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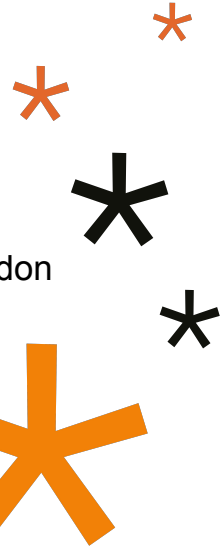
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Hera Lind

## Time to forgive. Novel based on a true story

- The dramatic story of an unimaginable betrayal, an agonising time in GDR prison and the power of true love
- A touching fate, exemplary for countless people who lived in divided Germany
- Over 20 million novels sold: Hera Lind is "the queen of factual novels", Die Zeit



May 2024 · 464 pages

Hera Lind studied Germanic Studies, Music, and Theology, and was a classical singer before she achieved sensational success with novels like The Superwoman. Hera Lind's factual novels, which are all based on true stories, consistently top the SPIEGEL bestseller list. Hera Lind lives with her family in Salzburg, where she also offers writing seminars.

**The master who interweaves fact with fiction: the new factual novel by the No. 1 SPIEGEL bestselling author**

When Clara and Viktor fall in love in the summer of 1965, they have no idea that they met as small children at a train station in East Prussia and survived thanks to their incredibly courageous mothers. Viktor has incredible news for Clara: her biological mother is alive. And wants to meet her. If it weren't for the Iron Curtain that now separates not only mother and daughter, but also the two lovers. Viktor and Clara forge a daring plan, because new life is already stirring inside Clara ...

*"Facts are skillfully interwoven with fiction, which gives the story depth. A successful novel by the master of touching destiny literature." - Austria about With the courage to love*

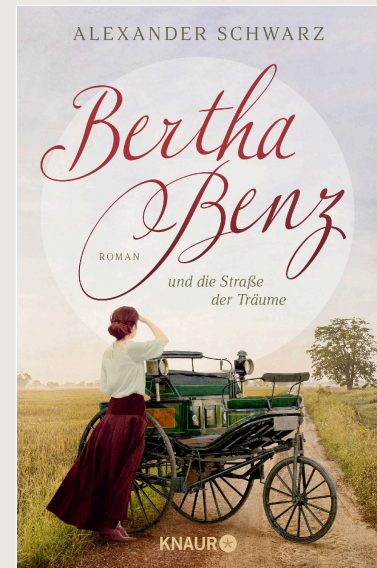
### Further Titles



Alexander Schwarz

## Bertha Benz and the road of dreams

- The story of the woman who helped the automobile make its breakthrough – told in an atmospheric, emotional and highly exciting way
- 2024 is the 175th birthday of Bertha Benz
- For all those who want to experience the turning point at the end of the 19th century from the perspective of an extraordinary woman



May 2024 · 400 pages

Alexander Schwarz, born in Stuttgart in 1964, studied Modern German Literature, Medieval Studies, Linguistics and Political Science in Freiburg and Utrecht. He has lived in the Netherlands since 1990, interrupted by a six-year stay in Iceland. He worked as a publisher for twenty years. Today he is a freelance literary agent. Above all, however, he has worked as an author and photographer for over twenty-five years.  
photographer.

### **A woman moves the world: the first biography of Bertha Benz**

1888: Bertha Benz has had enough! She loves her husband, Carl, admires the brilliant engineer and firmly believes in his vision of a horseless carriage. After all, she spends enough time in the workshop herself and has all the engines and machines that Carl comes up with explained to her. And she had her dowry and part of her inheritance paid out before the marriage to finance the workshop - against her parents' initially resolute wishes.

But after bankruptcy, Bertha and Carl had debtors breathing down their necks for a long time and had to live in abject poverty with their children. Now it's time for something to finally change! But Carl, with his perfectionism, hesitates and hesitates.

So Bertha decides to take the wheel into her own hands - in the truest sense of the word ...

Charlotte von Feyerabend

## Having sex and being nice to each other. Novel based on the adventurous life of Beate Uhse

- Love is freedom – the first novel about Beate Uhse, who as an entrepreneur stood up for the sexual liberation of women
- In a conservative time, she dared, to take initiative, break through barriers and push boundaries
- For the readers of exciting entrepreneurial biographies such as the novels by Laura Baldini and Romy Seidel



June 2024 · 400 pages

Charlotte von Feyerabend went out into the world at a young age. After hotel management training and a degree in literature, media education and text technology, she held jobs at various publishing houses and in PR and marketing. The author lived for six years in Oslo, five years in Berlin and two years in Stockholm, where she fell in love with the Swedish landscape and its stories. In 2020, she returned to Germany. By this time, her luggage consisted of three children, a Norwegian forest cat, seven published books (the most recent being a Kindle no. 1 bestseller and a no. 1 BILD bestseller) as well as published games and professional experience as an educator and a lecturer at a writing school, and involvement with projects with the Goethe Institut in Oslo. In 2019, she was invited to the Tysk Norsk literature festival in Oslo as an author. She is a member of DeLiA and can conjure a story from almost anything.

### **Aerobatic pilot, pioneer of the women's movement and entrepreneur: the incredible life of Beate Uhse**

Even as a child, Beate dreamed of flying - and learnt from her father that she could achieve anything if she wanted to. At eighteen, she gets her pilot's licence and meets the love of her life. But the idyll is short-lived because her husband, also a pilot, is shot down in the Second World War. In post-war Germany, Beate Uhse and her young son are left without anything and must travel around the country to sell goods and earn money. In the process, she becomes aware of the concerns of women who do not want to become pregnant during this miserable time. As the daughter of one of the first female doctors in Germany, Beate decides to help them. She sells an educational pamphlet for a few pennies, which she soon supplements with articles on "marital hygiene".

Because Beate Uhse has a dream: every woman should have the right to an orgasm! This awakens her entrepreneurial talent and her desire to fight for women's sexual liberation - the birth of a legend and the beginning of an empire that everyone knows about ...

### Further Titles



Susanne Fröhlich

# Parked

- Charming, clever and full of situation comedy: the next bestseller from Susanne Fröhlich!
- Over 30 SPIEGEL bestsellers and more than 3.5 million novels sold



June 2024 · 336 pages

Susanne Fröhlich is one of Germany's best-known authors. The writer and journalist also works as a presenter, for example for the MDR literature programme *Fröhlich lesen* since 2005. Both her non-fiction books, such as *Fröhlich fasten*, and her novels, most recently *Getraut*, have all become bestsellers, including *Moppel-Ich*, which has sold over 1 million copies. Susanne Fröhlich lives near Frankfurt am Main

### First parked, then discarded? Not with Monika!

Monika has hit the jackpot: a solvent boyfriend who is not only very much in love, but also very generous. After all, he lets her use his finca on Mallorca - and finances a relaxed lifestyle for her. All she has to do is quit her job and flat in Germany to be there for him when he flies in from Frankfurt at the weekend. A perfect arrangement. At least that was the case until four weeks ago. Since then, she hasn't heard from her boyfriend. Well, almost nothing. Because there's still this letter from his lawyer telling Monika to leave the finca immediately. It says nothing about where she should go or how she will live. Nor does it say why she was so suddenly demoted from princess to homeless. But she will find out. And also that Mallorca can be very different from what the holiday brochure says.

"Just like real life, only funnier." - Westdeutsche Zeitung about "Ausgemustert"

### Further Titles



Iris Conrad

## The glass dog

- A young woman with an unconditional will to survive will to survive and a story about the light of hope in the darkest of times
- Brilliantly researched, authentic and moving: for all readers of Heather Morris and Bettina Storks



May 2024 · 352 pages

Iris Conrad is the pseudonym of Iris Mueller. She grew up in Bad Wimpfen near Heilbronn and holds a doctorate in history, having studied in Heidelberg and at Yale University (USA). Her novels have been translated into ten languages. The author lives with her husband and two dogs in Bad Wimpfen and Salerno near Naples.

### **Moving and historically grounded: the survival story of a young "speedster" in Nazi-era Berlin**

Berlin 1942: there is a pounding on the door and Jewish art student Henriette knows that she is to be the last of her family to be transported to the East and uses the few moments she has left to go into hiding. She is now a "streaker", making her way underground without an address and without a name. When she meets Benjamin, a fellow student she once disliked, the two become friends and their determination to survive welds them together. Again and again, their unsteady lives tear them apart and bring them back together until they realise their feelings for each other. But their little bit of happiness is threatened by the countless informers - and by Thorsten Reinhard, the Gestapo man who was in love with Henriette years before and has his very own reasons for wanting to keep her quiet.

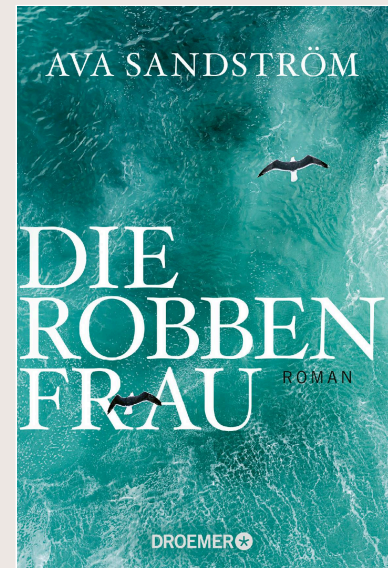
Around 1,800 Jews survived the Nazi era in the Berlin underground. They were called "Flitzer". With *Der Glashund* (The Glass Dog), Iris Conrad memorialises them and their saviours a monument.

