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How well do you really know your best friend?

A gripping psychological thriller about gaslighting and the destructive power of a disastrous lie

Emotionally intense and breathtakingly suspenseful—Sarah Bestgen is one of the most fascinating newly discovered authors in recent years

Nora hasn't heard from her friend Lou in years, until Lou suddenly sends her a wedding invitation. The joy of getting together again gives way to complete disbelief when, on the day of the ceremony, Nora finds herself facing a stranger rather than the bride. Lou has disappeared. Shortly afterward, Nora receives a desperate plea for help claiming that Lou is being erased from her life. A short time later, Lou is dead—allegedly a suicide. It seems that Lou had changed recently, and the rumors about her friend deeply unsettle Nora. Do they align with the Lou she once knew so well? As she uncovers more and more inconsistencies in her friend's life, Nora begins to doubt the suicide theory—and it's not long before her own life is in danger as well.

"The most exciting new voice in German thrillers. If you love suspense novels with breathtaking twists and psychologically sophisticated plots, there's no overlooking Sarah Bestgen." – **Linus Geschke**

"One of the most riveting thrillers on the market this year."
– **Mike Altwicker of WDR** commenting on Sarah Bestgen's **SAFE SPACE**

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

Also available:



HAPPY END

512 pp
Nov. 2024



SAFE SPACE

400 pp
Dec. 2025



Sarah Bestgen
BEST FRIENDS
United Forever, Even in Death

Für immer verbunden.
Bis in den Tod
Approx. 400 pages
Paperback
February 2027

Psychological suspense against the backdrop of the controversial, disturbingly current TRADWIFE trend on social media

The suspense of **THE HOUSEMAID** meets the haunting atmosphere of **YESTERYEAR**

#2 SPIEGEL bestseller

Over 60,000 copies sold

Rights sold to:

- Czech Rep. – the
- France Netherlands
- Italy

Vera Buck studied journalism, European literature, and screenwriting in Europe and on Hawaii and now lives in Switzerland. Her debut novel, *RUNA*, as well as her two thrillers *WOLFSKINDER* (*WOLF CHILDREN*) and *DER DUNKLE SOMMER* (*DARK SUMMER*) were nominated for the *Friedrich Glauser Prize*, while the French translation of *WOLFSKINDER* was awarded the *Prix Le Point du polar européen* in 2025. *DAS BAUMHAUS* (*THE TREE HOUSE*) and *DER DUNKLE SOMMER* landed her on the SPIEGEL bestseller list.

Her world is flawless—unless you zoom in too close.

The breathtaking new thriller by award-winning and SPIEGEL bestselling author Vera Buck

Millions want a life just like hers, and yet she's living a precarious lie.

In the luxury community of Sancta Familia, Florida, Lea finally has found everything she's always longed for: a safe home, a daughter she loves more than anything, and a husband who fulfills her every wish. Millions celebrate her glamorous life online—although her sister Paula mistrusts the flawless staging. When Lea suddenly goes silent, a concerned Paula travels from Germany to Florida. But Lea isn't in Sancta Familia. Her husband claims she's on a retreat, yet why are there no signs of life? The deeper Paula delves into the ostensibly idyllic world of the community, the more visible the cracks become. A strict set of rules requires unconditional obedience, and women who resist drop out of sight . . .

"A thriller that gets under your skin. Unflinching, trendy, and incredibly suspenseful."

– **EMILY RUDOLF**



Vera Buck
DON'T WORRY,
DARLING

Keine Angst, Darling
448 pages
Paperback
August 2026

An absorbing novel about climate change and the limits of geoengineering

A riveting thriller that addresses highly topical issues while also serving as a thought experiment. A great read with an added bonus!

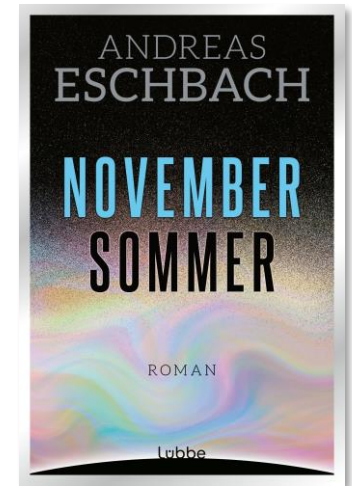
Total circulation for Andreas Eschbach: approximately 5.5 million copies

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

If geoengineering is supposed to save the climate ...

It hasn't amounted to anything more than lip service. None of the measures have truly reduced carbon dioxide emissions, and global temperatures continue to rise. In Germany, November can sometimes get as hot as summer used to be. An environmental movement, led by the charismatic climate scientist Dr. Frederick Rookwerper, argues that geoengineering is the only way left to forestall planetary heat collapse. With the goal of shifting public opinion, they launch a pilot project, yet they have no clue what they've become involved with.

What happens when politics fail and activists take matters into their own hands? What happens when an experiment spins out of control and the impact is far greater than projected?

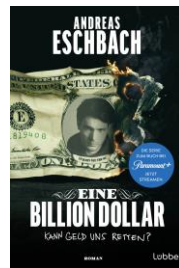


Andreas Eschbach
SUMMER IN NOVEMBER

Novembersommer
816 pages
Hardcover
October 2026

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 DAS JESUS-VIDEO (THE JESUS VIDEO) he is one of Germany's bestselling authors. Andreas Eschbach lives with his wife on the French Atlantic coast.

Also available (a.o.):



ONE TRILLION
DOLLARS

734 pp
Sep. 2001



NSA - NATIONAL
SECURITY
AGENCY

796 pp
Sep. 2018



INTO THE PALE
HEART OF
SUMMER

240 pp
May 2026

A suspense novel about transphobia and self-empowerment

A gripping thriller about the right to self-determination

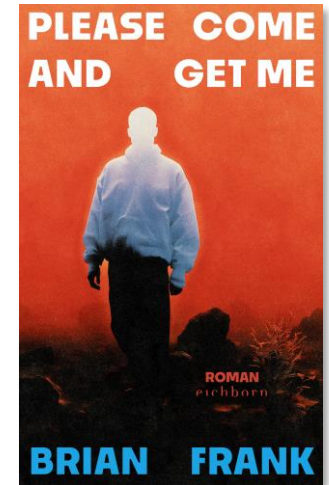
Stephen King's "Misery" meets Jordan Peele's "Get Out"

Nothing exceeds the terror that lurks within one's supposedly safest refuge: the family

The author skillfully interweaves a queer thriller with a literary family drama

Ever since he came out as trans, Fabian's relationship with his conservative family has been more troubled than ever. All the same, after undergoing top surgery, the 30-year-old temporarily moves back into his parents' home in the countryside. Yet instead of family support, Fabian finds himself facing a brutal ultimatum. His family will only allow him out of his old childhood bedroom if he stops taking hormones and starts living as a woman again. The situation escalates relentlessly—before reaching its grim conclusion.

A riveting novel about bodily autonomy, toxic caregiving, family traumas, and the strength to stand up for oneself.



Brian Frank
PLEASE COME AND GET ME

336 pages
Hardcover
September 2026

Brian Frank was born in 1993. After studying creative writing in Hildesheim, he now lives in Hamburg and writes literary fiction, suspense novels, and queer and trans horror. He was awarded the *Walter Serner Prize* and has received grants from the state of Lower Saxony and the city of Hamburg. **PLEASE COME AND GET ME** marks his literary debut.

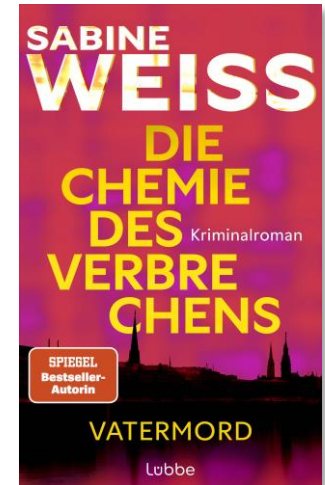
Perpetrator or victim?

DNA doesn't always reveal which one you are

Forensic DNA scientist and criminal defense attorney May Barven investigates a new case in Hamburg

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

Lily Goster is desperate. She is supposed to have attacked and fatally injured Heimo Klessmer in Hamburg on a party boat he owned. Even though her DNA was found on the victim, she denies the crime. The district attorney's office, meanwhile, sees its suspicions confirmed because the young woman had a personal motive. Lily was conceived through a sperm donation: Klessmer was her biological father. Indeed, as a mass donor he fathered numerous children, which clearly bothered Lily. Who is the perpetrator here, and who is the victim? Realising that DNA alone proves nothing, defense attorney May Barven teams up with private investigator Tarek Loman and launches an investigation.



Sabine Weiss
THE CHEMISTRY OF
CRIME
– PATRICIDE
(Vol. 2)

Die Chemie des Verbrechens
– Vaternord (Bd. 2)
464 pages
Paperback
November 2026

Also available (a.o.):



THE CHEMISTRY
OF CRIME
– THE TRAIL OF
EVIDENCE
(Vol. 1)

445 pp
Nov. 2025

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

CRIME NOVEL ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH



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Cherringham mysteries

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

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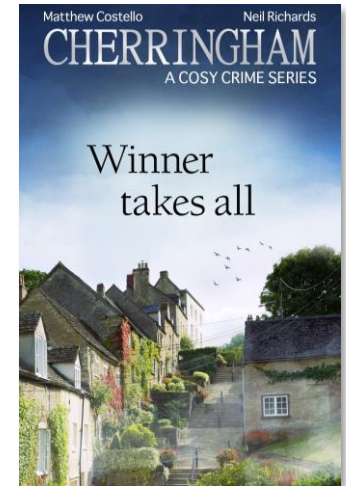
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- Finland – Netherlands
- Italy – Poland
- Latvia – Sweden

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.

