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Hera Lind

The Only Child. Novel based on a true story

- The heartrending fate of the little war orphan Djoko, who flees across Europe during World War 2
- More than 200,000 orphans had to go through the unimaginable to survive during this time
- More than 15 million books sold – Hera Lind is one of the most successful German-language authors



November 2023 · 384 pages

Hera Lind studied German philology, music and theology, and was a singer before she achieved sensational success writing novels. With her fact-based novels, which are all based on true stories, Hera Lind can be relied upon to fill the top slots in the SPIEGEL bestseller chart. Hera Lind lives with her family in Salzburg, where she also offers writing seminars.

Contemporary history meets a poignant fate: the new factual novel by the #1 SPIEGEL bestselling author

October 1940 in former Yugoslavia: The family of 5-year-old Djoko leads a simple but happy life in a small village. Until the fascist army of the Usthas shows up, having sworn death to all Serbs. As a grenade hits the family's tiny hut, only a badly injured Djoko survives. When he finally manages to wriggle out of the rubble, his tale of woe is not over: in the midst of the worst turmoil of the war the little orphan is on the run for years - from present-day Bosnia via Romania and Germany to Austria. Again and again Djoko finds help, again and again people are taken away from him. However there is one thing he never loses: hope.

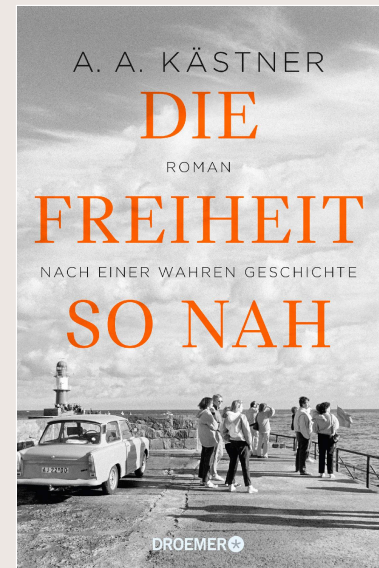
Further Titles



A. A. Kästner

Freedom So Close. Novel based on a true story

- Lifelong friendship, the urge for freedom and the question of guilt
- For readers of true stories with a contemporary background and all fans of Katharina Fuchs
- A stirring novel based on the true life story of the author's husband.



September 2023 · 336 pages

A. A. Kästner was born in Hamburg in 1966. After studying psychology, she worked in a psychiatric ward since 1994 before setting up her own practice as a psychotherapist with a doctorate in 2005. While volunteering with the crisis intervention team of the German Red Cross, she met her current husband, Chief Superintendent of the Water Police Andreas Kästner, on whose life the novel is based. Under the name Angélique Mundt, she has so far written four novels and one nonfiction book, which have been published by btb Verlag.

Eight friends, a traitor and the last years of the GDR ...

A funeral reunites Kay from Rostock and his old school friends in 2016. Memories are awakened: of the carefree youth of the early 80s, but also of shattered dreams and the confines of the GDR system. The eight friends are considered inseparable, trust each other deeply - until the first of them is arrested for an escape attempt. Further arrests follow and soon the suspicion arises that the traitor is to be sought in their own ranks. Kay, for whom the GDR no longer offers any prospects, decides to escape across the Baltic Sea with the two remaining friends. But then the unthinkable happens ...

"My husband kept telling me anecdotes from his past and I knew that the confrontation with the system of the GDR and the terrible betrayal done to him and his friends had to be told. Here comes his story!" A. A. Kästner

Thesche Wulff

Sisters Like Ebb And Flow. Novel

- A fateful sisterly relationship against the grandiose backdrop of the North Sea island of Amrum
- A novel about departures and new beginnings, about self-doubt and self-discovery and the longing for home and family
- Masterfully and captivatingly told: For all readers of Anne Prettin and Dörte Hansen.



August 2023 · 400 pages

Thesche Wulff is the pseudonym of an author who has published several crime novels and written screenplays. She was born in 1962 and loves the wind and the endless expanse of the north. She lives with her husband where the sea washes many a story onto the beach.

A stormy island and a woman searching for her place in life

After a long time, Mira returns to Amrum. This is where her godfather Ocko lived, with whom she used to spend hours collecting driftwood and who told her thousands of stories about it. But now Ocko is dead, and Mira's sister urges her to have his old captain's house torn down. When a storm hits the island and also destroys Ocko's house, a very special piece of driftwood falls into Mira's hands, and she remembers one of Ocko's stories in which she herself played a special role. And suddenly Mira has to ask herself whether this story was more than just a sailor's yarn. Didn't it rather have to do with her own life?

"In powerful images, Thesche Wulff tells of life on the coast and the swell of fate. A gripping family story - very great reading recommendation!" Gisa Pauly

Lucia Sperling

Of Leaving and Staying. Novel

- Authentic, soulful, inspiring: about the end of a long marriage, forgotten dreams, friendships, opportunities, and unexpected new beginnings
- Wise, emotional entertainment for readers of Lia Louis or Clare Empson.



