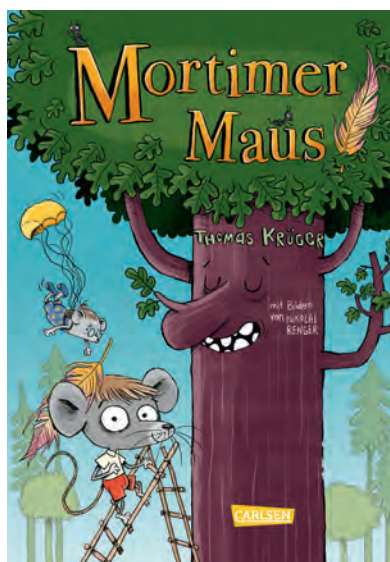
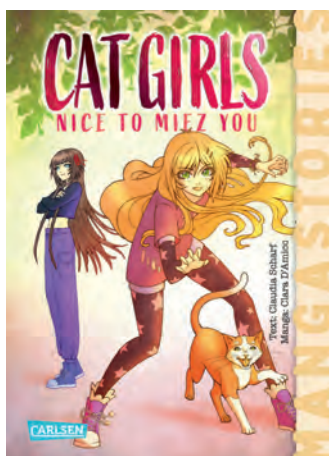
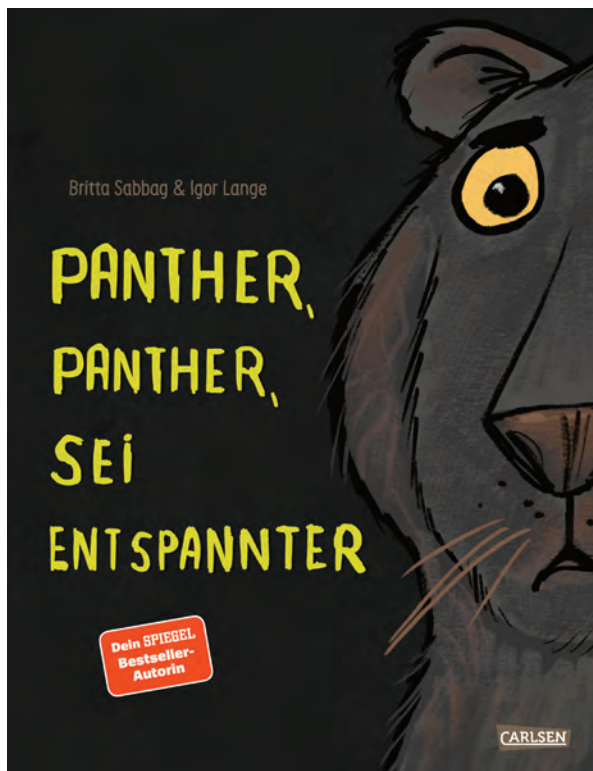


# Foreign Rights Catalogue 2024





# Dear Publishers,

We've really outdone ourselves with this line-up. Not that our previous line-ups were any less successful, but this one clearly shows what we're good at, and what we've done especially well this time: making books that find readers. **Our books travel, reach people, and move them.** Here with us, everybody can find a book – no matter what role books have played in their life so far, where they come from, or what they expect from books, they will find at least one in our collection.

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# Already a picture-book prizewinner

- An aesthetic adventure and a real eye-catcher
- A unique trip of discovery: what do hats reveal about us?
- Winner of the *Hamburg Picture-Book Prize 2023*

This **masterfully illustrated picture book** is also a **unique cultural history of hats**. Using hats as examples, it shows how diverse our world is. Because not only are hats and head coverings attractive and eye-catching, but they can also achieve the exact opposite by making their wearers invisible, in a sense, protecting them from stares.

The book's subject is vibrantly portrayed: One hat is presented across from the next in single-page layouts, followed by double-paged, and so alternate throughout. Numerous detailed close-ups help the focus and flow. Hats off!



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With *Hats*, **Karen Exner** is publishing her first (and hopefully not last) picture book with Carlsen.