(Episode 51): When Cherringham Pickleball Club Captain Carl Roper is found dead on the courts, it looks like just an unfortunate accident. But for Jack and Sarah, that story doesn't add up. As they investigate the club, the players, and a big pending deal, they find themselves in a race against time to find the real reason Carl Roper died - and the identity of his killer ...

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
– WINNER TAKES ALL
(Episode 51)

169 pages
October 2026



Latvian, Czech, Estonian, English, Finnish and Italian

The new queer new adult rockstar romance series at LYX

With the **SCORPIO SEASON** series, young German author **Maisie Bell** makes her **LYX** debut – writing directly in English

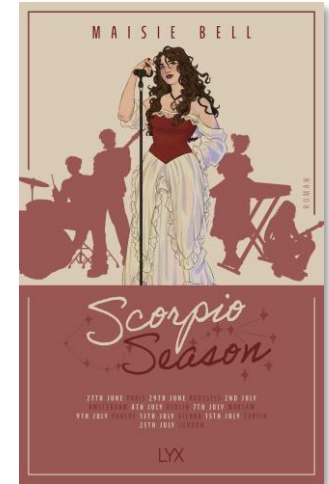
German and English editions launch simultaneously

Complete English manuscript of **SCORPIO SEASON** available

When her queer rock band **SCORPIO SEASON** gets booked as the opening act for her idol's European tour, Florence Gibson can't believe her luck. There's only one problem: They need a drummer. Enter Luca Walsh, the woman Florence had a life-altering one-night-stand with not even twenty-four hours earlier. Even though their first band meeting devolves into chaos when Florence realises who Luca is, the show must go on. Through weeks of performing together, car rides across Europe, and nights sharing beds in seedy hostels, they try to hide their growing attraction for the sake of the band. But with every new song feeling more like a love confession, how long can they keep their distance?

Four books, four queer romances, one success story: follow SCORPIO SEASON from their days as a little-known opening act to their breakthrough as global superstars!

#Female/Female



Maisie Bell
SCORPIO SEASON
(Vol. 1)

382 pages
Paperback
October 2026

Coming soon:

Maisie Bell was born in Lower Saxony, Germany, where she studies Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy. She loves peppermint tea, romantic comedies from the 1990s, and complex queer characters.



SCORPIO RISING
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 420 pp
April 2027

The Durable brothers:
attractive, powerful and
hot as hell

Atmospheric setting: a
casino in Monte Carlo

Brilliantly drawn
characters with intense
chemistry between the
protagonists

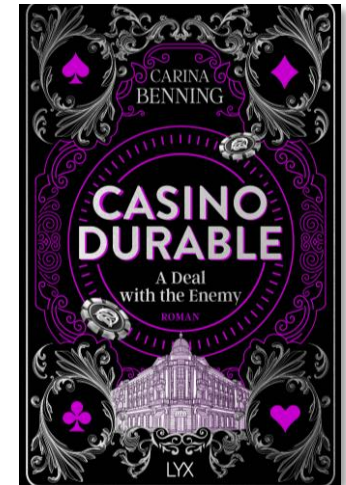
A new series featuring
morally grey heroes and
nail-biting suspense – for
readers of Ana Huang and
L.J. Shen

The final instalment of the *Heat & Betrayal* series by Carina Benning

Mathis Durable has spent his whole life preparing to take over as manager of CASINO DURABLE – although he knows his mother will never entirely relinquish control. When his uncle dies and La Deuxième also comes into the family's possession, he sees his chance to have his own casino. But then a new will comes to light, and it leaves everything to Adeline Almani. Mathis tries to solve the problem with a simple deal, but Adeline cannot be bought. As they both pursue their own goals, they sense that their worlds are not so different after all, and as they grapple with dangerous secrets and their unexpected attraction to one another, it's not only the casino that is at stake, but everything they want to protect...

Tropes:

#Billionaire #Enemies to Lovers #Rich Boy/Poor Girl

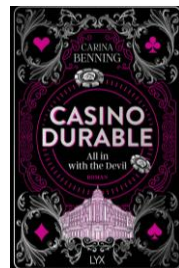


Carina Benning
**CASINO DURABLE
– A DEAL WITH THE
ENEMY**
(*Heat & Betrayal* Vol. 3)

512 pages
Paperback
December 2026

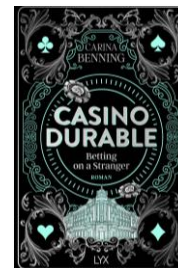
Carina Benning was born in Tirol in 1986 and still lives there in the mountains with her family. She loves getting lost in the woods with her dogs and thinking up new stories in quiet places. She usually writes these stories down in the early hours of the morning before returning to her day job as a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

Also available:



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

528 pp
April 2026



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

496 pp
Aug. 2026

If you liked **HEATED RIVALRY**, you'll love this one!

Part one of the irresistible male/male-tennis-duology *Affairs of a Tennis Player* – originally written in English

German and English editions launch simultaneously

Complete English manuscript of **GUARD YOUR HEART** available

Anna Rowan & Carla Brooks are a best-friends-turned-author duo. As devoted romance fans, the authors write their own love stories – full of tension, yearning, and just a touch of heartbreak. They divide their time between writing desks, tennis courts, and coffee shops, though their thoughts are almost always by the sea.

One summer in Spain. One doubles tournament. Nothing will be the same

It was supposed to be the greatest victory of his tennis career. But under the pressure of a roaring crowd that wants to see him fall, William Hagen suffers his most brutal defeat.

To polish his image as an untouchable Ice King, he is sent to the prestigious Ortega Cup – where he must play doubles with his greatest rival, Theo Eastwood. The fan favorite. The Golden Boy. His complete opposite. But during shared training sessions and evening laps in the pool, it becomes harder and harder for Will to hold on to his contempt for Theo.

And finally, Will must ask himself whether he wasn't the only one who was too quick to judge.

Tropes:

#Slow Burn #Male/Male #Sports Romance #Forced Proximity #Rivals to Lovers



Carla Brooks / Anna Rowan
GUARD YOUR HEART
– **AFFAIRS OF A TENNIS PLAYER**
(Vol. 1)

384 pages
Paperback
November 2026

She wants freedom. He wants order. But fate has other plans.

The last book in the glamorous *Bevyn Boys* series

A grumpy CEO is brought to his knees by a ray of sunshine: Opposites Attract at its best!

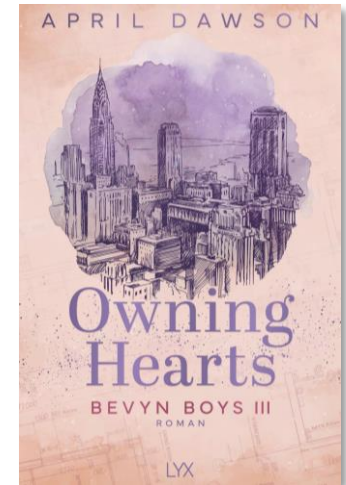
Back to her roots: April knows exactly what fans of CEO office romances want!

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

The author has sold over 330,000 books with LYX

Candice McFadden has never wanted to quit a job so quickly in her life. Having previously worked as a panda keeper, a dog surfer and a fortune cookie author, she's now working as an island sitter on a luxurious private island. The idyll is shattered, however, when the owner of this paradise turns out to be her arch-enemy Gideon Bevyn. The CEO of Bevyn Estates has been forced by his family to take some time off after suffering a mild heart attack. And the last person he wants around is this woman who gets under his skin and infuriates him all at the same time.

But then there's a terrible storm, and the pair have no choice but to try and get along. Heated arguments, stolen glances and warm nights... it's not long before the free spirit and the workaholic start to develop unexpected feelings for each other. But can their love really bring their two different worlds together?



April Dawson
OWNING HEARTS
(*Bevyn Boys* Vol. 3)

480 pages
Paperback
December 2026

Also available:

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
(Vol. 1)

480 pp
Feb. 2026



BUILDING TRUST
(Vol. 2)

480 pp
July 2026

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



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

Emotions are running high on the editorial board of PURPLE CLOUDS magazine

The surprising fourth book
in the **PURPLE CLOUDS**
series, a reader favourite

A story full of dream
destinations: New York at
Christmas and Maine in
the snow

BITTERSWEET (Vol. 3) : #5
SPIEGEL bestseller

Bella Darling writes for PURPLE CLOUDS magazine about her dating life. But since she never makes it past the first date, she's in danger of losing her column. Her last chance is a special date with »Z«, the man she's been messaging ever since their suitcases got mixed up at the airport a year ago. She feels like there's a special connection between them. But when she comes face to face with him at the airport once again, she realises she's already been on a date with Zac – and it was a disaster! Bella doesn't get the chance to process her disappointment, because they have a turbulent flight and have to make an emergency landing in a snowstorm. But could this enforced proximity to Zac actually be an opportunity?