December 2023 · 352 pages

Lucia Sperling was born in Stuttgart in 1970 and lives there again after several stays abroad. She is married and has four children. She also works in a practice for systemic coaching. The fact that life sometimes has unbelievable twists and turns in store and what can come out of them inspires and excites her time and again. Lucia Sperling also writes novels and columns under Lucinde Hutzenlaub.

What if you have to choose between your marriage and your dreams?

Olivia, a 47-year-old art historian, is blindsided when her husband Philip tells her that he wants to sell their house and move to the country to finally fulfil his dream. For Olivia, this is out of the question, because her dream, her life, is this house, which she has lovingly restored. When she tries to change Philip's mind, the man she wanted to grow old with leaves anyway. And he puts Olivia under pressure...

After her first marriage novel "Vom Lieben und Lassen" ("Of Loving and Leaving"), Lucia Sperling's "Vom Gehen und Bleiben" ("Of Leaving and Staying") now follows - the first volume of a diology that tells of the pitfalls of a long-standing marriage in a life-smart and emotional way.

Further Titles



Christian Schulte-Loh

There Is A God And She Is Bored. Novel

- A story between social utopia and social novel
- As a German Comedian Christian Schulte-Loh is successful on English and German comedy stages.



September 2023 · 336 pages

Christian Schulte-Loh is "German, but funny" (DER SPIEGEL). He has been a successful German comedian in England for years, and has long been a regular TV guest in Germany, too. The British celebrate the Englishman by choice as "one of the most subversive acts of all time" (The Spectator). Born in Haltern am See, he now lives in London and Berlin. Shortly after Brexit, he published his autobiographical book *Zum Lachen auf die Insel*, where he describes his adventures in the motherland of humor. *There is a God, and she is bored* is Christian Schulte-Loh's first novel.

Funny, profound, honest - the German Comedian with his first novel

Imagine there was proof that god existed... And she was bored by the people's obsession with money. Her mission is clear: Be artistic, be creative! Because God wants to be entertained and elevates art to the new currency.

In a panic, the majority of the population looks for artistic mentors - to the misfortune of the homeless jazz musician Adam Fein, who has just left society in London. Because he has never been able to say no, circumstances make him the head of a highly bizarre art academy overnight, which offers a refuge to all the overtaxed and talentless. Yet all he really wants is to be left alone. Adam finds a companion in the unsuccessful writer Sara, who keeps her head above water as a waitress in a café. Together they brave the turmoil of the new world order - while mankind is heading for a whole new kind of catastrophe.

"Schulte-Loh captivates with British humor. Rousing and refreshingly charming." Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung

"German, but funny" Der Spiegel

"One of the most subversive acts of all time" The Spectator

Mette Thansen

The Taste of Life. Novel

- Makes readers yearn for country flair – romantic, clever and on the pulse of time
- For readers of Gabriella Engelmann, Inken Bartels and Meike Werkmeister
- The ideal reading recommendation for female friends



October 2023 · 336 pages

Mette Thansen lives on the isolated farm of her childhood. After 20 years in the big city, she moved back to the country and converted a former barn for herself. From there, the 48-year-old works as an editor and author.

A new beginning in northern Germany - with the smell of fresh bread and the sweet spice of honey and goat cheese

When Frauke is stranded in Lüneburg, she no longer has a plan. First, her husband Justus, a Frankfurt investor, announced his intention to move out of their home, and then her most important client, a Hamburg shipping company, cancelled a major order. To lick her wounds, the communications trainer hides away and spontaneously rents a ravishingly beautiful vacation apartment in the Lüneburg Heath. There she meets a taciturn baker, a dedicated goat farmer and a bee professor, who together might make life palatable for her again...

Humorous and warm-hearted, Mette Thansen's feel-good novel tells of unexpected life stages, new friendships and a sense of arrival.

Anna Husen

The Smell Of Marzipan

- An atmospheric novel set in the romantic Lübeck of the 1950s
- The search for truth leads the young lovers deep into the past of their families to the time of the First World War



October 2023 · 432 pages

Anna Husen, born in 1996, is a trained media businesswoman, works as a marketing manager in a digital agency and lives on the beautiful Baltic Sea coast. She got hooked on 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 @annathiessenhusen, where she shares her passion for writing and love of books with other reading enthusiasts.

A tragic family feud, a forbidden love and the smell of marzipan

It is love at first sight when Luisa Linde and Henry Hawkins first meet at the Holstentor in Lübeck in 1957. Luisa's father, the director of the Holstentor Museum, immediately forbids her from seeing Henry again. Henry's father, who owns a well-known marzipan factory in the Hanseatic city, is also firmly opposed to the connection. Because their parents refuse to give them any reasons for their refusal, Luisa and Henry begin to meet secretly and they investigate. In the process, they uncover not only an old family feud, but also a rivalry between their fathers that calls their love into question...

"A secret from the past and a young love that should not be. Anna Husen brings the fifties in beautiful Lübeck to life through her beautifully pictorial writing style! Best to have a piece of fine marzipan cake ready to read." - Ira Laudin

Further Titles



Anke Petersen

Children's Laughter At The Farm In The Dunes

- The second volume of the enchanting North Sea trilogy
- A dramatic family story, the longing destination Föhr and an enchanting paradise – not only for children



October 2023 · 400 pages

Anke Petersen writes successful historical novels under a different name. When she went on holiday to the island of Amrum for the first time, she immediately fell in love with the island and learned about its history. In doing so, she stumbled across the first hotel in Norddorf, which inspired her to write this novel.