*"Time and again, the persecuted were accused of not having defended themselves. It is often overlooked how many did. My novel tells the story of young Berliners who stood up to the hatred with courage, creativity and even a spark of gallows humour - and found a helping hand or two along the way. Not everyone made it - but some did." - Iris Conrad*

Ava Sandström

## The seal lady

- In the midst of the magnificent landscape of the Faroe Islands and in the light of the midnight sun, a family encounters itself and its secret
- A novel about searching and arriving, identity and the all-encompassing legend of the enigmatic seal woman
- For all fans of Scandinavia and readers of Judith Taschler's "Summer and Winter"



March 2024 · 400 pages

A well-known German author and her husband hide behind the pseudonym Ava Sandström. They travel the world, both professionally and privately. Their adventurous travels are perfect sources of inspiration for their psychologically interesting novels. The Seal Woman is her second novel after Where the Darkness Begins.

**The harsh nature of the Faroe Islands and an ancient Nordic saga that captivates a young woman ...**

What does family mean to me? Nineteen-year-old Kendra asks herself this question after she leaves her parents' house and hometown in a row. She sets off hitchhiking without a destination and ends up on the Faroe Islands, where she experiences a completely new family togetherness in an environment characterised by wild nature and the unpredictable weather of the North Atlantic. The traditional life and the closeness of the people to each other attract Kendra, but also irritate her at the same time. In the end, it is the legendary statue of the seal woman, which Kendra seems to strangely resemble, that leads her deep into the myths of the land and helps her to reassess her own origins.

### Further Titles



Marie Matisek

## On the green slopes of Mount Vesuvius

- A light-footed and profound story about the importance of family, the power of love and the search for one's roots
- The new great Italian novel by the SPIEGEL bestselling author
- Marie Matisek's Italian novels have sold over 100,000 copies



July 2024 · 304 pages

Marie Matisek is the pseudonym of author Tanja Weber, who indulges her longing for travelling under this name. She dreams of travelling to Italy, Provence or the North Sea, her favourite destinations. Besides writing, the author's great passions are her dog, cooking (and eating!) and her garden.

### A young woman in search of her Italian roots

When Sergio Catalongo dies, it affects the whole family, especially twenty-eight-year-old Selina, his granddaughter. Her grandfather was an original - he came to Germany at the age of 22 as one of the first "guest workers" and opened "Bella Italia", the first Italian ice cream parlour in Wuppertal.

Selina, on the other hand, has few connections to her grandfather's country. Not only was she, but also her father was born in Germany; the fact that Italian blood flows through her veins is particularly noticeable in her name. But Sergio's death makes her realise how important it is to know her own roots. So, without further ado, she sets off to the green slopes of Mount Vesuvius to find out who her grandfather really was - and who she really wants to be.

*"The book makes you want to pack your bags and travel to Italy straight away." - Time for me about Under the lime sky*

### Further Titles



Annette Landgraf

## Your own path

- A courageous young woman, great love and an unforgivable betrayal
- Told with great emotion: a romantic-dramatic novel of destiny
- For readers of Marie Force or Nora Roberts



August 2024 · 400 pages

Annette Landgraf lives with her husband in the Munich area, where she concocts her stories. Her hobbies are non-fiction books and novels about China, illustrated books from the first decades of photography and travelling to interesting places.

### Highly emotional and sensitively told: Drama meets romance

Katharina is shocked when she finds out shortly after graduating that her boyfriend has lied to her from beginning to end: instead of taking part in an excavation in India, Simon merely becomes the deputy district archaeologist in her hometown, the tranquil town of Tiefenstett. The relationship breaks up and Kate has to reorientate herself professionally. Thanks to her excellent references, she lands a senior job in Tiefenstett's town council - and soon comes across the illegal machinations of the building contractor Zopp. This is also how she meets Philip, who also falls foul of Zopp. The two of them have no idea how far the dangerous property shark is prepared to go ...

### Further Titles



Nicola Grote

## Because that's not all

- Authentic, emotional and inspiring
- An unexpected dismissal, a bike trip to Paris – and a second chance at love
- For the readers of Gabriella Engelmann and Regine K lpin



April 2024 · 400 pages

Nicola Grote has worked as a social pedagogue, sports teacher and activity leader. She travelled around the world for two years with her husband, child and rucksack. She and her family ran a yacht charter company on the French Caribbean island of Martinique. Today she lives with her husband in southern Andalusia on the Atlantic coast. Setting off for new shores is part of her DNA. Because that's not all, this is her debut novel.

### When a spontaneous decision turns your whole life upside down

Hanna, 56, is in a state of shock: first, her husband Martin and their four grown-up children cancel their plans for a family holiday - and then she is given notice to quit her job, which she has done with love and dedication for years.

What is Hanna, who has always been there for others, supposed to do now? A TV documentary gives her a daring idea: she will cycle 809 kilometres from Hanover to Paris on her old Dutch bike! Family and friends don't take the unathletic Hanna seriously until she actually sets off. Hanna clearly realises that Martin can't cope with her decision when she proudly and happily arrives in Paris after a number of exertions ...

Susanne Esser

## Miss Love and the Happiness of Books. Novel

- The start of a family saga about a bookshop in magical Andernach on the Rhine
- For all readers who know how much comfort and strength there is in books, especially in dark times
- Susanne Esser, herself a bookseller, was inspired by the history of her training business and the stories of her husband's grandmother



March 2024 · 384 pages

Susanne Esser was born in 1979 in Andernach on the Rhine and grew up nearby on a farm. During her training as a bookseller, she moved to Andernach and lived in the medieval town for many years. Today she lives in Brohltal with her husband, her three children and about 2000 books.

### **The turmoil of the last days of the war, a young woman in search of a future and the happiness of books**

In the spring of 1945, 18-year-old Eva Liebe is faced with nothing: in bombed-out Berlin, she has lost her family, her fiancé and all of her belongings. With the last of her strength, she makes her way to Andernach on the Rhine, where her uncle runs a bookstore. However he was sent to the front, and her aunt initially receives Eva with suspicion, - for the bookstore is a secret meeting place for intellectuals critical of the Nazis. It is only when Eva proves her affinity for books and forms a tender bond with the war-disabled carpenter Georg that something like a new happiness seems possible. Until the bookstore is hit by a bomb in the middle of reading...

"Miss Love and the Happiness of Books" is the prelude to the historical family saga about a bookshop in magical, medieval Andernach on the Rhine.

Emma Jacobsen

## The lucky bakery by the sea

- Enchanting feel-good novel with the sound of waves: Life dreams and great love on a North Sea island
- Romantic love story with plenty of island flair about a young woman who turns her passion into a career
- For readers of Meike Werkmeister or Svenja Lassen



March 2024 · 320 pages

Emma Jacobsen, born in 1979, studied history and ancient civilisations for a few semesters after training in the book trade before devoting herself entirely to writing. She lives with her husband in Westphalia. She writes successful island novels under the pseudonym Julie Peters, such as the bestsellers about Frieke's bookshop.

### A small café on Norderney, fragrant pastries and great love

Riekje is only happy when baking her famous sweet delicacies - but she still doesn't have the confidence to make something of her skills and open her café. Then an argument with her boyfriend escalates and Riekje finds herself without a roof over her head. Fortunately, she can stay with the charming camper Yanis for the time being, who needs help with a broken foot and offers her a place to sleep in his old van in exchange. During long conversations with a view of the sea at night, the two grow closer and Yanis encourages Riekje to live her dream. Everything could be perfect - but then Riekje's life is turned completely upside down by Yanis ...

*"Authentic characters, the maritime setting [...] as well as some trials and tribulations let you fly through the pages and make you want to go to sea." - Wochenblatt about The Island Midwife*

### Further Titles



Anke Petersen

## Stormy times at the Dune Farm

- Part 3 of the Dune Farm Trilogy
- Two sisters, two fates and the shared dream of their children's home on the island
- The end of the captivating family saga set against the backdrop of the Berlin Wall
- For readers of Henrike Engel or Anna Jessen



May 2024 · 384 pages

Anke Petersen writes successful historical novels under other names. When she first went on holiday to the island of Amrum, she immediately fell in love with the island and immersed herself in its history. She came across the first hotel in the island village of Norddorf, which inspired her to write her first trilogy of novels. Her new series takes readers to Föhr, the dream destination of many holidaymakers.

### A dramatic finale for the dune farm

Now that Greta has finally fulfilled her dream of studying medicine, Erika, who has taken over the management of the Dünenhof together with her husband Jonas, is eagerly awaiting the return of her beloved sister. It is summer in 1961, the long-awaited reunion is within reach, the children's holiday home is flourishing, and happiness seems perfect. But on Greta's planned day of departure from East Berlin, Erika receives disturbing news: The sudden construction of the Berlin Wall makes it impossible to leave ...

*"As an author, the Dünenhof has become a home I've grown fond of. I wish I could spend a few days in the old Frisian house in Nieblum, sit in the garden and have a long chat with all the residents over tea punch and cake. That would be wonderful." - Anke Petersen*

### Further Titles



Henriette Krohn

# Spring, summer, autumn and you

- A light-hearted yet emotional story of love and self-discovery with plenty of situational comedy
- A professional catastrophe, an escape to the Basque country, a confrontation with the past and an encounter with an old love – Henriette Krohn enchants, touches and makes you laugh.
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- A declaration of love for creativity and the courage to live it out



April 2024 · 384 pages

If I had one wish, then ... For as long as Henriette Krohn can remember, she has ended this sentence with the following words: Then I would like to write a book. After studying journalism in Madrid, the author, who was born in 1986, worked in the press department of two international companies. It took her a few attempts before she actually had the courage to finish her first novel. Just like her stories, her life is pretty busy - not least thanks to her two opinionated daughters, two dogs, four cats and a shoal of goldfish in the garden. Her extremely patient husband also tolerates her thousand hobbies, including sewing, painting, cooking, decorating and so on.

**"Are you lovesick? Don't worry, men come and go, believe me."**

For once, Maya is not only struggling with heartache but also with fundamental existential fears. The sale of a wedding dress to the well-known influencer Adriana was supposed to be Maya's big triumph and secure her section in her mum's bridal shop. Adriana was delighted with the dress - but then Maya's new boyfriend Mattias entered the shop. Who, as it turned out, is also Adriana's fiancé. An unprecedented shitstorm broke out over Maya. Luckily there is cousin Greta, whose best friend is soon to be married in Spain. Without further ado, Greta takes Maya on the trip - Maya's twin brother, his 5-year-old daughter and a depressed cat are travelling south with her in the VW bus. What Maya doesn't realise is that her childhood sweetheart Alex, who she broke up with in a hurry when she was 18 without ever telling him the real reason, will also be joining them ...