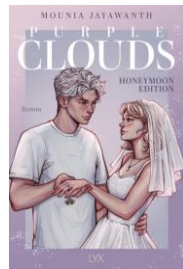


Mounia Jayawanth
PURPLE CLOUDS
– MISTLETOE
(Vol. 4)

432 pages
Paperback
September 2026

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

Also available:



PURPLE CLOUDS
– HONEYMOON
(Vol. 1)

480 pp
March 2025



PURPLE CLOUDS
– MEET CUTE
(Vol. 2)

464 pp
Aug. 2025



PURPLE CLOUDS
– BITTERSWEET
(Vol. 3)

464 pp
Feb. 2026

#1 SPIEGEL Bestseller
author Lena Kiefer is the
queen of cliffhangers

The author has sold over 1
million copies with LYX

WESTWELL is currently in
development as a Disney+
series

Rights to Lena Kiefer's
books sold to:

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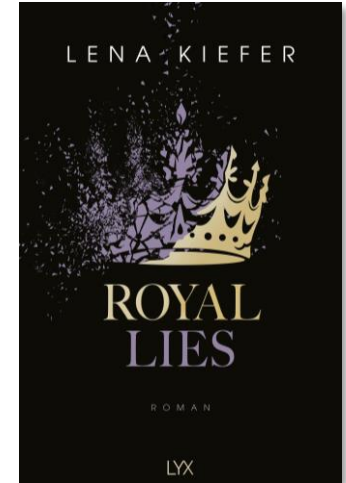
Lena Kiefer loved making up stories even as a child. After school she spent some time writing articles before finding her way back to literature and studying German at university. She now lives with her husband near Lake Constance.

Royals. Revenge. Forbidden feelings. The final book in Lena Kiefer's SPIEGEL Bestseller series *Royal Heist*

Darcy's cover has been blown. When the truth about her identity comes out, the queen gives her a painful ultimatum: she must leave England – and therefore Tristan – forever, or she and her crew will go to prison. For Darcy there's only one choice she can possibly make, even though it breaks her heart. But the longer she and Tristan are apart, the more they realise that they both want to fight to be together, even though it seems hopeless. Then, as Tristan tries to protect his family from his brother and Darcy increasingly starts to question her job as a con artist, there's a moment that suddenly changes everything. The Robbin' Hood must plan one final job together – and it's bigger than anything they've ever done before. Because this time it's a matter of life and death...

Tropes:

#Royals #Enemies to Lovers



Lena Kiefer
ROYAL LIES
(*Royal Heist* Vol. 3)

512 pages
Paperback
September 2026

Also available:



ROYAL HEIST
(Vol. 1)

496 pp
Nov. 2025



ROYAL FAKE
(Vol. 2)

496 pp
April 2026

Also available: WESTWELL & COLDHART



WESTWELL

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

COLDHART

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

The kind of Dark Romance readers love: a gritty gang setting meets a college romance with dark depths in a small town in the USA

Tropes:

#Dark Romance
#Gang Setting
#College
#Love Triangle
#Second Chance
#Good Guy vs Bad Boy

Mimi Kylling was born in 1993. She writes to feel those butterflies in the stomach when characters turn into personalities, and to put down on paper all the thoughts she's carried around with her for so long. Her stories are as colourful and diverse as life itself. She always empathises with flawed heroes – because the quietest voices often have the most important things to say.

Dark Romance at its best: in *Serene Falls*, every sin has its price

After their parents are murdered, Diaz and his brother grow up with the Crusaders, a violent gang in Serene Falls. Diaz wants only one thing: to get out of the underworld and out of the town. But his previous convictions, his anger and a job gone wrong land him in prison, and almost cost him his college place. After his release he runs into Alyssa – his first love, and daughter of the powerful Mayor Moreno, whom Diaz holds responsible for his parents' deaths. Alyssa is now with Ryan, the college's sensitive star quarterback.

Blinded by rage, Diaz vows to break them up, and blackmails Alyssa for money. But in doing so he drags them all into a dangerous web of guilt, revenge and feelings from the past – and brings their hearts closer together than anyone had planned.



Mimi Kylling
SINNERS OF SERENE FALLS
– RUIN & RAGE

Approx. 432 pages
Paperback
February 2027

The first book in a suspenseful New Adult duology by SPIEGEL Bestseller author Anna Lane – nailbiting tension and goosebump moments

A moving love story full of passion – atmospheric and exciting

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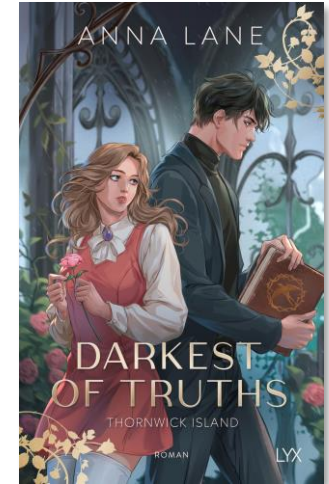
– Czech Republic

Tropes:
#High Society
#Gothic

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 remote island. A secret society. A man who's in charge of it.
And secrets that could cost you your life...**

Rosie Page has only one goal: to find her brother Emerson, who disappeared without trace from Thornwick Island a few months ago. In desperation, she takes a job on the high-society island. She'll be working as an assistant to none other than James Darcy, Emerson's arch-enemy. James is rich, arrogant and ice-cold – and Rosie is firmly convinced that he has something to do with Emerson's disappearance. When she tries to prove it, she stumbles across the mysterious Society of Thorns, which controls the island's destiny – and its inhabitants. Its leader James seems to know more about Emerson than he's letting on. But Rosie still can't resist her attraction to him...



Anna Lane
THORNWICK ISLAND
– DARKEST OF TRUTHS
(Vol.1)

528 pages
Paperback
December 2026

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



LOVE, DECODED
(Vol. 1)

480 pp
Dec. 2024



LOVE, UNCOVERED
(Vol. 2)

448 pp
April 2025

Young German author who has already gained a large international readership on WATTPAD

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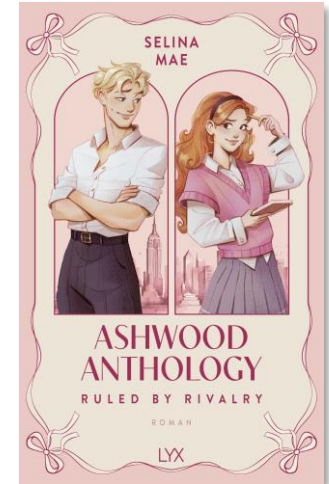
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The Ashwood Empire: Rivalry, Luxury, Glamour – and a whole lot of Tension

Straight out of HALL BECK UNIVERSITY, Maeve Peterson lands an internship at *Adeline Ashwood*, the most powerful luxury house in the world, and her dream of working in fashion seems closer than ever. She shouldn't be surprised: through hard work and determination, everything always works out for Maeve. Until she walks into the *Ashwood* offices. Spilled coffee, interrupted meetings, and worst of all, getting into it with Elliot Ashwood – youngest heir to the empire and the one person standing between her and everything she's worked for. Competing for the same job should keep their rivalry strictly professional, but it's hard to maintain when she continues finding him in disarmingly intimate situations in their shared apartment.

Tropes:

#Office Romance #High Society #Roommates #Forced Proximity
#Rivals to Lovers #Rich Boy/Poor Girl #Famous/Non-Famous

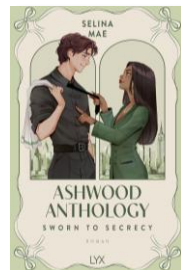


Selina Mae
**ASHWOOD ANTHOLOGY
– RULED BY RIVALRY**
(Vol. 1)

464 pages
Paperback
September 2026

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.

Coming soon:



**ASHWOOD ANTHOLOGY
– SWORN TO SECRECY**
(Vol. 2)

416 pp
Dec 2026

Also available (a.o.): *Hall Beck University*



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(Vol. 1)
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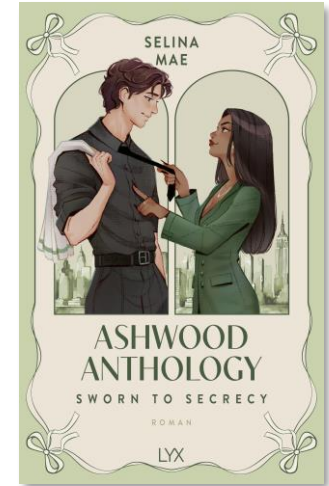
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If there's one thing everyone knows about the Auclairs and Ashwoods, it's that they're arch-enemies. So the last thing Tate Auclair expects is her father's sudden need to get the Ashwood's clothing line back into their luxury department store, Maison Auclair. Still, she's been raised to make her father proud and there's nothing she wouldn't do for him – not even if it includes wrapping Rowen Ashwood, one of the luxury empire's heirs, around her finger. To earn Rowen's trust, nothing is off-limits. Not family secrets, forbidden feelings...or her own heart.

Tropes:

#Celebrities #High Society #Forbidden Love #Reverse Grumpy-meets-Sunshine



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Will their fairy tale have a happy ending?

Book 2 of a powerful New Adult series about academic rivals at Oxford University

LYX has sold over 200,000 books by Merit Niemeitz

A SPIEGEL Bestseller author and a unique writing talent

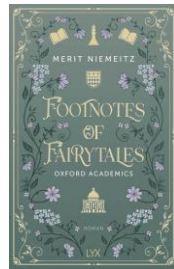
Tropes:

- #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.

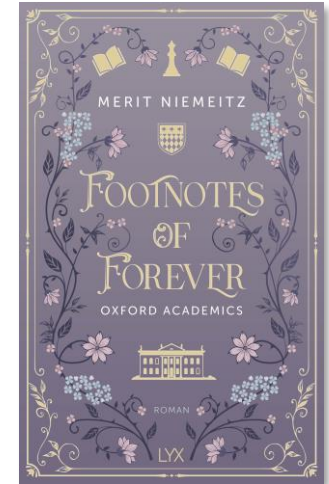
Brielle is devastated – it looks as though her academic rival Coben Bronte has betrayed her and put her place at Oxford University at risk. And they'd just been starting to get close. For the first time in a long time, Brielle had finally opened her heart to someone and started to believe in fairy tales again – but a happy ending now seems completely out of reach. Despite everything that's happened between them, though, there's still the tournament to think about. And Brielle is more determined than ever to win it. But to do that, she and Coben need to work as a team. Can she ever properly trust him again after what he's done?