A dramatic family story and a small paradise on a small German island

Dark years lie behind the Dünenhof in 1947, but the present is not without its shadows: Anni's granddaughters Greta and Erika, both nurses, sacrificially care for the children, who have been through a lot. And Greta hopes every day for news of her husband, who has become a Russian prisoner of war. When Erika falls in love with a refugee from the East, she is suddenly exposed to open hostility...

"Children's Laughter At The Farm In The Dunes" is the second equally dramatic and enchantingly nostalgic historical family novel from the family saga "The Föhr Trilogy" about a paradisiacally situated children's recreation home.

Further Titles



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 · 400 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 Brohlthal 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.

Gabriella Engelmann

Island longing

- long-awaited continuation of the Sylt Book Nest series by Gabriella Engelmann
- Established author with a large fan community, highly active in social media and very well networked.
- Holiday feel-good reads score on the bestseller lists!
- Highly marketable setting (Sylt) meets the popular book trade theme



August 2023 · 320 pages

The "Book Nest" on Sylt has opened again:

"Inselsehnsucht" is the 5th fantastically beautiful feel-good novel about four friends and a bookshop on Sylt by bestselling author Gabriella Engelmann.

Late summer on Sylt - soft cotton wool clouds dance in the sky, hedge roses glow in competition and magical island magic pampers heart and soul. The everyday life of the four friends Bea, Lissy, Nele and Vero could slow down during this magical season, but life writes its own stories even on the dream island: Lissy's son Niels, a premature baby, needs his mother's full attention, friend Nele faces unexpected hurdles in her wedding planning with Sven, bookseller Bea is plagued by a writing crisis and café owner Vero is struggling with a late midlife crisis. When the book café "Büchernest" lacks walk-in customers after moving into Bea's captain's house, young bookseller Rieke tries to bring in a breath of fresh air - but stubborn Bea doesn't like the changes at all. When Vero and Nele fall out, the quartet's longstanding friendship is put to the test ...

Further Titles



Elisabeth Kabatek

Swabian for Angels. Novel

- North German climate activist Anna meets Swabian local journalist – right to the heart!
- For all readers of romantic comedies with a lot of humor and Swabian fans
- Total copies sold by Elisabeth Kabatek: over 500 000



May 2024 · 368 pages

Elisabeth Kabatek grew up near Stuttgart. She studied English, Spanish and Political Sciences in Heidelberg and Spain and is a blogger. She has been living in Stuttgart since 1997. Her novels 'Laugenweckle zum Frühstück', 'Brezeltango', 'Spätzleblues' and 'Ein Häusle in Cornwall' were all an instant success.

Love chaos in the Ländle: The new romantic comedy of the best-selling author

She is young, climate-minded, honest - from northern Germany! - and wants to become mayor in Schwäbingen.

He is a native Swabian and local journalist under pressure to prevent this - at all costs!

No mutual attraction could help, because thanks to Lukas' work, Anna's election campaign has to fight against her opponents unfair advantage: the newspaper for which he writes is financed by the largest employer in the town. And not only does it produce very uncological disposable underwear, the boss is also the best buddy of the incumbent mayor. As if that were not enough potential for chaos, Anna's ex-boyfriend also turns up - while Lukas' primordial Swabian grandpa sides with the challenger ...

Further Titles



Patrick Salmen

Yoga Against the Right

- New funny stories from the master of situational comedy
- Start of the new tour: October 4, 2023



September 2023 · 176 pages

Patrick Salmen is an author of prose and poetry, a poetry slammer and a cabaret artist. In 2010 he became the champion in the German language poetry slam, and in 2011 vice-champion. If he is not on stage, enjoying a steadily growing audience, he lives and works in Dortmund.

Pointed and black humored: new short stories by stage poet and comedian Patrick Salmen

With satirical sharpness and a slightly melancholic touch of compassion, Patrick Salmen exposes the pathological traits that self-optimized urban neurotics hide under the cloak of esoteric mindfulness. Black humor is guaranteed as well as one or the other aha moment. Because no one knows as well as cabaret artist Salmen that the other person often only seems so weird to you because you're looking in a mirror.

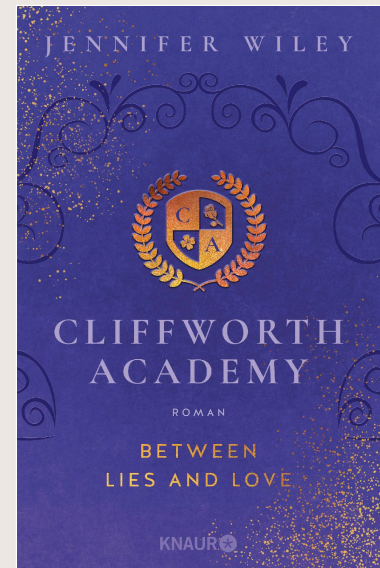
Further Titles



Jennifer Wiley

Cliffworth Academy. Between Lies and Love

- Romantic dark academy duet about an elite Welsh university and forbidden love
- Volume 1 of the sweeping Dark Academia series by Jennifer Wiley
- Dark Academia as a megatrend (almost 3 billion views on TikTok)



October 2023 · 368 pages

Jennifer Wiley works as a social worker in Cologne but is not a city person. She loves to sit on her terrace, watch blue tits and write her stories, with which she wants to create places of tranquillity and make people think. Secretly, she dreams of a life with a house and a dog - preferably near picturesque hiking routes.

