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## Innocent of murder until proven guilty?

**A father who seeks retribution for the murder of his daughter**

**A killer who is guilty but cannot be convicted**

**A policewoman who seeks justice and commits a crime to attain it**

**An unresolvable dilemma in the legal system. A big judicial scandal**

**For fans of courtroom drama and readers of Ferdinand von Schirach**

**English sample translation available**

**November 2022.** When Detective Chief Inspector Anne Paulsen threatens seventy-two-year-old Volker März with a gun, she has only one goal: to make him confess. Almost forty years ago, he allegedly raped and brutally murdered seventeen-year-old Nina Larsen. Even though the evidence from the crime scene heavily incriminated März, it wasn't enough to pronounce him guilty. From then on, Nina's father began fighting desperately for justice. Decades later, when the DNA recovered from the crime scene can be analyzed, he hopes that the price would finally be paid for his daughter's murder. Yet by law, no one can be tried twice for the same crime.



**Markus Thiele**  
**TIME OF THE GUILTY**

**Zeit der Schuldigen**  
**431 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**March 2024**

Author **Markus Thiele** earned a law degree from the University of Göttingen and has been a practicing attorney since 2000. He specializes in employment and construction law and represents clients throughout Germany. He has been shaped by his experiences in the courtroom as well as his keen interest in social developments. His debut novel THE ECHO OF SILENCE was published in 2020. He is married, has two children, and lives in Göttingen.

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

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

**April Dawson has sold 300,000 books with LYX**

### Rights to April Dawson's previous books sold to:

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

Daphne Valenti's first day as an in-house lawyer at START ENTERTAINMENT does not go according to plan. Not only is she treated unfairly by her new boss: she's also expected to shelve her legal cases in order to babysit Aspen Knox. The attractive actor has had enough of being typecast as the 'hot villain', and wants to relaunch his career. Daphne is tasked with helping him prepare for his upcoming role as a lawyer in a romance film, and with making sure Aspen doesn't get embroiled in any more scandals. But the more time they spend together, the more undeniable the chemistry between them becomes – until a secret from the past comes to light that changes everything...



**April Dawson**  
**STARTING SOMETHING NEW**  
(*Starting Something* Vol. 1)

**399 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**May 2024**

### Also available / Coming soon:



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

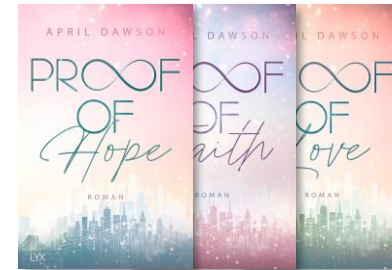
395 pp  
Oct 2024



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

Approx. 400 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)

**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.

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

**COLDHART: #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller series!**

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

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

**473 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**June 2024**

### Rights to *Westwell* sold to:

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

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.

### Also available:



**COLDHART**  
– STRONG &  
WEAK  
(Vol. 1)

474 pp  
Jan 2024



**COLDHART**  
– RIGHT &  
WRONG  
(Vol. 3)

470 pp  
Nov 2024

### Also available: *Westwell*



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

#3 SPIEGEL Bestseller

Book 1 of the *Evergreen Empire* trilogy, the latest **New Adult series from Merit Niemeitz** – LYX's latest big discovery

Love across the class divide – an attractive CEO falls in love with the housekeeper's daughter

A glamorous setting: A luxury perfume company based in London

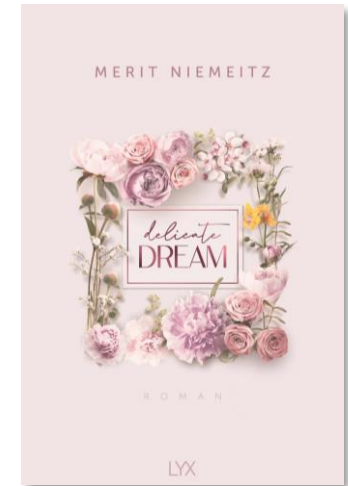
Merit Niemeitz has sold 120,000 books with LYX

Rights sold to:

- Hungary

## A New Adult series that takes the reader on an emotional rollercoaster through the world of British high society

Odell has always known that one day he and his siblings would take over his family's perfume empire. But when his father is killed in an accident, Odell has to step up to the plate as CEO much sooner than he'd expected. To prove he is capable of running the million-pound company, he first has to design his own perfume. In his desperation he asks Emmeline, the daughter of his parents' housekeeper, for help: Emmeline has an almost perfect sense of smell. They make a deal – Odell will pay for Emmeline to go to university, and in return Emmeline will help him create a scent. But when they start working together, feelings come to the surface which they have always repressed until now – and with good reason.



Merit Niemeitz  
**DELICATE DREAM**  
(*Evergreen Empire* Vol. 1)

527 pages  
Paperback  
July 2024

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.