Also available:



FOOTNOTES OF FAIRYTALES
(Vol. 1)

512 pp
Aug. 2026



Merit Niemeitz
FOOTNOTES OF FOREVER
(*Oxford Academics* Vol. 2)

512 pages
Paperback
November 2026

As cosy and romantic as a Christmas film

Two SPIEGEL Bestseller authors – one co-written book

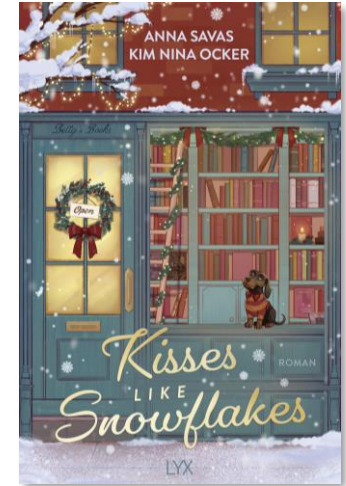
Cosy dream destinations: New York at Christmas and a little bookshop

A must-read for under the Christmas tree: two happy endings in one book

Just before Christmas, Emilia accidentally ends up working as a nanny to the son of attractive single dad Cemil. She soon comes to care deeply not only about the little boy but about his father too. Mia, who was supposed to have got the nannying job, ends up working at a little bookshop in Brooklyn called *Betty's Books*. There she runs into Grayson. Her memories of him from when they were teenagers are *not* fond ones. But though Mia tries her hardest to resist his charms, she soon finds her heart beating as hard at the sight of Grayson as it does at the sight of all the books. Is this fate – have Emilia and Mia ended up exactly where they were supposed to be?

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.

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.



Kim Nina Ocker / Anna Savas
KISSES LIKE SNOWFLAKES

512 pages
Paperback
November 2026

One of the most popular
New Adult series in
Germany

A Number 1 SPIEGEL
bestseller series,
WHEREVER & WHOEVER
also went straight to the
top of the bestseller list

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Rights to DUNBRIDGE
ACADEMY were sold in 13
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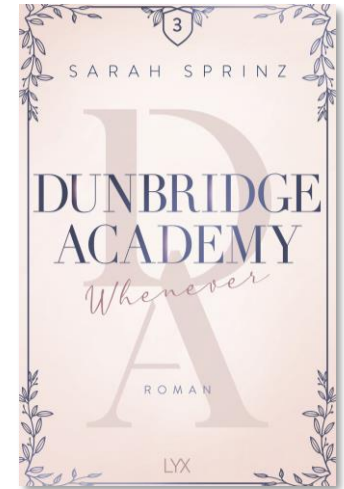
Sarah Sprinz was born in
Tettmang in 1996, and later
moved to Aachen to study
medicine. When she's not
writing she likes to go for long
walks along the lakeshore,
thinking up new ideas for
stories and dreaming of her
next trips to Canada and
Scotland. She loves spending
afternoons writing in cafés,
maple syrup, and keeping in
touch with her readers on
Instagram. (@sarahsprinz).

The final book in the spin-off series about the new generation at DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY

A shock for Elsa: after a physical altercation during a match, she's replaced as captain of the girls' rugby team. It's a slap in the face for the ambitious daughter of DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY's rugby coach. Especially since Oscar Hallendale, captain of the boys' team and her avowed nemesis, still has the support of his team even after a serious sporting accident. When she encounters him in a vulnerable moment, she offers him a deal: Oscar will teach her how to be a better captain, and in return she won't tell her dad about Oscar training for his comeback while he's still in pain. A risky deal in which there's a lot more at stake than either of them realise...

Popular tropes:

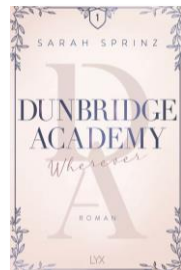
#Dark Academia #Sports Romance #Second Chance #Soul Mates
#Found Family #Forced Proximity



Sarah Sprinz
DUNBRIDGE ACADEMY
– **WHENEVER**
(*Dunbridge Academy* Vol. 7)

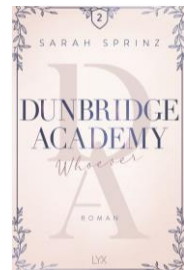
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October 2026

Also available:



DUNBRIDGE
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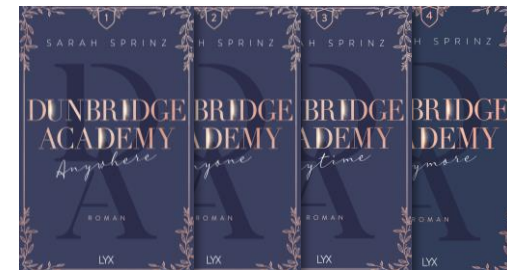
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ACADEMY
– **WHOEVER**
(Vol. 6)

592 pp
June 2026

Also available a.o.: *Dunbridge Academy*



- **ANYWHERE**
(Vol. 1)
- **ANYONE**
(Vol. 2)
- **ANYTIME**
(Vol. 3)
- **ANYMORE**
(Vol. 4)

The first book in a new gaming series by bestselling author Anabelle Stehl

Anabelle Stehl's *Novel Haven* was a hit with readers – all three books in the series made it onto the SPIEGEL bestseller list

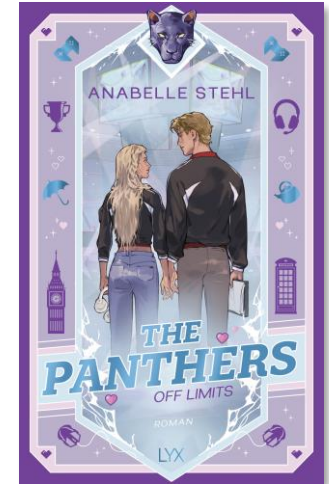
A sports romance about one of the fastest growing sports in the world

Rights to Anabelle Stehl's previous books sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Ukraine

Tropes:
#Sports Romance

Luna has a spot in the first mixed squad of the Panthers, the e-sport team of her dreams. Ahead of her lies a new beginning in London – and the chance to prove herself to the rest of the scene at last. But her coach turns out to be Travis Gallagher, of all people. The man she spent the best night of her life with, and who then dropped her without a word. Luna is determined to concentrate on her career and to punish Travis by showing him the same disdain he showed her. But at every training session, and every time their hands accidentally touch, it's clear that neither of them have moved on – even if a relationship between coach and player is strictly forbidden...



Anabelle Stehl
**THE PANTHERS
– OFF LIMITS**
(Vol. 1)

544 pages
Paperback
October 2026

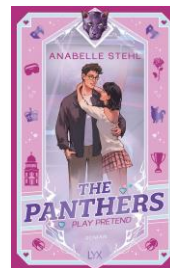
Anabelle Stehl was born in 1993; six years later she chose Bulbasaur as her starter Pokémon, and her passion for gaming was born. She studied linguistics, lived for a while in Ireland, and now lives in Hamburg where she writes romantic feel-good books.

Coming soon:



**THE PANTHERS
– HARD
FEELINGS**
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 480 pp
March 2027



**THE PANTHERS
– PLAY
PRETEND**
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp
Aug. 2027

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



- **LEVELS OF LOVE**
(Vol. 1)
- **MATCH OF FATE**
(Vol. 2)
- **SOUND OF DREAMS**
(Vol. 3)

For all fans of (historical) K-dramas and the most successful Netflix film of all time, KPOP DEMON HUNTERS

With a download code for the song to accompany the book: composed and sung by a Korean musician

Rights to *Princess of the Thousand Thieves* sold to:

- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Italy
- the Netherlands

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.

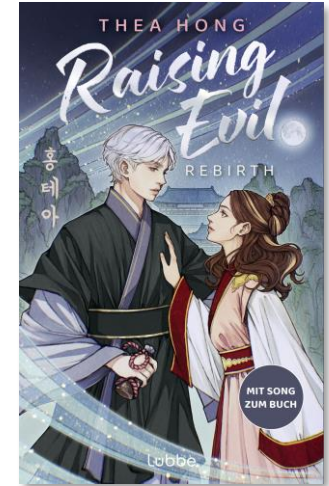
The first book in a dramatic romantasy duology with a magical setting in historical Korea

Baekha, clever and strategic, becomes the top general in the kingdom. She lives and fights only for her king, who is also her lover – until a curse is placed on her which causes her to question everything...

Baekha is condemned by the gods to infinite reincarnations. It is only in her latest life, when she has begun to think about herself for the first time, that breaking the curse has started to feel like a possibility. Baekha now swears allegiance to the queen. But in doing so, she sets in motion a series of unexpected events and stumbles across an outrageous plot. When two of her former rivals get dangerously close to her, she has to decide who means the most to her and which path she is going to choose...

Tropes:

#Female Empowerment #Magic #Korea #Royals #Redemption Arc #Found Family #Enemies to Lovers #Touch her and die #Love Triangle



Thea Hong
RAISING EVIL
– REBIRTH (Vol. 1)

416 pages
Paperback
November 2026

Coming soon:



RAISING EVIL
– LEGACY
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 416 pp
June 2027

Also available: *Princess of the Thousand Thieves*



BETRAYED
(Vol. 1)

432 pp
Oct. 2025



CHOSEN
(Vol. 2)

448 pp
March 2026

THE SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS meets New Adult fantasy

The exciting first instalment in a fantasy trilogy set at an academy with magical creatures, about a strong protagonist torn between two men

The epic fantasy début of a talented young German author

Rayne wants nothing more than to enter into a soul connection with a magical creature – it's the only way she'll be able to do magic and solve the mystery of how her parents died. When she's chosen by the rare star jaguar Astria, her life changes overnight. At WAYLON ACADEMY she trains to be a soldier. But building a bond with Astria and learning about her powers are not the only challenges she faces. Because, in spite of herself, Crown Prince Henri makes Rayne's heart race whenever she sees him – and she's increasingly fascinated by the mysterious Caleb. But her confusing feelings fade into the background when a threat emerges that could destroy not only the creatures but magic itself.