Lies, intrigue and love against all odds: Welcome to Cliffworth Academy

A chance at a scholarship that could make their dreams come true: 14 college graduates have landed one of the coveted spots in the summer program at Cliffworth Academy, beautifully situated in a time-honoured 16th-century building on the coast of Wales. Among them are the ambitious Vada McGowen and the shy Macy Moore, who are attracted to each other despite their differences. But on the very first day, they are divided into two groups and learn that only one group will be rewarded with scholarships to the prestigious Cliffworth University at the end of the program. A fierce competition breaks out, waged with increasingly dark methods. Vada and Macy suddenly find themselves enemies - and yet they can't deny their feelings for each other. Does their love stand a chance against lies, intrigues and unscrupulous power games?

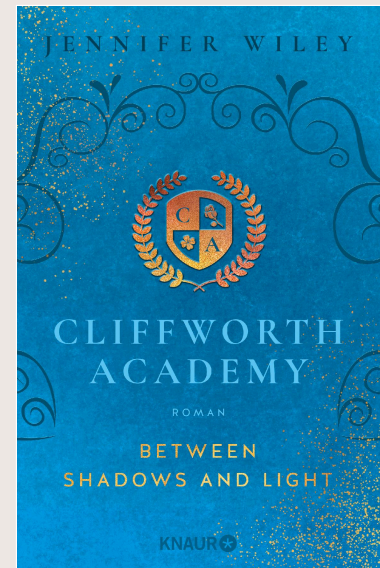
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Lies, intrigue and love against all odds: Welcome to Cliffworth Academy

18-year-old Charlotte White is overjoyed when she and her friends Vada and Macy finally start their scholarship at Cliffworth University. She kept her good mood, even after she clashed with the arrogant Morgan McCarthey on day one, who draws her out with his smug grin and arrogance. When she receives mysterious letters and assignments to join an exclusive student's society at the university shortly thereafter, she has no idea that Morgan is pulling the strings. As his plan unfolds, the two grow closer and closer, and suddenly big feelings are involved, Charlotte has long since slipped into the depths of elite circles. Circles in which intrigue and competition are the order of the day and which ultimately present Charlotte with the greatest challenges.

Further Titles



Justine Pust

Where The Stars See Us. Novel

- Kick-off of the touching Skyline series around the important topics of Mental & Physical Health
- Mental Health & Diversity are important topics in the target group



February 2024 · 400 pages

Justine Pust is a typical girl from the coast, loves dancing to eighties music and often loses herself in captivating stories. She discovered writing at an early age and enthusiastically shares her addiction to reading on instagram. When she is not getting lost in a book, she is working in the social sector or taking her dogs for a walk.

Some people are like shooting stars in the night

Student Willa is a volunteer and runs several self-help groups. Being there for others means everything to her, but at the same time it is the only way that she can maintain her inner balance. When Willa meets Elias at the community centre wheelchair basketball group, the sparks fly between them. With him everything feels easy for Willa, but what happens if her darkness extinguishes his light?

The more time they spend together, the more Willa's house of cards threatens to fall down until she does something that hurts more people than just her...

"A place so warm, so affectionate that every worry recedes into the background, a love interest guaranteed to make your heart race." Ayla Dade, SPIEGEL best-selling author about *With You I Dream*

"With every new story in the series, I fall a little more into its enchantment." Emily Bähr, author, about *With You I Heal*

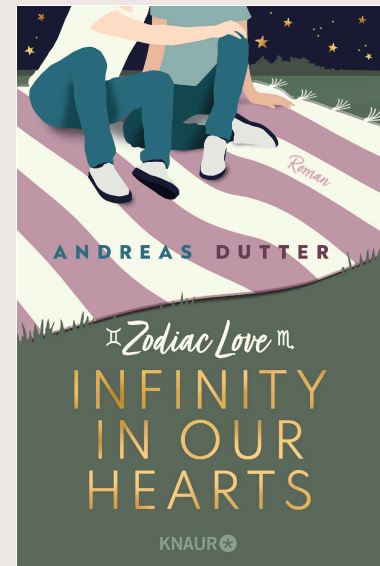
Further Titles



Andreas Dutter

Zodiac Love: Infinity in Our Hearts. Novel

- Will the stars align for a second chance between Robin and the love of his life, astrology podcaster Brodie?
- For readers of Casey McQuiston or Alexis Hall and all fans of Heartstopper
- Own-Voice author – well connected in the LGBTQIAP+ community, on Instagram and TikTok.



January 2024 · 384 pages

Andreas Dutter lives in Austria and studied culture and social anthropology at the University of Vienna. He entertains his followers with writing and book content on social media: on Instagram under @andreasdutter and on TikTok under AndreasDutterAutor. Besides books, he loves series, anime and manga, although his thoughts are always on his next romance idea.

