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Charlotte von Feyerabend

# The League of Legendary Ladies – The Prelude

- \*With charm, skirts, and intellect – Suffragettes, abolitionists, and the League of Legendary Ladies, all women who fought for equality and justice
- Meet Bettina von Arnim, Annette von Droste-Hülshoff, and the courageous fairy tale collectors of the Brothers Grimm in a sparkling epic full of heart and adventure
- An unusual historical novel for readers of Pip Williams, Emilia Hart and Hannah Caspian



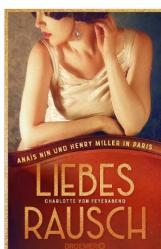
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**Charlotte von Feyerabend** completed vocational training in hotel management, studied literary studies, media education, and text technology, and subsequently worked in publishing. She lived in Oslo for six years, published her first book and game, and worked as an educator. She then spent five years in Berlin, where she worked on projects with German-speaking school classes in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Oslo and was active as a writing lecturer. After that, she lived in Sweden for two years and currently resides near Bielefeld. Her books reached #1 on Kindle and became #1 Bestsellers (*BILD*). She is a member of DELIA (Association for German Language Love Novels) and served twice as a juror for the DELIA Youth Literature Prize. Charlotte von Feyerabend has three children and a Norwegian Forest Cat.

## The Country Needs New Heroines!

Germany, early 19th century. In a world where women possess hardly any rights, quiet but determined voices rise in a gentle revolution. In magnificent ballrooms and discreet corners behind double doors, the League of Legendary Ladies forms around Bettina von Arnim, standing up for justice. Whether by pen or by sword—opinions differ on the method. Despite all disagreements, the members of the League are agreed on one thing: A new order is needed! But when two of their allies die under mysterious circumstances and a spy must be exposed, their mission turns into a race against time. Will the League be able to fight their enemies and triumph in their quest for truth and progress? A game of wit, disguise, and secret alliances begins ...

## Further Titles



Lea Blum

# The Echo of Late Light

- The journey of a harmonica through the 20th century and the reconciling power of music
- The small instrument gives a sound to emotions – and allows a small boy to finally find his voice
- For readers of Trude Teige, Mechthild Borrmann and Annie Proulx's *Accordion Crimes*



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## Of a Small Instrument That Achieves Great Things

In February 1945, the young instrument maker Paul takes a harmonica with him to the front, hoping to spread at least a little joy. He dies, but his best friend Erich manages to save the instrument and flees with it. Thus begins the harmonica's odyssey – it finds its way to Brittany, helps a young boy in Paris find his voice, and, after stopovers with a junk dealer and the pastor's son Will in the USA, resurfaces in Germany, where an unexpected encounter takes place in the 1990s...

»He did not know why the memory of another time suddenly became so overpowering. But he let it happen. One could fight against many things, but not against the power of music.«

**Lea Blum** is the pseudonym of a historian with a PhD who has already written numerous novels. She studied in Heidelberg and at Yale University in the USA. Today, she lives with her husband and two dogs in Germany and Italy.

Saskia Louis

# All the Colours Between Us

- A sweeping young love story, told with humour and quick-witted dialogue
- A SPIEGEL Bestselling Author with heart and charm: Saskia Louis has a large and loyal fanbase
- For readers of Abby Jimenez, Lia Louis and Lucy Score, and for everyone who dreams of a romantic cottage with a sea view



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**Saskia Louis** came into the world in 1993 with a great deal of imagination, which she has used to write stories since the fourth grade. She grew up in the small town of Hattingen and now lives in Cologne. After numerous novels for Young & New Adults, including the SPIEGEL Bestseller *Unlock My Heart*, she presents *All die Farben zwischen uns* (*All the Colours Between Us*), a touching romance novel for a readership aged approximately 25 and up.

## Our Happiness Will Shine in All Colours of the Rainbow

Ever since the young artist Ellie lost her husband, she has been unable to paint anything other than the different colours of silence. Unsurprisingly, the paintings are not exactly selling well. What is truly surprising, however, is the revelation that shortly before his death, Phil had bought a cottage in Wales named Elias Helmet. Unfortunately, Ellie's life and the enchanting little house by the sea have one thing in common: they are in acute danger of collapse. And the only available handyman within a 50-mile radius happens to be the grumpy Liam, who upsets Ellie just as much as the holes in her roof. But perhaps in Swan Haven she will succeed in building something new from the fragments – with the right helping hands.

