beach reading for mystery fans

### Volume 1: A DEADLY SIESTA

#### A murder investigation instead of a seaside vacation?

Inspector Thea is taking a career break when a friend asks her for help: could Thea lend a hand in her delicatessen shop on Mallorca. The first few days in the picturesque coastal town of Paguera are wonderful, but then a neighbor is murdered! Thea is shocked and starts investigating on her own which leads to heated disagreements with David Martinez, a Spanish policeman. Yet Thea will still need his help because she has no idea what her investigations have unleashed.

### Volume 2: THE SILENT GRAVE

#### Murder in a vacation paradise!

Inspector Thea Molt has returned to Mallorca. She has barely arrived on the island when she is drawn into another mysterious case. A German student has disappeared. The Mallorcan police do not suspect a crime, but his girlfriend is desperate and implores Thea to help. Determined to uncover the truth, Thea steps into a deadly web of lies and intrigue. With the help of the attractive Sargento David Martinez from the Guardia Civil, she gradually picks up the trail of a ruthless opponent who will walk over dead bodies to keep his dark secrets.

**Cara Maria Cardenes** is the pseudonym of a German author who lost her heart to the Spanish Islands many years ago. Mallorca, where she enjoys the island lifestyle and looks out at the ocean as she writes, is her second home. At the drop of a hat, she would join her main character, detective Thea Molt, and plunge into the next investigation.



**A DEADLY SIESTA**

**Die Mallorca-Kommissarin  
– Tödliche Siesta**  
254 pp | PB | Nov 2023



**THE SILENT GRAVE**

**Das stille Grab**  
281 pp | PB | May 2025



## Two radically different policewomen, and a dead doctor

The opening volume of a vacation mystery series set in the summery, lakeside landscape of Lombardy

Two female police detectives – one, a commissioner who is a loner, the other an inspector with a chaotic family – solve their first case

For all readers who dream of delicious food, a lot of sun, passionate characters, and a landscape full of history and beauty: in a word of Italian “Dolce Vita”

It's summer at Lake Como. The heat is making the air shimmer on the streets when Commissaria Giovanna Ruggieri of the Como police receives news of a murder. On Comacina, the only island in the lake, the respected and well-liked doctor Simone Fabrizio from Menaggio has been shot. Almost at the same time, Inspector Maria di Bartolomeo in the small lakeside town of Bellano is handling a fatal traffic accident involving a man who apparently lost control of his car at night. The clues soon lead Giovanna and Maria to a place where – twenty years earlier – the two men got caught in a far-reaching, dark secret.



**Elisa Corti**  
**REVENGE, ITALIAN  
STYLE**  
A Crime Novel Set in  
Lombardy

**Rache auf Italienisch**  
Ein Lombardei-Krimi  
**300 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 2025**

**Elisa Corti** is the pseudonym of a successful German author who fell in love with Italy when she was only a child. During her university years she spent a considerable amount of time in Trieste. Today she lives in Stuttgart as a freelance author.

## A CONVENT, A KILLING, AND LA DOLCE VITA Sister Isabella investigates

**Cosy crime meets Italian  
"Dolce Vita"**

**A nun and a police officer  
investigate together**

**English manuscripts  
available for volumes 1-3 on  
request**

Prayer, work ... and criminal investigations. Sister Isabella leads a contemplative life in a picturesque village in Tuscany – in a convent. But one day, when she is drawn into a murder investigation, she quickly takes a liking to detective work. Matteo, the young carabinieri in the village, is delighted to have her help. After all, he's the only police officer in town. Unfortunately, their hunt for criminals all too often puts them at odds with the convent's Mother Superior and the mayor of Santa Caterina. *A Convent, a Killing, and la Dolce Vita* – a mystery series that reads like a vacation under the Italian sun.

### Rights sold to:

- Denmark (English, Finnish, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Swedish eBook & Audio)
- Netherlands

**The Missing Priest (Vol. 29):** On her morning jog through the forest, Isabella discovers a small plane that has crashed. It is full to the brim with artworks of unknown origin. Even more disturbingly, Isabella discovers the body of a man dressed in a priest's robe at the controls of the plane. She hurries back to the convent and immediately contacts Matteo. When the two of them return to the crash site shortly afterward, however, the plane is still there but both the priest and the works of art have vanished.



**Valentina Morelli**  
**A CONVENT, A KILLING,  
AND LA DOLCE VITA**  
– The Missing Priest  
(Vol. 29)

**Kloster, Mord & Dolce Vita**  
Der verschollene Priester  
(Bd. 29)  
**120 pages**  
**May 2025**

**Valentina Morelli** has been writing novels for many years. With *A Convent, a Killing and la Dolce Vita*, she pays homage to the place where her heart belongs and captures the incomparable feeling of life under the Tuscan sun. For her, crime novels are a means of telling deeply human stories.

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



**DEATH AT NOON**  
(Vol. 1)

137 pp  
March 2020



**DEATH BY THE RIVER**  
(Vol. 2)

138 pp  
April 2020



**DEATH IN THE CLOISTERS**  
(Vol. 3)

134 pp  
May 2020

# THRILLER & CRIME NOVELS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH



## Cherringham mysteries

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

Almost 2 MILLION UNITS SOLD!