The heartwarming conclusion of the queer Young Romance series on the TikTok trend astrology

After some serious disappointments, Robin has finally sworn off love and concentrates fully on his job at the luxurious Royal Hotel in Cork. But one day there is a poster announcing the star astrology podcaster Brodie Merrick - who broke Robin's heart years ago. Now Brodie will not only be giving astrology seminars at University College Cork, he is also to stay at the Royal Hotel while he teaches. The stars obviously don't mean well for Robin ... He becomes more and more entangled in a web of lies, until finally everything is at stake: Robin's career, his reputation - and his heart.

"I lost my heart to Felix and Owen. A reading highlight that I will remember for a long time!" - SPIEGEL bestselling author Maren Vivien Haase about Zodiac Love: Starlight in Our Dreams

Further Titles



Lilly Lucas

New Wishes. Novel

- Lilly Lucas is one of the most popular authors in the young romance community with a rapidly growing following on Instagram and TikTok
- Readers know and love Rebecca from *New Dreams* – now she meets an extremely self-confident and hot field hockey coach
- Total circulation of the SPIEGEL bestselling author: 450,000 copies



November 2023 · 240 pages

Lilly Lucas was born in Ansbach in 1987 and studied German in Bamberg. Today she lives in Würzburg with her husband, her son and an endless supply of books. Her romance novels *New Promises*, *New Dreams*, *New Horizons*, *New Chances*, *Find me in Green Valley*, *A Place to Love* and *A Place to Grow* became SPIEGEL bestsellers. When she's not writing novels about love and life, she loves to see the world, stick her nose in books, or live out her movie and series addiction on the couch at home.

Winter Kisses in Green Valley: romantic and enchanting winter novel in the popular bestselling series

Christmas is approaching, the most wonderful time of the year is about to begin ... except for Rebecca Fitzgerald. First she's put on leave from her job, and then she learns that her father is out of work as reverend during Advent due to surgery. Without further ado, Rebecca heads home to Green Valley to support her family. There she meets the attractive and extremely self-confident field hockey coach Leo Braxton, who to her surprise has been billeted in her room. With him, she is to prepare the annual Nativity play, which this year is to be held in the ice rink as "Christmas on Ice". Rebecca's life soon turns upside down for more than one reason ...

Further Titles



Iny Lorentz

The Young Travelling Harlot

- The prequel to the *Wanderhuren* series: This is how the helpless merchant's daughter Marie becomes the courageous woman who turns her fortunes around.
- The eight-volume *Wanderhuren* series is the most successful historical novel series in Germany
- More than 20 million novels sold by the SPIEGEL best-selling author
- translated into more than 15 languages



September 2023 · 512 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, bestseller has followed bestseller. 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

The long-awaited prequel: Finally, the mystery of Marie's transformation is revealed!

Constance in 1410: After the bitter betrayal by her noble fiancé, the beautiful merchant's daughter Marie is disgraced and chased out of the city, badly injured. Marie wants only to die, to find redemption in death. Instead, she is found by the wandering whore Hiltrud and nursed back to health. Three years later, the helpless girl has become a courageous and self-confident woman who manages to turn her fate around on her own and take revenge on her tormentors. What exactly happened during those three years has been a well-kept secret until now ... How Marie goes through hell and her will to live ignites an inner fire in the process is told in Iny Lorentz's stirring and colourful 9th instalment of the SPIEGEL bestseller series.

Background information: With this book, Iny Lorentz fills the narrative gap from the first "Wanderhuren" volume for the first time.

For all those who want to know exactly: Between the end of the second part of "Die Wanderhure", p. 172 and the beginning of the third part, three years are missing in which Marie made the transformation. The story continues on page 175 with a time jump of three years.

Further Titles



Angela Lund

Ice Music. Fridtjof Nansen's Greatest Love

- The true story of an extraordinary love in 19th century Norway
- Fridtjof Nansen and Eva Sars – opposites attract in their legendary love story
- For readers of Lena Johansson's *The Painter of the Northern Lights* or Marie Benedict's *Mrs. Einstein*



November 2023 · 400 pages

Angela Lund is the pseudonym of a successful author of historical novels who grew up on the rugged North Sea coast and the Rhine. As a young woman, she flew over Greenland on a starry night voyage - the beginning of her lifelong passion for the Arctic and the Golden Age of polar exploration around 1900. For the biographical novel *Eismusik*, Lund delved deep into the life of Norwegian polar hero Fridtjof Nansen and that of his wife Eva, a renowned singer. She studied previously unpublished records, photographs and letters, as well as conducting intensive research at the couple's homes and other original locations - including on board the polar ship that Nansen had built especially for his journey into the eternal ice: the legendary *Fram*.

A polar explorer and a singer: a legendary love in front of the grandiose scenery of the Arctic

The young zoologist and polar explorer Fridtjof Nansen is a go-getter and womanizer, as moody as he is determined. Greater than his hunger for life is only his urge to explore. The talented singer Eva Sars wants to conquer the stages of Europe with her voice. When Eva and Fridtjof meet during winter sports in the mountains near Oslo, they see the one person who shares their dreams in each other. But to explore the Arctic, Fridtjof will have to leave the woman he loves. And if Eva stays with him, she will jeopardize her lifelong dream of a great singing career ...