### Further Titles



Alexander Schwarz

# The Queen of Flower Painters. Rachel Ruysch – Her Greatest Love Was Art

- The gripping and fascinating biographical novel of a strong woman and painter who was more successful than Rembrandt in her lifetime
- An artist of international standing: Rachel Ruysch's still lifes can be admired in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich, the Uffizi in Florence, the National Gallery in London, as well as in Australia and the USA
- For everyone who wants to experience the Golden Age in Amsterdam at the end of the 17th century through the eyes of a woman who was far ahead of her time

Alexander Schwarz (born 1964), born in Stuttgart, worked for a long time as a publisher and programme director before founding a literary agency. After many travel guides and non-fiction books, he now writes biographical novels with ever-growing enthusiasm. Interrupted by a stay of several years in Iceland, he has lived in the Netherlands for quite some time.

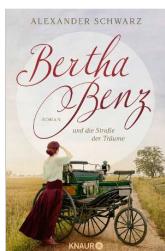
»The Rediscovery of the Old Master Rachel Ruysch Has Only Just Begun« *DER SPIEGEL*



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Amsterdam, 1679. Every time Rachel is absorbed by the hustle and bustle at the Dam – the smell of salt, the shouts of the sailors, the foreign languages – it is as if the gate to another world opens. Only one thing gives her even more joy: lessons with the renowned flower painter Willem van Aelst, who, however, can soon teach the exceptionally gifted young woman nothing more. When Rachel falls in love with the portrait painter Juriaen Pool, her life takes a new turn. Not only does she not put down her brush even in her role as a mother of ten, she is even appointed court painter by Elector Johann Wilhelm in Düsseldorf. And she meets the maid Emma, whose search for her origins soon pulls Rachel into a maelstrom of dark power struggles.

## Further Titles



Silvia Trippolt

# Kitchen Whispers. The Secret Ingredient of Love

- This charming love story set in the kitchen of a starred restaurant offers perfect, light summer entertainment
- Sima Trippolt knows what she is writing about: she has received numerous awards as a chef and culinary journalist, and all her cookbooks have become bestsellers
- For readers of Hannah Luis and Julie Caplin and fans of the award-winning series *The Bear*



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**Sima Trippolt** has dedicated herself entirely to the good taste of life. Born in 1977, she grew up in a small village in southern Styria. While still studying in Graz and Moscow, she worked as a culinary and travel journalist before conquering the bestseller lists with her books on culinary enjoyment. She has been the editor-in-chief of the Alpen-Adria-Guides since 2019. **Sima Trippolt** lives in Carinthia with her husband, an Austrian top chef, their two teenage sons and their wire-haired dachshund, Pino.

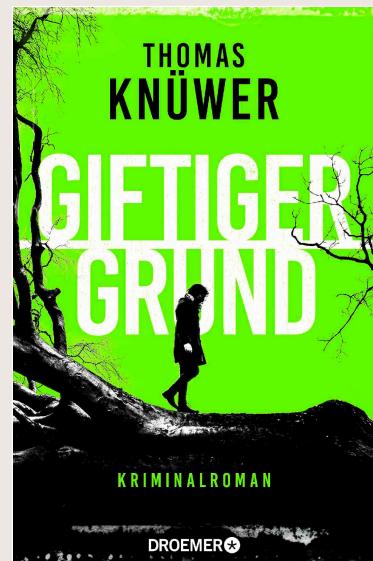
## Love à la Carte: Sparks Fly at This Stove

Restaurant critic Tilda Kaufmann writes feared, scathing reviews under the pseudonym »Emil Fürst«. But this time, she has gone too far. The owner of the Graz-based Michelin-starred restaurant »Wolf« is fighting back against Tilda's defamatory review with a lawyer. Furthermore, her editor-in-chief is threatening Tilda with dismissal. But the 29-year-old gets a second chance. To rehabilitate herself, she agrees to work »undercover« for two months in the kitchen of the renowned top chef Magnus Lehner. In the very restaurant she savaged in her review. Magnus, of course, has no idea who Tilda really is – and only learns of her secret when it is already far too late. The two have fallen in love.