Tropes:

#Slow Burn #Magic #Light Academia #Revenge #Opposites Attract
#Found Family #Forced Proximity #Forbidden Love #Reverse Grumpy-meets-Sunshine #Rich Boy/Poor Girl #Love Triangle

Katharina Jurka was born in 2001. She has loved books of all kinds since she was a child. Having grown up with LORD OF THE RINGS and PERCY JACKSON, she particularly loves fantasy and stories about magic, love and having the courage to fight for what is good in the world. When she's not lost in the pages of whichever book she's writing at the moment, she works in healthcare near Munich.



Katharina Jurka
WAYLON ACADEMY OF
MAGICAL CREATURES
– STARBOUND FATES
(Vol. 1)

592 pages
Hardcover
December 2026

In the kingdom of the gods, her feelings are put to the test

The second book in an epic fantasy series by SPIEGEL bestseller author Kim Nina Ocker

MASKED BY NIGHTFALL
(Vol.1): #4 SPIEGEL bestseller

LYX has sold over 260,000 books by Kim Nina Ocker

Tropes:

#Magic #Forbidden Magic
#Hidden Identity #Trials
#He Falls First #Found Family
#Forced Proximity
#Enemies to Lovers
#Who did this to you?
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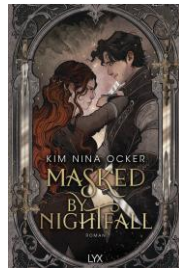
Elodie Havare has her back to the wall: if her greatest secret is revealed, it will put not only Elodie herself but also her family and everyone close to her in mortal danger. She's also halfway through her training as a Shadow Soldier, which could cost her her life at any moment. But Elodie has no idea what's actually in store for her: Jax Elder – attractive, dangerous, the man she's given her heart to – has made a decision that will rock her to her core. Will Elodie ever be able to trust him again? Or has Jax permanently destroyed the thing he was so desperate to protect?



Kim Nina Ocker
VEILED BY MIDNIGHT
(*Last Shadows* Vol. 2)

704 pages
Hardcover
October 2026

Also available:



MASKED BY NIGHTFALL
(Vol. 1)

688 pp
May 2026

Lark's story continues!

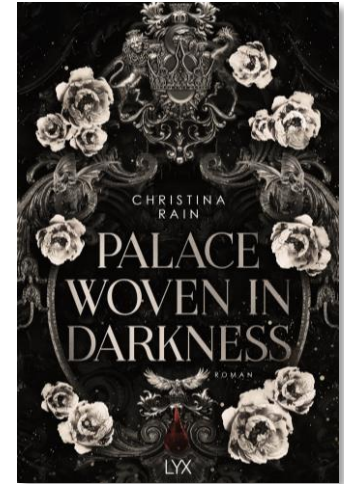
Book 2 of the new dark romantasy series by Christina Rain, the popular author of KNIGHTSTONE ACADEMY

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!

A palace. A truth that's been hidden for too long. And three men who want to control her – and could destroy her in the process.

The outcome of the contest to choose the Shadow Lover has been decided – but for half-vampire Lark, the real fight is only just beginning. As the prince's Chosen One, she's now part of a courtly power structure in which obedience is a matter of life and death. Hazy memories and long-kept secrets rock the court to its foundations, and reveal the role Lark really plays in the ancient magical contract. Whilst Prince Tarabas's dark protection is as irresistible as it is dangerous, and Prince Loras's seduction threatens to drag her back into the abyss, it's her bodyguard Payne who ends up getting far closer to Lark than he should. As she navigates intrigues, betrayal and forbidden feelings, Lark realises that in this game it's every man for himself. And if she trusts the wrong one, she could lose everything...



Christina Rain
PALACE WOVEN IN DARKNESS
(*Blood and Magic* Vol. 2)

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

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:



MAGIC DROWNED IN BLOOD
(Vol. 1)

448 pp
Feb. 2026

Coming soon:



CROWNS BURIED IN CHAOS
(Vol. 3)

544 pp
Nov. 2026

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The final instalment in the dark romance series BLOOD AND MAGIC

One rebellion. Two sides. Three men she's already given her heart to.

During her time as the Shadow Lover at the palace in the north, Lark increasingly finds herself caught between two fronts, the crown and the resistance movement – until one night the situation suddenly escalates. When Lark wakes up at Nightcastle College, she finds herself in the hands of the anti-monarchists. Separated from the royal brothers, she tries to negotiate between the two camps. But with every grim truth that comes to light about the royal family's machinations, it becomes clearer and clearer that it's far too late for peace. Trapped in a web of loyalty, betrayal and forbidden feelings, Lark learns the hard way that in this war, every decision comes at a price...

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

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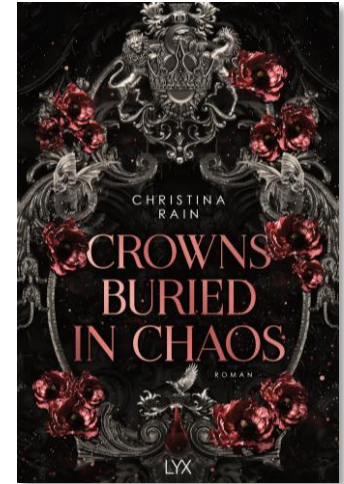
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Finally! The thrilling sequel to the international bestseller and Luca Di Fulvio's most successful novel THE BOY WHO GRANTED DREAMS

A gripping tale of hope and human kindness – a thrilling combination of powerful emotions and contemporary history

The total German print run for Luca Di Fulvio exceeds 2 million copies

THE BOY WHO GRANTED DREAMS has been translated into 12 languages

Luca Di Fulvio lived in Rome and worked as a freelance author. He began his writing career with thrillers, later turning to grand stories with emotional depth. His first novels, **THE BOY WHO GRANTED DREAMS** and **THE GIRL WHO REACHED FOR THE STARS**, were not the only ones to spend months at the top of the SPIEGEL bestseller list. In May 2023, Luca Di Fulvio passed away in Rome after a serious illness.

A girl bewitches people with courage and imagination

New York in 1929. Young Attila was raised on stories—told by her famous father, Christmas, whose voice on the radio had at one time created dreams across all of America. And now, on the stoops of the Lower East Side, she has become the one who gives children hope with stories of her own. When Christmas's voice falls silent after the stock market crash, the two soon face the need to leave New York. A ship on a secret mission takes them to Europe via a circuitous route. There, Christmas hopes to see his great love Ruth again, who is blazing new trails as a photographer in France. In a disrupted world of great uncertainty and danger, it is Attila who unexpectedly provides new hope.

Also available (a.o.):



THE BOY WHO GRANTED DREAMS

784 pp
July 2011



**Luca Di Fulvio
THE DREAM THAT
GRANTED NEW
WORLDS**

**Der Traum, der neue
Welten schenkte
672 pages
Paperback
November 2026**

Four women—connected by something that remained untold.

About female role models, inherited trauma, and the fragility of memory

Three women who always had to “function”—and one who finds the courage to break free

On the power of what remains unspoken, and a woman’s attempt to free herself from it. A compelling debut with an irresistible pull

“Something’s wrong. I just have no idea what.”

As she searches for the source of her vague sense of not belonging anywhere, Mirabell delves into her family history. But instead of answers, she finds only a web of gaps and half-truths, passed down as if in an endless game of Telephone. There was a great-grandmother who disappeared; a grandmother who no longer wanted to live; and a mother who won’t say anything. How does one approach such a sketchy past? The more inconsistencies Mirabell uncovers, the more clearly she senses that what remains unsaid continues to have an impact in the present—and that she must write her own story.

A smart, sensitive novel about four women whose lives have been intertwined for decades—and the question of whether we truly remember the truth or must perhaps invent it in order to live our lives.



**Pauline Hatscher
FOUR LIVES**

**Über vier Leben
352 pages
Hardcover
July 2026**

Pauline Hatscher was born in 1998, studied cultural studies and education, and is pursuing a Ph.D. in qualitative social research. In 2022, she was a finalist in the 30th Open Mike—Competition for Young Literature. VIER LEBEN (FOUR LIVES) is her debut novel.

A grand novel about the rifts in our society

Andreas Wunn is a bestselling author

Andreas Wunn tells the story of two brothers who lose each other—and a society that is relentlessly drifting apart

For readers of Juli Zeh and Philipp Oehmke

As children, they were inseparable. Max, the younger brother, admires his older brother Julius, while also distrusting him. In the late 1990s, they move to Berlin to attend the university. Julius goes into journalism, Max becomes a doctor, and both of them fall in love with Nina. Although Julius ultimately marries her, Max can never quite let go of her.

When Julius's career falters, his political views harden. The rift between the brothers deepens, and they become estranged. Then Julius disappears. Max suspects the reason behind it and realises he must face questions he has long avoided. How well do we really know those closest to us? And will I stand by my brother, even if he appears to be trapped in a world of lies and anger?

