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When the nightmare begins after the happy ending

Insidious manipulation and grand delusions – breathtaking suspense in a debut novel by a young author

A haunting psychological thriller about every parent's nightmare

When her four-month-old son disappears without a trace, Isa experiences her darkest nightmare. Just a moment before, little Ben had been on his blanket babbling happily; a moment later and he was gone. Then, more than half a year later, Ben suddenly reappears. Yet his return remains as puzzling as his disappearance.

While the police search for answers, Isa does everything in her power to make up for lost time with her son. Deep down, however, her doubts continue to grow. Did Ben always have those clear blue eyes? Isa carefully notes every discrepancy – and continues to ask questions. Questions that put her on the trail of a mysterious plan ...

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



Sarah Bestgen
HAPPY END
Your Greatest Joy. Your Darkest Nightmare

511 pages
Paperback
November 2024

Eternal life is just a few billion dollars away

An exciting thriller that revolves around highly topical issues, and at the same time presents a thought experiment. Reading material that offers additional value!

Total circulation for Andreas Eschbach exceeds 4.7 million copies

The TV series adaptation of ONE TRILLION DOLLARS is available on Paramount+

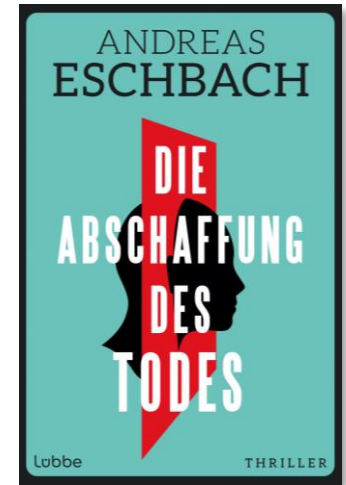
Rights to Andreas Eschbach's previous books sold to 20 territories

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

"Death destroys everything. Death is barbaric. So you tell me: why should we put up with that?"

Three high-profile entrepreneurs from Silicon Valley are planning to launch a second 'Manhattan Project'. Except their goal is even more ambitious than developing an atomic bomb: they want to abolish death. Meanwhile, journalist James Windover discovers that the entrepreneurs – as they raise billions from investors – are secretly trying to silence a certain author because they fear a story he has written. What does it contain that could jeopardize their project? James sets out in search of the man and soon finds himself in mortal danger ...

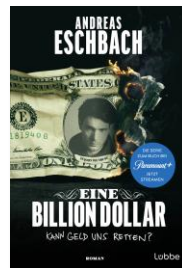
Artificial intelligence is just the beginning. What about the potential – and possible dangers – of artificial consciousness?



Andreas Eschbach
ELIMINATING DEATH

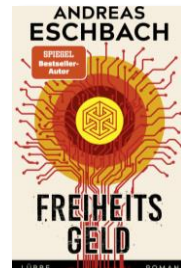
Die Abschaffung des Todes
655 pages
Hardcover
September 2024

Also available (a. o.):



ONE TRILLION DOLLARS

734 pp
Sept 2001



FREEDOM PAYMENTS

528 pp
Sep 2022



THE SMARTEST MAN IN THE WORLD

222 pp
March 2023

The truth about China's biggest secret

A young Chinese woman and a former German intelligence officer are swept into a maelstrom of international politics

English sample translation available

When a top female scientist from China dies on German TV in front of live cameras, former federal intelligence officer Robert Forster is tapped to investigate. A short time later, the dead woman's niece, Maria, receives a mysterious message in China from her aunt warning her about the Chinese government's biggest secret. It is imperative that Maria bring information stored on a USB stick to Europe. While Maria is trying to escape from China, in Germany Robert slowly figures out China's plans. The only way Robert and Maria can thwart the Chinese government's designs is by working together – but that would mean surviving long enough to do so ...

A highly topical subject presented in a suspenseful thriller. Who will assume the leadership role in the world?



Stefan Grebe
THE GLOBAL SUPERPOWER

Die Übermacht
445 pages
Hardcover
October 2024

Stefan Grebe pursued film studies in Rome and London, directed music videos and commercials, and served as a TV format developer. He now works exclusively in the film industry, where he writes and directs music documentaries, e.g., about the *Bee Gees*, *Queen* and Whitney Houston.

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

April Dawson has sold more than 300,000 books with LYX

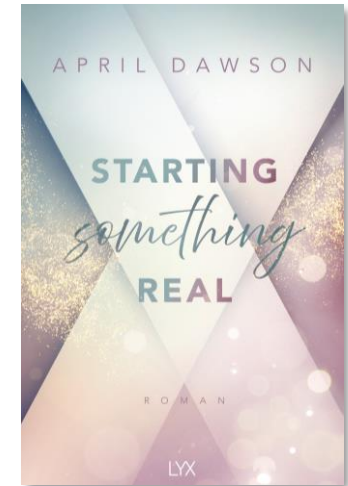
Rights to April Dawson's previous books sold to:

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

Fame, scandals, forbidden feelings – welcome to START ENTERTAINMENT!

The singer Novalee Wells, a.k.a. Nova, is a superstar. She was the one who gave START ENTERTAINMENT its big break over ten years ago. Since then Nova has been constantly in the spotlight, but when a dating rumour sees her pursued by paparazzi and fans, and she is involved in a car accident, Nova decides she can't live like this any more.

Her bodyguard Thorne McKinley, of all people, asks her if she wants to come and stay on his parents' remote farm to get away from it all for a while. Sheltered from the pressures of fame, Nova begins to heal, and she and Thorne grow ever closer. But their happiness is marred when their relationship becomes public knowledge. Can their love really last, when they are from such different worlds?



April Dawson
STARTING SOMETHING REAL
(*Starting Something* Vol. 2)

395 pages
Paperback
October 2024

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 / Coming soon:



STARTING SOMETHING NEW
(Vol. 1)

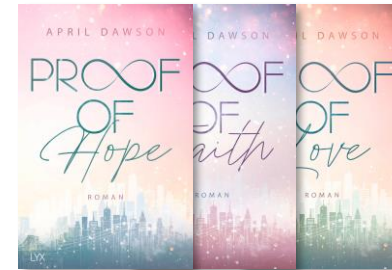
399 pp
May 2024



STARTING SOMETHING GREAT
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 350 pp
March 2025

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



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

The eagerly awaited follow-up to the bestselling romantasy

FALLEN PRINCESS
(Vol. 1): #2 SPIEGEL
Bestseller

Mona Kasten has sold over 4.6 million copies worldwide

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

The TV series adaptation of SAVE ME – MAXTON HALL – is now available on Amazon Prime Video

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

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

Zoey King is trying with all her might to forget. To forget that she's lost her best friend. That her life has been turned upside down since she found out she's a banshee and that she carries a deadly magic within her. That the boy she likes sees her as nothing more than a tutoring project, and doesn't even seem to remember the kiss they shared.

As if all of that wasn't bad enough, Zoey's grades have been slipping since she moved to the Silver Ravens. For this at least, there's a solution: Everfall Academy's end-of-year tournament is coming up – a chance to earn extra points for her report card. But the first test turns out to be more dangerous than Zoey could ever have imagined. And soon it's not only her own life that's at stake, but the lives of the people who mean everything to her...



Mona Kasten
HAUNTED REIGN
(*Everfall Academy* Vol. 2)

374 pages
Hardcover
September 2024

Also available:



FALLEN PRINCESS
(Vol. 1)
429 pp
Nov 2023

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



SAVE ME
(Vol. 1)
416 pp
Feb 2018



SAVE YOU
(Vol. 2)
384 pp
May 2018



SAVE US
(Vol. 3)
374 pp
Sep 2018

The spinoff from the successful #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller series *Westwell* continues

COLDHART – STRONG & WEAK (Vol. 1): #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller!