Paula Mattis

A New Life. Novel

- Volume 2 of the great East Prussian saga, is partly based on true events
- The moving saga is based in part on the author's family history



November 2023 · 400 pages

Paula Mattis is the pseudonym of Antje Szillat, who has made a name for herself as an author of novels for children and young people as well as horse books for adults. Antje Szillat's total circulation is 1.5 million copies. Her books have been translated into more than thirty languages and many have made it onto the SPIEGEL bestseller list.

Escape from East Prussia and the love of noble horses

After desperately fleeing East Prussia, Hannah Saalbach, her young son and her mare Belladonna finally find a place to stay in a small village in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in May 1945. But when she learns that her mother and her best friend Käthe have also survived the war and are supposed to be in Lüneburg, Hannah sets out again on a journey across the country. Can she hope for a reunion? And what has become of Johann, the father of her child?

The author is a proven horse expert and writes wonderfully emotionally. She has proven this in her STABLE ON THE LAKE (over 28,000 copies sold).

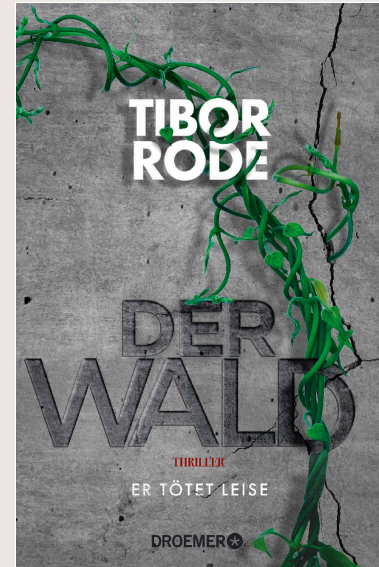
Further Titles



Tibor Rode

The Forest. He kills quietly

- High-tension and best entertainment for a broad audience in the field of tension between man and the environment, technology and nature.
- Established successful author with an interesting professional background
- The topics of forests/nature/plant intelligence have their finger on the pulse of the times
- Ideas are based on well-researched facts
- Popular suspense entertainment with depth and aha-effects
- High connectivity thanks to familiar settings and credible characters



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Tibor Rode, born in Hamburg in 1974, lives in Schleswig-Holstein. He studied law and worked first as a journalist, and later as a legal advisor for a major daily newspaper. Today he works as a notary and lawyer. Major social issues and scientific topics arouse his interest and inspire him to write stories that are as exciting as they are sophisticated. His thrillers have been published worldwide in many different countries. The Forest is his first novel with Droemer.

What if nature & technology ally against us?

Tibor Rode's scientifically well-researched what-if thriller is about the intelligence of plants, self-learning algorithms, a destructive ecosystem - and the possible end of humanity.

Worldwide, anonymously sent mailings are causing an uproar: thousands of people receive seemingly harmless packages with seeds. Although the authorities warn against planting the seeds, it is already too late. A hitherto unknown invasive plant is spreading at a rapid pace - bringing disease and death all over the world. Because it itself and its pollen are highly dangerous.

Botanist Marcus Holland, who researches in the field of plant neurobiology, is convinced that we have so far underestimated plant intelligence. The intruder fascinates him all the more and scares him at the same time. His search for the origin of the packets with the scary seeds leads him and the archaeobiologist Waverly Park from Canada via China back to Germany, where they make an almost unbelievable discovery ...

Pierre Martin

Monsieur le Comte and the Art of Deception

- The sequel to the number 1 SPIEGEL bestseller takes us to the Provence
- Will Monsieur le Comte use the art of deception to kill his new victim and keep him alive at the same time?
- Author of the great Madame le Commissaire series
- Total circulation Pierre Martin: 1.6 million; 3 number 1 SPIEGEL bestsellers



November 2023 · 400 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 acquired a new identity for his protagonist Madame le Commissaire.

The "hitman against his will" does everything not to kill his next victims either

Lucien Comte de Chacarasse has, in his own unique way, come to terms with the promise he was forced to make to his father on his deathbed. According to the tradition of his noble family, he will accept secret orders for paid murders and complete them to the satisfaction of his uncle Edmond - but without killing a human being! Even if it means dressing up in a priest's robe and becoming a confessor: On his latest assignment in Marseilles, Lucien, posing as a priest, conducts an extremely unusual confessional conversation with the target. Will he succeed in this tricky way with the help of the art of cunning deception in the end that his victim is dead - and at the same time remains alive?

Further Titles



Renato Pozzi

The Dead Man in the Vineyard. A Lake Garda Detective Story

- The second case for Sophia Lange and Commissario Andreotti: amusing, charming and atmospheric
- For readers of vacation thrillers à la Pierre Martin or Jean-Luc Bannalec
- Murder, humour and wines at one of the Germans' favourite holiday destinations: Lake Garda
- Sunny and charming holiday thrillers enjoy unbroken popularity



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Renato Pozzi lives in Munich with his wife and four children. Lake Garda and Salò in particular have become his second home in recent years.