Andreas Wunn was born in 1975. He lives in Berlin, where he works for ZDF (a German public-service television broadcaster) as director and host of the morning and midday news programs. Prior to that, he spent six years reporting from Rio de Janeiro as ZDF South America correspondent. His debut novel, SAUBERE ZEITEN became a SPIEGEL bestseller in 2023.



Andreas Wunn
THE BROTHERS WE
ONCE WERE

Die Brüder, die wir
waren
256 pages
Hardcover
October 2026

The atmospheric winter installment in the successful novel series about a camellia oil factory on a Japanese island.

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 – the
- Czech Rep. Netherlands
- France – Romania
- Hungary – Slovakia
- Italy – Slovenia
- Latvia – 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.

A wonderful story about Japanese New Year traditions and a Breton Christmas

Winter has arrived on the island of Soshima. Lucy is happy. They've just started harvesting the camellia blossoms to extract the red dye for Sylvia's cosmetics company. Over Christmas, she will fly back to Brittany, where Lily's wedding is planned. Lucy is looking forward to it, and equally to returning to Japan with Finn afterward; they want to celebrate Japanese New Year on Soshima together with Lucy's colleagues. Everything's already planned and well prepared, but then life intervenes, requiring some skillful improvisation to put everything back on track successfully.

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
WINTER IN THE CAMELLIA HOUSE (Vol. 3)

Winter im Kamelienhaus
(Bd.3)
144 pages
Paperback
October 2026

Also available:



THE CAMELLIA HOUSE
(Vol. 1)

400 pp
Oct. 2025



REUNION AT THE CAMELLIA HOUSE
(Vol. 2)

464 pp
April 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)

Atmospheric winter romcom set in a Scottish castle, with an emotional New Year's Eve finale

A strong protagonist who is easy for modern readers to identify with

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Scotland won't solve all your problems. But there are some it definitely can help with

Ella believes in true love. In her professional life, at least. She's an author of romance novels, but she currently has acute writer's block triggered by her ex-boyfriend Ben, who announced a few weeks after they broke up that he was getting married to someone else. Wanting some space, Ella flees to Scotland just before New Year's Eve to help her uni friend, William, renovate his parents' castle. The problem is, the castle is right next door to the famous elopement destination Gretna Green. As the new year approaches, and with wedding bells ringing all around her, Ella wonders whether she'll always be stuck in the past – or whether she can find the courage for a new beginning.



Emilia Blau
A CASTLE FOR TWO

Ein Castle für Zwei
Approx. 304 pages
Paperback
December 2026

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. 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.

Also available:



BREAKFAST WITH MR. DARCY

336 pp
June 2025

Slow-burn love, humour
and genuine feelgood
moments

A thrilling romcom set on
a farm, with heated
arguments and a crush
that suddenly develops
into something real

Hot tea, falling leaves and the smell of the sea: a cosy slow-burn romance set in Cornwall

She doesn't believe in love – he changes her mind

Penelope is a management consultant sent on an enforced break by her boss – so she may as well enjoy the autumn air, sea views and pumpkin spice vibes in St Ives. The fact that she's the one organising the legendary autumn ramble works out perfectly... Until she ends up having to see Nathan, her teenage crush, every day. He's now thirteen years older, stubborn as a mule, a farmer through and through – and still far too attractive. They grow dangerously close. But Penelope's whole life is in London, whilst Nathan is firmly rooted in St Ives. And there's one thing she definitely doesn't want – to fall into a relationship where she has to give up everything for her partner...



Sarah Fulmar
AUTUMN SECRETS
(Seasons by the Sea
Vol. 2)

320 pages
Paperback
September 2026

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.

Also available:



**SUMMER
TIDES**
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Coming soon:



**WINTER
WISHES**
(Vol. 3)

320 pp
Nov. 2026



**SPRING
DREAMS**
(Vol. 4)

Approx. 320 pp
Spring/Summer 2027

A wintry romcom set in St Ives – humour and cosy vibes against the backdrop of beautiful Cornwall

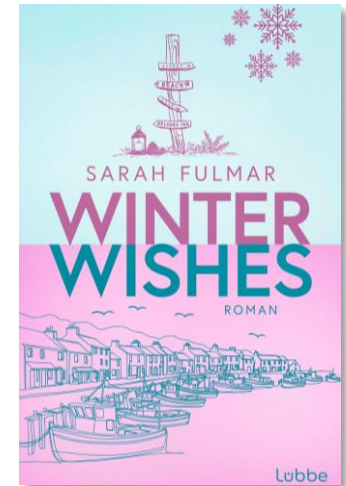
Sparks fly in this workplace romance, as flirting turns into something more serious

Mr Commitmentphobe catches feelings – warm-hearted, funny and romantic

Frost, open fires and salt on the skin: a cosy slow-burn romance set in Cornwall

She's looking for Mr Right. He's Mr Wrong – but unfortunately perfect in every way

Emily has her hands full: she works a 40-hour week, she's training to be a tour guide, and she's exhausted. But she's determined to stand on her own two feet at last, so she doesn't have to keep pleasing other people all the time. Annoyingly, however, her boss Lucas Anderson has started to put her off her stride. He's attractive, charming and commitment-phobic – a walking red flag, in other words. Relationships? No thank you. Friendships between men and women? He doesn't believe in them. Until he realises he cares about Emily more than he likes to admit. Emily, of all people – the woman who's not remotely interested in casual flirting. And Emily's new life is heading in a direction where Lucas definitely can't accompany her. Can he?



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DREAMS**
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Emotional, atmospheric, and riveting. A courageous family and their traditional café

Total print run to date for Marie Lamballe exceeds 700,000 copies

English synopsis and sample translation of Vol. 1 available

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- France – Slovakia
- Italy – Spain
- the Netherlands

Marie Lamballe was born in Hanover. Early in her life she discovered her love for France. She studied French and started writing shortly after having completed her studies. Today, the mother of two grown-up children lives near Frankfurt. She enjoys developing ideas for her stories in her favourite café.

Stirring and rich in period detail—a captivating tale of loss and fresh starts, long-cherished dreams, and new prospects.

Café Engel in Wiesbaden is the beating heart of the Koch family—and the setting for a drama that spans several generations. Hilde is resolute, clinging steadfastly to traditional values. In contrast, her daughter-in-law Margit struggles for recognition and to fulfill her deepest desire to start a family of her own. Amid slices of cake and the aroma of coffee, life plans and dreams collide with disappointments. Young Sina searches to find her place between her longings and the family's expectations, while Petra and Erwin struggle for love and a better future. When a fire, shattered hopes, and social prejudices threaten the fragile balance, the café becomes the setting for momentous decisions.

Volume 7 of the bestselling saga about a dynasty of café-owners in Wiesbaden during the 20th century's shifting times



Marie Lamballe
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– A PROMISE OF HOPE
(Vol. 7)

496 pages
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December 2026

Also available: *Café Engel*



- **A NEW ERA** (Vol. 1)
- **FATEFUL YEARS** (Vol. 2)
- **DAUGHTERS OF HOPE** (Vol. 3)
- **A BREATH OF FRESH AIR** (Vol. 4)
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A new family saga from the author of *Grandhotel Schwarzenberg*

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

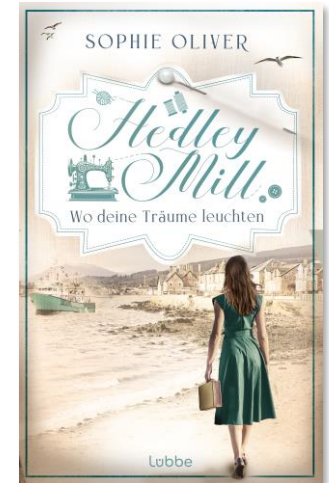
A story like a warm tweed blanket on a cold day

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

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.

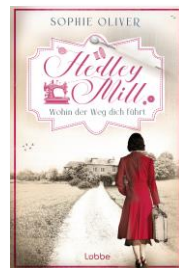
England, 1965: Laura Barrington has made it. Her weaving mill on the rugged Northumbrian coast has become a byword for fashionable, high-quality tweed, and even has fans in Paris. But success brings new challenges for Laura. And life is not easy at home either: her daughter Betty dreams of a life far from the narrow streets of the village, and Laura's husband is having to come to terms with the fact that his herring smokehouse is on the verge of collapse. In the midst of all this uncertainty and change, the Barringtons try to find their own path. Can courage and solidarity carry the family through these turbulent times?



Sophie Oliver
HEDLEY MILL
– WHERE YOUR DREAMS SHINE (*The Weaving Company Saga* Vol. 2)

Wo deine Träume leuchten (Bd. 2)
Approx. 320 pages
Paperback | Dec. 2026

Also available:



HEDLEY MILL
– WHERE THE ROAD TAKES YOU
(Vol. 1)

320 pp
June 2026

Coming soon:



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

Approx. 300 pp
Spring/Summer 2027

Also available: *Grandhotel Schwarzenberg*



- **THE PATH OF DESTINY** (Vol. 1)
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A novel about friendship and the courage to forge one's own path

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Modern, heartwarming, true to life, and told in a fabulous setting

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Martina Sahler born in 1963, lives with her family near Cologne, Germany. For more than twenty years, she has been writing novels. For her historical novel WEISSE NÄCHTE, WEITES LAND (WHITE NIGHTS, VAST COUNTRY), she was awarded the *Homer Literaturpreis* in silver.

Twenty years ago, they were a strong team: Isabella Thomsen, a young teacher at Königssee High School, and her three favorite students, Mona, Valerie, and Charlotte. Now Isabella has been appointed principal, and the official ceremony poses a wonderful opportunity for the old school friends to reconnect. As a result, Mona returns to Königssee from Paris after a long absence. Yet even arriving there stirs up mixed feelings in her. She's immediately confronted with the villagers' narrow-mindedness—although also with the beauty of the landscape. They say it's never too late for change. Does this apply to Mona's secret relationship as well, and to her daughter Pia's massive rejection?