The story of Eli, the readers' secret favorite from *Westwell*

SPIEGEL Bestseller author: *Westwell* spent over 40 weeks in the SPIEGEL Bestseller list

Lena Kiefer has sold more than 700,000 books with LYX

Rights to *Westwell* sold to:

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

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 Bremen.

Elijah Coldwell has his life under control: university, work, sport, everything is strictly organised. It's how he manages the anxiety that has haunted him since he was abducted as a child. Falling in love is just not an option for him; the risk of being as vulnerable as back then is too great.

But then he meets Felicity Everhart, who fascinates him more than anyone else has ever done. Felicity actually has other problems right now. She's trying in vain to finally get to know her father. Although he is financing her dream art degree at university in New York, she hardly knows anything else about him. However, unaware that a potential dark cloud hangs over their love, Elijah and Felicity are unable to ignore the spark between them for long. When Elijah receives new information about his kidnappers, the clue leads him to Felicity's father of all people ...



Lena Kiefer
COLDHART
– **RIGHT & WRONG**
(*Coldhart* Vol. 3)

470 pages
Paperback
November 2024

Also available:



COLDHART
– **STRONG & WEAK**
(Vol. 1)

474 pp
Jan 2024



COLDHART
– **DEEP & SHALLOW**
(Vol. 2)

473 pp
June 2024

Also available: *Westwell*



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

Your new colleague? Unromantic, cold and hard to read...

**The first book in a sizzling
new office romance series**

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

Software developer Emmy is fed up of being ghosted without explanation by men she's been on dates with. With her secret 'Broken Hearts Ghosting Service', she helps other women in the same position to get answers, and shows men that their behaviour has consequences.

But sadly this doesn't help her in her own love life – until Emmy meets Leon, a guy who ghosted her best friend. Their encounter is a disaster, and things go from bad to worse when Leon turns up at the tech start-up where Emmy works. He's supposed to be revamping the marketing for the dating app – with Emmy's help.

In the process, Emmy finds herself growing ever closer to the unromantic and far too attractive Leon. But she could never fall in love with a guy like that – could she?

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.



Anna Lane
LOVE, DECODED
(*Dating* Vol. 1)

473 pages
Paperback
December 2024

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 (in German-speaking territories only)

Rights already sold to:

- Brazil
- Italy
- Czech Rep.
- Poland
- Hungary
- Spain

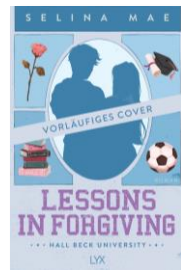
As a writer of romance and reader of... (you guessed it!) romance, **Selina Mae** has been compensating for her lack of meet-cutes by writing them into her books. Sharing her work on WATTPAD (@Seselina) for almost ten years, she reached millions of readers around the world before deciding to dip her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

First New-Adult-series by WATTPAD-superstar Selina Mae

There's one thing Athalia Pressley wants more than anything: Her twin brother Henry's affection. Since their parents' death, they have grown further and further apart so that one day she completely lost him too. But when Henry learns that Athalia's new statistics tutor is Dylan McCarthy Williams of all people – his soccer teammate and arch-enemy – she is suddenly awarded her brother's undivided attention.

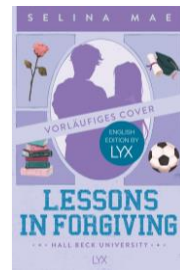
Athalia is not particularly fond of Dylan, of his slick comments, or that "know-it-all" attitude. Not even his fluffy hair, dreamy eyes or the body of a college soccer player seem to interest her. But Athalia has no other choice: if she doesn't want to lose Henry's affection again, she needs Dylan's help. The idea: a fake dating plan! But between fake dates and tutoring sessions, her plan slowly but steadily becomes a minor matter ...

Coming soon:



LESSONS IN FORGIVING
(Vol. 1)

Approx. 400 pp
March 2025



LESSONS IN FORGIVING: English Edition by LYX
(Vol. 1)

Approx. 400 pp
March 2025



Selina Mae
LESSONS IN FAKING
(Hall Beck University
Vol. 1)

368 pages
Paperback
November 2024



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

He's her family's biggest rival – and her only chance

Featuring the tropes of fake dating and rivals-to-lovers, this is the second book in the *Evergreen Empire* trilogy, a New Adult series about the rich heirs to a perfume empire

A glamorous setting: A luxury perfume company based in London

Merit Niemeitz has sold 120,000 books with LYX

DELICATE DREAM (Vol.1):
#3 SPIEGEL Bestseller

Rights to *Mulberry Mansion* sold to:

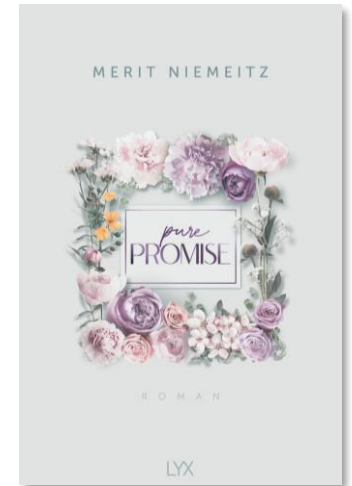
– Czech Republic

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.

Marigold is the baby of the family, the party girl whom nobody expects to achieve much in life. But when she and her brothers inherit their parents' perfume empire, she finally sees her chance to prove herself.

She soon realises, however, that she doesn't hold much sway here either. Since her brothers refuse to help her, Mari turns to Beau Midville, the son of their biggest rivals in the perfume industry. Beau is a spoilt playboy, and her brothers hate him more than anyone else in London's high society.

The plan: Mari and Beau will pretend to be in a relationship until her brothers are prepared to do whatever it takes to split them up. The problem is: the closer she gets to Beau, the more real her faked feelings become...



Merit Niemeitz
PURE PROMISE
(*Evergreen Empire* Vol. 2)

537 pages
Paperback
December 2024

Also available / Coming soon:



DELICATE DREAM
(Vol. 1)

527 pp
July 2024



ETERNAL ENDING
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 528 pp
April 2025

Also available: *Mulberry Mansion*



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

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

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

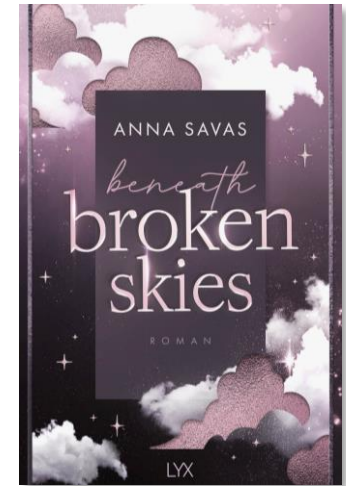
Anna Savas has sold more than 210,000 books with LYX

Rights to *New England School of Ballet* sold to:

- 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.

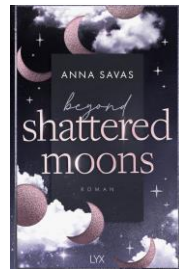
For Madelyn Prince, nothing is more important than her job at her family’s prestigious publishing house. But when the company is acquired by another publisher, Maddie faces unexpected challenges: the young heir to the rival publishing house – and now Maddie’s new boss – is none other than Wesley Knight. 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...



Anna Savas
BENEATH BROKEN SKIES
(*London is Lonely* Vol. 1)

512 pages
Hardcover & Paperback
February 2025

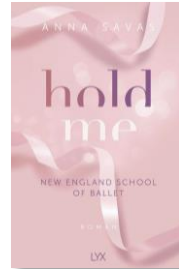
Coming soon:



BEYOND SHATTERED MOONS (Vol. 2)

Approx. 480 pp
June 2025

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



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

A book about the explosive power of friendship

A sensitive portrait of a friendship that pushes the boundaries of what is possible

A very personal and moving account of mental illness

Exciting setting: the Bauhaus University in Weimar during the GDR era

Michaela Beck is an author, dramaturg and lecturer. In addition to a cinema film and scripts for TV series, she has also published radio features, an audio drama and a crime novel. Her online graphic novel *Ninette* was nominated for the GRIMME-ONLINE-AWARD and her manuscript *A Sky Full of Eskimos* was nominated for the OLDENBURG CHILDREN'S AND YA BOOK PRIZE. Michaela Beck lives with her husband in Berlin.