**Previous winners of the same picture book award:**



#### Spider Plays Piano

160 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm

Age: 3+

ISBN 978-3-551-52222-1

Sold to: Italy, Slovakia, Korea, Spain (Catalan / Castilian), Netherlands, China



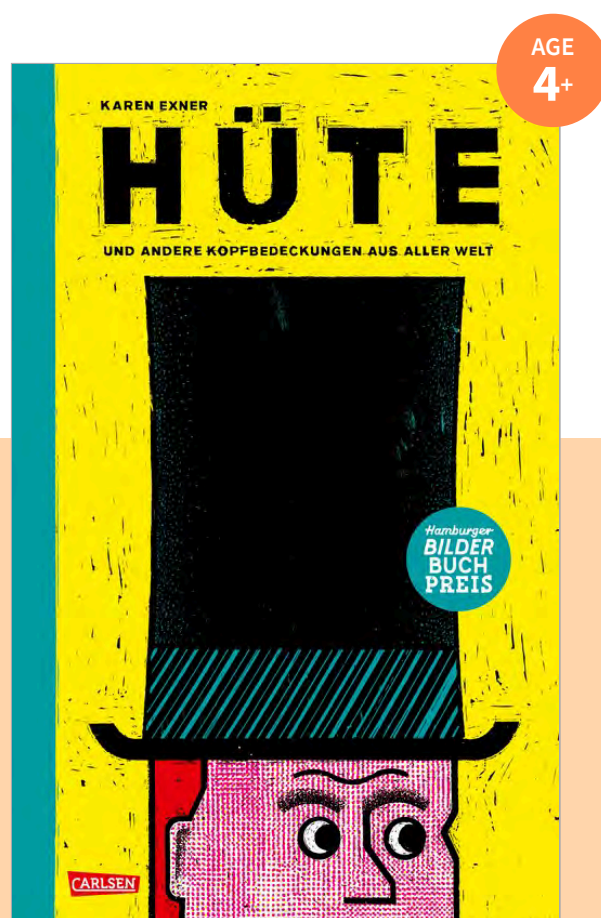
#### Train of Fish

32 pages • 29,7 × 21,5 cm

Age: 5+

ISBN 978-3-551-51197-3

World Rights available



AGE  
4+

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**Karen Exner**

#### Hats

96 pages • 21,0 × 33,0 cm

Age: 4+

ISBN 978-3-551-52291-7

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## BRITTA SABBAG

studied linguistics, psychology, and educational theory. After her best-selling debut novel, she devoted herself to children's literature with equal success.

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## IGOR LANGE

Little Igor Lange drew his own stories on tables and walls – superheroes, adventures. It's books now, not walls. His dream became his profession, but there's still something of a child in him.

### INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR BRITTA SABBAG

There are several picture books that deal with the subject of children's feelings. What's different about the picture book series with your texts and the terrific pictures by Igor Lange?

Emotions are often viewed very seriously – I wanted books that were lighter, more humorous. That's especially useful when the situation is tense. Because laughing always helps, doesn't it?

What was there first – the feelings you wanted to talk about or the animals with which certain qualities are associated? And is there an animal you can identify with?

The elephant in the first book was inspired by my son, who's really stubborn – I guess he got that from me ;-). The panther isn't a particularly relaxed animal per se, so that's why he first had to learn that. And an emotional polar bear, which is in fact dangerous but at the same time needs a hug, is a creature we can all understand. There are many times we also wrestle with conflicting emotions, and I really wanted to show that.

Can you tell us more about the third volume, where the main character is a little polar bear?

The polar bear is very emotional and doesn't yet know how to deal with these feelings. At the beginning he thinks he reacts "too much" or "too strongly," and that that's not a desirable characteristic, so he feels bad about himself. But gradually he catches on that the other animals are perfectly okay with this. And he feels better about himself – doesn't perceive his emotions as a burden anymore, but rather part of his personality. It was immensely important to me to get this across to children.