# Thomas Knüwer

## Toxic Ground

- In the deepest German provinces: Three young people without a future and a dead body that changes everything – Thomas Knüwer illuminates interpersonal abysses with multi-layered and psychologically fine detail
- German Crime Prize 2024, Stuttgart Crime Prize 2025, nominated for the Friedrich Glauser Prize 2025: Thomas Knüwer's unadorned writing style creates goosebumps – not for the faint-hearted
- »Thomas Knüwer expands the boundaries of the genre!« Christian Koch, Hammett Crime Bookstore Berlin



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Thomas Knüwer was born in the Münsterland region in 1983. A trained graphic designer, he works in the advertising and communications industry and runs a digital agency in Hamburg. His campaigns have received numerous national and international awards. Thomas Knüwer's debut novel *Das Haus, in dem Gudelia stirbt* (*The House Where Gudelia Dies*) won numerous prizes in 2024, including the German Crime Prize.

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### Exceptional and Stirring – Here Comes the Best Crime Novel of the Season!

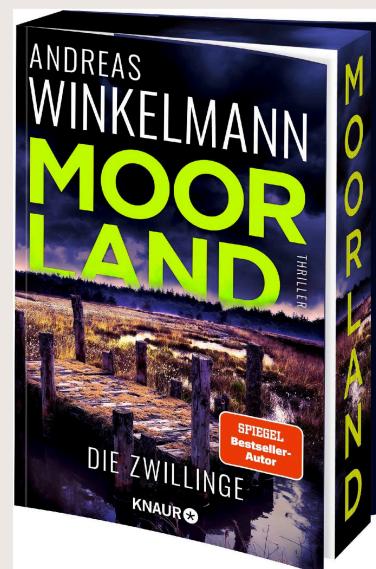
Just a few days after his release from a young offenders' institution, Joran has already lost all hope for a fresh start. Needing money, he sneaks out at night to the petrol station he robbed seven years ago. The petrol station has long been abandoned, but instead of the loot he managed to hide in a sewer shaft, Joran finds a body: Aras, his friend and accomplice from back then. Is the third member of their group his killer? Horrified, Joran realises he is not alone on the dilapidated site. There is Edda, a little girl in pyjamas. And Charu, who wants to make a name for herself as a lost places photographer with her glitter cat. The dead man in the shaft becomes a fateful link for all three.

»A debut that took my breath away.« Tobias Gohlis, Deutschlandfunk on *Das Haus, in dem Gudelia stirbt* (*The House Where Gudelia Dies*)

# Andreas Winkelmann

## Moorland. The Twins

- The kick-off to the new thriller series – so atmospheric that one can feel the damp, cold fog on one's skin!
- Two missing girls. An unrelenting moorland landscape. And a community where everyone has something to hide.
- No suspense table is complete without Winkelmann: Over 3 million copies sold



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**Andreas Winkelmann**, born in December 1968 in Lower Saxony, was a baker, soldier, sports teacher, taxi driver, insurance specialist and worked in a honey factory before he devoted himself entirely to writing. He lives in a house over four hundred years old on the edge of the forest near Bremen. When he is not diving into human abysses, he crosses the Alps on foot or hikes at the Arctic Circle, fishes and hunts with bow and arrow in the Canadian wilderness or cycles through Scandinavia. »Boundary experiences broaden the horizon,« he believes.

**Andreas Winkelmann in Top Form: The New Blockbuster by the #1 German Bestselling Author (*Der Spiegel*)**

Thick swathes of fog hang over the marshlands when the 18-year-old twins Nike and Jana do not return from one of their excursions into the moor. The search through the ice-cold, impassable landscape remains unsuccessful; only a camera points to the girls' disappearance. When disturbing images of Jana suddenly appear on her TikTok channel, Commissioner Malia Gold begins to investigate under high pressure. With every step, she sinks deeper into the quagmire of lies and secrets that hold the tight-knit community together. But to find the two sisters, Malia would do anything – even face her own dark past ...