### Coming soon:



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

537 pp  
Dec 2024



**ETERNAL ENDING**  
(*Evergreen Empire* 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)

## Sexy, glamorous and dangerous – New Adult suspense from LYX

### On-trend themes:

#MafiaRomance,  
#EnemiesToLovers,  
#HeFallsFirst,  
#Cinderellastory

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

Kim Nina Ocker has sold  
200,000 books with LYX

Rights to *One of Six* sold  
to:

– Poland

Young bodyguard Charlotte Blossom gets a job offer she can't refuse – working as a bodyguard to the eldest son of the influential Newton family. The attractive Gideon Newton is not at all keen on his parents' security measures, and doesn't want Charlie following him around. But during a trip on his yacht, the pair grow closer and Charlie sees what lies behind the public façade of the hottest bachelor in the city. When she and Gideon start to have feelings for each other, however, Charlie realises there's a dark side to the glitz and glamour of high society, and within it lurk unforeseen dangers...



Kim Nina Ocker  
**TAINTED DREAMS**  
(*Kingsbay Secrets* Vol. 1)

479 pages  
Paperback  
October 2024

### Coming soon:

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.



**SHATTERED PALACE**  
(*Kingsbay Secrets* Vol. 2)  
480 pp  
March 2025



**SHINING FRAGMENTS**  
(*Kingsbay Secrets* Vol. 3)  
Approx. 480 pp  
August 2025

### Also available (a.o.): *One of Six*



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



## Can she risk her heart again?

**New Adult meets GREY'S ANATOMY: Book 4 in the *Whitestone Hospital* series**

**SPiegel Bestseller:**  
**HIGH HOPES (Vol. 1): #3**  
**DROWNING SOULS (Vol. 2): #1**  
**TOUGH CHOICES (Vol. 3): #3**  
**SAVED DREAMS (Vol. 4): #4**

**Ava Reed has sold almost half a million copies with LYX**

### Rights sold to:

- Czech Rep. – Netherlands
- France – Poland
- Hungary – Russia
- Italy – Slovakia
- Latvia – Spain
- Lithuania

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

Jane Miller has found her way back to life. The job as assistant doctor at Whitestone Hospital gives her more strength than she had ever thought possible, until she meets Consultant Abby Clark and then is transferred to the gynaecology department. Abby has an effect on her. But the worst of it is: she can see behind Jane's façade and appears to know her darkest moments. Can Jane allow it and open up her heart to another person again?



**Ava Reed**  
**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL**  
**– SAVED DREAMS**  
*(Whitestone Hospital*  
 Vol. 4)

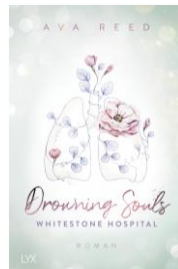
**371 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**August 2024**

### Also available:



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL**  
**– HIGH HOPES**  
 (Vol. 1)

416 pp  
 March 2022



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL**  
**– DROWNING SOULS** (Vol. 2)

428 pp  
 Feb 2023



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL**  
**– TOUGH CHOICES** (Vol. 3)

440 pp  
 Nov 2023

**A book like a dance film:  
New Adult meets BLACK  
SWAN, CENTER STAGE  
and SAVE THE LAST  
DANCE**

**Academy settings are  
more popular with readers  
than ever**

**SPIEGEL Bestseller:  
HOLD ME (Vol. 1): #7  
STAY HERE (Vol. 2) #6  
SHINE BRIGHT (Vol. 3): #3  
MOVE ON (Vol. 4): #3**

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

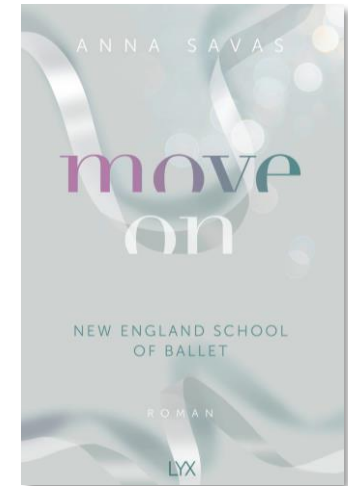
**Rights to *New England  
School of Ballet* sold to:**

- 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.

## Discipline, dreams and hidden feelings – the grand finale of the NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF BALLET

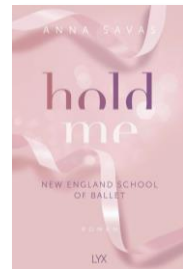
Four years have passed, since Gabriel broke Skye's heart and left the city. Never in a million years did she think she would see him again, let alone as a supporting actor on the set of the series being filmed at the New England School of Ballet. She desperately tries to ignore Gabe but he doesn't give up so easily. He wants to make up for his mistake back then, and proposes a deal: if she has still not forgiven him in eight weeks, he'll leave her alone. Absolutely determined to stand her ground, she agrees – but the more time she spends with him, the more dangerously her determination falters...