# An ingenious picture book series on the subject of feelings

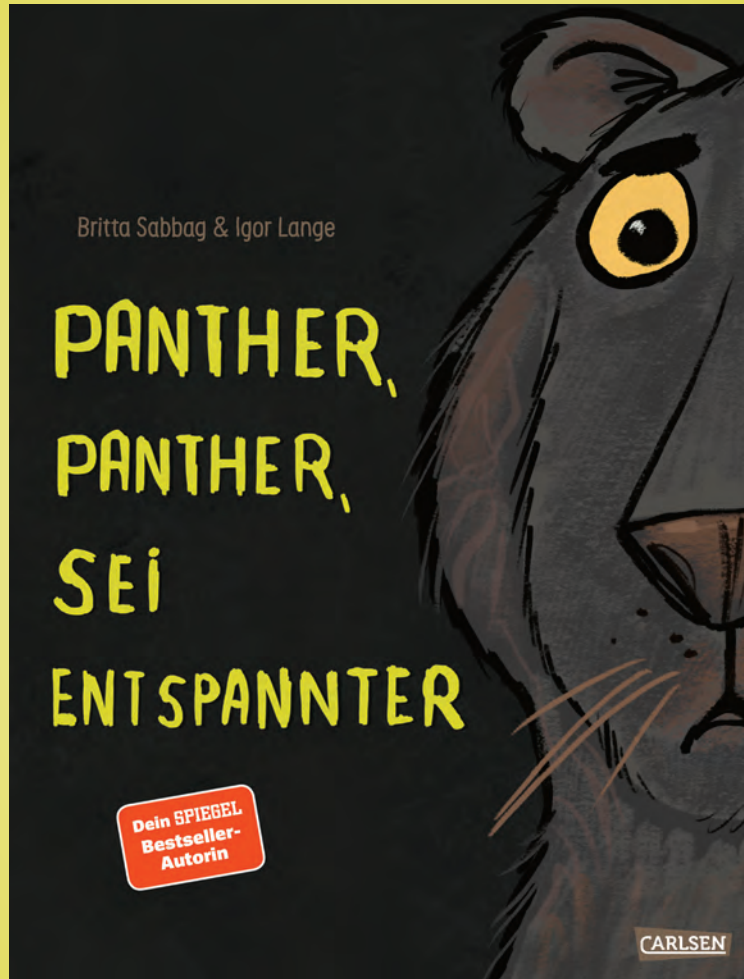


Elephant Wants to Get His Own Way (vol. 1)  
32 pages

**SOLD TO:** DENMARK



Polar Bear's Sad, But Feelings Aren't Bad (vol. 3)  
32 pages



Britta Sabbag, Igor Lange (Ill.)  
Panther Finds It's Best to Unwind (vol. 2)

32 pages, 22.0 x 28.6 cm

Age: 3+

ISBN 978-3-551-52284-9

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- Volume 2 of the feelings series deals with mindfulness and calming down
- Child-friendly texts with wonderfully expressive pictures
- Volume 3: POLAR BEAR'S SAD, BUT FEELINGS AREN'T BAD to be released in Fall 2024

Who doesn't know the feeling? Those days, those evenings, those moments when you're full of nervous tension you just can't get rid of. That's exactly how the panther feels. Actually, he's already quite tired, but he just can't settle down. And none of the helpful tips from the other animals in the rainforest work for him. Until – wouldn't you know it – the sloth comes up with a brilliant idea!

**Each of the three picture books concentrates on a certain feeling and helps parents as well as children to deal with strong emotions in a calmer way – terrific books for the whole family!**

## Caring and colorful environmental awareness

- Sensitizes children to environmental protection
- Children learn how important bees and insects are for the eco-system



Dörte Diestel, Mascha Greune (Ill.)  
**The Bee Family Are Moving**  
 24 pages • 15,7 × 15,7 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-03363-5  
 02/2024

The Bee family must **move away from their cozy home in the strawberry field because the field has been sprayed with a poisonous herbicide**. Along with the other inhabitants, the bees go searching for a new home.