48 episodes & 2 novels available

English manuscripts available

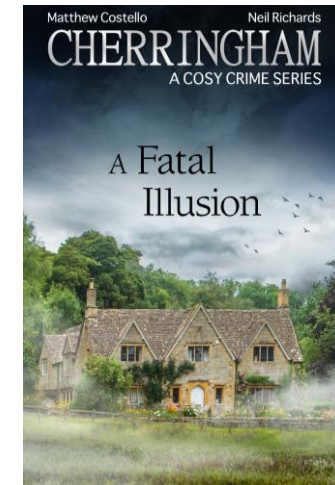
### Rights sold to:

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

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

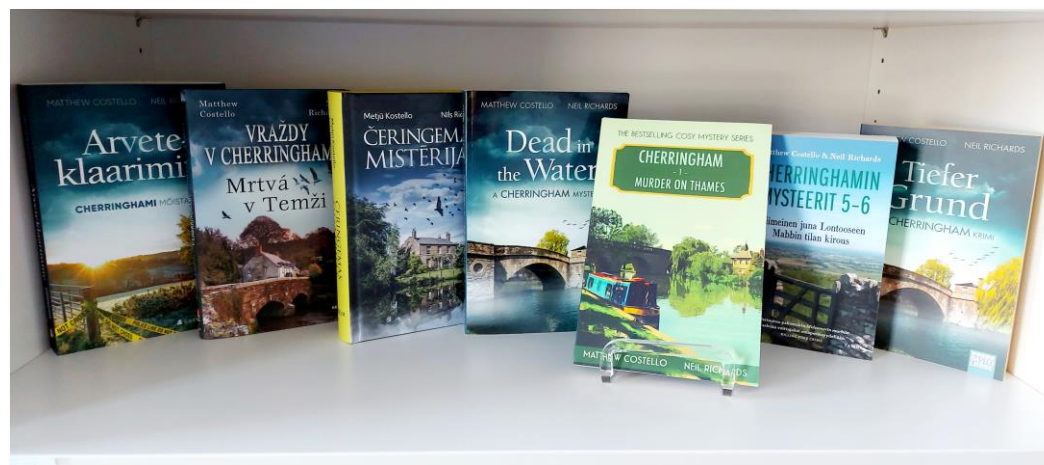
*Cherringham* is a serial novel à la Charles Dickens set in the sleepy English village of Cherringham. The detective series brings together an unlikely sleuthing duo: English web designer Sarah and American ex-cop Jack. Thrilling and deadly - but with a spot of tea - it's like Rosamunde Pilcher meets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

**A Fatal Illusion (Episode 48):** When an elderly, world-famous magician is found dead in his Cherringham mansion, there is nothing suspicious about the passing. According to the doctor, it was a heart attack - plain and simple. But the performer's long-time assistant suspects something sinister and she asks Jack and Sarah to investigate. And like the great magician's amazing tricks, it soon becomes clear that his death is anything but simple: in the world of magic, nothing is ever what it seems, and sometimes even illusions can turn deadly...



Neil Richards / Matthew Costello  
**CHERRINGHAM**  
– A FATAL ILLUSION  
(Episode 48)

Approx. 130 pages  
March 2025



Estonian, Czech, Latvian, English (Bastei Lübbe & Red Dog edition), Finnish and German

## The final book in the glamorous STARTING SOMETHING series

**Stars and starlets overcome the dark side of fame and find true love**

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- Denmark (Danish, Dutch, Spanish & Swedish eBook & Audio)
- Poland

Jasmina Delic gets her lucky break at exactly the right time. Just when it's starting to look as though they're not going to be able to pay her little sister's tuition fees, she gets offered a job as a make-up artist at START ENTERTAINMENT. She immediately accepts – not realising she's going to be accompanying the world-famous band "Saving Winter" on their world tour. This comes as a shock – especially since their lead singer Julian Vaughan is the man Mina spent the best summer of her life with two years earlier. That summer ended with a painful separation... And it soon becomes clear that Julian has not forgotten it any more than Mina has. Their feelings for each other are soon reignited, even though they both know it's a bad idea. Is there a future for their love, or is it destined to remain a memory?

**Tropes:**

**#Love at First Sight #Celebrities #Rockstar #Second Chance #Forbidden Love**



**April Dawson**  
**STARTING SOMETHING GREAT**  
(*Starting Something* Vol. 3)

**415 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**March 2025**

**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.

**Also available:**

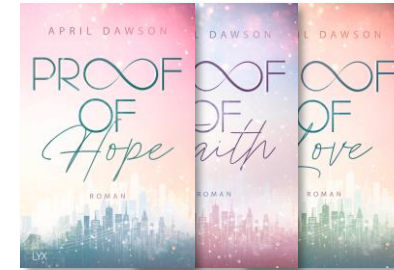


**STARTING SOMETHING NEW**  
(Vol. 1)  
  
399 pp  
May 2024



**STARTING SOMETHING REAL**  
(Vol. 2)  
  
395 pp  
Oct 2024

**Also available (a.o.): *Proof of Love***



- **PROOF OF HOPE** (Vol. 1)
- **PROOF OF FAITH** (Vol. 2)
- **PROOF OF LOVE** (Vol. 3)

## Emotions run high in the editorial team at PURPLE CLOUDS magazine

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

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

### Tropes:

- #Love at First Sight
- #Mental Health
- #Second Chance
- #Fake Dating
- #Found Family