**Anna Savas  
MOVE ON  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF BALLET**  
*(New England School of  
Ballet Vol. 4)*

**463 pages  
Paperback  
March 2024**

### Also available:



**HOLD ME  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
(Vol. 1)

512 pp  
March 2023



**STAY HERE  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
(Vol. 2)

496 pp  
July 2023



**SHINE BRIGHT  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
(Vol. 3)

512 pp  
Nov 2023

**MESS ME UP (Vol. 1) was an instant #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller**

**An exciting series about the cast of a blockbuster film**

***Dunbridge Academy* spent over 50 weeks in the Top 20 of the SPIEGEL Bestseller list, including nine weeks on #1**

**Sarah Sprinz has sold 850,000 books with LYX**

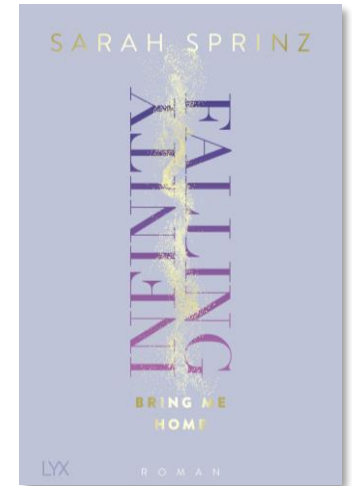
**Rights to *Dunbridge Academy* sold to:**

- Czech Rep.
- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Spain
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- UK (World Engl.)

**Sarah Sprinz** was born in Tettngang 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 new SPIEGEL Bestseller series by Sarah Sprinz**

Megan Sutton can't wait to get on set and start filming INFINITY FALLING. But the negative headlines in the press put a dampener on her happiness – as does the fact that she's never even kissed anyone before, and now she has to be intimate with her co-star on camera. The fact that her co-star also happens to be her best friend's boyfriend is like red meat to the press. The solution to all her problems is doctor Cole Buchanan: understanding, attractive, and willing to pose as her boyfriend while she's making the movie. It's the perfect way to improve her image and avert the next PR disaster. Until the press realises Cole has something to hide...



**Sarah Sprinz**  
**INFINITY FALLING**  
**- BRING ME HOME**  
*(Infinity Vol. 3)*

**503 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**September 2024**

**Also available:**



**INFINITY FALLING**  
**- MESS ME UP**  
(Vol. 1)

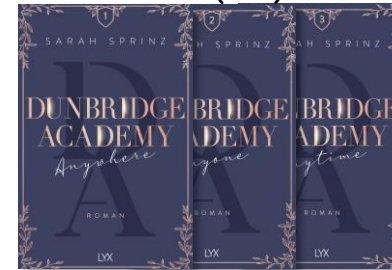
544 pp  
August 2023



**INFINITY FALLING**  
**- CHANGE MY MIND**  
(Vol. 2)

508 pp  
Feb 2024

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



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

## Their love is forbidden – because he’s her boss

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

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

**For fans of Ava Reed’s *Whitestone Hospital* series**

**English sample translation of Vol. 1 available**

### Rights sold to:

– France – Latvia

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

Laurel is making a fresh start in Boston – she wants to leave the past behind her and concentrate entirely on her career. She launches herself eagerly into her work as a lawyer at GOLD, BRIGHT & PARTNERS. But her resolve is sorely tested when she meets Aaron Bates, the junior partner at the law firm. At first, Laurel sees him as the classic stereotype of the arrogant lawyer, but as she gets to know him better she sees what lies behind his façade. Aaron, however, is Laurel’s mentor – and her boss. And when the two of them start spending a lot of time together working on a murder case, the strong attraction between them becomes more and more difficult to resist...

### Tropes:

- IN CASE WE TRUST (Vol. 1): Rivals to Lovers
- **IN CASE WE DARE (Vol. 2): Forbidden Love**
- IN CASE WE FORGET (Vol. 3): Second Chance/Enemies to Lovers

### Also available / Coming soon:



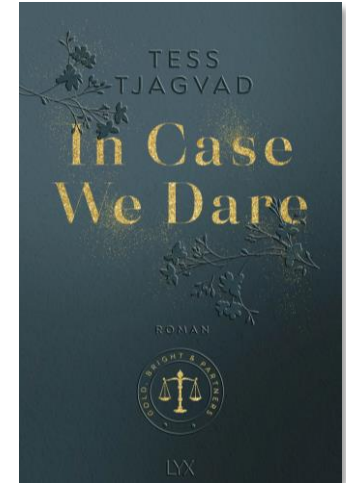
**IN CASE WE TRUST**  
(*Gold, Bright & Partners* Vol. 1)

487 pp  
Jan 2024



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

Approx. 400 pp  
July 2025



**Tess Tjagvad**  
**IN CASE WE DARE**  
(*Gold, Bright & Partners* Vol. 2)

**528 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2024**

## Can happiness last for more than just a moment?

Poignantly and artfully interweaving the stories of three strong women, Louise Pelt uses powerful, straightforward language to tell of their indomitable longing for happiness

An intelligent novel about the big question of what happiness actually means

**Paris in 2019.** There is actually nothing standing in the way of Mylène's happiness. But then a shocking revelation turns her whole world upside down. Mylène asks herself: is happiness even possible if you don't know who you are?

**The German Democratic Republic, near the border, in 1987.** Johanna, who is a hermit, discovers a 17-year-old girl in the forest and hides her from the troops along the border. This results in an unexpected confrontation with a past she thought she had long overcome. Happy memories from bygone days begin to resurface as well. But is a person eventually allowed to experience happiness again, even if their own guilt is overwhelming?