## About a secret that wouldn't have to be one

- Everyone can contribute their skills and preferences – and is free to say what those are
- Working together is fun and builds confidence



Christian Dreller, Cathy Ionescu (Ill.)  
**Hoppy's Easter Secret**  
 32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52193-4  
 02/2024

Hoppy the Easter bunny doesn't feel like coloring eggs and hiding them. Reluctantly, he gets to work anyway. After all, it's what everybody expects of him, Hoppy thinks...

Fortunately, there are many other animals who do enjoy coloring and hiding eggs, and in the end, all the eggs are decorated beautifully and hidden. Unfortunately, Hoppy thinks that he can't tell anyone that he got so much help. **Along with Hoppy, all kids learn that some secrets you don't have to keep, and it's better to say what you like and don't like to do.**

# Tender story about a stuffed animal and a child

- Touching story that is both reassuring and adventurous
- Kids will simply love this story from a stuffed animal's point of view!
- A story close to a child's world that kids will be captivated by

**Mimi and Lina are inseparable.** Mimi is a stuffed animal that Lina takes with her everywhere. **But one day Mimi goes missing.**

The amazing and very special aspect of this story, along with the happy end, is the point of view. **The story is told by the stuffed animal!**



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**Grit Poppe's** young adult book, *Locked Away*, won, among other awards, the *Gustav Heinemann Peace Prize for Children's and Young Adult Books*, and is read in German schools. We're overjoyed that she has now written a picture book!

**Erica Salcedo's** illustrations have been published world-wide by a great variety of publishing houses, and her other projects have also crossed borders. She comes from Spain, and *Mimi and Lina* is her first (but hopefully not last) picture book with Carlsen.



Grit Poppe, Erica Salcedo (Ill.)  
**Mimi und Lina**

32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm

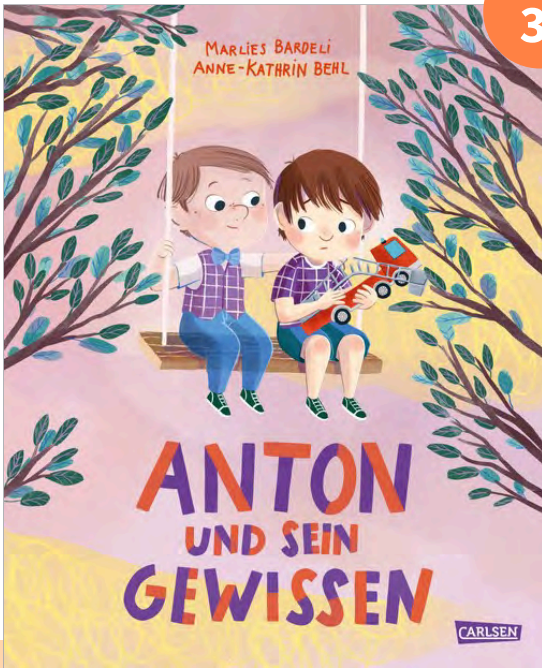
Age: 3+

ISBN 978-3-551-52197-2

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Reassuring support on the subjects of “conscience” and “apologizing”

- Getting to know one’s inner voice as an important part of the self
- Shows kids how good it feels to say you’re sorry



Marlies Bardeli, Anne-Kathrin Behl (Ill.)  
**Anton and His Conscience**  
 32 pages • 22,6 × 27,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52176-7  
 03/2024

**Anton broke a friend’s fire engine. But he’s afraid to tell her.** Then a voice in him pipes up: his conscience. It wants to help him put things right. Anton doesn’t particularly want to listen to this voice and tries to ignore it. But **the conscience won’t let itself be shaken off.** Anton discovers that the voice is a part of himself, and when he can finally tell his friend he’s sorry, he feels good about himself.