Martina Sahler
THE DAUGHTERS OF KÖNIGSSEE
– BUTTERFLY DAYS
(Vol. 1)

Die Töchter vom Königssee
– Schmetterlingstage (Bd. 1)
384 pages
Paperback
August 2026

Coming soon:



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– DRAGONFLY SUMMER
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Approx. 400 pp
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Also available: *The Three Sisters Saga*



THE SUGAR BARONESS
– MARTHA'S SCERET
(Vol. 1)

416 pp
Aug. 2023



THE SUGAR BARONESS
– GWENDOLYN'S HOPE
(Vol. 2)

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It's never too late to make a fresh start

Three strong women.
Three life plans. Three
great loves

The perfect read for
relaxing and
daydreaming—with plenty
of opportunities for
readers to identify

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BARONESS sold to:

– Slovakia

Valerie is the only one of the three girlfriends who didn't move far away after school. Instead, she stayed in her hometown, Schöнау am Königssee, where she inherited her father's love of the mountains and now works as an Alpine guide. She's unable to pass this passion on to her daughter, however, and has to accept that Lynn wants to live her own life rather than fulfilling her mother's dreams.

For Valerie, this creates a turning point. She realises that, at the age of thirty-six, it's not too late to rethink the life she's planned. Will Valerie muster the courage to leave everything behind, move to Trento, Italy, and enroll in the university there?



Martina Sahler
**THE DAUGHTERS OF
KÖNIGSSEE**
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Too loud. Too much. Just right

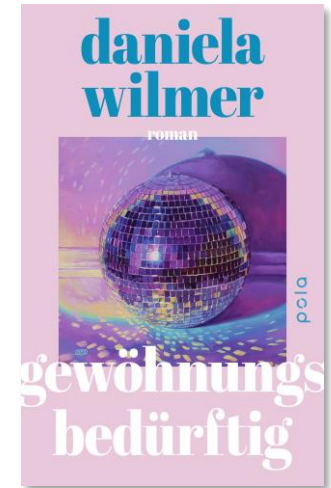
A strong début about female conditioning, people-pleasing and what happens when we stop doing it

Mother-daughter conflict with an emotional core: old patterns meet new closeness

Katha is 37 and has no plan, but lots of ideas. Other people say she “takes some getting used to”. Her routines consist of alternating colours of nail varnish, carbs, casual sex, and strategies to distract herself from her insecurities. After a painful breakup and an accident in which she falls down the stairs and breaks her hand, she has no choice but to leave Berlin and move back in with her mum for six weeks.

What starts out as a stopgap solution becomes a confrontation with former role models, family dogmas, and herself. And Katha realises that self-acceptance is not a feeling. It's a decision.

Daniela Wilmer lives in Berlin and works as a freelance author and editor. She studied fashion journalism and media communication, and now writes for publications including the BERLINER ZEITUNG. Her work takes an authentic and humorous look at relationships, everyday observations and the quiet absurdities of life. **GEWÖHNUNGSBEDÜRFTIG** (SHE TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO) is her first novel.



Daniela Wilmer
SHE TAKES SOME
GETTING USED TO

Gewöhnungsbedürftig
272 pages
Hardcover
October 2026

A Christmas novel about love, new beginnings and a little village in Cornwall

Magical setting: a little soft toy hospital in wintry Cornwall

A heartwarming novel about new beginnings and powerful emotions

The perfect way to enjoy the magical run-up to Christmas

Ruby works for a top fashion label in London. But when her beloved Granny asks her to help out at her little soft toy hospital over the Christmas period, everything changes. In snowy Cornwall, Ruby leaves the hustle and bustle of the big city behind. Surrounded by lovingly restored stuffed animals, crackling fires and the warm-hearted village community, she starts to look at her life through new eyes. And when Dylan comes into her life, Ruby feels like this is going to be the happiest Christmas she's had for a long time. But just before the big day, a well-kept secret threatens to destroy everything...



Molly Blum
WINTER MAGIC AT THE
LITTLE SOFT TOY
HOSPITAL

Winterzauber in der
kleinen Stofftierklinik
304 pages
Paperback
October 2026

Molly Blum is the pseudonym of a Munich journalist. She discovered her love of animals, and of the UK, when she was just a child. Aside from writing about love in all its facets, her other great passion is dogs – she adopted her two mongrels from a rescue centre.

Two sisters from two different worlds, and a momentous offer

The second book in a feelgood series 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

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.

Stine, who runs a guesthouse, loves autumn on the North Sea coast and the two local sheep Anneliese and Hannelore. She's less keen on the extravagant ideas of her bougie sister Isabell. Isabell has turned Stine's life upside down since she moved to Deerhusen, financially ruined, along with her two adult children. One day, when a real-estate shark in a tailored suit shows up at the door wanting to turn the peaceful seaside village into a fashionable tourist hotspot, solidarity is required. This is a big challenge not only for Stine and Isabell but for the rest of the village's stubborn residents too.

Also available:



WELCOME TO DEERHUSEN
Failure With a Sea View
(Vol. 1)

304 pp
April 2026



Bente van der Meer
WELCOME TO DEERHUSEN
A New Start With the North Wind
(Vol. 2)

Willkommen in Deerhusen
Neustart mit Nordwind
(Bd. 2)
304 pages
Paperback
November 2026

Historically well-researched and thrillingly told

The fall of Constantinople in 1453 as a turning point in world history

A brilliant historical novel about the last battle of the Middle Ages and the fall of an empire

If the wall is breached, an empire will fall . . .

Constantinople in 1452. The capital of the once-magnificent Byzantine Empire stands on the brink of defeat. As the Ottoman sultan's troops are massing outside the walls, a man on the inside fights against indifference, against memory fading into oblivion – and his own demons. General Leandros realises that the days of peace are over, even if his opponents within his own ranks prefer lulling themselves into a false sense of security. Time and again, he points out weak spots. When the emperor sends him west to seek help, Leandros is forced to realise that Constantinople is on its own. Meanwhile, there's also a tragedy brewing right inside his family.



Claudius Crönert
THE WALLS OF
CONSTANTINOPLE

Claudius Crönert was born in Hamburg in 1961. He lives in Berlin, where he studied philosophy and art history and worked for many years as a newspaper, radio, and television journalist. Today he mainly writes historical novels. His book FREYAS LAND (FREYA'S LAND) was awarded the 2016 GOLDENER HOMER literature prize.

Also available (a.o.):



THE LEGACY OF THE
CAROLINGIANS

816 pp
March 2025

Die Mauern von
Konstantinopel
736 pages
Hardcover
November 2026

The Story of an Obsessive Love

Julia Franck takes a literary look at Rilke's last lover

2026 is a big Rilke year with the 150th anniversary of his birth on 4 December 2025 and the centenary of his death on 29 December 2026

English sample translation available

'For you seem to be, and are, the way – the way to Paradise...'

In 1920, the artist Baladine Klossowska resumes her acquaintance with the poet Rainer Maria Rilke. Klossowska, a divorced mother of two teenage sons, one of whom will become the artist Balthus, falls passionately in love with Rilke, but after a brief *amour fou* Rilke begins to distance himself from her. While she abandons herself to her love for him and longs for unconditional intimacy and communion, he needs space and peace to write. They write each other yearning letters, constantly searching for the right balance of intimacy and distance. 'Merline', a feminine form of the French for blackbird, is Rilke's pet name for Klossowska. One of the letters to Merline will be the last he writes before he dies.

From 1920 until his death in 1929, Rilke had a passionate relationship with the Jewish artist Baladine, known to him affectionately as 'Merline'. Baladine is remembered as the mother of the artist Balthus, but has been forgotten as an artist in her own right.

Julia Franck, born in Berlin in 1970, is an award-winning author whose accolades include the *Schiller Memorial Prize*, the *Marie Luise Kaschnitz Prize* and the *German Book Prize*. Two of her novels, *LAGERFEUER (WEST)* and *DIE MITTAGSFRAU (THE BLIND SIDE OF THE HEART)*, have been made into films. Her books have been translated into forty languages. Her most recent publication is the autobiographical novel *WELTEN AUSEINANDER (WORLDS APART)* (October 2021).



Julia Franck
**I AM DROWNING IN THE
WATERS OF MY OWN
LOVE**

Rilke's Last Lover

**Ich ertrinke in den
Wassern meiner eigenen
Liebe**
Rilkes letzte Geliebte
176 pages
Hardcover
August 2026

Women in the field of music are finally being heard!

How women create music and men reap the profits

A book that fundamentally changes our perspective on the history of music

The structures and perceptions that still exist in the music business today and exclude or restrict women to certain roles

Female singers like Beyoncé, Adele, or Taylor Swift might create the impression that “front women” are common in the music business across all genres. But for centuries, women were irrelevant, didn’t even play second fiddle (or any other instrument) in the music business. In many respects, this still holds true today. Take classical music: there is hardly any other profession where women find it as difficult to gain equal standing with men.

While female conductors like Joana Mallwitz attract media attention, they are rarely appreciated for their skills, but mainly for being women. Musicologist Cornelia Bartsch draws an arc from the Middle Ages to the present day, explains the mythological, political, and social underpinnings of women’s plight, and thereby provides an exemplary demonstration of how women have been oppressed for centuries and deprived of their voice.

Cornelia Bartsch numbers among the pioneers of gender studies in the field of musicology. Since completing her doctorate on Fanny Hensel at the Berlin University of the Arts, she has been carrying out research and teaching at music academies and universities in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.