**Los Angeles in 2003.** Holly's colleague Jay is killed in an accident – and only because she spontaneously stepped into the breach for Holly. Plagued by a sense of guilt, Holly uses a pretext in an attempt to return some happiness to Jay's boyfriend and son. But doesn't she herself also deserve to be happy again?

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



Louise Pelt  
**THE HALF-LIFE OF  
HAPPINESS**

**Die Halbwertszeit von  
Glück**  
431 pages  
Hardcover  
March 2024

## A touching debut novel about mothers and daughters

To what extent do family entanglements determine our lives, and how can we extricate ourselves?

An examination of the traits society has attributed to women and mothers over the course of a century

A haunting, finely nuanced portrayal of the many contradictory facets of motherhood – and daughterhood

Recommended by New Books in German (Autumn 2024)

When her mother falls ill with cancer, and her 16-year-old son wants to attend school in England for a year, Valerie finds herself wedged between two existential conflicts. While she would like to break free from the dysfunctional relationship with her mother, she is not permitted to do so; she has to let go of the child that has been the center of her life for more than fifteen years, but she's not ready to do that either. Yet every conflict has its backstory. Beginning with the childhood of Valerie's grandmothers, the author sheds light on the family's past, gradually revealing an intergenerational portrait of its women and focusing on the novel's central themes of saying farewell to loved ones, a longing to remain unscathed, and the desire ultimately to escape the baggage of one's own legacy.

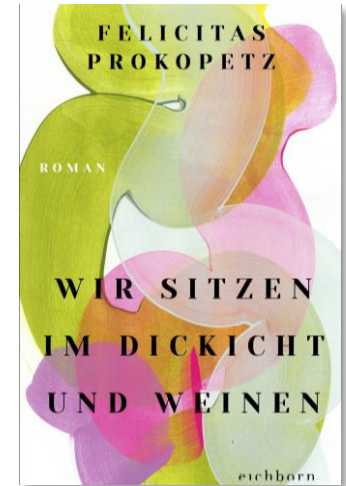
*"A clever, multi-layered novel that tells a sad yet beautiful story about what family does to us."*

– **Caroline Wahl**, author of the successful debut novel 22 LENGTHS

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

– **New Books in German** (Autumn 2024)

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



**Felicitas Prokopetz**  
**SITTING IN THE THICKET, CRYING**

**Wir sitzen im Dickicht und weinen**  
208 pages  
Hardcover  
February 2024

## A feelgood saga from the 'sun lounge of Switzerland'

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

**The first book in a captivating series about dreams, love and a family of instrument makers in Ticino**

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

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

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

Elisa travels to Ticino to help her sick grandfather. But Niklas, a stubborn and eccentric man, doesn't make it easy for his granddaughter. Luckily the beauty of the surrounding area helps her feel at home. Here at the foot of the Alps, on the shores of deep blue lakes lined with palm trees, she can finally relax and unwind. And this is also where she stumbles across a small but high-end instrument maker's workshop, which rekindles her childhood dream of becoming a musician. The workshop is run by two brothers, who between them carry on the longstanding family tradition of making instruments. But the brothers are like chalk and cheese, and their different ideas make it difficult for them to work together – as does the fact that they both end up developing feelings for Elisa...



**Tabea Bach**  
**ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(*Rosewood Villa Saga*  
Vol. 1)

**Die Rosenholzvilla (Bd. 1)**  
**320 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 2024**

### Coming soon:



**THE PROMISE OF ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(Vol. 2)

352 pp  
July 2024



**DECISION IN ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(Vol. 3)

400 pp  
March 2025

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



- **CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 1)
- **THE WOMEN OF CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 2)
- **COMING HOME TO CAMELLIA ISLAND** (Vol. 3)

## It's never too late to live your dreams

The second book in a gripping saga about an instrument maker's workshop perched high above Lake Lugano

Tabea Bach transports us to Ticino, to a world full of fragrant wood, music and passion

Rights to Tabea Bach's (previous) books sold to:

- Croatia
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- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain

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

Elisa and Danilo are together. But Fabio still has strong feelings for Elisa. When he hears about a long-guarded family secret, he makes a decision that rocks the business to its core. Once her grandfather has revealed the secret, many things start to make sense to Elisa.

She starts helping Danilo out in the workshop. Working with wood brings her a profound sense of calm. And she starts playing the campanula cello more often – its soft notes soothe her.

But then something happens that changes everything...



Tabea Bach  
**THE PROMISE OF ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(*Rosewood Villa Saga* Vol. 2)

**Das Versprechen der Rosenholzvilla** (Bd. 2)  
**352 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**July 2024**

### Also available / Coming soon:



**ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(Vol. 1)  
  
320 pp  
April 2024



**DECISION IN ROSEWOOD VILLA**  
(Vol. 3)  
  
400 pp  
March 2025

### Also available (a.o.): *Silk Villa Saga*



- **THE SILK VILLA** (Vol. 1)
- **THE SPLENDOUR OF THE SILK VILLA** (Vol. 2)
- **THE LEGACY OF THE SILK VILLA** (Vol. 3)



## The new book in a series about three exiled women after the Second World War

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

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**English sample translation of Vol. 1 available**

### Rights sold to:

- Netherlands

**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.

**Germany, 1939:** Conditions in Germany are becoming intolerable, and Maria and her family, who are Jewish, make the decision to flee at the last minute. But by now it is almost impossible to leave the country safely, and the family are forced to leave by a dangerous route.