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

### Coming soon:



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

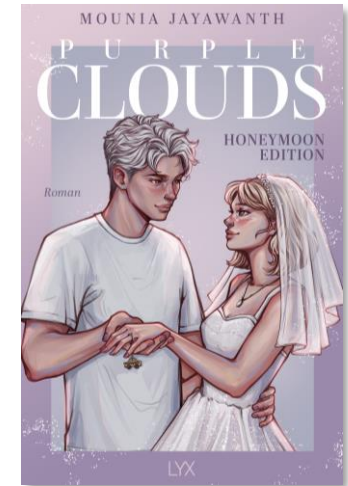
Approx. 464 pp  
Aug 2025



**PURPLE CLOUDS – BITTERSWEET**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 464 pp  
Feb 2026

Debbie White has managed to get a job as an editor at the popular New York women's magazine *Purple Clouds*. But just a few days into the job she realises she's going to have to work hard to prove herself, because the editor-in-chief has discovered Deb's biggest secret: she's been married for four years. And now she has to write an article about what it's like for a modern woman to get married very young. This wouldn't have been a problem, if it weren't for the fact that Deb hasn't had any contact with her husband Emory since their wedding. But when she thinks back to that joyful night when they spontaneously tied the knot, Deb can't help wondering whether perhaps she should give Emory another chance...



**Mounia Jayawanth**  
**PURPLE CLOUDS – HONEYMOON**  
(*Purple Clouds* Vol. 1)

**469 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**March 2025**

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

Riley Wang hasn't been working at *Purple Clouds* for long when she stumbles across the actor Louis Thorne hiding in the magazine's offices. The Hollywood heartthrob is supposed to be doing an interview for *Purple Clouds*, but he has no interest in the campaign his management have planned for him and is trying to give the interviewer the slip. Riley feels sorry for him, and helps him leave the building undetected. She even hides him at her flat when he has nowhere else to go. In the privacy of Riley's room, the pair realise that despite their very different lives they actually have a lot in common. And on their secret forays out of the flat, as they explore New York by night, their feelings for each other grow in a way they'd never expected.

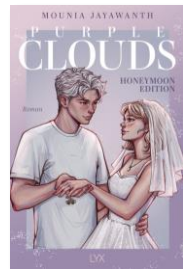


**Mounia Jayawanth**  
**PURPLE CLOUDS – MEET CUTE**  
(*Purple Clouds* Vol. 2)

**Approx. 464 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**August 2025**

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(Vol. 1)

469 pp  
March 2025



**PURPLE CLOUDS – BITTERSWEET**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 464 pp  
Feb 2026

The first book in a new series from popular #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller author

Laura Kneidl has sold 1 million books with LYX

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

Full unedited English translation available

Rights to Laura Kneidl's previous books sold to:

- Czech Rep.    - Netherlands
- Hungary      - Poland
- Italy            - Romania
- Latvia         - Spain

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!

## He is a rich heir to a luxury hotel. She lives on the street. – THE PRINCESS DIARIES meets CINDERELLA

Kate has lost everything: her family, her job, her home. She's been fending for herself on the streets for months. But when she robs the attractive Henry, she has no idea her life is about to change forever. Henry's family owns the most luxurious hotel in London – THE DARLINGTON. But the hotel is mired in scandal, and as the eldest son it's Henry's job to restore its good image. Although Henry and Kate couldn't be more different, he invites her to THE DARLINGTON. There Kate enters a world which is completely new to her – and as she gets to know Henry better, he sparks feelings in her that she has never felt before.

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

**Tropes:**

**#Rich Boy x Poor Girl #High Society**



Laura Kneidl  
**THE DARLINGTON**  
– HENRY & KATE  
(*The Darlington* Vol. 1)

**557 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**July 2025**

**Coming soon:**



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

Approx. 480 pp  
Oct 2025



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

Approx. 480 pp  
Feb 2026

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



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

## Sometimes love is only a deal away

The second book in a sizzling new office romance series

Anna Lane: one of the most exciting new discoveries of the last year

### Rights sold to:

- Czech Republic

### Tropes:

- #Matchmaker Crush
- #Dating Assistance
- #Office & STEM Romance
- #Opposites Attract
- #Slow Burn
- #Secretly Wealthy

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.

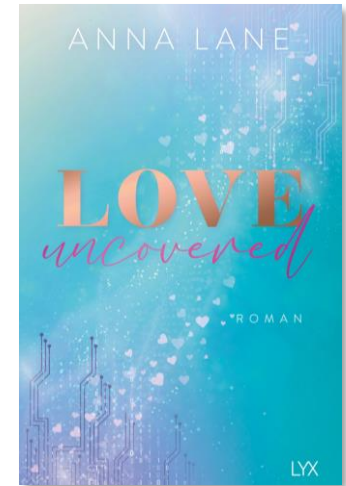
A PR scandal has cost Kim both her reputation as a graphic designer and a whole raft of clients. So when she meets the attractive young investor Conrad de Wit, and he unexpectedly offers her a job, she can't really say no. It's a strange kind of job, however: Conrad's busy schedule means he doesn't have time to date, so he wants Kim to help him find the love of his life. There are just two problems with this. First of all, Kim has to compete with a dating app that claims it can find anyone their soulmate. And second of all, she has to try and keep a handle not only on Conrad's but also on her own (increasingly confusing) feelings. Because even though she and Conrad are like chalk and cheese, the chemistry between them is electric...

### Also available:



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

473 pp  
Dec 2024



**Anna Lane**  
**LOVE, UNCOVERED**  
(*Dating* Vol. 2)

**447 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 2025**



Young German author who has already gained a large international readership with her Draco Malfoy fan fiction: 40 Million reads on WATTPAD

With 4 million TikTok posts #dracotok belongs to the most popular fandoms worldwide

Originally written in English – simultaneous publication of German and English editions

#### Rights sold to:

- Brazil
- Czech Rep.
- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Serbia
- Spain
- Ukraine

As a writer of romance and reader of... (you guessed it!) romance, **Selina Mae** has been compensating for her lack of meet-cutes by writing them into her books. Sharing her work on WATTPAD (@Seselina) for almost ten years, she reached millions of readers around the world before deciding to dip her feet into the publishing world.