»While reading this book in the sweltering summer heat, I suddenly longed for the capricious weather of the North. The landscape is as rough and unpredictable as the characters Andreas Winkelmann draws. Masterful!« Duygu Maus, Programme Director Knaur Fiction

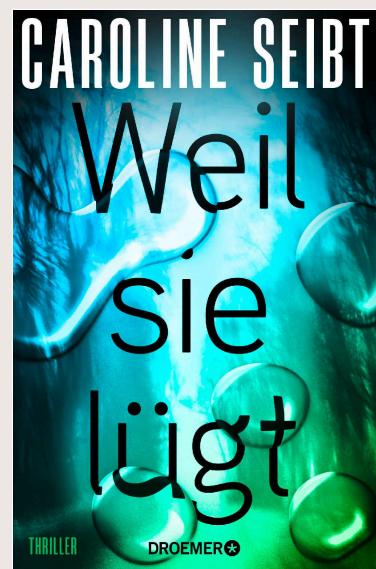
### Further Titles



Caroline Seibt

## Because She Lies

- Two sisters – one truth that tears everything apart
- The new, young and authentic voice in psychological suspense for readers of Emily Rudolf, Vera Buck or Freida McFadden
- Awarded the Glauser Prize (Germany's premier crime fiction award) for Best Debut for *Gestohlenes Kind* (*Stolen Child*)



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**Caroline Seibt** is the award-winning author of *Gestohlenes Kind* (*Stolen Child*). She is a master at building suspense that rises to an almost unbearable level.

Anyone who loves the thrillers of Freida McFadden, Vera Buck or Melanie Raabe will find exactly what they are looking for here.

Pierre Martin

# Madame le Commissaire and the Deadly Rally. A Case for Isabelle Bonnet 13

- As a bodyguard, Madame le Commissaire narrowly escapes an attack during the vintage car rally through the most beautiful places in Provence – from Avignon via the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque and the picturesque mountain village of Gordes to Saint-Tropez
- Holiday flair, a pinch of wit and a tricky case – Pierre Martin's Provence series is a phenomenon and wins new fans with every volume!
- Nine #1 German Bestsellers (*Der Spiegel*) and over 3 million crime novels sold!

**Pierre Martin** is the pseudonym of a successful author who has adopted a new identity for his main character, Madame le Commissaire. All his crime novels featuring Isabelle Bonnet from Fragolin land in the top 10 of the best-seller list shortly after publication.

*Madame le Commissaire und die gefährliche Begierde* (*Madame le Commissaire and the Dangerous Desire*) was most recently #1 on the German Bestseller list (*Der Spiegel*). Also reaching #1 was *Monsieur le Comte und die Kunst des Tötens* (*Monsieur le Comte and the Art of Killing*) – the successful kick-off to a new Southern France series about an aristocratic assassin who has the firm intention of not killing anyone.

## Vintage Car Tour Through Provence – Death Threat Included: The #1 German Bestselling Series (*Der Spiegel*)!

Madame le Commissaire has a secret passion: she is enthusiastic about motorcycles and fast cars. Her boss knows this too – and summarily makes her the bodyguard for a minister's wife. The woman intends to participate in a vintage car rally, even though she has received a death threat. Isabelle likes the woman's courage. However, she finds the fact that she herself is supposed to take the passenger seat less pleasant. Things get dangerous for the first time at the mythical Mont Ventoux: the steep road is perfect for an attack. Although nothing happens there, Isabelle is later called upon multiple times to save the life of her charge. But the passenger of another vintage car is less lucky; she is poisoned. A case of mistaken identity?