Isolde Peter

## My mum's jukebox

- Heroine Tosca, a Berliner by conviction, suddenly has to deal with her Bavarian family – Isolde Peter has an unerring instinct for interpersonal absurdities
- Childhood myths, losses, great love stories and the comfort offered by annoying relatives – a novel with autobiographical traits that is as funny as it is profound
- For readers of unusual and witty (family) stories such as those by Alexandra Fröhlich or Mariana Leky



June 2024 · 400 pages

Isolde Peter was born in Bavaria in 1968 and grew up there. She lives as a writer and psychologist in Berlin. She inherited a love of storytelling from her Polish mother and a sense of humour from her Bavarian father. She has always been fascinated by the story of how her parents met. Nevertheless, she invented the novel.

### **Alternative meets conservative: a family novel full of tragicomedy and Polish-Bavarian culture clash!**

In a pub in the Bavarian province, the Polish landlady and her best guest once danced to hits from the jukebox and fell in love against all conventions. But what began like great cinema ended many years later in a war of the roses. This was not the only reason why daughter Tosca moved far away from her family. In Berlin, newly in love with the subtle osteopath Ron, she receives the news of her mother's accidental death and her father's coma. Ron offers to accompany her back home and has no idea what he is letting himself in for: Tosca's brothers are fighting over their mother's old jukebox, and when their father wakes up, he thinks the 1960s and his Polish landlady are very much alive. No one dares to tell him the truth ...

For Tosca, a visit to her family becomes a journey into the past - and an endurance test for her new love.

Regine Kölpin

## Grandma is in charge

- Cheerful family novel and perfect holiday reading from bestselling author Regine Kölpin
- For readers of Ellen Berg, Tessa Hennig or Dora Heldt
- Total circulation Regine Kölpin alone at Knaur: over 140,000 copies



March 2024 · 288 pages

Regine Kölpin, born in 1964, has lived by the North Sea since her childhood. She has published numerous novels and short texts for renowned publishing houses and also works as an editor. Regine Kölpin has received several awards, including the Bronze Homer 2020 (with Gitta Edelmann) and the Tatort Töwerland 2010 scholarship. She lives in a small idyllic village with her husband Frank Kölpin, where they enjoy their extended family life with five grown-up children and several grandchildren.

### Coastal flair, family turbulence and a grandma, who knows what to do in every situation

Single grandma Elise Krull is famous for her strawberry cake - but she doesn't have any willing customers in her family. One day, as she sits alone on the cake mountains, she unceremoniously invites Marten, who lives on a farm on the dyke in Otterndorf, for a slice. This is how she learns of the sprightly pensioner's loneliness and family problems.

Shortly afterwards, Elise's teenage grandson Tobias appears at the door with his girlfriend Ike and asks for asylum: he has had a terrible falling out with his parents. Marten also receives a call, as his 17-year-old granddaughter has run away from home - together with Tobias. Grandma Elise and Marten are on hand with their hearts and life experience and take matters into their own hands.

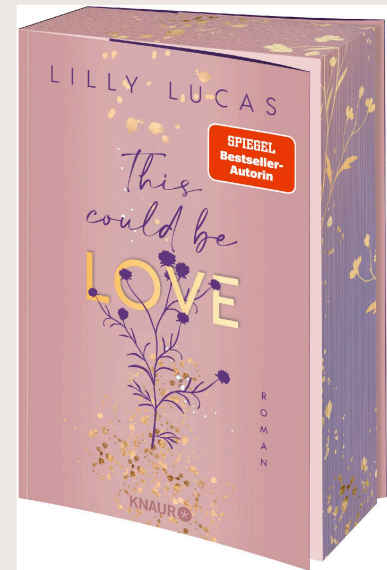
### Further Titles



Lilly Lucas

## This could be love

- Cosy, romantic, dreamy and feel-good: Lilly Lucas' novels simply make you happy
- Lilly Lucas delights romance fans and is an extremely popular and very successful SPIEGEL and TikTok best-selling author
- Total print run: over half a million copies



July 2024 · 352 pages

Lilly Lucas was born in Ansbach and studied German literature in Bamberg. She now lives in Würzburg with her husband, son and endless books. Her romance novels *New Promises*, *New Dreams*, *New Horizons*, *New Chances*, *Find me in Green Valley*, *A Place to Love*, *A Place to Grow*, *A Place to Belong* and *A Place to Shine* became SPIEGEL bestsellers.

### **Big dreams and palpitations in an absolute place of longing: Start of the Hawaii Love trilogy by bestselling author Lilly Lucas**

Germany's tennis shooting star Louisa is devastated after an injury. At her godmother Kay's tennis school in Hawaii, she wants to concentrate fully on her comeback. When she overdoes it during her first running training session on the beach, she wakes up on the couch of a handsome surfer boy of all people. But he is off-limits when she finds out that he is Vince Greenfield, with whom her godmother is at war because he wants to open a surfer hostel near her beach villa. Although she doesn't want to stab Kay in the back, Louisa is increasingly drawn to Vince. Until she discovers that he has been hiding a few important chapters of his life ...

Antonia Wesseling

## Insight – Your life is mine

- The author's first romantic suspense novel about a young influencer, a perfidious stalker and an attractive police officer
- Excellently networked bestselling author with over 80,000 followers on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube
- For readers of the bestsellers Sorry by Bianca Iosivoni or Verity by Colleen Hoover



May 2024 · 432 pages

Antonia Wesseling was born in 1999. She was already inventing stories as a child and later began publishing books for young people. She is now a best-selling author of new-adult novels. She also blogs on YouTube, TikTok and Instagram about books, writing and other topics that are important to her. Since 2021, she has been running the podcast Die Schreibmaschinen together with author Maike Voß, where she shares experiences and tips from her everyday writing life.

**Addictive mix of romance and thriller by SPIEGEL bestselling author Antonia Wesseling**

Valerie Sophie is one of Germany's biggest influencers, she young, beautiful, rich and incredibly popular. Hardly anyone knows that she has overcome several abysses and left a difficult past behind her - and she wants to keep it that way. When a stalker enters her life and threatens to reveal her "little secret", her world begins to totter. In desperation, she turns to Paul, a former classmate who is now a police officer and promises to help her. They become unexpectedly close. What Paul doesn't realise, however, is that he only knows part of the story ...

Janine Ukena

## The sound of the sea in front of us

- Sophie wants to bring light into the darkness – until she falls in love and is faced with a difficult choice
- The start of the thrilling, romantic Sylt suspense trilogy
- For readers of Kristina Moninger's *Breaking Waves* and Lena Kiefer's *Westwell* series



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Janine Ukena was born in 1995 and lives in the north of Germany with lots of books and plants. When she's not writing, she uses her time to disappear between the pages of books. She also drinks more caffeine than is good for her and has a passion for South Korea, which inspired her successful debut series "Seoul Dreams". She regularly posts book recommendations and insights from her everyday life on Instagram.

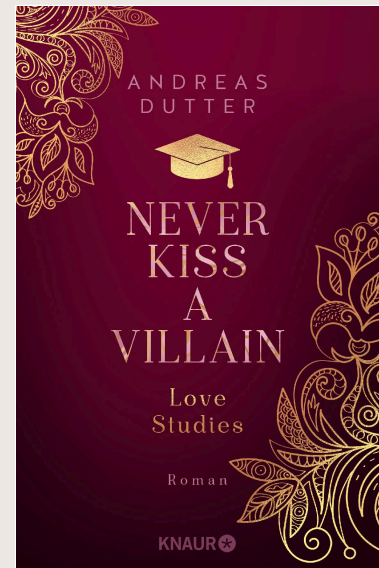
### **Are you prepared to sacrifice your love for the truth?**

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# Love Studies: Never Kiss a Villain

- Sophie wants to bring light into the darkness – until she falls in love and is faced with a difficult choice
- The start of the thrilling, romantic Sylt suspense trilogy
- For readers of Kristina Moninger's Breaking Waves and Lena Kiefer's Westwell series



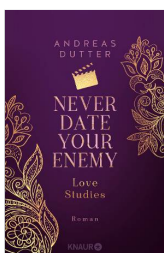
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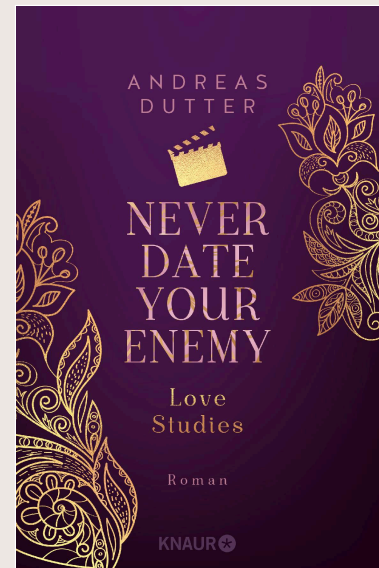
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- Volume 2 of the queer young romance duet about the trending topic of academic love and nerds with strong identities
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- Own-Voice author – well connected in the LGBTQIAP+ community, on Instagram and TikTok



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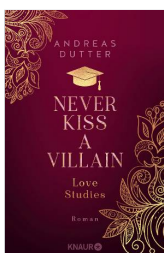
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**Two high-flyer doctoral students with ambitious goals and a lot of unexpected palpitations**

Volume 2: After a wicked betrayal, Cormac has cut love out of his life. Even the attractive Yiannis doesn't change that. But when the two of them are offered the chance to take revenge on their ex-boyfriends, it's not just Cormac's doctorate that is suddenly at stake.