## Welcome back at HALL BECK UNIVERSITY by WATTPAD-superstar Selina Mae

Paula Castillo is determined to get her life back on track. And after a long time on the metaphorical writing-bench, she thinks a profile on an upcoming HBU-soccer legend will at least roll plan »Restore Journalistic Reputation« into motion. The problem: Henry Pressley hasn't only signed a million-dollar deal with an MLS club in the past year, he also broke up with Paula. Although she promises herself not to get caught up in the whirlwind of Henry that almost cost her everything already, one-on-one interviews and unexpected nights together force them to face their past. Between the pages, it becomes apparent that the broody soccer player still seems to have a soft spot for his lucky charm ...

#### Tropes:

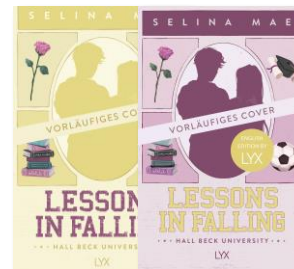
#Sports Romance #Second Chance #Forced Proximity

#### Also available / Coming soon:



**LESSONS IN FAKING & LIF: English Edition by LYX (Vol. 1)**

384 pp  
Nov 2024



**LESSONS IN FALLING & LIF: English Edition by LYX (Vol. 3)**

Approx. 384 pp  
August 2025



**Selina Mae**  
**LESSONS IN FORGIVING**  
(Hall Beck University  
Vol. 2)

**409 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**March 2025**



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## The final book in the *Hall Beck University* series by WATTPAD-superstar Selina Mae

Like every summer Valentina Rhodes can finally focus on nothing but beach, sun and her best friends - until Caden Callahan pops up at the beach house and announces they're bunking together. Valentina wouldn't have slept with him if she'd known they would share the same group of friends (and her bedroom) a few months later: The group's Anti-Fraternization policy runs deep. But Caden's natural charm and rough edges seem to make it impossible to stay away, and he never tried to begin with.

#### Also available:



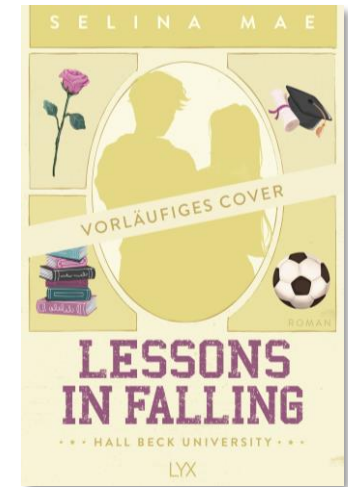
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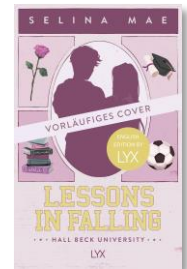
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March 2025



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**August 2025**



**LESSONS IN FALLING:**  
**English Edition by LYX**  
(Vol. 3)

## He risks everything – and loses his heart

The emotional final instalment in the New Adult trilogy about the rich heirs to a luxury perfume empire based in London

Merit Niemeitz has sold more than 120,000 books with LYX

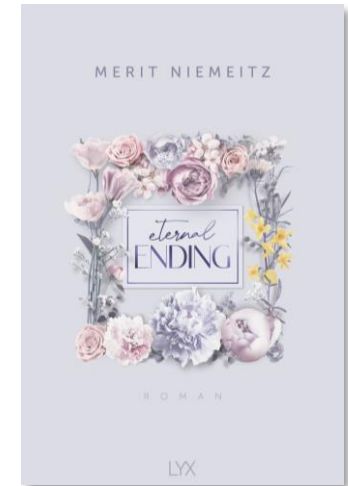
**DELICATE DREAM – Book 1 of the series – went straight to #3 on the SPIEGEL Bestseller list and stayed in the Top 20 for five weeks**

Rights sold to:  
– Hungary

Keaton has long felt like an outsider in his family. Unlike his siblings he would gladly have turned his back on his family's perfume empire if it weren't for the conditions laid out in his father's will. While he's trying to work out how to turn down his inheritance, he stumbles across a secret that leads him to Kenna, one of the most sought-after 'it girls' in London. Keaton immediately books her as a model for a big advertising campaign, but what he doesn't realise is that behind Kenna's carefree façade is a vulnerable young woman who is more similar to him than he had thought, and whom he becomes increasingly fascinated by as time goes on. Suddenly the truth has the potential to destroy far more than he had previously imagined...

Tropes:

#Slow Burn #Grumpy-meets-Sunshine #Forced Proximity



Merit Niemeitz  
**ETERNAL ENDING**  
(*Evergreen Empire* Vol. 3)

539 pages  
Paperback  
April 2025

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.

Also available:



**DELICATE DREAM**  
(Vol. 1)

527 pp  
July 2024



**PURE PROMISE**  
(Vol. 2)

537 pp  
Dec 2024

Also available: *Mulberry Mansion*



- **NO LONGER YOURS** (Vol. 1)
- **NO LONGER LOST** (Vol. 2)
- **NO LONGER ALONE** (Vol. 3)

Crowd-pleasing New Adult suspense: exciting, gripping, emotional and romantic

Kim Nina Ocker has sold almost 200,000 books with LYX

Rights to *One of Six* sold to:

- Poland

Tropes:

- #Mafia Romance
- #High Society
- #Bodyguard
- #He Falls First
- #Enemies to Lovers
- #Touch her and die

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.