»Martin has created a crime series that combines psychologically sound investigations with dreamlike holiday flair. The perfect choice for readers who are looking for more than superficial entertainment,

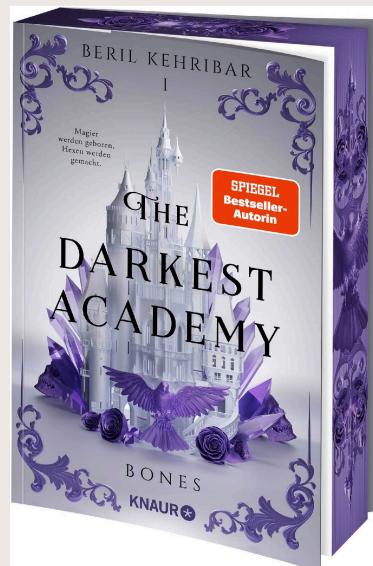
### Further Titles



Beril Kehribar

# The Darkest Academy 1 – Bones

- An orphaned witch lands at the country's most dangerous university: anyone who wants to survive here must stand their ground. And anyone who wants to rule must kill.
- Series launch featuring the tropes *morally grey cast, deadly trials* and *bad girl x bad boys*
- Perfect for witch season: the Gothic *dark romantasy* by **SPIEGEL** Bestselling Author Beril Kehribar



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**Beril Kehribar**, born in 1991, is a #1 **SPIEGEL** Bestselling Author and counts among the most famous names in German fantasy. Her novels thrive on a gloomy atmosphere and darkly shaded characters. They all conquered the top of the bestseller lists instantly. The author can be found on Instagram and TikTok at @beril.kehrbar, where she shares impressions of her daily writing life with her two cats.

**Mages Are Born. Witches Are Made. And Hearts Fall Victim to the Darkest of All Spells.**

Since the death of her parents, Lucinda Cross has survived on the streets of the Undercity, until a surprising invitation changes everything: she is to be taught at Vorgoth, the Academy of Darkest Arts. Here, young criminal witches and warlocks – the oppressed and persecuted of magical society – learn to form bonds with familiars that grant them magical abilities. Between deadly trials and violent fellow students, Luci comes into the sights of two men who are more dangerous than any black magic: the leader of the student elite, Devil Markov, and her professor Ezra Aerion, who knows more about her than he reveals. For her parents' killers are closer than Luci suspects.

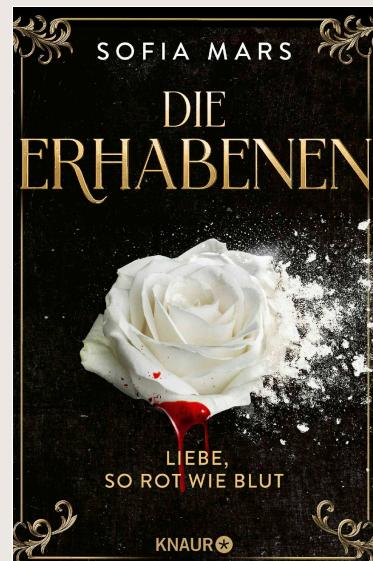
## Further Titles



Sofia Mars

# The Exalted – Love as Red as Blood

- Sofia Mars creates a captivating world in which the fragile coexistence of humans and vampires threatens to shatter
- Featuring the tropes *enemies to lovers* and *forbidden love*
- The kick-off to a romantic vampire duology for fans of Tracey Wolff, Alessia Gold and Romeo and Juliet



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**Sofia Mars** has always been a book-worm, constantly hoping that a fantastic realm would open up on the very next page. As an author, she has since been allowed to create many book worlds herself, yet diving into a new story continues to fascinate her to this day. When **Sofia Mars** is not writing, she can be found in her garden, dishevelled and happy.

## An Exalted One Who Loves a Human Risks Everything – Especially When He Is Her Greatest Enemy

When you feel something for the very first time, and it is as if a sun were being born, blazing within you – how are you supposed to kill this feeling, even if it is a forbidden love? At the Winter Institute, Amalia de Winter is confronted with uncontrollable emotions for the first time in her life. Then, on the remote island in the Kephic Sea, her innate gifts as an Exalted are rendered powerless. Here she meets a young man, a human – and what she feels for him literally throws her world into disarray. Perhaps even into collapse. For Caelan Aberdeen has a mission. One for which the Exalted are prepared to wipe out him and everything around him.