Weimar, 1979 (German Democratic Republic). When Renée gets a place at university to study architecture, she can hardly believe her luck. The course is oversubscribed, and the required grades are high. Right from the start, there's one of her fellow students whom Renée finds particularly fascinating. Uta, the daughter of a successful municipal architect, is the best at drawing in their year and is blessed with boundless energy and imagination. Renée, who comes from a humble background, is only too happy to let Uta show her how to break down seemingly insurmountable barriers. But there's something not right about this friendship. There's a shadow hanging over Uta, and it seems to be growing bigger and bigger...

Also available:



**THE LIGHT
BETWEEN THE
SHADOWS**

844 pp
Sep 2023



**Michaela Beck
THE NOISE IN THE
SILENCE**

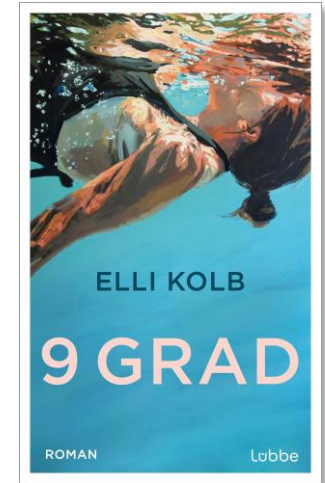
**Das Laute im Leisen
366 pages
Hardcover
October 2024**

On the power of cold water, and finding yourself again

A strong début from a promising young author

An authentic voice: Elli Kolb has been blogging about body positivity, mental health and depression for a long time – and is a keen cold-water swimmer herself

The water is nine degrees when Josie ventures into the river for the first time, at the request of her seriously ill friend Rena. Perhaps the shock of the cold also numbs her fear of losing Rena. But what Josie experiences goes beyond anything she could have hoped for. Cold-water swimming puts her in touch with herself, and helps her to experience her body – with which she has always had a complex relationship – in an entirely new way. And there's something else that's new: her relationship with Lee, a man she met on Tinder. But Lee has his own demons: he is battling depression. What does this mean for their love affair – and what do liminal experiences do to a person? Elli Kolb explores this subject in her moving début novel.



Elli Kolb
9 DEGREES

9 Grad
253 pages
Hardcover
September 2024

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

What do you do when your daughter ends her life?

A young woman on the edge. And a mother who is desperate to understand

Fierce, raw and emotional

An unsettling and uncompromising novel on the theme of cyber-bullying

English sample translation available

One perfectly normal evening, 18-year-old Ada says goodbye to her family and commits suicide by jumping off a bridge. Her parents Jenny and Dominik are left to try and come to terms with their shock and disbelief. While Dominik seeks refuge from his grief in work, Jenny embarks on a desperate search for answers. Why did this happen? Online, she comes across a trail of digital violence directed against Ada which soon threatens to engulf Jenny too.



**Katharina Seck
WE NEVER SAW IT
COMING**

**Was wir nicht kommen
sahen
366 pages
Hardcover
November 2024**

Katharina Seck wurde 1987 im Westerwald geboren, wo sie noch heute lebt und als Autorin arbeitet. In ihrer Freizeit beschäftigt sie sich mit ihren liebsten Menschen und Tieren, einem beachtlichen Stapel ungelesener Bücher sowie politischem Aktivismus. Mehr Infos zur Autorin finden sich auf katharinaseck.de oder ihrem Instagram-Kanal.

A tribute to friendship and the 1990s

A novel about friendship, the first steps on the road of life, and the great longing

A cheerful yet melancholy look at an era when the movies reigned supreme, and computers played almost no role at all

A small town on Lake Constance in 1996. It is the coldest winter in many years. Three friends from the current year's high school graduating class are standing on the boat dock, looking out over the lake. Rabe wants to study film and is more focused on drafting movie scripts than on school. Fete is a heartthrob, never misses a party, and has a reputation as a heartbreaker. Even Michi knows exactly what he wants, namely, to settle the score with the math teacher who embarrassed him in front of the class. Meanwhile, the boys' parents are wondering whether they have always chosen the right path in life. Is there a moment when you have to bury your aspirations once and for all, or can it be worthwhile to start anew, even as an adult?

René Sydow was born in 1980 and has worked as an actor, author and director for many years. He has created numerous international award-winning short films and three feature-length films. He has received prizes for his cabaret programs and has earned a reputation as "one of the greats of political cabaret." His columns, screenplays, and stage plays have established him as a figure in television and radio. He lives in the Ruhr area.



René Sydow
THE GREAT LONGING

Die große Sehnsucht
319 pages
Hardcover
November 2024

A story set in Ticino. Christmas in Italian-speaking Switzerland – by bestselling author Tabea Bach

A magical Christmas story and a lovely addition to the ROSEWOOD VILLA saga

A wonderful story about Christmas traditions in Ticino

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

Rights to Tabea Bach's previous books sold to:

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

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

Christmas is just around the corner and, unusually for Ticino, it's been pouring with rain for days. Overseen by Elisa, Rosewood Villa has been converted (in line with Niklas's wishes) into a health resort for sick musicians from all over the world. And in the run-up to Christmas, the resort's first guest arrives. It's none other than Adrien Dufois, Elisa's former rival...

As if that wasn't difficult enough, everyone is missing Amadou, who has gone back to Senegal, and Fabio, who is still in Cremona. Determined to conjure up some Christmas spirit in spite of all this, Elisa, Danilo and Mimi travel to a little mountain village in Ticino, where an unexpected turn of events soon leads to drama...



Tabea Bach
CHRISTMAS AT ROSEWOOD VILLA
(*Rosewood Villa Saga*)

Weihnachten in der Rosenholzvilla
174 pages
Paperback
October 2024

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ROSEWOOD VILLA
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THE PROMISE OF ROSEWOOD VILLA
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352 pp
July 2024



A DECISION AT ROSEWOOD VILLA
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The new year begins with good news for Elisa, Danilo and everyone else at the instrument maker's workshop in Ticino: Fabio is coming back. All the conflict and misunderstandings seem to be resolved. But nobody was expecting what Niklas has put in his will...

Meanwhile, Elisa has her hands full – there are now even more guests arriving at Rosewood Villa. And each of these guests is challenging in their own way. But when Danilo suddenly distances himself from Elisa, she loses the source of strength which their mutual support for each other has always given her. Is their love in danger of getting lost in the daily grind?



Tabea Bach
A DECISION AT ROSEWOOD VILLA
(*Rosewood Villa Saga* Vol. 3)

Die Rosenholzvilla (Bd. 3)
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176 pp
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The thrilling finale of the *Women of Fortune* saga

A captivating saga about two generations, three families and three continents

What did it mean for women to build a new life in a foreign country between 1940 and 1950?

A series with a moving message: true friendship overcomes all obstacles

English sample translation of Vol. 1 available

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Anna Claire is the pen name of a successful German author. She works as a scriptwriter and dramaturg for TV. She has been writing novels since 2013. Writing herself into the hearts of many readers and bloggers, she has established a large social media fan base. She has been living in Berlin with her family for several years.