A deadly wine festival at the idyllic Lake Garda

A dangerously escalating competition between the winegrowers of Salò leads Sophia and Commissario Andreotti to the vineyards. At the same time, a shadow from Andreotti's past appears and makes him an offer he can't refuse. Then, when a body is found among the vines after the glittering wine festival, the investigators are faced with the question of who wants to be more than they actually are...

With atmosphere and charm, Renato Pozzi once again delivers an amusing Italian reading pleasure for fans of humorous holiday thrillers à la Pierre Martin or Jean-Luc Bannalec. After their debut in *Death in the Olive Barrel*, Sophia Lange and Commissario Andreotti are already investigating their second thrilling case in the tranquil Salò on Lake Garda in *The Dead Man in the Vineyard*.

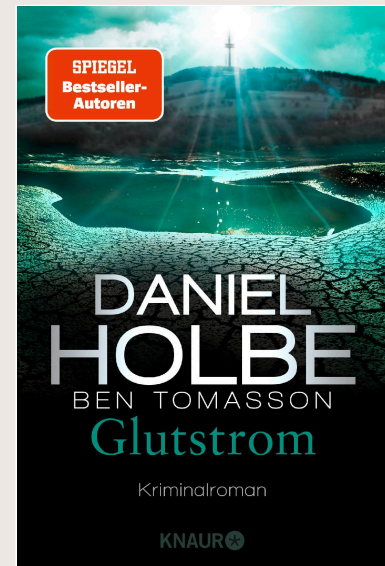
Further Titles



Daniel Holbe, Ben Tomasson

Stream of Ember. Crime Novel

- Water shortage in the Vogelsberg: When drought threatens humans and animals and protest ends fatally ...
- A feast for fans: In the 8th crime novel of the bestseller series, Julia Durant, the cult detective of Andreas Franz and Daniel Holbe, is also actively involved!
- Total circulation of the Kaufmann/Angersbach thrillers: almost 400,000 copies



February 2024 · 352 pages

Daniel Holbe, born in 1976, lives with his family in the Vogelsberg district of Upper Hesse. In addition to the successful Julia Durant series, which he has continued since the death of Andreas Franz, he created his own crime series around the investigator team Ralph Angersbach and Sabine Kaufmann, which he has been writing together with Ben Tomasson since volume 3. *Glutstrom* is the 8th crime novel in the series.

A new case for Kaufmann & Angersbach - AND surprise guest Julia Durant

The groundwater in the Vogelsberg region of Hesse is decreasing drastically, drought is threatening nature and the people who live off it. Finally, local business owners start a citizens' initiative to set an example: They want to secretly dye the water in Frankfurt's reservoir with food coloring so that it flows out of consumers' pipes red as blood.

Ben Tomasson, born in 1969 in Bremerhaven, is a German philologist and educator with a doctorate in psychology. His passion is stories that are written by life, the multilayer inner world of humans and the rugged landscape between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. Tomasson lives and works in Kiel, right next to the ferry upon which you wake up in the morning in the middle of the unique Gothenburg archipelago after a relaxed night's sleep at sea.

However, especially the younger activists don't think the action is media-effective enough. When fierce disputes arise within the group, one of the initiators decides to implement the original plan on his own. Shortly afterwards, he is found beaten to death in the Nidda. And the water is blood red ...

Further Titles



Eva Völler

Bright Days, Dark Guilt. Crime Novel

- An exciting criminal case with a charismatic investigator and the Nazis in the judiciary and administration re-emerging from temporary obscurity
- A woman who fights for a place in life, a man who fights against injustice and a historical criminal case based on facts



October 2023 · 400 pages

Born and raised on the outskirts of the Ruhr region, Eva Völler has loved making up stories since she was a child. Nevertheless, she worked first as a judge and later as a lawyer before finally hanging up her robe and making writing her main profession. After her great SPIEGEL bestseller successes with the Ruhrpottsga and Die Dorfschullehrerin, the author turns with *Helle Tage, dunkle Schuld* (Bright Days, Dark Guilt) to a subject that has long fascinated her from a human and legal point of view - the involvement of the police in the criminal machinations of the Nazi regime and how it was dealt with after the war.

The first major suspense novel by the SPIEGEL bestselling author of the "Ruhrpott Saga"

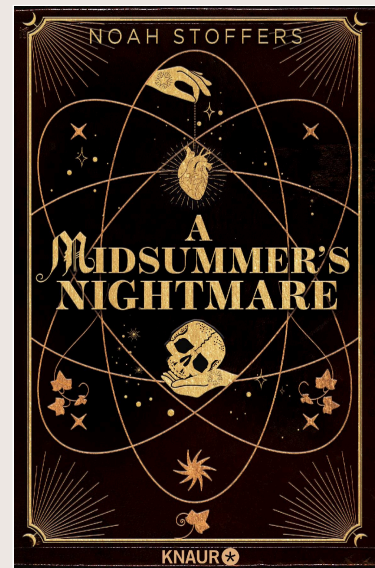
The Ruhr region, 1948. Carl, a detective, works for the capital crimes department at Essen police headquarters after being unable to practice his profession during the Nazi era. In the course of murder investigations, he learns of a gruesome act of bloodshed that occurred three years earlier toward the end of the war. While he is tracking down the fugitive perpetrator from back then, more murders occur. Only gradually does Carl realize that they are pieces of a deadly puzzle. Not only does he find himself in the crosshairs of the killer, but also the woman he loves - widowed nurse Anne, who desperately believes in a better future for herself and her sisters. However Anne is guarding a dark secret, of which even Carl has no idea ...