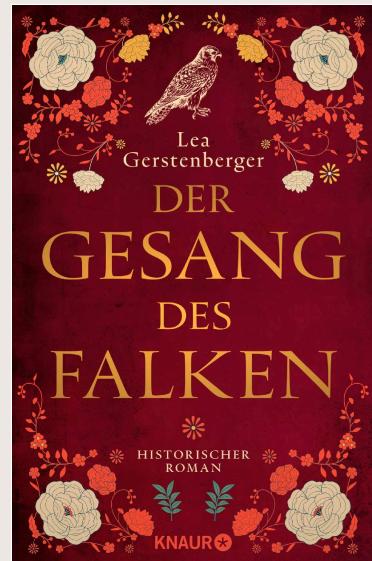
### Further Titles



Lea Gerstenberger

# The Song of the Falcon

- A headstrong young woman seeks her place in court society – and forms a friendship with the young Anne Boleyn
- For lovers of historical novels that allow us to discover the Renaissance as a heyday of culture and science from a female perspective
- For readers of Alison Weir's *The Six Tudor Queens* or Philippa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl*



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**Lea Gerstenberger**, born in 1994, studied Media Culture and History in Freiburg. She now lives in Munich and works in publishing marketing. She has been enthusiastic about books and the past since childhood and combines her two passions on Instagram under @geschichteingeschichten. When she is not holding a book, she swings her crochet hook or travels to places steeped in history.

## France During the Renaissance: Political Intrigue, Friendship and Forbidden Love

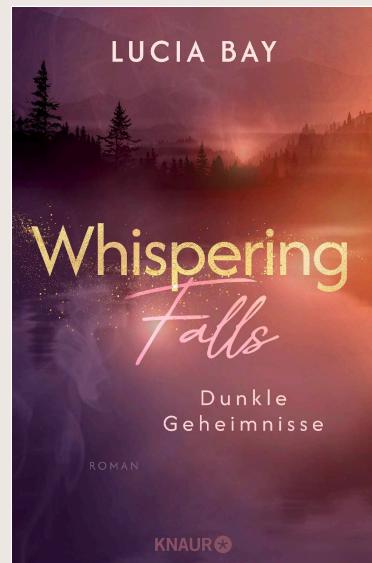
Paris, 1514. With her rebellious nature, Marcelle repeatedly clashes with the royal court. She only truly feels at home when drawing and with her friend Jean, the falconer's son. Together, they secretly train a young falcon. When Marcelle is caught doing so, her father forces her to accept a position as lady-in-waiting to the new Queen Mary Tudor. Her instructor is to be none other than the Englishwoman and lady-in-waiting Anne Boleyn, who is respected for her impeccable manners. But Marcelle quickly realises that a headstrong mind hides behind Anne's accomplished façade. Can their friendship help the two young women find their own way amidst courtly intrigue and forbidden love?

»A novel that brings the world of the French court during the Renaissance to life with fascinating attention to detail – excellently researched and full of gripping intrigue and characters one will not forget.« Noah Martin, author of *Florentia*

Lucia Bay

# Whispering Falls – Dark Secrets

- Dark secrets, explosive investigations and romantic suspense in Canada
- A young heroine, fresh from the police academy: she must prove herself, but her first case pushes her to her limits
- For all fans of Antonia Wesseling, Kristina Moninger and Bianca Iosivoni



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Dreaming up stories has always been **Lucia Bay's** greatest passion. With *Whispering Falls – Dunkle Geheimnisse* (*Whispering Falls – Dark Secrets*), she presents her first standalone Romantic Suspense novel, which whisks readers away to wild and romantic Canada. The author lives and works near Frankfurt.