**Brazil, 2023:** Sandra runs a bookshop started by her grandmother Maria. When she is contacted by a woman named June from New York, who tells her about an inheritance, Sandra becomes curious about her grandmother's story. She asks June to join her in retracing the route Maria travelled as a refugee, in order to hopefully find out more about Maria and discover the whereabouts of Anni, a friend of Maria and June's grandmother Luise. Together the women follow in Maria's footsteps – and in the process they learn more about their shared history and about themselves.

### Also available / Coming soon:



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

381 pp  
Oct 2023



**WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE SECRET OF ROSES**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pp  
Feb 2025



**Anna Claire**  
**WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE POWER OF BOOKS**

*(Women of Fortune Vol. 2)*

**Die Glücksfrauen – Die Kraft der Bücher**  
(Bd. 2)  
**367 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**June 2024**

## A story of family secrets set against the breathtaking backdrop of Ireland

Three extraordinary women, a family secret and a turbulent era in Irish history

Atmospheric, gripping, moving – the first book in a lavish trilogy

### Rights to *The Gardens of Heligan* sold to:

- Netherlands
- Spain

From a young age, **Inez Corbi** knew she wanted to be a writer. She studied German and English at university. Successes in short story competitions eventually spurred her on to write her first novel. She has now authored four novels and two young adult books. Inez Corbi lives with her family in Frankfurt.

**Cork, Ireland.** Young Sarah doesn't really enjoy her job at a souvenir shop, so when an American called Helen offers her a lucrative position – helping the old lady research her Irish roots – Sarah jumps at the chance. The wreckage of a plane has recently been discovered in the Texan desert, and Helen thinks the pilot whose skeleton has been found at the crash site was her Irish grandfather. The trail leads both women to Bantry Bay in the south of Ireland. On a visit to a stately home they stumble across the story of keen pilot Joanna, whose adventurous life over a hundred years ago is interwoven with Helen's own – and not only hers...



Inez Corbi  
**REBEL SISTERS.  
THE PILOT**

**Rebel Sisters. Die Pilotin**  
367 pages  
Paperback  
August 2024

### Also available: *The Gardens of Heligan*



**THE GARDENS  
OF HELIGAN  
– TRACES OF A  
NEW  
BEGINNING**  
(Vol. 1)

367 pp  
August 2021



**THE GARDENS  
OF HELIGAN  
– A JOURNEY  
TO FAR-OFF  
LANDS** (Vol. 2)

366 pp  
August 2022



**THE GARDENS  
OF HELIGAN  
– HARBINGERS  
OF THE STORM**  
(Vol. 3)

334 pp  
June 2023

Is it ever too late for second chances?

A captivating love story for fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid, Libby Page and Clare Pooley

English sample translation available

Rights sold to:

- Czech Republic

**Kathinka Engel** has always been an avid reader, and has a degree in general and comparative literature. She has worked in Germany and abroad for a literary agency and a literary magazine, and as a translator and editor for various publishing houses. She lives in Berlin, but also feels at home in London. She shares her love of books and writing on Instagram and TikTok at @kathinka.engel.

**An old Victorian tenement building in London becomes the setting for a great love story that begins in the turbulent 70s and finds its happy ending in the present day**

**London, 1974:** Pippa St George, a seventeen-year-old girl of London's upper class, goes to a gig with a friend in a dark, dirty corner of the city. There she meets Oz, the lead singer of a punk band that stands for everything her parents despise. Against all the odds, in defiance of convention and logic, they fall in love. But harsh reality soon catches up with them.

**London, the present day:** online content editor Gilly is overjoyed when she finds an affordable place to live in a Victorian tenement building in Camden. But she's shocked to learn that the building is soon to be sold and renovated for luxury apartments. Gilly joins forces with her neighbours, including film documentary maker Owen, to create a memorial video to the building. While she and Owen are researching the project, they grow closer – and stumble across a story that moves them more than all the rest...

**Winner of the LovelyBooks Community Award 2024 in the category Entertainment**



**Kathinka Engel**  
**THE END OF YESTERDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF TOMORROW**

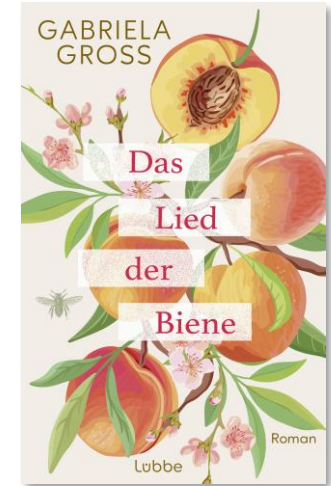
**Das Ende von gestern ist der Anfang von morgen**  
**430 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**May 2024**

What would be required for you to play the lead role in your life again?