Getting picked up from kindergarten – an important subject for all kids in daycare

- About the magic powers of imagination
- Encouraging message for all kids who get picked up later from kindergarten



Johanna Lindemann, Mareike Ammersken (Ill.)  
**Picked Up!**  
 32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52187-3  
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Every day, **Ben is the very last kid who gets picked up from kindergarten.** His dad is a single parent and has to work long days. Because he’s tired of the pitying looks he gets from the other kids and their parents, **he thinks up exciting adventures that his dad is always having** and that make the other kids’ jaws drop. Who wants to get picked up first anyway?



# A child-friendly explanation of why a little order is a good thing

- Well-suited to pedagogical work
- Supports tidying-up rituals in families and kindergartens
- With tips for keeping order and cleaning up with kids

AGE  
**3+**

In her messy den, Hazel isn't even able to find the hazelnut she so desperately needs right now – because she's hungry and would love to eat it! And then, as if in a dream, a tidying-up robot appears and puts Hazel's den in order. But then Hazel's dream bursts when the robot sees how pleasant it is to just laze around and not clean up.



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**Xóchil Schütz** writes poems and stories for adults and children.

**Horst Hellmeier** works as freelance illustrator. When he's not illustrating, he enjoys walks in the wood.

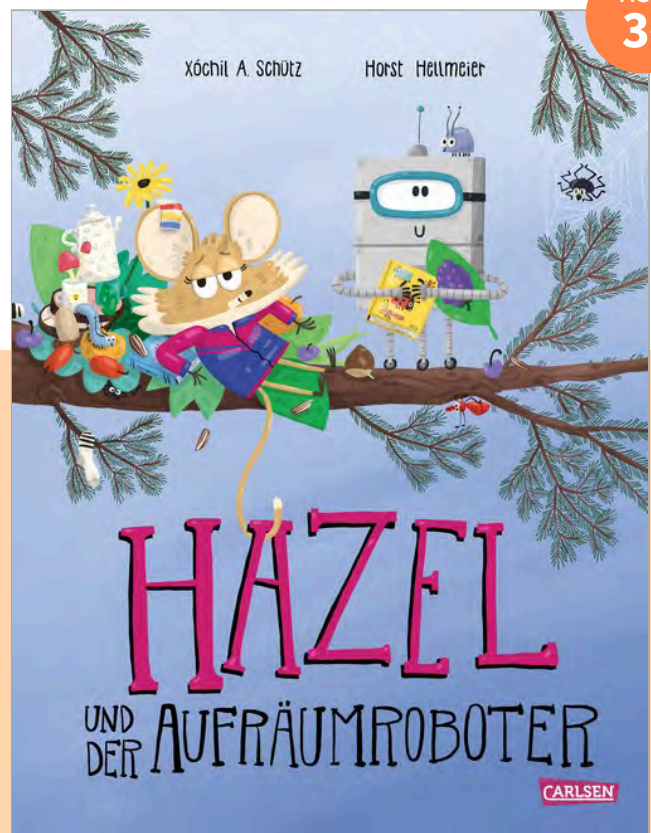
**Other titles from the same author:**



**The Fabulous Swapped Santa Gifts**  
32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
Age: 3+  
ISBN 978-3-551-51922-1  
Sold to: Denmark, Russia, Finland



**Here Comes Polly the Easter Cow**  
32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
Age: 3+  
ISBN 978-3-551-51061-7



**Xóchil Schütz, Horst Hellmeier (Ill.)**  
**Hazel and the Tidying-Up Robot**  
32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
Age: 3+  
ISBN 978-3-551-52210-8  
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## Moving picture book about the life of a refugee girl

Empathetic story about one of 40 million children worldwide who are currently displaced



Saša Stanišić, Regina Kehn (Ill.)  
**Ava on One Leg**  
 ca. 24 pages • 10,0 × 10,0 cm  
 Age: 3+  
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**Ava comes from Afghanistan and lives in a refugee shelter.** Everything here is unfamiliar to her, and the situation is overwhelming. It's good that she has her loving father and her stuffed animal, and that she is and remains the one-and-only Ava.