## The dark, gripping trilogy from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Kim Nina Ocker continues

### Book 2: SHATTERED PALACE

Bodyguard Charlie Blossom discovers that danger lurks even in the glamorous high society world inhabited by her client, Gideon Newton. She's determined to find out who is making threats to him – and to protect Gideon, for whom her feelings are anything but professional. In the process she uncovers an old family feud between the Newtons and the Favreaus, one of the most influential families of the criminal underworld.

### Book 3: SHINING FRAGMENTS

The dark, gripping trilogy by SPIEGEL Bestseller author Kim Nina Ocker comes to a thrilling conclusion: young bodyguard Charlie Blossom is drawn further and further into the feud between the Newton and Favreau families. Will she be able to free herself – and her heart – from this web of lies and betrayal?

The final book in the suspenseful new New Adult trilogy from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Kim Nina Ocker.



Merit Niemeitz  
**SHATTERED PALACE**  
(*Kingsbay Secrets* Vol. 2)

480 pages  
Paperback  
March 2025

### Also available:



**TAINTED DREAMS**  
(Vol. 1)

479 pp  
Oct 2024

### One of Six



- **ONE OF SIX – BETRAYAL**  
(Vol. 1)  
474 pp | Oct 2023
- **ONE OF SIX – CONFIDENCE**  
478 pp | (Vol. 2)  
March 2024



**SHINING FRAGMENTS**  
(Vol. 3)  
Approx. 480 pp | Aug 2025

At last, following on from the success of the NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF BALLET, comes a heart-rending New Adult duology from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Anna Savas

Anyone who likes a good tearjerker will love this series

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

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

Rights to the author's previous books sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Spain
- Ukraine

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

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

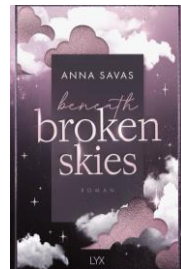
For Madelyn Prince, nothing is more important than her job at her family's prestigious publishing house. But when the company is acquired by another publisher, Maddie faces unexpected challenges: the young heir to the rival publishing house – and now Maddie's new boss – is none other than Wesley Knight.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

The story of Madelyn and Wes continues! – **Book 2** of Anna Savas's emotional and dramatic New Adult series *London is Lonely*.

Tropes:

#Sad/emotional #Office romance #Second Chance

Also available:



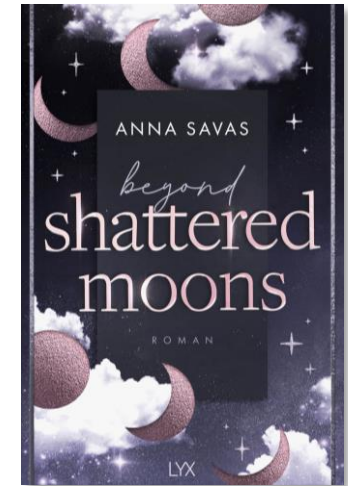
**BENEATH  
BROKEN SKIES**  
(Vol. 1)

512 pp  
Feb 2025

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



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



Anna Savas  
**BEYOND SHATTERED  
MOONS**  
(*London is Lonely* Vol. 2)

592 pages  
Hardcover & Paperback  
June 2025

**He's Mr Irrelevant – but she sees so much more in him**

**The first book in a trilogy  
about the L.A. Vipers**

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

**Popular tropes:**

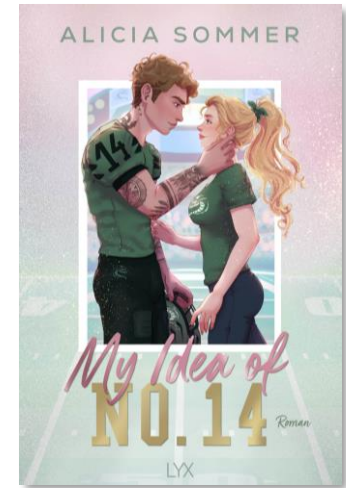
**#Forbidden love**

**#Sports romance**

**#Workplace romance**

**#Secret dating**

Leah Herst wants only one thing: to be the first female head coach in the NFL. But all she's doing currently is sitting on the subs bench analysing training videos. And that's where she discovers him: Sam Ashton, one of the L.A. Vipers' quarterback draft picks. His nickname is 'Mr Irrelevant'. But Leah sees his talent and his drive to prove himself. Sam could be her big idea. If she helps him succeed, they could both achieve their goals. While coaching Sam in secret, she gets to know him as a person and finds out what really motivates him. The attractive athlete wins Leah's heart – even though this could throw her dream into jeopardy. Because if they're found out, her career could be over before it's even begun...



**Alicia Sommer**  
**MY IDEA OF NO. 14**  
(*L.A. Vipers* Vol. 1)

**443 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**May 2025**

**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.

LYX has sold almost 1 million books by Sarah Sprinz

All three DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY books went to #1 and spent over 50 weeks in the Top 20 of the SPIEGEL Bestseller list

ANYWHERE won first place in the LOVELYBOOKS COMMUNITY AWARD 2022 (Best Romance Novel)

Rights sold to 13 territories!

Sarah Sprinz was born in Tettng 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).