**A touching novel about second chances and the courage to let go and start fresh**

Marga is a woman in her early forties. She has been the “soul” of the household for hotel operator Paul Alprecht for ten years. When Paul’s fiancée meets a tragic death, Marga spontaneously writes him a comforting although anonymous e-mail. After all, years ago she also lost a loved one. The semi-anonymous e-mail exchange that ensues not only helps Paul overcome his grief; Marga, too, begins to rethink her life. For years, she’s been putting it on the back burner, but now Paul’s e-mails inspire her to turn over a new leaf. And so she musters all her courage and sets out to engage with life and experience love... because in life only the person who leaves the bench can play in the game.

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**Gabriela Gross**  
**THE SONG OF THE BEE**

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**447 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**June 2024**

**Gabriela Gross** is the pseudonym of an author with 13 years of experience writing scripts for prime time evening TV (ARD and ORF, German and Austrian public service broadcasters), as well as books for children and adolescents.

**Also available: *The Gold Blossom Saga***



**THE GOLD BLOSSOM HOUSE – THE CALL OF A NEW ERA (Vol. 1)**

400 pp  
March 2022



**THE GOLD BLOSSOM HOUSE – IN THE LIGHT OF HOPE (Vol. 2)**

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- Poland

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

**Melville Island, 1941.** Catherine is a young nurse who works in an orphanage off the coast of Darwin, where she cares for Aboriginal children who have been separated from their families. She is engaged to a pilot named Preston, and they plan to marry as soon as the war in Europe is over. But then everything changes. Darwin comes under attack in 1942 leaving Catherine seriously injured. Preston's plane is shot down; he is reported missing in action. Catherine is evacuated to Alice Springs by the "Flying Doctors." Her recovery stretches over many months. Due to her injury, she will never be able to bear children. On top of that, she receives the news that Preston's remains have been recovered.

Robbed of her plans for the future, Catherine decides to dedicate her life to the service of mankind. In 1945, she becomes the first flight nurse in the "Flying Doctors." Here she also meets a reclusive doctor named Jim. He reveals nothing about himself, until one day Catherine meets his young daughter, Rosie. Her Malayan mother, Jim's wife, was killed in the attack on Singapore in 1942. Rosie enjoys spending time with Catherine, which eventually also brings Jim and Catherine closer together. But can the two commit to more than a friendship?

### Also available:



**FLYING DOCTORS  
– A COURAGEOUS  
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(Vol. 1)

394 pp  
August 2022



**FLYING DOCTORS  
– DEPARTURE  
FOR THE  
OUTBACK**  
(Vol. 2)

476 pp  
August 2023



**Elizabeth Haran  
FLYING DOCTORS –  
DESTINY UNDER THE  
RED SUN**  
(*Flying Doctors* Vol. 3)

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– Schicksal unter roter  
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**August 2024**

## Three sisters. A family party. A momentous revelation

The first book in a contemporary trilogy about three sisters and their dreams

Lake Constance is the perfect escapist, atmospheric setting

It's spring at Lake Constance, and the apple trees are in bloom. Lotte's 70th birthday party is coming up, and her daughters Carolin, Romy and Veronika are among the guests. Nature photographer Carolin, who moved to New Zealand after completing her biology degree, hasn't been back in years. Now she's looking forward to two weeks back home enjoying lakeside views and chats with her sisters. But then a surprising discovery throws the family's lives into turmoil. And when Carolin suddenly finds herself at the centre of an unexpected turn of events in the butterfly house on the island of Mainau, she comes to a momentous decision...



**Tanja Huthmacher**  
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**APPLE BLOSSOM DAYS**  
(*Sister Time* Vol. 1)

**Zeit der Schwestern.**  
**Apfelblütentage (Bd. 1)**  
**349 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 2024**

**Tanja Huthmacher** studied German, journalism and art history in Bamberg. She is a scriptwriter who writes for TV, radio and print media, and has published several novels, some under a pseudonym. She lives with her family in Munich.

### Also available:



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## Three sisters. A labour of love. A surprising visit

**A story about solidarity and having the courage to let go and take on new challenges**

**Warm-hearted, engaging and hopeful, with realistic characters who will touch readers' hearts**

It's summer at Lake Constance, and the cherries are ripe and red. Keen chef Romy has fulfilled a lifelong dream by setting up her own catering company, and now she has a lucrative baking competition coming up. But as a single mum to Vincent and Luna, she just doesn't have enough hours in the day – not only in the summer holidays but all year round. Since their mother's momentous 70th birthday party, Romy and her sisters Carolin and Veronika have many reasons to catch up regularly, but they are all very different people. Romy knows she has to make some changes if she's ever going to fix her work-life balance. And then her ex-husband shows up with some unexpected news...



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352 pp  
August 2024

## Three sisters. A big gamble. A second chance

**The final book in a contemporary trilogy about three sisters and their dreams**

**Lake Constance is the perfect escapist, atmospheric setting**

It's autumn at Lake Constance, and the juicy grapes in the vineyards promise an excellent vintage. As an experienced winemaker, Veronika knows she should be giving her full attention to the precious gifts of nature. But her marriage is in crisis, and her teenage daughter Rosalie is pushing her to her limits. Then, on a trip to the island of Reichenau, she comes across an idyllic organic vineyard which rekindles her former dreams of sustainable winemaking. She finds herself thinking "what if...?" Her sisters Carolin and Romy, who work as a nature photographer and manager of a catering company, are supportive of her new ideas. And eventually, an unexpected meeting inspires Veronika to make the biggest decision of her life...