We thank **Saša Stanišić and Regina Kehn** for this **masterpiece**. The story helps children understand what a refugee child might experience, teaches empathy, and provides opportunities for discussion.

## A treasure by Axel Scheffler

A masterpiece since 1999



Axel Scheffler  
**Father Squirrel Falls from the Tree**  
 ca. 24 pages • 10,0 × 10,0 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 04/2024

**During a storm, Father Squirrel is thrown from the nest. Two children find him** completely exhausted in the park and nurse him a little too “lovingly” back to health: He is blow-dried, dressed, fed with nut-nougat cream, and wheeled around in a doll’s baby carriage.

But while walking in the park, the two children find out that he has a family that misses him, and they realize that Father Squirrel won’t really be happy with eating nut-nougat cream and wearing a doll’s outfit. **Now they’re going to risk their necks in an attempt (which ends happily!) to reunite the family.**

## Andreas Steinhöfel and Nadia Budde in a picture book!

What an author/illustrator dream couple!



Andreas Steinhöfel, Nadia Budde (Ill.)  
**All I Could Wish For**  
 ca. 24 pages • 10,0 × 10,0 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 04/2024

A picture book all about the question, **“If you could wish for anything...”** Even the author doesn’t really know what he should write down. Nothing seems to work. **What can the reader expect to find? A prose poem, unrhymed, hilarious, and an Andreas Steinhöfel-Nadia Budde book that couldn’t be any better!**

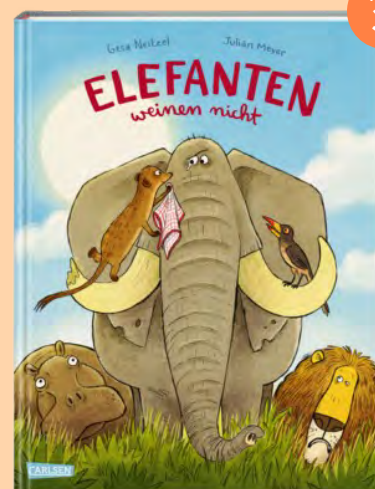
# Picture book recommendations from our backlist



Jennifer Coulmann (Ill.), Almut Schnerring  
**Fluffy**  
 32 pages • 22,6 × 27,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52166-8  
 Sold to: Denmark, Hungary



Benjamin Gottwald (Ill.)  
**Spider Plays Piano**  
 160 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52222-1  
 Sold to: Italy, Slovakia, Korea, Spain  
 (Catalan / Castillian), Netherlands, China



Gesa Neitzel, Julian Meyer (Ill.)  
**Elephants Don't Cry**  
 32 pages • 22,6 × 27,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52175-0  
 Sold to: Romania, Netherlands, Denmark,  
 Korea, Turkey



Sandra Niebuhr-Siebert, Lars Baus (Ill.)  
**Mina's Discovering a New World**  
 48 pages • 27,5 × 25,5 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51270-3  
 Sold to: Denmark, Turkey, Greece, Arabic  
 world rights, UK, Russia



Wiebke Rauer (Ill.), Melanie Baumert  
**The Popleknocks**  
 32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52162-0  
 Sold to: Romania, Russia



Doris Eisenburger  
**The Little Red Bus - In the City**  
 ca. 40 pages • 24,5 × 30,6 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51924-5  
 Sold to: Denmark, Russia, Poland,  
 Romania, Ukraine

# Bestsellers everywhere!

AGE  
3+

**Nanna Neßhöver, Eleanor Sommer (Ill.)**  
**When I'm Angry**  
 48 pages • 21,0 × 25,7 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51838-5  
 Sold to: Denmark, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey,  
 Romania, Poland, Slovenia, Hungary,  
 Russia

AGE  
4+

**Daniela Kunkel (Ill.)**  
**The Little US (vol. 1)**  
 40 pages • 22,3 × 22,5 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51874-3  
 Sold to: Denmark, Sweden, Romania,  
 Russia, Poland, PR China, Taiwan, Croatia,  
 Iran, Turkey, Korea

AGE  
3+

**Jennifer Coulmann**  
**Presents Big and Small**  
 32 pages • 22,1 × 28,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51993-1  
 Sold to: Korea, Denmark, Greece, Hungary,  
 Finland, Slovakia, Russia, Latvia, Romania,  
 Turkey, Czech Rep.