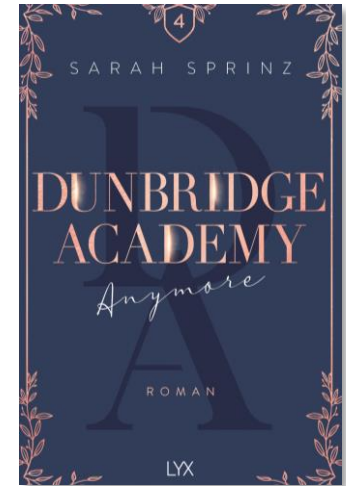
## The popular series continues: welcome back to DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY. Eagerly awaited by fans: the story of Grace and Gideon

How many times can a heart break before it stops beating?

Since her boyfriend Henry broke up with her and her best friend Olive had to repeat a year at school, Grace has felt as if things are all getting too much for her. Instead of looking forward to the last year of school, as her friends are, she feels hurt and lost. Especially since her best friend Gideon hasn't contacted her even once over the summer holidays. When he returns to Dunbridge Academy at the beginning of Year 12, Grace realises they've grown apart. Nothing is the same as it was a year ago, when Gideon supported her during rehearsals for the school play. All that's left is a painful longing, which grows stronger and stronger the more Grace realises that Gideon is the only one who sees how she's really feeling. But can she risk her heart for anyone again, after it was broken in the worst way?

Popular tropes:

#Dark Academia #He Falls First #Found Family #Friends to Lovers



Sarah Sprinz  
DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY  
– ANYMORE  
(Dunbridge Academy Vol. 4)

400 pages  
Paperback  
May 2025

Also available:



DUNBRIDGE  
ACADEMY  
– ANYWHERE  
(Vol. 1)

461 pp  
Feb 2022



DUNBRIDGE  
ACADEMY  
– ANYONE  
(Vol. 2)

457 pp  
June 2022



DUNBRIDGE  
ACADEMY  
– ANYTIME  
(Vol. 3)

479 pp  
Oct 2022

## She can't lose – especially not her heart

**Book 1 in the new gaming series from SPIEGEL Bestseller author Anabelle Stehl**

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

**Rights to the *Away* series sold to:**

- Czech Republic

When game developer Lara is unexpectedly asked to present her cosy indie game 'Novel Haven' at a competition, little does she know she's going to be faced with more than just her fear of public speaking. Competitor Luca – self-assured, charming and extremely attractive – doesn't make it easy for her to concentrate on the task in hand. But Luca, just like Lara, has secret fears which he incorporates into his horror game. They both yearn for someone who understands them off screen as well as on. They could have been perfect for each other, were it not for the fact that only one of them can win the prize money and see their dream come true...



**Anabelle Stehl**  
**NOVEL HAVEN – LEVELS OF LOVE**  
(*Novel Haven* Vol. 1)

**445 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**July 2025**

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

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



**Away:**

- **BREAKAWAY** (Vol. 1)
- **FADEAWAY** (Vol. 2)
- **RUNAWAY** (Vol. 3)



**Worlds:**

- **WORLDS COLLIDE** (Vol. 1)
- **WORLDS APART** (Vol. 2)
- **WORLDS BEYOND** (Vol. 3)



**Ireland:**

- **SONGS OF EMERALD HILLS** (Vol. 1)
- **DREAMS OF SAPPHIRE SEAS** (Vol. 2)



## When the lawyer for the other side is your ex-girlfriend...

Talented young German author, whose WATTPAD stories have almost 1 million views

Powerful topic: lawyers with cases addressing topics that readers care about, such as the environment, MeToo, etc.

The final book in the New Adult trilogy set in a Boston law firm

English sample translation of Vol. 1 available

### Rights sold to:

- France
- Latvia

Tess Tjagvad, born in 1995 in Hamburg, is actually a qualified florist but is currently studying German language and literature. She only rediscovered her love of words a few years ago, although she was already writing her own stories as a child. When she doesn't have her nose in a manuscript or a book, she spends time with her friends or seeks inspiration for new stories while walking in nature.

As the nephew of one of the senior partners at GOLD, BRIGHT & PARTNERS, Jude doesn't have it easy. He's constantly under pressure to prove himself. And he has to win his next case if he's to keep up with the other ambitious young lawyers at the firm. But then he finds himself looking across the courtroom at his ex-girlfriend Nora, who is the lawyer for the other side. When their relationship ended Nora vanished from Jude's life overnight, leaving him heartbroken. And now that they're on different sides of a high-profile divorce case, it becomes clear to both of them that despite everything that's happened between them, they've never been able to completely forget each other.

### Tropes:

#Office Romance #Grumpy-meets-Sunshine #Second Chance #Rivals to Lovers

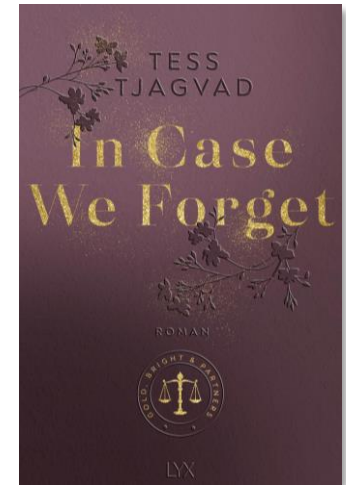
### Also available:



**IN CASE WE TRUST**  
(Vol. 1)  
487 pp  
Jan 2024



**IN CASE WE DARE**  
(Vol. 2)  
528 pp  
Nov 2024



Tess Tjagvad  
**IN CASE WE FORGET**  
(*Bright, Gold & Partners*  
Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pages  
Paperback  
July 2025