Cornelia Bartsch
UNHEARD
The Silenced Women of Music History

Unerhört
Die zum Schweigen
gebrachten Frauen der
Musikgeschichte
400 pages
Hardcover
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The first popular non-fiction book on the topic of ownership

To understand the crises of our age, we must discuss the concept of property ownership

A personal, optimistic plea for creating new realms of collective action

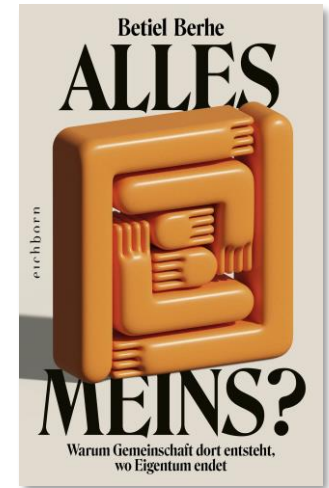
What would a world look like where ownership didn't define our lives?

About property, power, and the possibility of living together in a different way

"That's mine!" Even as children, we learn to defend our claims to ownership—and that we can use whatever belongs to us in any way we please. But that line of reasoning breaks down as soon as the resources involve things we all need to live, such as housing, energy, and potable water.

Economist Betiel Berhe demonstrates, with insight and empathy, how property ownership results in extreme concentrations of power and fuels the crises of our time, from global warming to social inequality and authoritarian trends. She juxtaposes this with the concept of community, providing a tangible explanation of how we can reorganize our modes of coexisting with one another—beyond competitive thinking and ownership structures that exclude people or keep them in a state of dependency.

Betiel Berhe is an economist, author, and interdisciplinary thinker. Her work explores economic power dynamics and their impact on social relationships involving race, class, and gender. In addition, she explores questions pertaining to post-capitalist society. In 2023, she published a book entitled NIE MEHR LEISE (NEVER QUIET AGAIN).



Betiel Berhe
IS IT ALL MINE?
Why Community Emerges
Where Ownership Ends

Alles meins?
Warum Gemeinschaft
dort entsteht, wo
Eigentum endet
304 pages
Hardcover
November 2026

One in six people globally is affected by loneliness

A fundamentally new perspective on being a mother and providing child care

What are the interconnections between loneliness, the “gender loneliness gap,” “empty nest syndrome,” and “tradwives”?

They are left on their own. Why loneliness among mothers should concern us all

They provide nonstop care, operate in survival mode, and are left with barely any time – or the energy – to enjoy fulfilling relationships. Loneliness among mothers is no longer a marginal phenomenon. Although widespread, it often flies under the radar. It entails more than the fate of an individual and poses a societal problem with grave consequences for all of us.

Drawing on the latest research as well as personal experiences, family sociologist Sabine Diabaté vividly explains the causes of loneliness in mothers and points to possible remedies. A passionate and very timely plea for structural change that understands parenthood in terms of social responsibility rather than a given individual’s private burden.

Sabine Diabaté, PhD, is a sociologist and has been head of the “Family” research group at the *Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)* in Wiesbaden since 2012. She has conducted research on relationships and family life for twenty years. The mother of two biological children and two stepchildren lives with her family in Cologne.



Sabine Diabaté
LONELY MOTHERS
Why Many Mothers Today
Feel Lonely, and What We
Can Do about It

Mutterseelenallein
336 pages
Hardcover
October 2026

A book that interconnects ancient history, modernity, and the present day. Highly appealing to a wide audience

Games are not merely entertainment, but serve as the foundation of creativity and social development

Richly illustrated with high-quality photographs of the original artifacts

Karin Falkenberg is a German media and economic historian. Formerly the long-standing director of the Nuremberg Toy Museum – one of the internationally preeminent toy museums – where she focused particularly on the cultural-historical significance of toys, the interrelationship between design and everyday culture, and on presenting the history of toys to a broad audience.

What toys tell us about ourselves. A unique perspective on human history

Why do human beings play? This book embarks on an unusual search for evidence. It tells the history of play using 100 artifacts from the holdings of the world-famous Nuremberg Toy Museum. The book spans a vast arc, from a 40,000-year-old game piece to the “Toy of the Year” for 2025.

It emerges clearly that toys are not always innocent. They reflect political, social, and economic conditions, shape worldviews, and have repeatedly been deliberately used to stabilize existing power structures. Accordingly, the author embeds each toy in its historical, cultural, and social context and interprets them as testimony to their eras.



Karin Falkenberg
A HISTORY OF PLAY
TOLD THROUGH 100
TOYS

Eine Geschichte des
Spielens in 100 Objekten
492 pages
Hardcover
November 2026

When attraction becomes dangerous

Why do many women long for closeness and yet fall for men who put this very closeness in jeopardy?

A psychologist explains how men create bonds, establish control and simulate trust

The book helps women recognise unhealthy patterns in relationships more quickly

Many women are familiar with this feeling: they long for a loving partner who respects them. But they find themselves attracted to men who are emotionally unavailable or even dangerous. These contradictory impulses are not a sign of weakness or indecision, but an expression of internal dynamics deeply ingrained in our lives and psychological structures.

Why does danger feel like passion? And why is it so hard to let go of someone who's hurting you? The psychologist Gilda Giebel explains how longing can turn into emotional dependency and real danger.

A book about why women are attracted to bad men – and why it's so important to be able to distinguish between fantasy and reality

Gilda Giebel studied psychology and did her doctorate on the subject of 'Women's partner preferences – the role of male dominance'. She worked for six years as a forensic psychologist in a preventive detention unit at a prison, working with highly dangerous violent offenders and sex offenders. She now works for a safety authority and is regularly invited to appear as an expert on true crime programmes on television. Her main areas of expertise are perpetrator psychology, toxic relationships and the psychological fascination with darkness.



Gilda Giebel
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Attraction, Power and the
Psychology of Destructive
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A book about emotional control and familial conditioning

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Rey Mani grew up within a family structure strictly dictated by religion. In her work she looks at the psychological mechanisms of control and manipulation in families and social groups. In doing so, she combines personal experiences with social analysis and helps young women in particular to understand familial conditioning and invisible power structures.



Rey Mani
**I'M YOUR DAUGHTER,
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Growing Up With Abuse,
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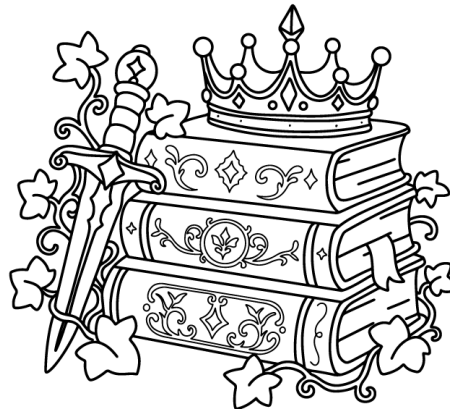
LYX has got on board with the TikTok colouring book trend and released a collection of book-themed images

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CHANGING LANES
The New World Order after Russia's War

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***The Day and Night Duet* on the SPIEGEL bestseller list:
Vol.1: #3
Vol.2: #1**

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.

WHEN SHADOWS DARKEN THE SUN (Vol.1):

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.

AND MIDNIGHT FADES TO DAWN (Vol.2):

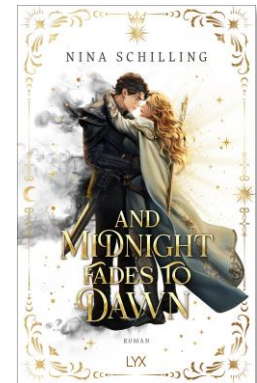
Following the dramatic events of the Day-and-Night Games, both courts find themselves in great danger. And so, despite the hostility between their peoples, Cass and Nox have no choice but to work together – it's the only way to save both their kingdoms. But this requires the Light Warriress and the Shadow 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 #One Bed



Nina Schilling
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AND MIDNIGHT FADES TO DAWNS (Vol.2)

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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.

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.

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AUGUST**

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BACKLIST | NARRATIVE NON-FICTION

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

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- the Netherlands – English)

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.

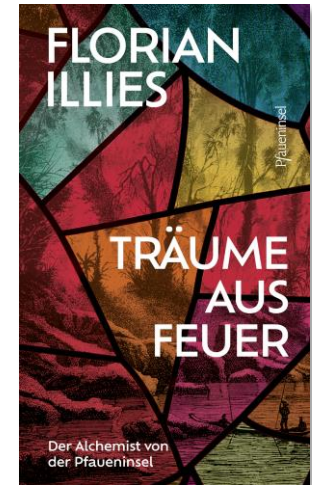
The new book by the "great storyteller" [*Süddeutsche Zeitung*]

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.

"Being able to immerse himself so deeply in historical facts that they become vivid stories millions of people want to read is a kind of recipe for success of author and curator Florian Illies – whether he writes about the summer of the century in 1913, Caspar David Friedrich, or now the alchemist Johannes Kunckel."

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A sensationally well-
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Ukraine is just the beginning! The Russian-Ukrainian war amounts to far more than merely a regional European conflict. It has forced nation-states around the world to rechart their course. This dynamic is transforming the reality of our lives to a previously almost unimaginable extent. Military economist Marcus M. Keupp analyses this forced global restructuring and explains why we now face not only a new Cold War, but also a fundamental question of world history that is being decided in these very days.

Markus M. Keupp was born in 1977. He is a political scientist and economist who lectures in military economics at ETH Zurich. His precise observations and prognoses about Russia's war of aggression have made him one of the most sought-after commentators in German-language media. He has been studying Russian politics and history, and the country's military for more than 20 years.



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