AGE  
4+

**Jutta Bauer**  
**Grandpa's Angel**  
 48 pages • 21,6 × 25,6 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52161-3  
 Sold to: South Africa (reverted), PR China,  
 The Netherlands (reverted), Korea,  
 Romania, Slovakia, Spain (Cast.), France  
 (reverted), UK English ww, Sweden (revert.),  
 Thailand, Japan (reverted), Italy, Denmark,  
 Slovenia (revert.), Portuguese Language  
 Worldwide, Iraq

AGE  
3+

**Marc-Uwe Kling, Astrid Henn (Ill.)**  
**The Unicorn That Loved Saying No**  
 48 pages • 22,6 × 27,6 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51841-5  
 Sold to: Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Korea,  
 Romania, Taiwan, UK, Poland, PR China,  
 Finland, Russia, Spain (Cast., Cat., Basque &  
 Galician), Netherlands, France, Iceland,  
 Slovakia, Greece, Ukraine, Portugal, Serbia,  
 Bulgaria, Turkey, Lithuania, Norway,  
 Sweden, Czech Rep., Iran

## Re-issue of a Conni classic

With helpful ideas for a child's birthday party

## A book for all older siblings

A great book to give to all children who are getting a younger sibling

## Conni accompanies kids through everyday life

Teaching skills for every kindergarten kid & preschooler



Liane Schneider, Janina Görrissen (Ill.), Marc Rueda (Ill.)  
**Conni's Birthday**  
 ca. 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
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Liane Schneider, Janina Görrissen (Ill.), Marc Rueda (Ill.)  
**Conni and Her Little Brother**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
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Liane Schneider, Hanna Sörensen, Janina Görrissen (Ill.), Marc Rueda (Ill.)  
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**Conni is really looking forward to her birthday!** Because not only will there be a special birthday breakfast and presents, but a party, too, with lots of games and a terrific treasure hunt. And **best of all: All her friends are coming!**

**Conni is overjoyed that she's a big sister now.** But sometimes her little brother can really be a pain. And somehow, **Mom and Dad don't have so much time for her** anymore. Still, in the end, she's the proudest big sister in the world!

**Arguing and making up again are part of children's everyday life.** Every child occasionally experiences squabbles at home or in kindergarten: someone is mean or doesn't want to share. With Conni, kids see that they're not the only ones with these problems, and **they learn how to solve conflicts.**

## A Conni story about diversity and friendship

Children learn how multi-faceted and diverse families are

## Nature and environmental protection for young readers

An educational first-reader book with light-hearted illustrations

## Reading matter about teen love and career choices

The Conni 10+ novels have already sold over 1 million copies



AGE  
3+

Liane Schneider, Janina Görrißen (Ill.), Marc Rueda (Ill.), Julia Boehme, Herdis Albrecht (Ill.)  
**Conni and World Children's Day**  
 32 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm  
 Age: 3+  
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AGE  
7+

Julia Boehme, Herdis Albrecht (Ill.)  
**Conni and the Adventure in the Woods (vol. 43)**  
 96 pages • 14,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 7+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-55633-2  
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AGE  
10+

Dagmar Hoßfeld, Barbara Korthues (Ill.)  
**Conni, Dina, and the Love Quiz (vol. 10)**  
 224 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-55880-0  
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**Conni is lucky to have friends from all over the world, so she's able to learn a lot about other cultures. She discovers differences as well as things they have in common.**

**Conni spends a weekend in Camp Wilderness.** She hunts for animal tracks, plants trees, and **has to learn to get along in the group, because this time she's without any of her friends from home.** When she and two girls she thinks are really mean get lost and have to escape from wild pigs by climbing a tree stand, the three of them must stick together.