## Where can I find enlightenment here, please?

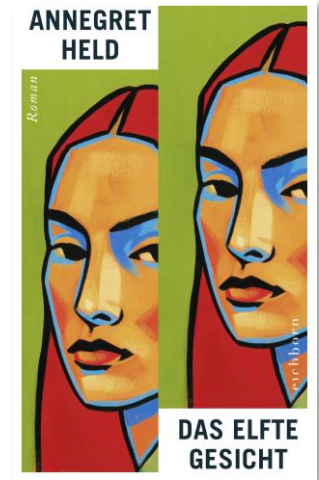
**A trending topic: a modern examination of spirituality and the dangers of radicalization**

Josefa's life as an assistant in a drab sales office can be fairly bleak, but her friendship with Kristina offers her some diversion. They both share a fascination with sparkling crystals and telling the future, and they also try to fathom the intentions of the mysterious Albert, whom Josefa cannot forget.

Josefa's enthusiasm goes so far that she ultimately finds herself in a group of spiritual people – although they suddenly begin drifting further and further away. What began as a rejection of face masks and vaccinations during the Covid crisis eventually even escalates to the defense of conspiracy theories. That's taking things too far! But how do you remove yourself from a scene like that?

*"Held's stories are so rich, so down-to-earth, so poetic, so good and so evil, and above all, so well written!" – FAZ (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)*

*"Annegret Held never describes settings and characters from a lofty distance, but always from the inside out." – ZEIT ONLINE*



**Annegret Held**  
**THE ELEVENTH FACE**

**Das elfte Gesicht**  
**316 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**May 2025**

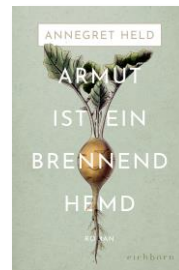
**Annegret Held**, born in Westerwald in 1962, has worked as a police officer, a geriatric nurse and an aviation security assistant – and is now a successful author. She has been awarded the Berlin Art Prize by the Berlin Academy of the Arts, as well as the Glaser Prize, and is a member of PEN.

### Also available:



**APOLLONIA**

380 pp  
Sept 2012



**POVERTY IS A BURNING SHIRT**

367 pp  
Sept 2015



**A ROBBER BALLAD**

318 pp  
Oct 2020



**THE WRONG AND THE RIGHT**

365 pp  
March 2022

## Germany at Zero Hour

**An opulent novel to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II**

**Lifelike characters; vividly narrated with great empathy and knowledge of the times**

**The debut novel of a successful screenwriter**

**For readers of DEUTSCHES HAUS (THE GERMAN HOUSE) by Annette Hess**

**Berchtesgaden in the spring of 1945.** The Führer's favorite town surrenders and the American Forces assume authority. Although her English is modest, 19-year-old Sophie takes a position with the military government where she is confronted for the first time with the whole truth about Germany's crimes. She meets people who even change the way she views her own family. For example, her boss, the Jewish emigrant Frank Rosenzweig, who is hoping for news of surviving relatives; his girlfriend, Meg, a glamorous war reporter; mayor Rudolf Kriss, who was once facing a death sentence. And Sam, a black GI with whom Sophie falls in love. In Berchtesgaden, their paths cross in a fateful way.



**Carolin Otto  
BERCHTESGADEN**

**542 pages  
Hardcover  
February 2025**

**Carolin Otto** studied documentary film-making and screenwriting at HFF Munich and earned her doctorate at the Bauhaus University in Weimar. She has written screenplays for numerous television productions and has additionally written and directed several feature films, including DER WEISSE RABE (The White Raven), a cinematic portrait of Holocaust survivor Max Mannheimer. Since 2019, she has served as president of the Federation of Screenwriters in Europe (FSE). BERCHTESGADEN is her first novel.

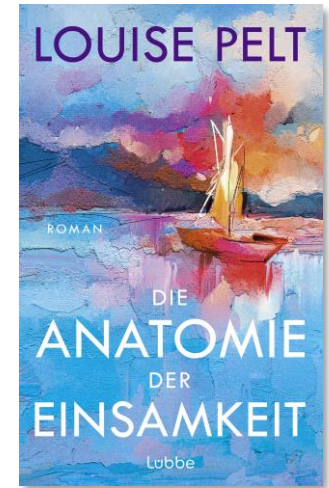
## A clever novel about longing, courage, and hope

A sensitive novel about the force of loneliness and finding the courage to make a fresh start

Writing with lightness as well as depth, Louise Pelt explores a topic that affects a large number of people

Olive is a journalist who dreams of reporting the big story – and of finally finding a home. Granted, she grew up in a loving family, but she can't shake the feeling that something is missing for her to be truly happy. Can investigating her grandmother's old, seemingly worthless compass, of all things, show Olive the way out of her loneliness?

Switch to twenty years earlier. Claire is living life in the fast lane, but news that her sister Iris has died throws her off course. She flees headlong to the small, rocky island where Iris lived. There, Claire finds piles of drawings, including one of an old, seemingly worthless compass.



Louise Pelt  
ANATOMY OF  
LONELINESS

Die Anatomie der  
Einsamkeit  
447 pages  
Hardcover  
March 2025

Louise Pelt was born in Hamburg in 1982. After traveling the world early on with a children's opera choir, she studied English and German language and literature and then wrote for film and the theater for several years. She lives with her family between the Alster and Elbe rivers.