The will made by her grandmother Luise leads June and her friend Sandra to Tanzania. They want to track down Luise's old friend Anni and her heirs. They meet Wendy, Anni's granddaughter, and find out more about Anni, who spied for the British during the war and ultimately fled to Tanzania via London. In exile she set up a successful rose farm, which Wendy now runs. But can the three young women also find out what Luise was guilty of so many years ago, and will they ever be able to heal the wounds of the past?

Also available:



WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE TASTE OF FREEDOM
(Vol. 1)

381 pp
Oct 2023



WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE POWER OF BOOKS
(Vol. 2)

367 pp
June 2024



Anna Claire
WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE SECRET OF THE ROSES
(*Women of Fortune* Vol. 3)

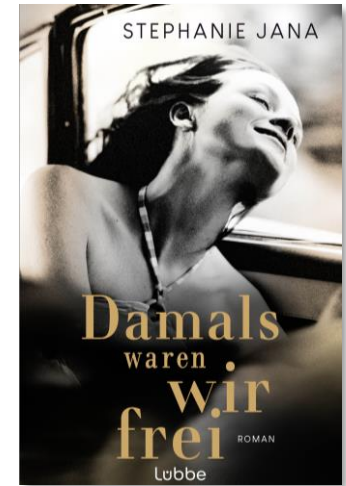
Die Glücksfrauen – Das Geheimnis der Rosen (Bd. 3)
Approx. 400 pages
Paperback
February 2025

A moving love story set between East and West Germany

A novel about freedom and shackles, about the walls inside us and around us, and about the search for personal identity

The story of the legendary East Berlin nightclub *Tanzpalast* and what it symbolises: the spirit of freedom

Berlin, 1988. When spirited Mina meets sensitive Jan, they fall in love despite their differences. But any hope of a future together seems futile, because Jan is studying medicine in West Berlin and Mina is a singer at the legendary *Tanzpalast*, a nightclub in East Berlin that belongs to her family. At the *Tanzpalast*, people come together to forget about politics for a few hours and to drink, dance and fall in love. When Mina sets out in search of her biological father, it's Jan who helps her. On their intrepid journey between East and West, they start to have feelings for each other that are far stronger than they could ever have imagined...



Stephanie Jana
BACK WHEN WE WERE FREE

Damals waren wir frei
398 pages
Paperback
December 2024

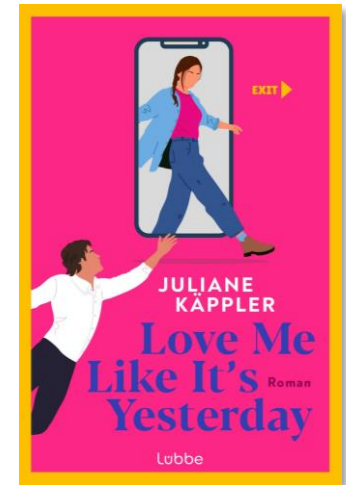
Stephanie Jana works as a freelance author and editor and lives with her family in Frankfurt and Gießen.

Scroll less. Love more!

A digital detoxer falls in love with a popular influencer

A charming love story on the subject of digital detox

Furniture restorer Juno is on a digital detox. Smartphone? Nope! Facebook? No thank you! She resurrects the 1980s with her record player and video tapes. One day, YouTube star Taro comes into her workshop and asks her to help him restore a Japanese tea cabinet. What Juno doesn't know is that his real project is not the tea cabinet. It's Juno herself. The whole of Germany watches as Taro tries out his own flirting tips on her. But then Juno and Taro unexpectedly develop real feelings for each other. When Juno realises she's gone viral on YouTube, it spells doom for their relationship. Or does it?



Juliane Käßler
LOVE ME LIKE IT'S
YESTERDAY

559 pages
Paperback
November 2024

Juliane Käßler was born in 1977. She would have started writing in her cradle if someone had given her a pen! In search of a stable career she drifted into teaching, but then changed her mind and went her own way with 'Kino zum Lesen'. She lives together with her son, her husband and their two cats Goethe and Schiller.

How can we come to terms with the past?

Sarah Kurz tells a powerful story of family, reconciliation and acceptance set in two different timelines

We follow a mother and a daughter finding their way in life and looking for love in 1945 and 1967

Heidelberg, 1967: on her 21st birthday, Anne finds out that her biological father is a British soldier. After the war her mother Erika met young George in Berkum, near Bonn, and fell in love with him. Anne is stunned by this revelation, but it certainly does explain a few things. She decides to go and look for George in London. When she gets to England, however, she is met with hostility by George's wife. But she finds support in her half-brother and his best friend John. The past has left its mark on all of them – including Anne, who sometimes wonders if she will ever be enough and whether she is worthy of being loved for her own sake.



**Sarah Kurz
FOLLOW IN MY
FOOTSTEPS**

**Vielleicht kannst du
nachkommen
398 pages
Hardcover
September 2024**

Sarah Kurz was born in Heidelberg in 1985. Twenty years later she moved to Freiburg im Breisgau to study, and she still lives there with her husband, their children and their two rabbits. Alongside her writing and her job as a teacher, she likes to spend her time reading or in the great outdoors – either with or without a horse.

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

As a young girl, **Mary Ann** grows up in an orphanage in New York. Nobody realizes that she is the daughter of the late Haily Hard. A photograph of her mother is all she has, but she doesn't know the woman's name ...

Ailis is overjoyed when she receives an offer to work at an observatory in South Africa in 1903. Johannesburg is a lively city, although the Second Boer War has left deep scars. Things take a dire turn for Ailis when the bubonic plague breaks out in Brickfield ...

Donella and her husband design hot air balloons and airships. As the First World War rages, she travels to France as a mechanic and flight instructor for the American Lafayette Escadrille unit...

Also available:



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

576 pp
Feb 2024



Sarah Lark
FLYING HIGH AND LIVING OUR DREAMS
(*High Flyer Saga* Vol. 2)

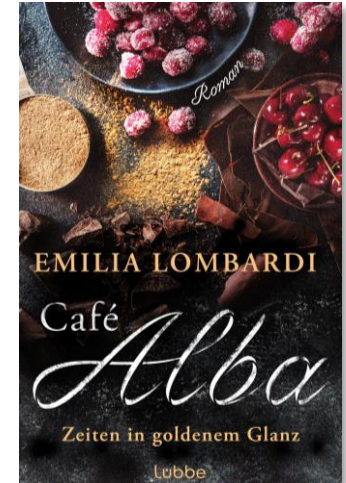
Himmelsstürmerinnen
– Wir leben unsere Träume (Bd. 2)
624 pages
Hardcover
December 2024

A strong woman, a secret recipe, a dangerous competitor – a family story set in northern Italy

A gripping story about a family-run business set in atmospheric Piedmont, now on its way to international fame

A book to savour, all about the wonderful world of patisserie

Alba in Piedmont, 1971. Café Alba is enjoying nationwide success thanks to Francesca Milani's hazelnut chocolate creations. But now her daughter Isabella has got her degree and wants to start exporting the café's sweet treats, more quickly than Francesca would have liked. As chocolates are crafted in the café's delicious-smelling kitchen following a promising new recipe, a mysterious document suddenly surfaces which could spell ruin for the café if it is made public. And when a good friend betrays them, the two women must surpass themselves with a carefully laid plan...



Emilia Lombardi
CAFÉ ALBA
– GOLDEN DAYS (Vol. 2)

Café Alba
– Zeiten in goldenem
Glanz (Bd. 2)
415 pages
Paperback
December 2024

Emilia Lombardi is the pseudonym of a bestselling German author who went to Italy for the first time at the age of ten and immediately fell in love with the country and its people. At around the same time she started to dream of writing books. Since finishing her degree in German studies she has published several novels about love, secrets and strong women. She loves walking in Piedmont with her husband and her dogs, and thinking up new stories.