*"A sensitive and gentle love story that perfectly combines seriousness, melancholy and humour."* Magical Moments (blog) about Starlight in Our Dreams

## Further Titles



Justine Pust

## Where the rain touches us

- The second volume in the touching Skyline series about the important topics of mental and physical health
- Emotional romance for readers by Brittainy C. Cherry and Anabelle Stehl
- Justine Pust is very well-connected in the community; her followers appreciate her for her openness and authenticity



July 2024 · 352 pages

Justine Pust is a typical coastal girl, loves to dance to songs from the 80s and often loses herself in captivating stories. She discovered writing at an early age and enthusiastically shares her reading addiction on her Instagram channel. When the author isn't losing herself in books, she works in the social sector or walks dogs.

### Some people are like sunshine in the middle of the rain

After her father dies of the rare hereditary disease Huntington's disease, student Ada just wants to forget her grief and her fear of possibly contracting the disease herself. When she meets the charismatic Diez in a Frankfurt nightclub, he offers her a casual distraction from all the thoughts and feelings she wants to escape from. But for Diez, his time with Ada soon becomes much more than a purely physical relationship. Time and again, they have arguments and Ada repeatedly pushes Diez away. Until a storm brews in Diez's life and it is no longer just Ada who is confronted with her fears and feelings ...

*"Justine Pust once again manages to combine darkness with light, pain with comfort and grief with healing. A book that couldn't be more empathetic."*  
Marie Niehoff on "Where the stars see us"

### Further Titles



Anne Lück

## Show me Forever

- The new, heart-warming romance Dilogy by SPIEGEL bestselling author Anne Lück
- For readers of Ava Reed or Tami Fischer



August 2024 · 4 pages

Anne Lück was born in Saxony-Anhalt in 1991. She was already making up stories in kindergarten and wrote her first novel at the age of thirteen. After training as a nurse, she worked as a carer and writing therapist at a renowned psychiatric clinic for children and adolescents in Berlin. She has since moved to Leipzig, where she enjoys being close to family and friends and finally has more time to write alongside her work in a clinic.

**Volume 2 of the heart-warming young adult romance dystopia about aspiring nurses in Berlin by bestselling author Anne Lück**

Lio's twin sister Emilia was once diagnosed with cancer herself and has always wanted to become an oncologist. Her plan is to first train at St Alex's nursing school and then study medicine. She is Alica's flat-mate and friend (from volume 1). Emilia falls in love with the high-flyer Jasper, who works as an oncologist at the hospital and has a reputation as an exceptional talent. He (who is part of the neurodiversity spectrum) is absolutely adept in his speciality. Emilia is his first great love ...

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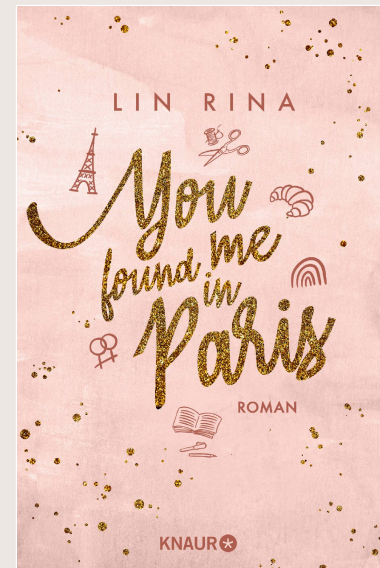
**A lively Berlin flatshare, a nursing school, new friendships and the first great love**

For the trainee nurses in Berlin, the community in the dormitory run by the St. Alex nursing school is like a family where you are always there for each other. In Promise Me Tomorrow, Alica has to face the challenges of training without the support of her parents - and she falls in love with Lio, who always backs down when they get close. In Show Me Forever, Lio's twin sister Emilia loses her heart to oncologist Jasper, who is considered an exceptional talent and has never been in love ...

Lin Rina

## You found me in Paris

- An author with writer's block falls head over heels in love with a fascinating fashion designer and the dream city of Paris
- A queer own-voice love story from the well-connected author of Animant Crumb's Dust Chronicle
- For fans of the Netflix series Emily in Paris and readers of Casey McQuiston and Sophie Bichon



June 2024 · 384 pages

Lin Rina loves to dream herself into other worlds while writing with a smile on her lips and a cup of tea in her hand. She achieved international popularity with her novel Animant Crumb's Dust Chronicle and won a Czech book prize. *You found me in Paris* is her first novel to be published by Knauer. She spends her everyday life with her daughters, dancing and drawing. She lives with her children, girlfriend and dog in a cottage in the Black Forest.

**Summery, light queer romance full of Paris vibes and feelings of happiness**

In a cloak-and-dagger operation, young author Romina Ciantia travels to Paris to overcome her writer's block and rediscover the feeling of her current novel in the city of love. Instead, on her very first day she meets the fascinating fashion designer Fio, who turns Romina's head with colour and ease. The two grow closer at stylish vernissages, exciting fashion events and forays through the most picturesque corners of Paris. But there is also a lot at stake for Fio professionally, and Romina soon realises that there is more to Fio's beautiful green eyes than she wants to show. Can Romina risk losing her heart?

Iny Lorentz

## The sold singer

- From a young Glaucian girl to a celebrated court singer: adventure, love and intrigue in the Napoleonic era
- Iny Lorentz is the number 1 historical novel: almost 1,000 weeks on the SPIEGEL bestseller lists



April 2024 · 464 pages

Two authors from Munich are behind the pseudonym Iny Lorentz, whose first historical novel 'Die Kastratin' delighted readers straightaway. With 'Die Wanderhure' they had their breakthrough; the novel attained more than a million readers. Since then, bestsellers have followed bestsellers. Iny Lorentz's novels have been sold in numerous countries. The film adaptations of their 'Wanderhure'-novels and more recently the 'Pilgerin' have delighted millions of television viewers. In the spring of 2014, Iny Lorentz was awarded the 'Ehrehomerpreis' for their special merits in the sector historical novel. The stage version of the 'Wanderhure' enthralled thousands of visitors at the open-air festival in Bad Hersfeld in the summer of 2014. Visit the authors' homepage: [www.iny-und-elmars-romane.de](http://www.iny-und-elmars-romane.de)

**The new historical trilogy by the SPIEGEL bestselling author: dramatic, adventurous and highly exciting!**

Central Europe around 1796: Young Cristina belongs to a clan of jugglers from Italy, but is regarded by the authorities as an abducted child because of her blonde hair. Her aunt eventually sells her to the Duke of Saxe-Meinigen. On his orders, Cristina is to be trained as a singer. Although Cristina's training involves military drill, she loves music and her beguilingly beautiful voice soon attracts admiration, but also envy and jealousy. The lady Kordelia wants her daughter to be the new court singer and therefore joins forces with a man who has his own reasons for wanting to remove Cristina from court. When Cristina is kidnapped together with the maid Ira, more than just her career at court is at stake ...

*"Pure history, intrigue and passion."* FÜR SIE about "The Curse of the Rose"

Iny Lorentz

## Between love and betrayal

- Volume 2 of the new great trilogy about the juggler and court singer Cristina
- Over 20 million novels sold: Iny Lorentz inspires her readers time and time again



July 2024 · 528 pages

Iny Lorentz is the pseudonym of the author couple Iny Klocke and Elmar Wohlrath. Their greatest success "Die Wanderhure" reached an audience of millions and was made into a film, as were five of their other novels. This novel has also been adapted for the theatre. Since "Die Wanderhure", bestseller has followed bestseller. Many of their novels have also been sold abroad. In addition to other awards, the authors have been honoured with the "Wandering Medicinal Herb Award" from the town of Königsee and have been included in the "Signs of Fame" of the multicultural and international peace project "Fernweh Park".

### The second volume of the great trilogy

The former juggler girl Cristina has become a well-known and sought-after court singer who captivates nobles and citizens alike with her unique voice. However, the oppressive shadow of Napoleon lies over Europe and his decisions have a deep impact on Cristina's life. In addition, an old enemy from her early days at the court of the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen is seeking revenge and is looking for allies to destroy Cristina and her family.

*"The king and queen of the German bestseller list"* - DIE ZEIT

*"Netflix couldn't have told 'Knight Constance' any better."* - denglers-buchkritik.de

Susanne Morel

## Under the summer lime tree of Gourdon

- The gripping saga about a courageous young woman against the backdrop of the approaching Second World War
- Interest in historical sagas from the first half of the 20th century continues unabated
- For readers of Corinna Bomann, Micaela Jary or Susanne Rubin



May 2024 · 368 pages

Growing up in a small Austrian town, Susanne Morel felt the urge to explore the country of her ancestors at an early age: France. In her grandfather's vineyards, she found herself again and again and felt an immense source of creative energy there, which is reflected in her stories. Before she set about realising her first book, she lived out her creativity as a costume designer at renowned opera houses in Vienna. Today she lives in the countryside with her husband and two children, where she enjoys the constant peace and quiet and being close to nature.

### A great love and the selfless commitment of a young nurse in the 30s

Provence, 1935: Manon lives for her profession as a nurse. Her overzealousness does not always meet with the approval of her superiors and she has to deal with unjustified humiliations. One evening, not far from her parents' estate, she meets Léandre, who runs a herb farm there. Surrounded by the aromatic scent of his rosemary and thyme fields, she senses her homeland anew and realises her dream of a future together with Léandre. However, when Manon smuggles a terminally ill German-Jewish boy into hospital without authorisation, a scandal ensues and Manon is dismissed from the service. Her hard-earned independence seems to crumble to pieces. But then she is presented with an opportunity that could change everything, and Manon is forced to ask herself how far she is prepared to go for her dream ...