**Tanja Huthmacher**  
**SISTER TIME.**  
**GRAPE FESTIVAL**  
(*Sister Time* Vol. 3)

**Zeit der Schwestern.**  
**Traubenfest (Bd. 3)**  
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**Paperback**  
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## The new volume in the bestselling saga about a traditional café!

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### Rights sold to:

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- Italy – Spain

**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 favorite café.

**Wiesbaden in 1965.** Under Hilde's management, Café Engel is in its heyday. There's an urgent need for new staff, but when Hilde hires an Italian waiter, Giuseppe, her parents have a hard time with the "Southerner's" mentality. In addition, there's turbulence in the marriage of Hilde's brother Willi. As he celebrates triumphs at the Wiesbaden theater, he has also been making advances toward a pretty colleague. When Hilde's husband befriends Giuseppe and then plans a trip to Italy with her, Hilde is initially skeptical. Is this the right time to put the café in the care of her family? Yet the prospect of summer sun and the blue sea pushes all her doubts aside . . . with unforeseen consequences.



Marie Lamballe  
**CAFÉ ENGEL**  
– THE GOLDEN YEARS  
(Vol. 5)

**Café Engel**  
– Goldene Jahre (Bd. 5)  
527 pages  
Paperback  
September 2024

### Also available:



**CAFÉ ENGEL**  
– A NEW ERA  
(Vol. 1)  
559 pp  
March 2019



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– FATEFUL  
YEARS  
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**CAFÉ ENGEL**  
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OF HOPE  
(Vol. 3)  
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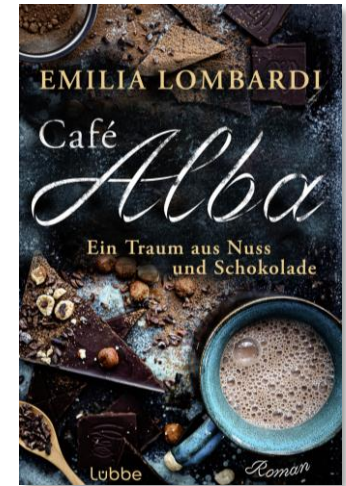
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– A BREATH OF  
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July 2023

## A young woman. A delicious recipe. The magic of Piedmont

In the 1940s, a young woman fulfils her dream and develops a successful recipe using nuts and chocolate

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**Alba in Piedmont, 1946.** Sixteen-year-old Francesca's heart beats faster as she arrives in the city. A winemaker's daughter, she has come to work as a housemaid for the Milani family who run the famous Café Alba. She enjoys her work, and feels herself magically drawn to the bakery with its sweet aromas. An unexpected event brings her closer to the Milanis' son Matteo, and one day he confides in her that the café is on the brink of ruin due to the enormous increases in the cost of ingredients. One of its competitors is already sniffing around. But then Francesca remembers the grove of nut trees in her rural home. And she has an idea that will have momentous consequences not only for Café Alba...

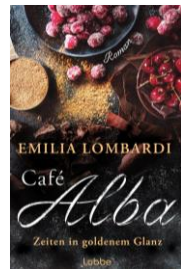


**Emilia Lombardi**  
**CAFÉ ALBA**  
– A DREAM OF NUTS AND  
CHOCOLATE (Vol. 1)

**Café Alba**  
– Ein Traum aus Nuss  
und Schokolade (Bd. 1)  
**464 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 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.

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(Vol. 2)

415 pp  
Dec 2024

## Set in the magnificent Maldives, the "pearls of the ocean"

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**Christina Rey** grew up in a large city in Westphalia. After studying history and sociology, she became involved in social projects at home and abroad. She particularly enjoys getting to know other countries and cultures. During a photo safari in Kenya, she fell deeply in love with the fauna and landscapes of this exceptional continent.

**The Maldives in the 16th century.** Young Buraki is meant to succeed her father on the throne. She is clever, adept at government affairs, and admired for her swordsmanship. She has chosen a future husband whom she loves, but she soon learns that trust is a favor she can't bestow on everyone.

Shaina is the daughter of the royal armorer. Although she is growing up with Buraki in the palace, her friendship with the heiress to the throne does not protect her from the perils of the court. When she follows a young Portuguese nobleman to Goa, India, it seems she has found happiness. But then her healing skills cause her to be branded a witch.



**Christina Rey**  
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July 2023

## All aboard for the 1<sup>st</sup> journey of the legendary Orient Express

The mythical Orient Express, brought back to life in all its glamor

An exciting and adventurous journey from Paris to Istanbul

A fast-paced mix of historical fact and fiction

**Paris in 1883.** For Georges Nagelmackers, everything is at stake when his latest venture, the Orient Express, departs on its maiden journey across the hostile states of Europe. The luxuriously appointed train is meant to be a symbol of peace. The passengers include 24 diplomats whose mission is to resolve their political differences during the course of the journey. Success is the only thing that can save the indebted Georges from ruin. On top of that, it would allow him to win back the heart of Hubertine Berthier, a young women's rights activist who left him because he was constantly dwelling on crazy ideas and then failing on a grand scale. This time, however, everything will be different. But then Georges learns that there's an assassin on board ...