Also available:



CAFÉ ALBA
– A DREAM OF
NUTS AND
CHOCOLATE
(Vol. 1)

464 pp
April 2024

A Christmas miracle for the wallabies

A winter wonderland with wallabies – cuteness overload!

The perfect Scottish feel-good setting: the 'wallaby island' of Inchconnachan in Loch Lomond

For years, Carrie's father has been fighting to save the wallabies of Loch Lomond. This idealistic Scottish Don Quixote mounts petitions and stages protests against the plans of the wealthy Dormonds, who want to build a hotel complex there. But now he is ill and cannot carry on the fight alone, so he asks Carrie for help. When she returns to her Scottish home, a surprise awaits her: the man who is working for the purchasers of the wallaby island is her childhood sweetheart. After their painful break-up she never wanted to see Marc again, and it was because of him that she fled to the other side of the world and settled in Australia.

Will she be able to put her feelings out of her mind and get Marc on side? Because only together – and with a little bit of luck – will they be able to block the Dormonds' hotel project and save the wallabies – especially their beloved Tony. Carrie does everything she possibly can, but they still need a Christmas miracle...

Stella Lucas loves the Highlands – and Christmas. For her there's nothing better than going for a long walk in the wilds of Scotland and coming back to warm up by the fire with a nice cup of tea and freshly baked orange cakes whilst thinking up new romantic stories. CHRISTMAS WITH TONY is the author's first Christmas novel.



Stella Lucas
CHRISTMAS WITH TONY

Weihnachten mit Tony
350 pages
Paperback
October 2024

A woman who refused to be muzzled

A portrait of one of the most influential 19th century writers in the German-language

The path of a courageous woman who held unwaveringly to her belief in the power of ideas and words

The story of a marriage on equal footing, in an age when it was anything but the norm

The year is 1847. Countess Marie Dubsky is supposed to be wearing tightly laced dresses and rehearsing dances for her debut in Viennese society, but she prefers to gallop across the family estates on her white steed. She keeps books and writing utensils hidden in a cabin in the woods. For as long as she can remember, Marie has wanted to be an author. Yet her attempts at writing are met with rejection by her family, who are also concerned because Marie wields a sharp pen and holds disturbingly progressive views. Initially, her sole support is her cousin Moriz, whom she herself has chosen as her future husband. But then her courageous urge to speak out in public also threatens her happiness in love . . .



Lucca Müller
**DETERMINATION
– MARIE VON EBNER-
ESCHENBACH AND THE
POWER OF WORDS**

Die Eigensinnige
Marie von Ebner-
Eschenbach und die
Macht der Worte
Approx. 448 pages
Paperback
February 2024

Lucca Müller was born in Cologne in 1968, where she earned her master's degree – as well as in Paris and Rome – in German literature, philosophy, Italian, and theater, film and television studies. After spending several years as a journalist for WDR and *Deutsche Welle*, she has now been working as a story developer and screenwriter for more than two decades. She lives in Cologne with her husband and two children.

Also available:



**MISS
SCHOPENHAUER
AND THE MAGIC
OF WORDS**

430 pp
Sept 2023

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A novel like the smell of freshly roasted almonds

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For anyone who still believes in the magic of Christmas

Rights sold to:

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Christmas is usually Sophie's favourite time of year. But this year she's not feeling at all festive. She recently came across an old time capsule she made – and its contents have knocked her for six. Of all the dreams she had for her future, not one has come true. And what's worse, Sophie has completely lost sight of her dreams, and feels as if life is just passing her by. The only thing that makes her feel better is visiting her friends at the Rainbow Hearts Library. And perhaps Hayden, Mr Donnelly's grandson, who wants to get to know his grandfather in Howth and who comes to the bookshop more and more often to keep Sophie company...



Jana Schikorra
CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP OF HEARTS
(A Feelgood Ireland Romance Vol. 3)

Weihnachtszauber in der kleinen Bücherei der Herzen (Bd. 3)
336 pages
Paperback
October 2024

Also available:

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



THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP OF HEARTS
(Vol. 1)

340 pp
Feb 2024



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

338 pp
May 2024

A world in chaos – and a destiny-defying love

The first book in a duology featuring superb world building, brilliant protagonists and an irresistible love story

For all fans of EVER & AFTER and FOURTH WING

The capital city of Sartin is in turmoil. Dangerous creatures are attacking people, and the city is riven by political tensions and murders. Rah, a 24-year-old guard from a remote village, is summoned to Sartin. She has the ability to free living things of the chaotic energy that makes them turn aggressive. The government ask her to help put a stop to the mysterious events that have rocked the city. So as not to frighten the public, Rah is forbidden from talking to anyone about her mission. Rah soon meets the enigmatic Irin and his parents, who are grieving for Irin's friend Arlo. Rah immediately senses that there is something wrong with Irin's energy – but at the same time she is incredibly drawn to him. And the questions he asks her about her mission are puzzling too. He thinks Arlo's death is connected to the creatures that have appeared in the city, and that there's an even bigger secret behind all of this. He asks Rah for her help, but she's not sure she can trust him...

Meanwhile Shina, a student at the National Academy, is facing challenges of her own. She's desperate to live up to the expectations of her influential parents, and she's also worried about her best friend Mae. Since her mother's death, Mae has been acting strangely and has become very isolated. One evening, Shina is horrified to see Mae drinking the blood of another human being. Convinced that Mae is filled with chaotic energy, Shina confides in her parents. But they take the view that Mae is beyond help, and must be executed. There's only one way out: Shina and Mae have to flee...



Marie Grasshoff
HEART & SHADOW (Vol. 1)

621 pages
Paperback
November 2024

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.

Coming soon:



ARC & RUIN
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 640 pp
June 2025

The past breaks its silence

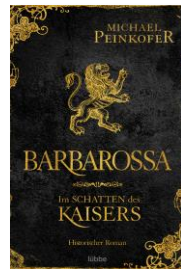
Total circulation for Michael Peinkofer exceeds 800,000 copies

After writing a successful epic about BARBAROSSA, the author now recounts the exciting life of the emperor's grandson, Frederick II

Michael Peinkofer was born in 1969 and studied German literature, history, and communication sciences at the University of Munich. Since 1995 he has been working as an independent author, film journalist, and translator. Writing under a variety of pseudonyms, he has authored numerous novels in different genres. He became known through his best-selling **THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE RUNES** and his successful historical novels.

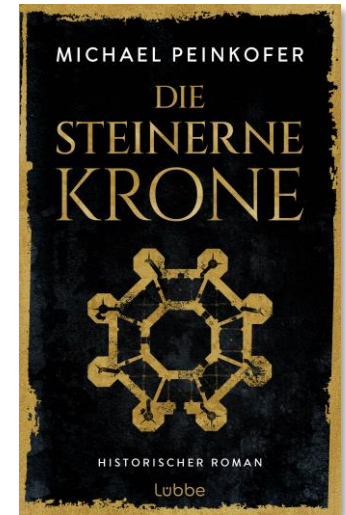
Excavations at the mysterious Castel del Monte, once built by the Hohenstaufen Emperor Frederick II, unearth previously unknown records: a chronicle of the emperor's life, from his legendary birth in the market square of Jesi in 1194 to his journey to Rome to receive the imperial crown. But that is just the beginning of the young Hohenstaufen's eventful life! A man full of contradictions, he numbers Muslims among his friends while nevertheless preparing for a crusade. He is a deeply pious person, yet he is excommunicated by the Pope. He promotes new thinking while at the same time remaining a dictator. Never has a chronicle been more frank and candid. Yet who was the mysterious author behind it?