*"An emotional family story that shows how the relationship between siblings develops under extreme conditions. Atmospherically elaborated against a subtle historical background."*

histo-couch.de about The Peach Blossom Sisters

Kristin MacIver

## The dream of Lady Flower

- The start of the refreshing saga about the unconventional daughters of the MacKay clan in search of happiness
- With sensuality and humour, Kristin MacIver creates a picturesque historical setting to fall in love with
- A modern trilogy for fans of Outlander and Bridgerton



March 2024 · 400 pages

True to the saying "heart over head", Kristin MacIver decided to write after studying management in Ireland and the Netherlands. Her fascination with all things Celtic, her passion for times gone by and her love of nature inspired her to write her debut. She lives with her partner near Stuttgart, where she can be found in her spare time either on horseback or in the theatre. Going through life with courage and love is important to her.

**Where sensuality meets bold dreams - the prelude of an emotional trilogy in the Scottish Highlands!**

Scotland, 1485: Lady Flower, the eldest daughter of Gregor MacKay, dreams of learning to heal from an animal healer in the distant village of Portskerra in order to care for her clan's Highland cattle. However, her parents have other plans for their caring daughter: she is to marry a lord. Flower's secret childhood sweetheart Cailan Sinclair, of all people, a womaniser with an inescapable past, is to find her a husband through a chain of unfortunate circumstances. Although Flower and Cailan are sizzling and sparking, Flower's dream of Cailan's duties as heir to the clan to such an extent that a union is out of the question. Until an auspicious kiss changes everything and the young woman has to ask herself: How much is she willing to give up for true love?

### Further Titles



Kristin MacIver

## The love of Lady River

- River, the sensitive second eldest MacKay sister, plunges into marriage with a stranger
- A dramatic novel about the cheerful River who learns to love herself



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### River and the happiness of love

Scotland, 1486: Lady River MacKay is looking forward to her planned wedding: she dreams of a loving marriage and a trip to the trading city of Bruges. But her newly widowed and grieving husband Morgan reacts dismissively. The romantic woman is desperate and looks to herself for the reason. But does she really need to change? Passionate moments that break through Morgan's icy rejection leave River fighting for the marriage until, between the intrigues of Morgan's best friend and a dark secret, she does something that could destroy everything ...

### Further Titles



Kristin MacIver

# The courage of the Lady Leaf

- Can the pugnacious Leaf end the long-running feud between the clans?
- An emotional novel in the dreamlike setting of the Scottish Highlands
- cheeky, refreshing, and sizzling!



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### Can Leaf learn to trust?

Scotland, 1487: Leaf MacKay trusts herself and no one else. Now, of all people, she is to marry her bitter enemy Lennox in order to end the long-standing feud with Clan Ross. The threat of losing her independence drives her ever closer to the sinister blacksmith Grey, who stands by her side in her fight against Lennox. And then there is Leaf's best friend and adoptive brother Artair, who is struggling not only with his unknown origins but above all with his feelings for Leaf. But the wounds of the past are deep, and Leaf has to make a decision: Does she believe in true love? Or only in herself?

### Further Titles



Martina Sahler

## Dark forests, distant longing

- Volume 2 of the successful Volga trilogy by Martina Sahler
- Deep friendships, great love and life-changing events interweave to create a captivating story
- Martina Sahler has brought her extensive research to life and provides realistic insights into the lives of German emigrants on the Volga in the 18th century
- Young heroines, strong female characters



July 2024 · 504 pages

Martina Sahler, in 1963, studied German and English literature in Cologne. She worked as a fiction editor for a long time before her passion turned to writing. She has been writing novels for young adults and adults for 15 years. Her novel *Weisse Nächte, weites Land* was awarded the 2014 Silver HOMER Prize for Literature in the category biography/historical event. She lives near Cologne with her family and two cats.

**The adventure of the three sisters on the Volga continues with the sequel to the successful novel "White Nights, Wide Land"**

Russia 1780: Three sisters from Hesse have followed the call of Catherine the Great and have built a new life for themselves in Russia. Fourteen years have now passed. Eleonora lives with her family in Saratov, Christina has built up a large fashion business in the Russian capital, and Klara lives with her family in the German settlement of Waidbach. In the vast land on the Volga, all three women have to fight for their happiness. Because fate has great challenges in store ...

### Further Titles



Anna Husen

# The women of Villa Sommerwind. Hope on the horizon

- An enchanting spa town, an elegant hotel and the tragic fate of the hotelier's family
- The first family saga about the popular Baltic Sea holiday destination Timmendorfer Strand
- For the readers of Caren Benedikt and Sylvia Lott



April 2024 · 464 pages

Anna Husen, born in 1996, is a qualified media specialist, works as a content marketing manager in a software company and lives on the beautiful Baltic coast. She became passionate about writing at an early age, as she has always loved reading and wanted to create her own stories. The author is active on her Instagram channel @annathiessen-husen, where she shares her passion for writing and her love of books with other reading enthusiasts.

## The great saga against the beach backdrop continues!

Baltic coast, 1924: Henriette's twin daughters Julia and Christine - two sisters who couldn't be more different - grow up sheltered in their family's Villa Sommerwind despite the shadow of the First World War. While Julia, as a young woman, does everything she can to fulfil her dream of becoming a cook at Villa Sommerwind, Christine falls in love with Maximilian, a freedom fighter for the politically persecuted. When the escalating political situation and his commitment put him in danger, Christine flees with him, leaving her daughter in the care of her sister. Left to fend for herself with her niece and mother at the beginning of the Second World War, Julia must rise above herself to protect not only herself but her whole family protect her whole family ...

*'Das Glück am Horizont' [...] contains all the ingredients for exciting entertainment.'* Blog Mrs Goethe reads

*"Anna Husen's historical family saga brings the Baltic seaside resort of Timmendorfer Strand to life in a nostalgic and cheerful way ..."* Berliner Lokalnachrichten"

## Further Titles



Pierre Martin

## Madame le Commissaire and the secret dossier

- Stolen secret documents and a murdered secretary of state: her 11th case leads Isabelle Bonnet dangerously deep into political entanglements
- Intelligent, humorous crime suspense + a place of long-ing, Provence + a holiday feeling = C'est magnifique!
- Four No. 1 bestsellers, 111 weeks on the SPIEGEL bestseller list, over 2.2 million copies sold
- Madame le Commissaire is one of the most successful Provence crime series



May 2024 · 384 pages

Behind the pseudonym Pierre Martin hides an author who has made a name for himself with novels set in France and Italy. He has taken on a new identity for his main character Madame le Commissaire. All his crime novels about Isabelle Bonnet from Fragolin were among the top ten bestsellers shortly after publication. Madame le Commissaire and the Wall of Silence was most recently number 1 on the SPIEGEL bestseller list.

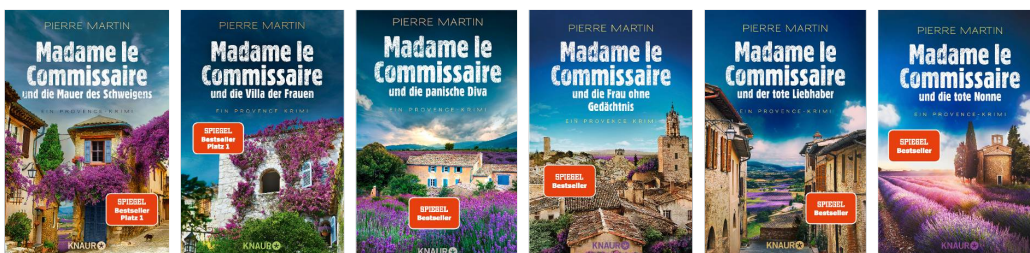
**The next number 1 by SPIEGEL bestselling author Pierre Martin!**

A call from Paris plunges Madame le Commissaire Isabelle Bonnet into a new case. Her top boss at the Police nationale has an urgent assignment. Gabriel Roquefort, a State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is waiting for her at his holiday home near Gassin in the hills behind Saint-Tropez. He had been burgled. But since when does her boss personally deal with burglaries? It takes some time before Roquefort reveals the whole truth. Not only were various valuables stolen from his home, but also a folder containing a secret dossier. He should never have taken the explosive documents from his Paris office. It would be unthinkable if the dossier fell into the wrong hands. Madame le Commissaire investigates at full speed - a short time later Roquefort is dead ...

*"Book after book, Pierre Martin's titles have become bestsellers that perfectly capture the magic of Provence."* Frankfurter Neue Presse

*"An exciting case with many facets [...] pure holiday feeling included."* Süddeutsche Zeitung

### Further Titles



Harald Gilbers

# Dance Palace

- The young FRG and a serial killer who stages his victims as saints
- Inspector Oppenheimer investigates with an extraordinary team
- Part 8 of the award-winning historical crime series (Friedrich Glauser Prize, Prix Historia)
- Harald Gilber's total German-language print run: over 150,000 copies
- Previous translations into Czech, Danish, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese & Polish



July 2024 · 464 pages

Harald Gilbers, born 1970, studied English and History in Augsburg and Munich. He was a television editor before becoming a director for the theater. "Germania", his first novel, has been awarded the Glauser Prize for the best crime debut and in 2016, the French Prix Historia for "Odins Söhne" (Odin's Sons). Odin's Söhne has also been shortlisted for the Festival Polar Cognac Prize for the best international novel in 2016.

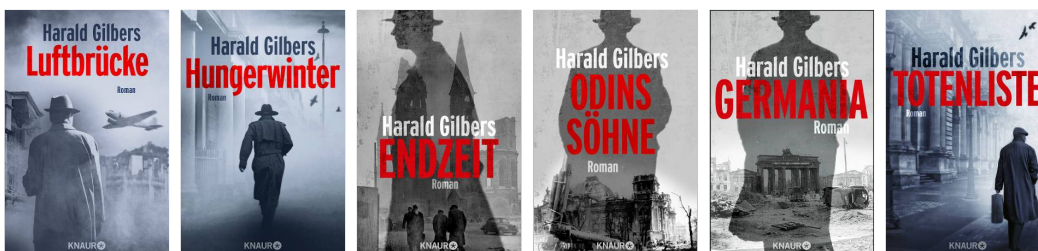
**Ein perfider Frauenmörder im Berlin der Nachkriegszeit: fesselnd, atmosphärisch und blendend recherchiert**

Berlin, 1950: A young woman who was reported missing is finally found murdered, her body staged like an icon of a saint. The explosive story: she was having an affair with an American general. Was there a personal motive, was a "traitor to the people" to be punished, or were the Russians behind the murder? Inspector Oppenheimer and his sharp-witted new assistant Miss Murr are supported in the murky case by African-American witness Eugene Peters. But although the unlikely trio are working flat out to follow various leads, the investigation is not making much progress. Then the wife of a US officer disappears and the case comes to a dramatic head ...