**The historical background.** In 1867 a lovesick Georges Nagelmackers traveled to the USA where he was introduced to trains that featured sleeping and dining cars. After returning to Europe, he began to popularize this type of travel in France. In 1883, Nagelmackers put all his eggs in one basket and invested a fortune in the Orient Express. The success or failure of the venture - and the fate of its founder - depended on the train's maiden voyage in October of that year.



David Janz  
THE FIRST JOURNEY OF  
THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Die erste Fahrt des  
Orient-Express  
383 pages  
Paperback  
August 2024

David Janz is the pseudonym of a well-known German author.

## From black sheep of the family to world-famous writer

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A riveting novel about a dynasty of lighthouse builders and the early years of Robert Louis Stevenson, the world-renowned author of *TREASURE ISLAND* and *DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE*

An epic novel for fans of Ken Follett and Rebecca Gablé

**Scotland in 1869.** Nineteen-year-old Robert Louis Stevenson dreams of a life as a writer. For a long time, his father lets him have his way, but when Robert falls in love with a woman below his class, he has to leave Edinburgh. Not long thereafter, his father takes Robert on a trip to inspect the lighthouses, insane structures surrounded by the storm-tossed Scottish sea, that have earned fame for the men of the Stevenson family who constructed them. For the first time, he also gets to see Dubh Artach, which his father is building on a reef in the Atlantic – a small, rocky, buffeted island where Robert risks his life. He realizes that turning his back on the family tradition could easily lead to a final break with them and to his own ruin. However, he clearly understands that he cannot escape his fate and in 1871 tells his father that he does not intend to become an engineer but a writer. Outwardly composed but inwardly broken, his father accepts the news. Robert detaches himself from the confines and security of his family and embarks on a new life. Although he's a rebel, he remains determined to bring honor to his family in a different way.

**Samoa in 1894.** With death approaching, Robert Louis Stevenson reviews his life. Works such as *TREASURE ISLAND* and *DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE* have made him one of the most successful writers of his time. Once again, he reflects on how the inspection trips, the perilous locations of the lighthouses, and his family's achievements have shaped his art, and how much of it all he has incorporated into his novels. He has brought honor to the Stevensons, a dynasty of lighthouse builders, but in a different way than planned.



Sabine Weiss  
**THE LIGHTHOUSES OF THE STEVENSONS**

Die Leuchttürme der Stevensons  
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Paperback  
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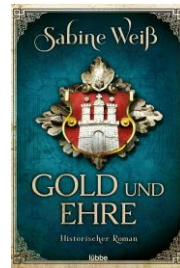
### Also available (a.o.)

Sabine Weiss was born in 1968 in Hamburg. She studied German literature and history and worked as a journalist.



**THE FLOWERING OF THE AGE**

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**Hardcover**  
**September 2024**

**Anabelle Stehl** studied linguistics in Leipzig and Cork, and now works for an online marketing agency in Leipzig. Under the name 'Stehblüten' she runs her own successful blog, Instagram channel and YouTube channel. Apart from New Adult, her favourite genre is Fantasy.

## Those who want peace should talk about war

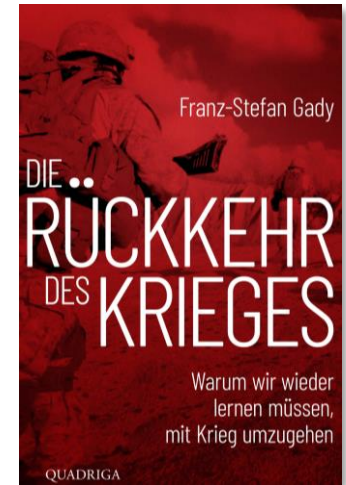
**Urgently argues that we must face up to looming dangers and prepare ourselves accordingly**

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**Franz-Stephan Gady** is an independent analyst and military consultant. In addition, he is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Studies in London and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Center for New American Security in Washington, DC. He advises the United States and European governments and armed forces on issues of structural reform and the future of warfare. His field research and consulting activities have taken him to Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Iraq a number of times, and seen him embedded in various missions of the Ukrainian armed forces, the Afghan army, NATO troops, and Kurdish militias. He is also an officer in the reserve.



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**THE RETURN OF WAR**  
Why We Must Learn to Deal With War Again

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Warum wir wieder lernen müssen, mit Krieg umzugehen  
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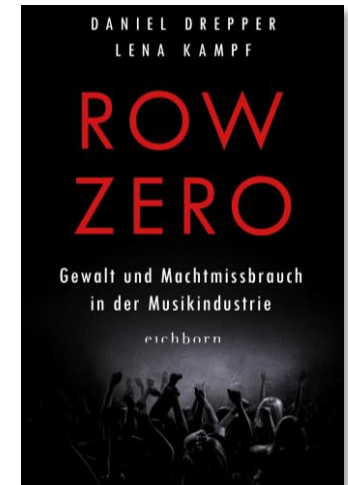
**The stories of dozens of women expose the toxic structures in the music industry**

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This book describes the abuse of power in the music industry. It examines the structures that make such abuse possible, and it shows why – thanks to courageous women and supportive activists – they are now gradually crumbling.

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