Also available (a.o.):



**BARBAROSSA
– IN THE
SHADOW OF THE
EMPEROR**

542 pp
Sep 2023



**Michael Peinkofer
THE STONE CROWN**
A Grand Historical Novel
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Emperor Frederick II

Die steinerne Krone
592 pages
Hardcover
November 2024

The opening volume of a grand historical trilogy by Ulrike Renk

The opening volume of a historical series by Ulrike Renk. Set against the backdrop of the Eighty Years' War and the Thirty Years' War

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The year is 1551. Elze grows up as a serf along with her siblings on the large Kalmule estate. Her daily life consists of heavy labor in the fields, but that changes radically when she is required to leave her family and begin compulsory duty as a scullery maid in the city of Münster. One day, however, she is swapped with a maid serving the Lords of Oer and is forced to live in the moated castle of Kakesbeck, which is under a curse. Here, she also crosses paths again with the miller's son, Jacob – although he is surrounded by mysterious rumors. Should she believe them? And will Elze now play a role in the ancient prophecy about breaking the curse on the von Oer lineage?



Ulrike Renk
THE FLOW OF THE AGES
(The Kamule Estate Vol. 1)

Am Fluss der Zeiten (Bd. 1)
544 pages
Hardcover
October 2024

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

Life is a game – with new rules

A new thrilling social saga for fans of Downton Abbey

Love, betrayal, revenge, forgiveness. What do the beautiful facades conceal?

The moral portrait of a society in upheaval

Baden-Baden in 1847. Although Claire Engel's parents want her to take a job as a chambermaid in a fashionable grand hotel, the young woman is pursuing her own dream. She wants to become the first woman to work as a croupier in the city's magnificent and renowned casino, where celebrities and aristocrats seek their fortune. Thanks to the casino, Baden-Baden is a magnet for anyone of fame and distinction in Europe. This is where old money comes up against a new set of rules. Yet behind the splendid façade, all that glitters is not gold. Promises are broken, hopes are dashed, and love is betrayed. Soon, the ambitious Claire must ask herself what she is prepared to sacrifice for her dream.



Martina Sahler / Heiko Wolz
CASINO. OLD CLASSES, NEW RULES (Vol. 1)

Kasino. Alte Klassen, neue Regeln
427 pages
Paperback
September 2024

Martina Sahler and Heiko Wolz have published many successful juvenile books as an author duo. Martina Sahler was awarded the Homer Literaturpreis in silver for her historical novel *WHITE NIGHTS, VAST COUNTRY*, while Heiko Wolz received, among other awards, the literature scholarship of the Free State of Bavaria. *The Sugar Baroness* was their first collaboration on a series of historical novels.

Also available: *The Three Sisters Saga*



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

413 pp
Aug 2023



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

416 pp
Nov 2023

This book shows why we need the countries of Africa as strategic partners

Peace and prosperity in Europe can only be achieved together with Africa

The author shows how the old colonial structures have become entrenched, and why it is important to demolish them

Issio Ehrich is the winner of the prestigious Theodor Wolff Prize 2024 for his report in the newspaper DIE ZEIT on the coup d'état in Niger in 2023

Issio Ehrich is a freelance journalist and photographer from Berlin. His reporting focuses primarily on the Sahel region and Turkey and is carried by quality media in Germany and other European countries. The author comments regularly in podcasts, radio broadcasts, and TV programs on conditions in the areas he covers.

Democracy or dictatorship? Visions for Africa

In the 1960s, Europe declared that colonialism in Africa had come to an end. But that was a lie. Europeans, who like to portray themselves as champions of democracy and the rule of law, have in fact never stopped oppressing the men and women of Africa. They have supported facade democracies and bolstered the corrupt political systems that allow them to continue exploiting the continent. Yet people in many African nations have reached a point where they refuse to stand for it any longer.

Issio Ehrich exposes the complex networks that connect Europe and Africa and all too often serve to enrich Germany, France and Co., for example, when it involves strategic resources such as uranium and rare earth minerals. What would it take for a partnership on equal footing to succeed?



Issio Ehrich
PUTSCH
Africa's Rebellion
against European
Colonialism

Putsch
Der Aufstand gegen
Europas Kolonialismus
in Afrika
270 pages
Hardcover
November 2024

A groundbreaking and hope-inspiring book

Hassoun and Hoffmann were honoured by the Federal Agency for Civic Education as 'Ambassadors for Democracy and Tolerance' 2024

The authors are winners of the Reconciliation Award 2024 by the Klaus Jensen Foundation for their commitment to civil society

Jouanna Hassoun is a German-Palestinian who fled to Germany from Lebanon in 1989 at the age of six with her mother and a younger brother. Since 2015 she has been involved with "Transaidency," an organization devoted to promoting political education and humanitarian aid.

Shai Hoffmann is a German Jew with Israeli roots. He works as a social entrepreneur, activist, speaker, and moderator.

"We need a culture of discourse."

This book is about a German Jew with Israeli roots and a German-Palestinian woman who have found a way to talk to one another. Since 2023 Jouanna Hassoun and Shai Hoffmann have been traveling together from school to school to promote their "Trialog" project. Their goal is to speak about the war, the current escalation in Israel and Palestine, and its impact on Muslim and Jewish life in Germany. Their roundtable discussions create a space that allows for questions and views that many people don't have the courage to ask or express. In doing so, they provide proof that it is indeed possible to talk to one another, and they motivate readers to join in the dialogue themselves.



Jouanna Hassoun / Shai Hoffmann
TRIALOGUE
How We Talk about Israel and Palestine

Trialog
Wie wir über Israel und Palästina sprechen
255 pages
Hardcover
October 2024

An expert examines the connections between veterinary medicine and industry

For anyone interested in animal welfare and sustainable living

A sweeping topic. The debate about animal welfare has reached a boiling point. An expert provides well-founded, urgent insights

When Karim Montasser began his studies in veterinary medicine, he quickly became disillusioned: his field focuses less on animal health than on the health of humans and supplying them with animal-based food products. Objectively, yet empathetically, the author explains how the breeding, husbandry, and slaughter of animals always subordinates animal welfare to the needs of humans – sometimes with drastic consequences. Meanwhile, industry and veterinary medicine have for years lagged behind the demands of society, which has been calling for significant improvements in animal welfare. A committed veterinarian, the author points out what needs to change for animal welfare to finally become a reality.

Dr. Karim Montasser, known online as **@DerTierarzt**, holds a degree in veterinary medicine. In his practice, he realized that people have a lot of questions! As a result, in 2018 he created a YouTube channel called “Der Tierarzt” (The Veterinarian) and began explaining the many complex topics in his field. Karim Montasser was recently honored with the Fast Forward Science Award. He lives near Bonn as the housemate of a cat.



Dr. Karim Montasser THE ANIMAL WELFARE PARADOX. AN IMMERSIVE LOOK

How veterinary medicine plays into the hands of factory farming

Eingetaucht: Das Tierwohl-Paradox
Wie spielt die Tiermedizin der Massentierhaltung in die Hände?
112 pages
Paperback
October 2024

Fight for democracy, now!

Jakob Springfeld was born in East Germany and didn't leave. He is committed to tolerance and democracy

The author has received numerous awards for his advocacy

Rights to AMONG NAZIS sold to:

- Belgium

Jakob Springfeld was born in 2002 and raised in Zwickau. He is currently a university student. In 2020, he was awarded the Theodor Heuss Medal for special commitment to democracy and civil rights. *ZEIT-Campus* student magazine ranks him as one of the 100 most important East Germans. In February 2024, he was awarded the Urania Courage Prize.

Germany in the year 2024. Attacks on refugees are on the rise again. The German far-right party AfD (Alternative for Germany) is planning massive deportations of Germans with a “migration background,” and right-wing extremists have achieved a central position in society. And while West Germany continues to look only to East Germany, the AfD is on the march across the country. Government agencies, the German armed forces, and our judicial system are also part of the problem. Structures that are meant to support coexistence in our democracy are receptive to far-right ideas or simply look the other way. The author is afraid, and he's not alone. Now is the time for us to take a stand as a society and in no uncertain terms at that. We must fight for democracy and human rights!