*"A brilliant debut. Gilbers makes Oppenheimer's fear and the moral concessions he makes palpable."* Publishers Weekly

*"The historian Harald Gilbers once again demonstrates his skills and succeeds brilliantly in bringing the historical context to life."* - Corriere della sera

## Further Titles



Achilles

## Only death is faster. Ongoing investigations

- Running detective Peer Pedes solves a series of murders in the Berlin running scene – out of breath, with unorthodox methods, humour and speed. A pleasure to read in 42,195 chapters
- 12 million Germans run. And just as many suffer from it as colleagues, partners or relatives



April 2024 · 400 pages

Dr Hajo Schumacher, born in 1964, worked for SPIEGEL and was editor-in-chief of MAX. He is a journalist, TV presenter and author of numerous non-fiction books, including the bestsellers *Restlaufzeit* and *Solange du deine Füße auf meinen Tisch legenst*. Under the pseudonym Achim Achilles, he has already reached many runners with his Achilles' verses on SPIEGEL ONLINE and numerous running books. Michael Meisheit - born in 1972 - studied screenwriting. Since 1997, he has written almost four hundred episodes of *Lindenstraße*, developed more than a thousand and played a key role in shaping the endless series as head writer for ten years. *Nur der Tod ist schneller* is their first crime thriller together.

**A light-footed investigator. An unstoppable killer. And the fastest chase you've ever experienced!**

Peer Pedes, an investigator with the Berlin LKA, used to be a successful marathon runner. When a hated colleague breaks his old records, his ego hobbles. But Peer is planning his comeback at the Berlin Marathon, where he wants to show everyone what he's made of. But his job catches up with him on his first, agonisingly long training run: The body of a young man wearing strikingly stylish running shoes is found dangling from the Oberbaumbrücke bridge. The first clues lead Peer into the unknown world of party runners and fitness influencers who only follow one motto - better dead than second. When more athletes are murdered, Peer realises that only one thing counts when investigating, just like in a marathon: Speed. And the tricks of a mysterious V-woman. Because the serial killer is always one step ahead.

*"Achilles is a highly decorated runner, an extremely punchy narrator and a depraved subject - it's great that he was able to bring these three qualities together so skilfully here." - Micky Beisenherz*

*"The first thriller that made me want to run." - Jan Frodeno*

Kästner &amp; Kästner

## Crime scene harbour – Death at the jetties

- High suspense plus region plus true crime: Hamburg's harbour is a mysterious microcosm with its laws – a veritable Dorado for sinister characters and criminal schemes
- Characters you can touch: Harbour inspector Tom, murder investigator Jonna and crisis psychologist Charlotte outdo each other to solve the case
- Unbeatable dual expertise: author Angélique Kästner specialises in crisis intervention, and Andreas Kästner is an inspector with the Waterway police.



February 2024 · 320 pages

Angélique Kästner was born in Hamburg in 1966. After studying psychology, she worked in psychiatry before setting up her own practice in 2005 as a psychotherapist with a doctorate. She met her current husband Andreas Kästner during her voluntary work in the DRK crisis intervention team. Andreas Kästner, born in Wismar in 1963 and raised in Rostock, has lived in Hamburg since his expatriation from the former GDR in June 1989. He went to sea in the GDR and worked as chief inspector of the water police in Hamburg harbour from 1992 to November 2023. His experiences and detailed insider knowledge are incorporated into the series.

**The brand new crime series from the north: The water police investigate!**

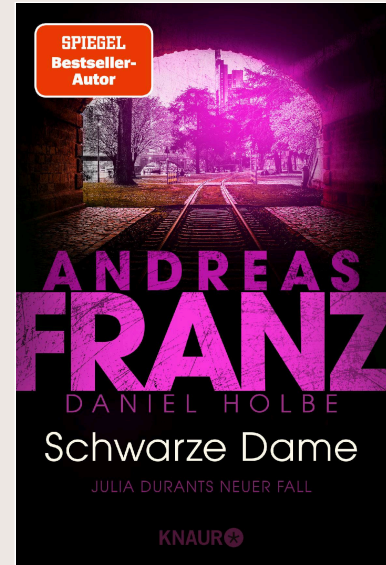
A barge captain is found beaten to death on his excursion boat at the tourist magnet St Pauli-Landungsbrücken. The media-rich case lands on the desk of experienced detective chief inspector Jonna Jacobi - who wanted to step down shortly before her retirement. Together with waterway police officer Tom Bendixen, Jonna begins to investigate and quickly becomes fascinated by the microcosm of Hamburg harbour with its very own rules and time-honoured traditions. But just as Jonna and Tom believe they have uncovered a kind of barge war that cost the captain his life, his wife disappears ...

*"Anyone who loves Hamburg will love Kästner & Kästner! A sophisticated new voice in crime fiction - strong sound, strong story, very close to the water. MORE OF THIS!" Bernhard Aichner*

Daniel Holbe, Andreas Franz

# Black lady. Julia Durant's new case

- The chessboard killer is on the loose in Frankfurt – and he has chosen Julia Durant as his black queen
- One of the most successful German crime writers: a total print run of over 8 million copies



August 2024 · 464 pages

**Andreas Franz's** great passion has always been writing. His very first novel, *Jung, blond, tot* (Young, Blonde, Dead), captivated countless crime fiction readers. Since then, more and more bestsellers have followed, making him Germany's most successful crime writer.

**Andreas Franz** died in March 2011. Daniel Holbe, born in 1976, lives with his family in the Vogelsberg district of Upper Hesse. He had been fascinated by crime novels about Frankfurt and Hesse for some time. So he became an Andreas Franz fan - and eventually an author himself. He continued writing *Todesmelodie*, the unfinished project by the successful author who died too soon, which became a bestseller like all other Julia Durant novels.

**Always at the top of the bestseller list for 27 years and 23 cases: Julia Durant is cult!**

Fear is spreading in Frankfurt after a homeless man was beaten to death with a hammer. Has a notorious Frankfurt serial killer found a copycat here? The investigation proves extremely difficult for Detective Julia Durant and her team: there are no witnesses and hardly any usable leads. When a woman is murdered shortly afterwards, the cases seem to have nothing to do with each other, as the modus operandi is completely different. It is not until another hammer murder that Julia Durant begins to ponder. Then she is given an old city map on which Frankfurt is divided into eight by eight squares - like a chessboard! Each crime scene corresponds to a square. And the black queen's square is the police headquarters ...

*"Courageous, clever and uncompromising: the young Durant already has everything her fans love about her."* Book journal extra about Julia Durant. The young huntress

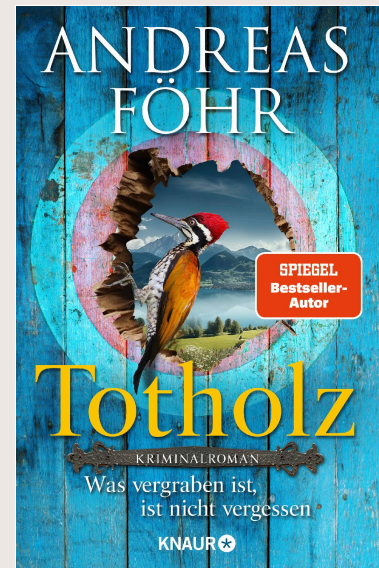
## Further Titles



Andreas Föhr

## Deadwood. What is buried is not forgotten

- A corpse in the forest, a missing witness and an antique cannon: Andreas Föhr's 11th case gives Wallner, Kreuthner and their new boss their hands full
- 10 SPIEGEL bestsellers, placed for over 140 weeks
- Regional crime thriller with humour and brains: Andreas Föhr stands for intelligent plots that are highly entertaining



June 2024 · 400 pages

Andreas Föhr, born in 1958, studied law and gained a doctorate in Munich. For many years, he worked as a lawyer, including a stint in Nairobi, before making a name for himself writing screenplays. His prize-winning crime novels about the investigating duo Wallner and Kreuthner regularly feature in the best seller charts. In Rachel Eisenberg, he has now created a character who not only shares his legal knowledge but also the belief that everyone, guilty or not, deserves a defence counsel. Andreas Föhr lives close to Wasserburg.

**2 million Tegernsee thrillers sold!**

Leo Kreuthner is furious: some run-of-the-mill guy dares to compete with him at the moonshine distillery - and the guy is also a woman! This must be stopped immediately - if necessary with the help of an old cannon from the 18th century ... Meanwhile, a not entirely voluntary witness statement leads Inspector Wallner to a corpse buried in the forest that cannot be identified. Shortly afterwards, the witness disappears from the face of the earth, but an initial lead points to three remote estates. The conversations with the reclusive residents turn out to be bizarre and difficult, and Wallner soon realises that all three families are keeping dark secrets. But who has something to do with the body in the forest?

*"Andreas Föhr is simply exceptional. You can blindly buy his crime novels. Suspense, entertaining, sometimes bizarre characters, a profound theme and an interesting plot are guaranteed. With 'Herzschuss', Föhr proves once again why he has been one of the best German-language crime writers for over ten years." - krimi-couch.de*

Judith Gridl

## The lowest point

- A computer scientist and a helicopter pilot in the midst of criminal machinations above the lowest point of the Baltic Sea
- Current topics: Digitalisation, dependence on technology and how we treat our environment
- For readers of Tibor Rode and Dirk Rossmann/Ralf Hoppe: international thriller with an affinity for technology



August 2024 · 384 pages

Judith Gridl studied law in Munich and lives in Berlin with her two children. In addition to her writing, she works full-time as a television journalist for ARD. Her young adult novel *Das Leben meines besten Freundes* was published by Knesebeck Verlag in 2017. She also writes screenplays and runs the literary podcast *Berliner Zimmer* together with Klaus Rathje.