### Also available:



THE HALF-LIFE  
OF HAPPINESS

431 pp  
March 2024

## Caustic, wicked, laconic. Drawing on his inimitable dark humor, Timur Vermes returns to his roots

**LOOK WHO'S BACK and THE HUNGRY AND THE FAT topped the bestseller lists and sold several million copies**

**Timur Vermes's pointed and satirical take on the issues of our times is matchless**

**BLACK MIRROR in book form. A very special reading experience that will leave no one untouched**

Are we living in hell yet? Or is that still to come?

This book is set in the not-too-distant future. Everything is free . . . but it doesn't come without a cost. Artificial intelligence is driving us mad, but you can't even scream at it properly. The new big thing is tattoo removal. The nursing crisis has been solved by robots, but somehow everyone had imagined it differently.

Timur Vermes presents letters and other documents from the future that hold up a mirror to our present times. This vexing, darkly funny puzzle will sometimes make your laughter catch in your throat. Inimitably acerbic and wicked!



Timur Vermes  
**LETTERS FROM  
TOMORROW THAT WE  
WISH WE HAD READ  
YESTERDAY**

**Briefe von morgen, die  
wir gerne gestern schon  
gelesen hätten**  
192 pages  
Hardcover  
February 2025

**Timur Vermes** was born in Nuremberg in 1967 as the son of a German mother and a Hungarian father. He studied history and political science at the University of Erlangen and worked afterwards as a journalist and ghostwriter. Until 2001, he wrote for the newspapers *Abendzeitung* and *Kölner Express* and later for several magazines. His 2012 novel **LOOK WHO'S BACK** is one of Germany's most successful debut novels of the last decades.

### Also available:



**LOOK WHO'S  
BACK**

396 pp  
Sept 2012



**THE HUNGRY  
AND THE FAT**

509 pp  
Aug 2018

## A homage to Jane Austen on the 250th anniversary of her birth

**A magical rom-com with a coastal setting and an unusual route to happiness**

**Aren't we all dreaming of a Mr Darcy?**

**For all fans of Sophie Kinsella and Jane Austen**

**Emilia Blau** lives by the sea in a coastal resort in Schleswig-Holstein. She has been publishing novels under a pseudonym since 2023. She studied English literature and cultural anthropology, with a period of study at a British university, and used to wander through Bath following in the footsteps of Jane Austen. It's no wonder her bookshelves are full of Jane Austen's works. When she's not writing, she likes spending time in the garden, with her horses or walking on the beach – especially in the south of England and in Schleswig-Holstein.

Leonora knows exactly what she wants... until her dream wedding ends in disaster. Instead of jetting off to Barbados on honeymoon, she ends up taking a job in Bath. Leonora used to go on holiday there as a child – as did her favourite author, Jane Austen. In Bath she meets the attractive but mysterious Charleston, whose family have been running a guesthouse by the sea for generations. In the guesthouse is a Georgian desk which Jane Austen is said to have written at, and where Leonora discovers a hidden note. Was it written by Jane? Time for Leonora to get in touch with her inner detective. But how's she supposed to do any investigating when her heart turns somersaults every time Charleston is around?



**Emilia Blau**  
**BREAKFAST WITH MR DARCY**

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**Birgit Ebbert** is a freelance author and lives in the Ruhr area. She holds an advanced degree in education, writes advice books, learning aids, juvenile literature, and stories of remembrance for working with senior citizens. After completing her doctoral dissertation on Erich Kästner, she has retained a fascination with German history. Her writing reflects this, even as it also shows that the underlying causes of history are often found in the human-interest aspects of day-to-day life.

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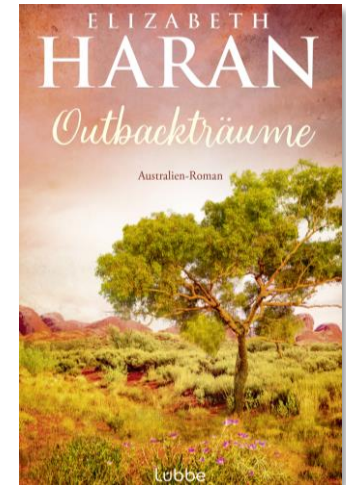
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**Angela Kirchner** was born in 1982. She is a qualified bookseller and now works as a freelance writer and copywriter. Her first Young Adult novel, ÜBER DEN DÄCHERN WIR ZWEI, was published in 2016, followed a year later by VIEL NÄHER ALS ZU NAH, which was shortlisted for the Delia Young Adult Literature Prize. Kirchner also writes children's books. LOVE ON REPEAT is her first book for adults.



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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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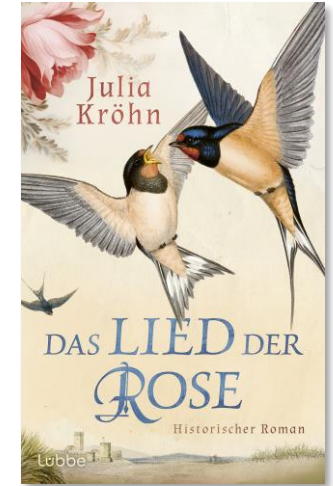
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**Rebecca Michéle**, born in 1963, was already writing stories as a teenager. Using several pseudonyms, she has since published numerous novels in different genres with a range of publishers. For her latest novel, **THE STONEMASON'S DAUGHTER**, she continued her practice of researching settings and backgrounds on location. It is no coincidence that her readers appreciate the intricate detail of her stories and the way the fiction she presents corresponds with actual history.



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**Josef Settele** is a biologist at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, an adjunct professor at the University of Halle-Wittenberg and, since 2020, a member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment. Josef Settele conducts research on nature conservation, the evolution of insects, and biodiversity in relation to land use, among other areas.

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