"After the Second World War, numerous offices in the judiciary and administration were again occupied by former Nazis. As a lawyer, I wanted to know how this could have happened; but even more how those affected by it - both perpetrators and victims - later encountered each other in their everyday lives." - Eva Völler on Bright Days, Dark Guilt

Noah Stoffers

A Midsummer's Nightmare

- An elite college, a Shakespeare play, and four young adults against an ancient force...
- For readers of Ayla Dade's fantasy novels, Leigh Bardugo's *The Ninth House*, and Olivie Blake
- TikTok trending Dark Academia: the hashtag with more than 3 billion views!



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Noah Stoffers lives in Hamburg and originally wrote for newspapers. Stoffers' debut novel *Wainwood House* was published by cbj Verlag in 2013, and the Berlin trilogy by Amrún Verlag. Both volumes have been on the Fantastik Bestenliste several times. Stoffers co-edited the short story anthology *Urban Fantasy: Going Queer*. Sier is nonbinary and advocates for queer representation in these novels, preferably in stories full of magic, mystery, and adventure.

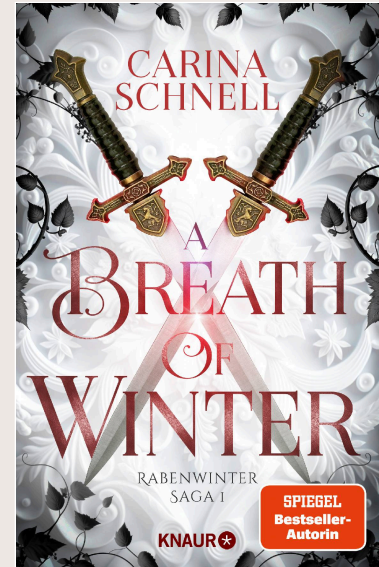
Dark Academia - Scotland - Shakespeare: queer own-voice fantasy at an elite college

The Scottish island of Hilma is in for a summer like no other: as they do every year, the students of the venerable elite university are rehearsing the performance of a play by Shakespeare. But meanwhile, four members of the theater group discover their supernatural abilities - and the vengeful spirit of a girl trapped within the university's walls. Rivalries, romances, and pressure to perform fade for good when the four discover that their play is part of a ritual to release an ancient power. For as the last in a long line of victims, death awaits all four ...

Carina Schnell

A Breath of Winter

- A lawless land full of monsters and magic, and a love that shouldn't be
- For readers of Sarah J. Maas, Naomi Novik, and Jennifer L. Armentrout.
- "Carina Schnell enchants not only with her words, but also with what's between the lines." Justine Pust



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Carina Schnell studied translation studies and has lived in various countries. She took the bestseller lists and the hearts of readers by storm with her Summer in Canada series. The trained translator was fascinated by other languages and cultures from an early age, and she is still particularly fond of Norse mythology. When she's not traveling around the world, she can be found at her house on the edge of the forest, where she writes, cuddles her cat, or takes long walks with her husband.

Forbidden good: darkly tingling Enemies-to-lovers fantasy by SPIEGEL bestselling author Carina Schnell

Middangard is a lawless land where mercenaries murder and plunder, Valkyries populate the skies, and trolls roam the forests. It is also a land of ancient magic. When a merciless killer brings death to more and more witches, the squad of the feared mercenary leader Gent is set upon the witch slayer.

Young Smilla disguises herself to join the mercenaries: No one can know that she is a witch and that she finally wants to take revenge for the murder of her family. During their perilous search for the murderer, Smilla and Gent unintentionally become closer. However Smilla has no idea how dark Gent's well-hidden secret really is ...

Further Titles



Michael Peinkofer

The Blood of the Orcs. The Orc Saga Continues

- Fantasy's most heroic villains embark on their next adventure!
- For readers of classic high fantasy such as Markus Heitz or Anthony Ryan
- Over 450,000 copies of the bestselling Ork series sold



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Michael Peinkofer, born in 1969, studied German, history and communications and worked as an editor for the film magazine Moviestar. With his Orcs series, he became one of Germany's most successful fantasy authors. His novels about The Wizards became best-sellers, as did his trilogy about The Kings. With The World of the Orcs and The Blood of the Orcs, Michael Peinkofer continues the successful series about fantasy's most popular villains.

A young dragon emperor, undead dwarves and unwilling heroes: The orcs are back!

Balbok and Rammar have succeeded in putting their young protégé Enok, the rightful heir to the Dragon Emperor, on the throne of the New World. They only want to go home to their island, however their transport through a crystal gate fails, and the brothers find themselves on a rocky shore littered with shipwrecks - wrecks that appear to have come from the old continent. What happened to the crews? Before the orcs can figure out the mystery, they are attacked by slimy monsters and are taken as prisoners. As they must discover, an ally from ancient times has outlasted the centuries ... or has she most recently been an enemy?

Further Titles