### **A shipwreck, entanglements of international superpowers and a race against time**

During a storm off the German Baltic coast, an excursion boat with a wedding party on board is involved in an accident. Twenty-four people, all part of the small community of Reetna, lost their lives in the floods. Computer scientist Nina's best friend should also have been on board, but Nina believes she saw him after the accident. Nina and Matthew, the local sea rescue pilot, see a connection between their best friend's strange behaviour and the shipwreck - but the police don't want to know anything about it.

The pair's investigation triggers events that have far greater repercussions than they initially appear: they overrun Nina and Matthew in Reetna; Omar, the "elephant boy" in Kenya; and Shana, who is about to take off for the ISS. They are all drawn into the events surrounding the sinking of the "Hedwig" and have no idea that they are about to be caught in the crossfire of an international conflict ...

Carine Bernard

## Lavender storm. A Provence thriller

- A dead body in the drug milieu leads Lilou to her sixth explosive case, in which a colleague is also involved
- Feel-good holiday reading for readers of Pierre Martin, Sophie Bonnet or Jean-Luc Bannalec



May 2024 · 304 pages

Carine Bernard was born in Lower Austria in 1964 and lives with her husband near Düsseldorf. She has a soft spot for France and loves to explore the country and its people by travelling along small back roads in a camper van. Provence, with its picturesque villages and exquisite cuisine, has been her favourite destination for years.

### Cosy Crime in Provence: a new case for the new Commissaire Lilou

Laid out like Snow White", says the gendarme who finds the dead Angeline in a sandstone cave. Apparently, she died as a result of a drug that impaired her breathing. The case becomes particularly explosive for the young detective Lilou Braque, as the dead woman is the sister of her colleague Valerie - and she blames the musician and drug dealer Pascale Bech, who is found shot dead shortly afterwards

...

*"I find the inspiration for my Provence books off the beaten track in hidden places that tell me their story." - Carine Bernard*

*"An entertaining crime thriller holiday in Provence." - Blog Sommerleses Bücherkiste about Lavendel-Zorn*

### Further Titles



Gordon Tyrie

## Bulkhead shot. A Hebridean thriller

- Contract killer Hynch gets into trouble for the fourth time – and the Highland cow Thin Lizzy disappears into the wilderness
- For Scotland fans and all cosy crime readers who love black humour
- The Hebrides are becoming an increasingly destination – Gordon Tyrie delivers the perfect holiday read



June 2024 · 368 pages

Gordon Tyrie is the pseudonym of the Gläuser Prize winner Thomas Kastura, born in Bamberg in 1966. He studied German and history, works as an author for Bavarian radio and has been writing crime novels and short stories for 20 years. Scotland is his great love. After *Todesströmung*, *Schottensterben* and *Schottenkomplott*, *Schottenschuss* is now his fourth "cosy thriller" set in the Hebrides about the ex-assassin Hynch.

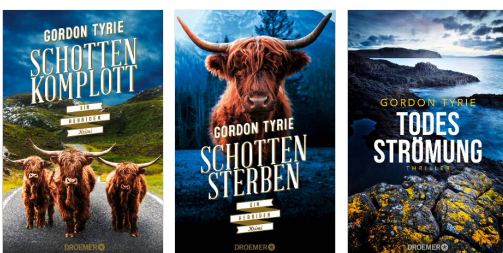
**What does the smallest child in Scotland know? No one is smarter than a Highland cow!**

Even on the idyllic Hebridean island of Mull, ex-assassin Hynch doesn't get a well-deserved rest: an otherwise harmless date with the graphologist Frances promptly involves him in a mysterious case. Apparently, a property shark has taken his own life in the sea. A farewell letter is supposed to prove this, but it raises numerous questions. With Frances and highland cow Thin Lizzy, Hynch gets on the trail of a big case. The three worst policemen in Scotland also have a hand in it. When Thin Lizzy tries to solve the case single-handedly and disappears into the wilderness, good advice is expensive ...

*"The author, who has been awarded the Gläuser Prize, knows how to entertain his readers wonderfully." - Hellweger Anzeiger about the death of Scotsmen*

*"A quirky mix of 'The Jackal' and 'Animal Farm'. A book for rainy days with a glass of Scotch whisky in a cosy room." - BR 24 about "Schottenkomplott"*

### Further Titles



Andreas Suchanek, Christian Handel

## Spiegelstadt 2: Trapped in purple and shadow

- The fate of the Mirror City is at stake! Can Max use his newfound abilities to save the three worlds?
- Total print run by Andreas Suchanek and Christian Handel is over 270,000 copies
- "Babylon Berlin" goes fantasy: a magical Berlin in the 1920s, a destructive family secret and a love that changes everything



June 2024 · 304 pages

**Christian Handel** was born in Lohr am Main. He now lives in Berlin and is passionate about stories about strong women, fairy-tale motifs and queer themes. His anthology *Hinter Dornhecken und Zauberspiegeln* (Behind Thorn Hedges and Magic Mirrors) was awarded the German Fantasy Prize in 2017, while his debut novel *Rosen & Knochen* (Roses & Bones) was nominated for the SERAPH literary prize in 2018.

**Andreas Suchanek** has been writing science fiction, fantasy, crime fiction, children's books and love stories for ten years now. The author, who lives in Karlsruhe, has been writing his own stories and novels since his youth. His greatest success to date has been his urban fantasy series *The Legacy of Power*, which won the German Fantasy Award in the Best Series category, among others.

**The conclusion of the romantic-queer fantasy trilogy by the award-winning Own Voice authors**

After he escapes from Spiegelstadt, Max finds himself in a third version of Berlin: instead of the pomp and glamour of the 1920s, decay and destruction reign here. To survive in this prison world, Max has to work with someone who has broken his heart. Because the portals between the worlds can no longer be opened, there is no escape. Meanwhile, things look no less bleak for Lenyo: Not only has he been unable to protect Max - but he has also fallen into the hands of the cruel fairy ruler Tamyra. And if the magical web between the worlds is torn apart for good, all three cities could be doomed ...

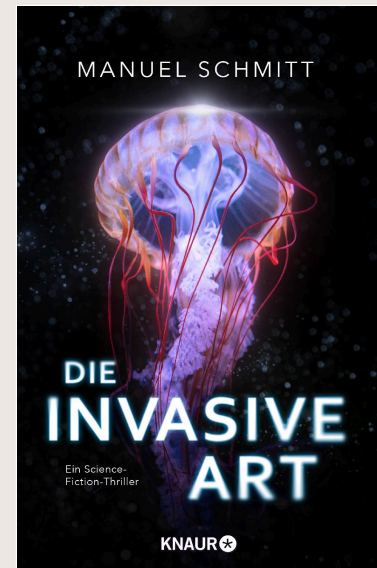
### Further Titles



Manuel Schmitt

## The invasive species. A science fiction thriller

- Science fiction meets environmental thriller: action-packed, atmospheric about the marine ecosystem and the impact of humans on it
- For readers of Frank Schätzing's *The Swarm* and fans of James Cameron's *The Abyss*
- As Sgt Rumpel, Manuel Schmitt reaches almost 350,000 fans on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook



July 2024 · 304 pages

Manuel Schmitt lives and works in Cologne. He is a freelance author, director, programmer and animator. He graduated from the Academy of Media Arts in Cologne and has been working for clients in the media sector and on his own book, film, radio play and computer game projects since 2008. Among other things, he directed the web series *Let's Play Together* with YouTube stars Gronkh and Sarazar and directed *#DeineWahl*, a format in which four YouTubers interviewed the candidates for Chancellor Angela Merkel and Martin Schulz. He himself is known on YouTube under the pseudonym *SgtRumpel*. In 2023, he published *Godmode*, his debut in the form of an exciting gaming novel through the history of video games.

### When fish disappear and seas become deserts

Die Ozeane sterben. Auf der ganzen Welt schwinden die Fischbestände, und Wissenschaftler versuchen verzweifelt, die drohende Katastrophe abzuwenden. Die philippinische Geologin Mayari, die norwegische Biologin Svea und der amerikanische Ingenieur Mat arbeiten auf der Tiefseestation Bathos IV, als sie bei einem Drohneausflug einen Schwarm ungewöhnlicher Quallen entdecken, deren pulsierendes Leuchten tausende Fische wie magisch anzieht. Plötzlich müssen die drei alles infrage stellen, was sie über das Meer und seine geheimnisvollen Bewohner zu wissen glaubten. Sind die Quallen der Grund für das Meeressterben? Oder die Lösung? Ein Wettlauf gegen die Zeit beginnt ...

Elya Adair

## Melody of the ashes

- A story about a fateful love between two men on opposite sides of a war
- High-quality design with interior illustrations by the author, who works as a professional illustrator, including for V. E. Schwab



April 2024 · 560 pages

Elya Adair writes what she can't let go of and loves nothing more than ideas that are too loud to ignore. In her writing, she combines magic with humanity, creating profound destinies and sending her characters on an emotional journey that she loves to take readers on. Alongside her writing, Elya brings the world of her characters to life in her own illustrations, immersing herself even deeper in her stories. More about her projects and illustrations on Instagram: @elya.adair

**Revenge, magic, power - a queer fantasy about the grace and curse of forgetting and the fight for freedom**

Three inextricably linked fates decide the future of a war-torn empire. Amid the conflict between the rebellion and the cruel regime of Sha, Caliyan is the strongest mage of his time. But in an attempt to escape his dark destiny, he loses himself in revenge.