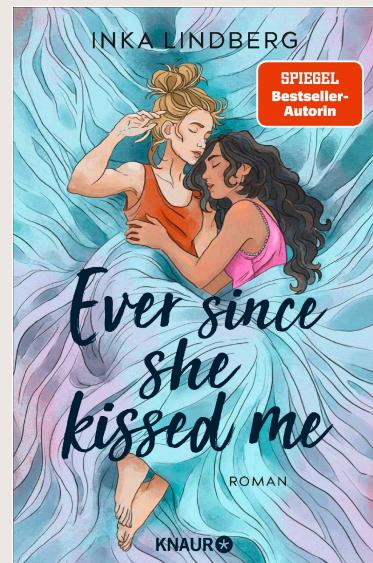
## A Young Police Officer Between Love and Mortal Danger

Whispering Falls, Canada. Ever since she was a child, Amaya wanted to join the police force. Now, after graduating from the police academy, her dream has become reality. But she did not expect to have to solve the murder of a young student in her very first case. On top of that, her partner Tate lets her know that he considers her inexperienced and incompetent. Against her will, however, Amaya is impressed by Tate's calm, professional manner. She is almost determined to show him what she is made of, and indeed finds a crucial clue. For what initially looks like a romantic drama turns out to be a much more explosive case – and soon Amaya herself becomes the hunted.

Inka Lindberg

## Ever Since She Kissed Me

- A young woman who has lost herself – and the second chance to find herself and her great love again
- Touching, sweeping and authentic: SPIEGEL Bestselling Author Inka Lindberg narrates important themes with unique intensity
- Large fanbase: 65,000 Instagram followers



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Inka Lindberg lost her heart somewhere between the Cathedral and the Rhine and lives in Cologne with her two dogs. On social media, the author shares her life as a »professional procrastinator« under @einfachinka. Queerness, justice and mental health are topics that are particularly important to her. Instagram: @einfachinka TikTok: @einfachinka

### Longing, Guilt and the Courage to Choose Oneself: The New Queer Romance by Bestselling Author Inka Lindberg

Lola does not come first. She does not even come second or third. Sometime at the end of the day, when she collapses into bed after medication schedules and doctor's visits with her father, who is suffering from dementia, she can think of herself. Who Lola actually is, she no longer knows – certainly no longer the young school leaver who dreamt of Australia with Maxi. Maxi, her former best friend. The one who went without her. The one she never confessed her feelings to. The one who fell in love in Australia, while she stayed with her father who was slowly forgetting her. Then Max stands at her door, tearing open old wounds, bringing feelings of guilt and longing, but also a small spark of hope.

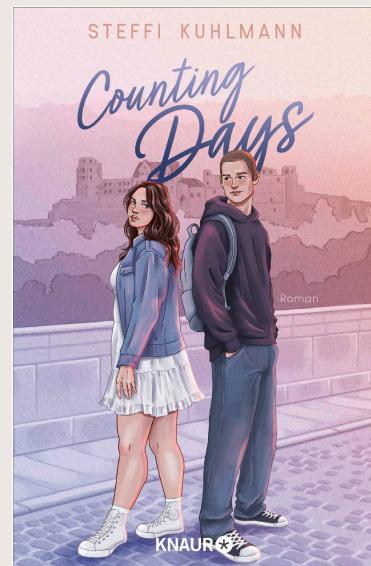
### Further Titles



Steffi Kuhlmann

## Counting Days

- An empathetic romance that gets under your skin yet remains an absolute feel-good read
- For readers of Jennifer Bright and Brittainy C. Cherry
- Featuring the tropes *scars from the past, found family and second chance*



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### He Broke Her Heart. And Yet He Never Stopped Loving Her...

Heartbroken, Lia fled Heidelberg three years ago. Only when her twin brother ends up in hospital in mortal danger does she reluctantly return home. There, willy-nilly, she encounters the love of her life again: Alex. The man who broke her heart into tiny pieces. Nevertheless, he still gets under her skin. Alex has sworn not to let a woman get close to him again. Between his studies, his job and worrying about his unstable mother, he simply lacks the time. When he learns the reason for Lia's return, however, he cannot stay away from her. But as the two get closer again, their old problems catch up with them...

**Steffi Kuhlmann** was born in Heidelberg in 1999 and lives today with a lot of plants, books and a touch of chaos in beautiful Hamburg. When she is not writing, she drinks too much coffee in her favourite cafés, listens to audio-books or watches *Gilmore Girls* for the hundredth time. On Instagram, she shares her love of books, writing and everything else that moves her. *Counting Days* marks the publication of her debut novel in 2026. Instagram: @steffischreibtcoolman

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