Also available:



AMONG NAZIS
– A Young East
German Against
the Right

192 pp
Oct 2022



Jakob Springfeld
WEST GERMANY HAS NO IDEA WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EAST GERMANY

Why the Strengthening of the Right Is a Threat to Us All

Der Westen hat keine Ahnung, was im Osten passiert

Warum das Erstarke der Rechten eine Bedrohung für uns alle ist

Approx. 240 pages
Paperback
February 2025

Peace instead of war – how negotiations can succeed

Calls for peace talks between Russia and Ukraine are becoming increasingly louder

This book is the first to lay out a negotiation strategy and explain the prerequisites for peace talks from the standpoint of international law

The author has been conducting research on conflicts and collaboration in Eastern Europe for years

Almost everyone in the Western world agrees on one point: we urgently need peace in Europe.

Yet how do we even get to the negotiating table with Russia? What challenges does this pose, especially for Ukraine as the victim of the Russian war of aggression? The answers to these questions will affect millions. Based on many years of research, Cindy Wittke outlines the conditions that would allow Ukraine and Russia to successfully enter into negotiations – and how they could result in a lasting peace accord.

Cindy Wittke is Head of the Political Science Research Group at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg. She earned a doctorate in law at the Free University of Berlin with a dissertation that examined the post-Cold War internationalization of peace agreements between state and non-state parties according to international law.



Cindy Wittke
NEGOTIATING PEACE DURING WAR

Russia's War, the Chances for Peace and the Art of Negotiation

Frieden verhandeln im Krieg
Russlands Krieg, Chancen auf Frieden und die Kunst des Verhandeln
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For anyone interested in nutrition and health

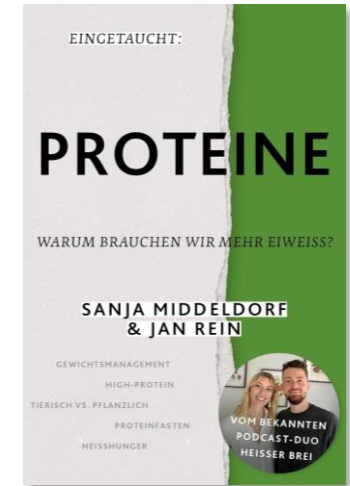
Protein is a trending topic. Experts provide the background knowledge to understand the hype

An expert look at the question of how much protein we really need

This book immerses readers in the world of proteins and tells why these building blocks of life play a crucial role in our health and well-being.

Why is the official recommendation for protein intake often too low? How can individual requirements be adjusted and met?

Ranging from the importance of high-quality protein for building and maintaining muscle, to controlling cravings and weight management – here is everything you need to know about protein! With practical tips on protein sources, powders, and timing, as well as special sections for children, pregnant women, and women over 50, this book is an essential companion for anyone looking to optimize their health.



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PROTEIN. AN IMMERSIVE LOOK
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Eingetaucht: Proteine
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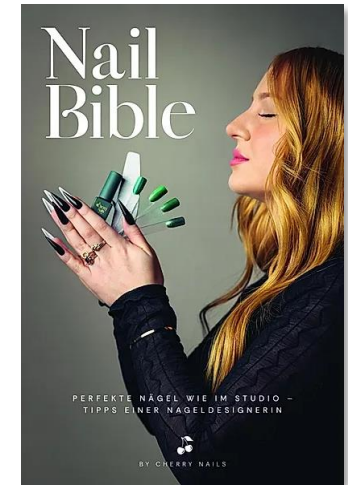
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You nailed it! The perfect companion for your nail routine

Everything you need to know about nails, explained through brilliant photos and illustrations

A nail art creator with a loyal fan community: over 1.6 million people follow Liza's nail content

This accessible guide explains all about nail care, manicures and nail art, from A to Z. Cherry Nails, a.k.a. Elizaveta Riefert, regularly shares her nail art tips and expertise as a nail designer with her online community – and now all of her knowledge is brought together in this book. Where do you start with nail art, and what do you need to know? Liza answers all the questions amateur nail artists are likely to have. The book features clear illustrations, photos of inspiring motifs, and exclusive tips for your own personal nail routine from a nail art expert.



Elizaveta Riefert
NAIL BIBLE
Perfect Salon-Standard
Nails – Tips From a Nail
Designer

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Eliza Riefert, a.k.a. Cherry Nails, shares her knowledge about nail care and manicures with over 1.6 million people on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube. Whether they're interested in beautiful nail art or in nail care, members of Liza's community benefit from her expert advice on all things nails. And it's not only her nail knowledge that makes her an icon in her field: people also love her bubbly personality and the community spirit she inspires.



Heute, einige Jahre später, ist das Nägelmachen wirklich mein Traumjob. Ich kann kreativ sein, ich arbeite mit Menschen für die ich ein offenes Ohr habe, und es ist jeden Tag sehr abwechslungsreich. Ganz ernsthaft: Selbst nach Jahren stehe ich morgens mit einem Lächeln auf dem Lippen auf und habe nie den Gedanken: „Heute habe ich echt keine Lust.“ Beim Nägelmachen fühle ich mich absolut vollkommen.

Seitdem nehme ich dich auf Social Media mit auf meine Reise, zeige meine Fortschritte und meinen täglichen Wahnsinn. Tausende von Menschen sehen täglich zu, wie man Nägel macht (und manchmal auch wie man sie besser nicht macht). Und ich habe viele dazu inspiriert, selbst mit dem Nägelmachen zu beginnen.

Seit über einsehnt Jahren bin ich auch Basis-Schulungen zum Thema Nägelmachen an. Inzwischen habe ich schon über 50 Schulungen als Coach geführt, um mein Wissen weiterzugeben und noch mehr Menschen auf ihrem Weg in das Berufsfeld des Nageldesigns zu unterstützen.

Dieses Jahr habe ich nach langer Arbeit endlich meinen eigenen Nagelshop eröffnet, auf den ich unendlich stolz bin. Während des Prozesses

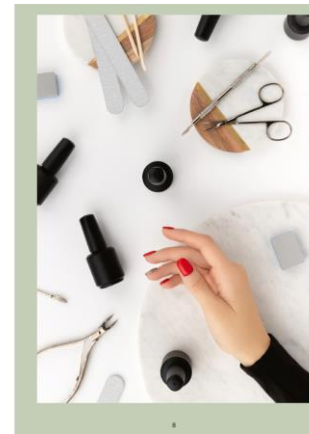
konnte ich viel über Produkte und ihre Zusammensetzung lernen.

Was ich mich aber schon als Anfängerin vor fünf Jahren fragte: Warum gibt es all dieses Wissen nicht in einem Buch? Es muss doch eine Quelle geben, die alle Informationen bündelt.

Ich, die Chaos-Kirache, habe also beschlossen, dieses Buch zu schreiben. Davon konnte ich zwei meiner liebsten Dinge verbinden: Bücher und Nägel. Es ist mit einer Idee, dass du dieses Buch in den Händen hältst. Du bist der Grund, warum all dies existieren ist und heute sogar im Buchhandel zu finden ist.

Vor über vier Jahren lud ich zufällig ein Video auf TikTok hoch, in dem ich meiner Schwester die Nägel mache. Ich wollte für mein kleines Homestudio Modelle zum Üben finden und dachte, es käme gut an, wenn ich meine Arbeit in einem kurzen Video zeige. Da ich keine Ahnung vom Videoschnitt oder der Musikunterlegung hatte, nutzte ich einfach TikTok, weil es dort so einfach und schnell ging. Vier Jahre später schreibe ich ein Buch über das, was ich auf diesem Planeten am meisten liebe: Nägelmachen.