Vaelen is a simple fisherman who doesn't know his past. The only thing that constantly accompanies him is a vague longing, driven by a mysterious melody inside him, which resounds even louder when he meets Laudan. But Laudan is not only a spy for the rebels, he is also the commander of Sha - and therefore not who Vaelen thinks he is. Together they prove that dreams, free will and love are stronger than the darkest magic.

*"A book like a symphony - tender, sad and carried by a bombastic melody whose notes linger for a long time." - Mira Valentin*

Eleanor Bardilac

## The magic of gold-woven hearts

- Magic that connects hearts: Can high-society bon vivant Noel and introverted Lucien overcome their differences and find each other?
- The new extraordinary novel by SERAPH award-winner Eleanor Bardilac invites you to dream and empathise
- Sensitive, touching, highly emotional: feel-good fantasy is all the rage! For readers of T. J. Klune, Diana Wynne Jones and Travis Baldree



June 2024 · 320 pages

Eleanor Bardilac was born in Vienna in 1994, where she still lives and works together with the lady of her heart. Two bachelor's degrees in German Philology and Comparative Literature only intensified her love of literature in all its facets. Her debut fantasy novel *Knochenblumen welken nicht* was published by Droemer Knaur in 2021 and received the SERAPH Fantasy Award in the category "Best Debut", the second part *Knochenasche rottet nicht* was published by ohneohren in 2023. In an attempt to clear her reading pile, she has been successfully procrastinating for years by driving her personal FBI person to despair with suspicious internet searches.

### Romantic cosy fantasy about love in all its facets

Like an invisible web, threads of magic bind families together: in Brinon, everyone has their place in the magical fabric.

When his sister dies, Lucien is given the task of marrying her widower Noel - because this is the only way to keep the magical fabric of the family intact. For both men, their grief, the unfamiliar new situation and scheming family members present more than one challenge. But as summer pours over Lucien's idyllic country estate, they discover that love has many facets and that magic exists in previously unknown forms.

Michael Peinkofer

## The crown of the orcs

- Between orcish fatherly pleasures, sneaky elves and involuntary rescue missions: Michael Peinkofer delights with orcish humour!
- Adventurous high fantasy for readers of Markus Heitz, Bernhard Hennen and Anthony Ryan
- Over 450,000 orc novels sold by SPIEGEL bestselling author Michael Peinkofer



April 2024 · 400 pages

Michael Peinkofer, born in 1969, studied German, history and communication sciences and worked as an editor at the film magazine Moviestar. His series about the Orcs made him one of the most successful fantasy authors in Germany. His novels about the wizards became bestsellers, as did his trilogy about the kings. The Crown of Orcs is the crowning finale to his successful series about fantasy's favourite villains.

**Resurrected dragons and an epic battle: The Orcish brothers embark on their final adventure!**

Earthworld is finally one again - but instead of returning home to their island, the orc brothers Balbok and Rammar only have new trouble waiting for them: the devious Aderyn wants to bring an army of dragons from the eternal ice of the South Pole back to life, and an army of humans is arriving in airships from the old world. And since Aderyn is also carrying Balbok's heir, the orc embarks on a rescue mission that has a lot to offer. Meanwhile, his brother Rammar unwillingly becomes a diplomatic mediator between orcs and humans and gets caught up in the thick of political intrigue. Meanwhile, the dark clouds of fate are gathering over Earthworld for a massive, all-decisive battle ...

Hans Kruppa

## When the heart shines. Stories for seekers of meaning

- Sensitive stories and modern fairy tales about the big questions of meaning in life
- The total circulation of books by the successful author Hans Kruppa is more than 2.5 million copies
- A wonderful gift in special cover material; with numerous illustrations by Catherine Ducloux
- "I want to be encouraged by stories that revolve around the meaning of existence."



March 2024 · 160 pages

Hans Kruppa, born in 1952, is one of the most widely-read German poets and storytellers. He lives as a freelance writer in Bremen. He has published his poems and fairy tales, short stories and novels, aphorisms and short stories in more than 140 books with a total print run of over 2.5 million copies. Several books have also been translated into other languages. Hans Kruppa was honoured with the Otto Mainzer Prize in New York for his literary work.

### Tales of a quest for Meaning by successful author Hans Kruppa

*'You are the answer to the question of the meaning of life' - a love poem can be conceived so briefly and succinctly, so sensitively and truthfully. Hans Kruppa is a master of such thoughts that become verses ...'* - writes the Westfalenpost in an article about the author's work. This volume brings together Kruppa's most beautiful stories for seekers of meaning. Tales that reflect life's big questions about where from, where to and why. The stories revolve around love and hope, wisdom and foresight; poverty and wealth, war and peace, aberrations and breakthroughs, guilt and failure, but also summit experiences and other exhilarating experiences. What really matters in life? The title "When the Heart Shines" shows the way.

Rainer M. Schießler

## In football heaven. My favourite stories from the holy grass

- The new book by bestselling author and popular pastor Rainer M. Schießler about one of his great passions
- European Football Championship in June 2024
- A perfect gift for all fans of the holy turf
- Impulse to buy: "I am a football fan and interested in the entertaining stories of Pastor Schießler."



March 2024 · 176 pages

Rainer Maria Schießler, born in 1960, is a Catholic priest. His unconventional style and media-effective campaigns have made him one of Germany's best-known churchmen. His books "Himmel, Herrgott, Sacrament", "Jessas, Maria und Josef" and "Die Schießler-Bibel" have become bestsellers. His concern: To shake things up with pointed appeals and advocate a lively, committed church. He has been a priest at St Maximilian's in Munich since 1993.

### Stories from Holy Turf

When he was seven years old, Rainer Maria Schießler walked with a friend from the tram station to the football stadium. He will never forget the game they watched together. Since that day, the Munich priest, who is well-known throughout Germany, has been an avid football fan. For a long time, he was a columnist for the Münchner Abendzeitung newspaper and also a valued commentator on football issues; he also knows many sportsmen personally. In this book, he tells his favourite stories from around the "holy turf" and reflects on what faith and the game have to do with each other for him. He writes about fan chants, community spirit, Bengal lights and flags, happiness and disillusionment, victories and defeats.

Germany is hosting the 2024 European Football Championship, with the opening match taking place in Munich on 14 June 2024.

Margot Käßmann

## The most beautiful biblical stories for children. Picture book for children aged 5 and over

- The most exciting and beautiful stories of the Bible told in a child-friendly way
- For pre-reading children aged 5 and over; elegantly furnished with a half-linen spine



March 2024 · 288 pages

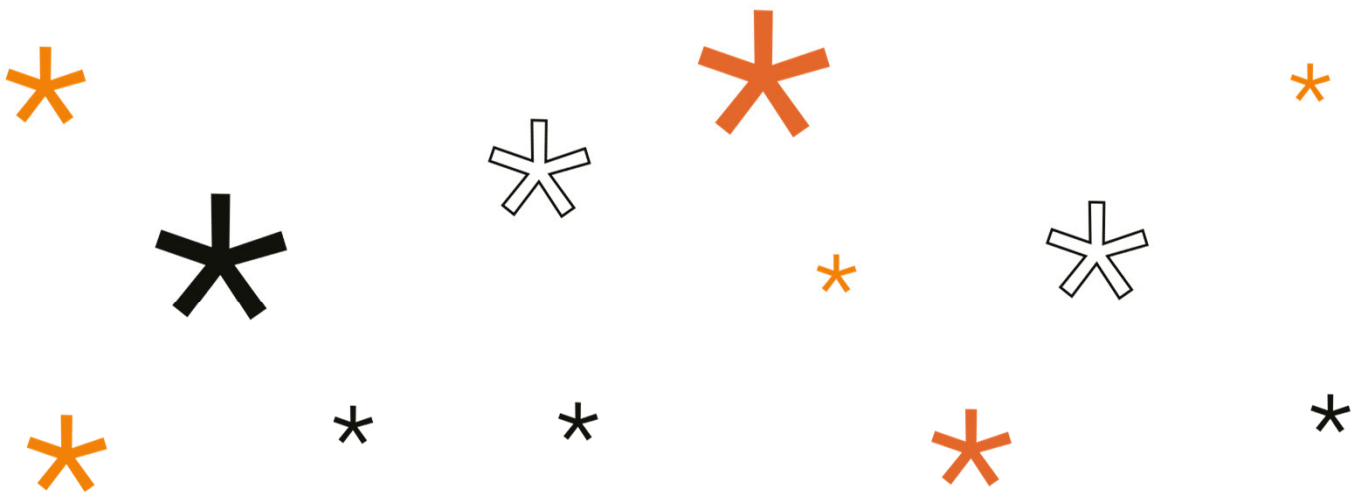
**Margot Käßmann**, born in 1958, is one of Germany's best-known church personalities. During and after her time as Bishop of Hanover and Chair of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, she won the esteem and sympathy of many people with her open and straightforward manner. She is the mother of four grown-up daughters and grandmother of seven grandchildren.

**Stefanie Scharnberg**, born in 1967, trained as a bookseller in Hamburg and then studied painting at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Florence. Since 2001 she has successfully dedicated herself to illustrating books for children and young people. She lives with her husband and two children in Freiburg.

### "How good it is when children know these classic stories!"

The Bible is full of exciting stories about the work and miracles of God. In this expressively illustrated book by Stefanie Scharnberg, the popular theologian and grandmother of seven Margot Käßmann tells a selection of the most beautiful and adventurous stories from the Old and New Testaments. The youngest children learn in child-friendly language how God created the world, the story of Moses, why Noah built a huge ship for all the animal pairs of the earth and his family, how Jonah was swallowed by a huge fish and why we celebrate Christmas. They discover what happened at Easter, and learn about the parable of the Good Samaritan and the most beautiful stories about Jesus. Time and again, Margot Käßmann finds new, exciting perspectives to present the biblical stories in a way that is suitable for children.

The impulse to buy: *"It is important to me to familiarise my child/grandchild with the central stories of the Bible."*



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