Dieses Buch soll dir von Anfang an alles an die Hand geben, was du



Swapping acne for acceptance

On-trend theme: skincare
What to do when your skin goes haywire? In this book readers will find comfort and advice

After she stops taking the contraceptive pill, Antonia Schulz's hormones descend into chaos and she suffers from severe skin problems. She tries absolutely everything to improve the appearance of her skin, from household remedies to chemical substances to dietary changes – but nothing works.

In her book she shares her experiences of medical options but also of the emotional toll acne has taken on her. Because in our society, with its fixation on physical appearance, a person's mental health is dangerously dependent on what they look like. With help from experts, she explains the different options for healing your skin and your mind, to regain your own radiance.

Antonia Schulz, a.k.a.

Mutausbrüche, is the digital BFF and shares the highs and lows of life with her community. She posts accounts of her life in the city and of her travels, as well as her struggles with severe skin problems and self-esteem issues. The 26-year-old has over 250,000 followers on Instagram and TikTok. With her content she makes them laugh, makes them think, inspires them and comforts them.



Antonia Schulz
FEEL HAPPY IN YOUR OWN SKIN

Somewhere Between the Contraceptive Pill, Anti-Pimple Cleanser and Perfectionism

Hautsache glücklich
Zwischen Pille, Pickelwaschgel und Perfektionismus
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A cruel twist of fate – and the strengthening power of love

Honest and moving: the daughter's illness as a personal, autobiographical account of one family's struggles

Just six days after their daughter Leni is born, Vanessa and Markus realise something is wrong. They call an ambulance and Leni is taken straight to intensive care.

What follows is a traumatic odyssey of doctor's appointments, tests and sleepless nights, because the right side of Leni's brain is severely epileptic. The operations she needs have profound consequences: the epileptic half of the baby's brain has to be functionally separated from the healthy half. Their worry about their sick child binds the parents together as they share each other's joy, grief and hope. A moving book about hope, resilience and the value of family.



Vanessa Lock
DARLING LENI, YOU ARE A MIRACLE
Why My Daughter Lives With Only Half a Brain

Liebe Leni, du bist ein Wunder
Warum meine Tochter mit nur einer Gehirnhälfte lebt
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Vanessa Lock is an entrepreneur. She is married and has two children. Vanessa campaigns for animal welfare and has her own fashion brand, Vanezia, with an online shop and two stores.

Dream destination Japan. Recipes that combine tradition and modern trends

Japanese cuisine is probably one of the most popular national cuisines in the world – and Japan is fast becoming a dream destination for more and more travellers. It's never been easier to cook delicious Japanese dishes in your own home. Riku explains the basic essentials: different types of noodles, light and dark pastes, sauces and broths. How do you cook Japanese rice in a pan? What is the secret of the popular ramen noodle soup? Riku presents 50 recipes which are all authentically Japanese but also simple, quick and suitable for novice cooks. Naturally, the dishes are all 'umai' – simply 'delicious'.

A book for anyone interested in Japanese cuisine and simple cooking

On-trend recipes that have gone viral on social media meet Japanese traditions

A dream holiday destination, the home of manga and anime, and the centre of the hype about Japanese sweets: Japan is very much on trend



Maki Sushi

HOSOMAKI UND FUTOMAKI

1. Für das Essigwasser den Reisessig mit 200 ml Wasser vermischen. Teilgelächten Thunfisch aufkochen.
2. Die Füllungen in 8 cm lange und ca. 1 cm dicke Streifen schneiden. Die Gurke waschen, trocknen und dann vierteln, dabei die Kerne mit dem Messer entfernen. Den eingeweichten Reis, Thunfisch und Lachs ebenfalls in gleichmäßige Streifen schneiden. Falls es nicht möglich ist, einen langen Streifen zu schneiden, können auch mehrere Streifen geschnitten werden, die jeweils insgesamt eine Länge von ca. 10 cm ergeben.
3. Die Nori-Blätter für die Hosomaki halbieren. Das halbe (Hosomaki) oder ganze (Futomaki) Nori-Blatt mit der glänzenden Seite nach unten auf die Sushi-Rollematte legen. Außerdem sollten beim Halieren die Streifen auf dem Nori-Blatt verriegelt sein.
4. Jetzt die Hälfte leicht mit dem Essigwasser befeuchten und ca. 80 g (Hosomaki) oder 200 g (Futomaki) gelächten Sushi-Reis vorsichtig auf dem Nori-Blatt verteilen. Dabei am oberen Rand etwa 1 cm Platz lassen.
5. Optional kann nun eine kleine Menge Wasabi mit einem Löffel auf dem Reis verteilt werden. Danach die Füllungen einzeln (Hosomaki) oder alle Füllungen (Futomaki) nass gestalten und anbringen (z. B. oben). Das Rollen mit beiden Daumen und Zeigefinger vorne etwas anheben und dabei mit dem anderen Finger die Füllung festhalten. Das Nori-Blatt um die Füllung legen und mit leichtem Druck zusammenpressen. Weiter mit sanftem Druck anheben und rollen, bis sich beide



Enden des Nori-Blattes überlappen. Den Vorgang für alle anderen Rollen wiederholen.

4. Ein langes und sehr scharfes Messer mit Essigwasser befeuchten, jede der Rollen jeweils halbieren und jede Hälfte in drei Stücke schneiden.

7. Mit Saisoyasauce zum Dippen, Sushi-Tzuyu und ggf. extra Wasabi servieren.

Die Füllungen für Maki-Sushi können je nach Präferenz angepasst werden. Saisoyasauce, geschwemmte Tomatensauce, Miso oder Reisessig (Reisessig 1:1) sind ebenfalls gut geeignet.

Riku Tanaka, a.k.a. RikuEats, grew up in Frankfurt and is of Japanese heritage. He shared his first recipe video in late 2022. Just six months later he had over 100,000 followers each on Instagram and TikTok.



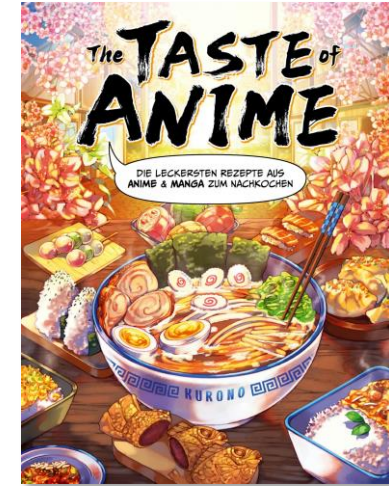
Riku Tanaka
UMAI – JAPANESE CUISINE MADE EASY
50 Authentic Recipes for Every Day

Umai! Einfach japanisch kochen
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Cook it yourself: what do popular anime dishes taste like?

Fully illustrated and full of facts about anime: a cookbook that makes the perfect gift for yourself or somebody else!

What do the dishes from popular animes like *Naruto*, *One Piece* and *Attack on Titan* taste like? Thanks to Kurono, it's not only anime and manga fans who are getting a taste for them. In many animes – which are now more popular than ever before among mainstream audiences, thanks to *Netflix* and others – the characters eat iconic Japanese dishes. We often see ramen, onigiri or bento boxes on our screens – but what do they taste like in real life? Kurono presents 40 recipes that are easy to cook at home. Based on the originals, all the dishes are fully illustrated. The recipes are supplemented by useful and exciting facts from the world of anime and manga.



Amir Yarahi
THE TASTE OF ANIME
The Tastiest Recipes
From Anime and Manga to
Recreate at Home

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zum Nachkochen
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Amir Yarahi is better known online as Kurono (named after a character from the Japanese anime series *Gantz*). The 29-year-old has been part of the German YouTube community for many years, and posts content all about anime and manga. His YouTube channel has over 934,000 followers. He has already made a name for himself as a Spiegel Bestseller author with one manga and one non-fiction book.