In volume 10 of *Conni & Co.*, Conni thinks about what career she might be interested in. Also, she and her friend Dina wonder whether a secret admirer might be behind the presents that Dina's been getting recently.

# New *Conni* series for kids 8 and up

- new CONNI series that fills the gap between first-reader and first proper novel
- important step to gently turn kids into readers

In terms of content, this new *Conni* series is, for the most part, unrelated to the others. **In the new series, Conni goes on vacation, and she experiences completely different adventures than at home or in school.** Brand-new, but still Conni: In this series too, **children learn things worth knowing, from hard facts to soft skills.**

Conni's a little nervous when she sets off for summer camp without any of her friends. But she soon makes new friends there, enjoys a summer sitting by the campfire, sleeping in the treehouse, making fashion out of recycled materials, and going on hikes with her new friends.



**Barbara Iland-Olschewski** works as a director and editor for television. But she has the most fun writing stories for children.

**Sabine Legien** takes a humorous approach to illustrating children's books, which she's been doing since 2004.

### Series launch with two volumes!



**Adventure Fun with Conni: Conni and the Sailing Trip (vol. 2)**  
 128 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19172-4



AGE  
8+

**Barbara Iland-Olschewski, Sabine Legien (Ill.)**  
**Adventure Fun with Conni: Conni at Summer Camp (vol. 1)**  
 128 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19171-7  
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# Ideal for learning to read: small text units in combination with lots of colorful pictures

- Valuable information about nature and animals
- Short sentences and easy words for the very first read-alone adventures



Julia Boehme, Herdis Albrecht (Ill.)  
**Conni and the Squirrel (vol. 7)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-18980-6  
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AGE  
6+

Reading with *Conni* means that **children get acquainted with stories that are very similar to their own experiences.** The texts awaken kids' curiosity about reading, make them hungry for more books, and motivate them to read by themselves. In this new adventure, children **also learn things about squirrels and become sensitized to the importance of protecting nature.**



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**Julia Boehme** has a proven talent for telling children good stories. And she's been doing just that for many years now!

**Herdis Albrecht** lives in Berlin. She likes illustrating picture books but also works as a cartoon animator.

## Two previous volumes:



**Conni and the Friendship Stars (vol. 6)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69068-5



**Conni and the Adventure on the Farm (vol. 5)**  
 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19058-1



# Conni's new activity books



Hanna Sörensen, Ulrich Velte (Ill.)  
**My Conni Coloring Book**  
 80 pages • 19,0 × 27,0 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19180-9



Hanna Sörensen, Uli Velte (Ill.)  
**Springtime Fun with Conni**  
 96 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19173-1



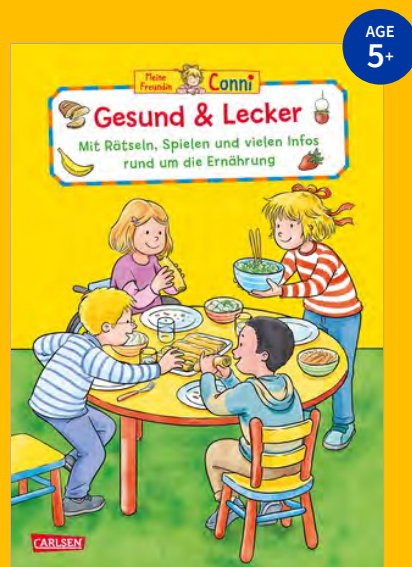
Hanna Sörensen, Ulrich Velte (Ill.)  
**My Super-Sized Book of Crafts**  
 160 pages • 18,5 × 25,0 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19181-6



Hanna Sörensen, Ulrich Velte (Ill.)  
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 24 pages • 19,0 × 27,0 cm  
 Age: 5+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-19129-8



Hanna Sörensen, Ulrich Velte (Ill.)  
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## Father-child adventure that promotes bonding

- Easy-to-do ideas for father-child days
- Will have dads and kids eagerly anticipating their own father-child days

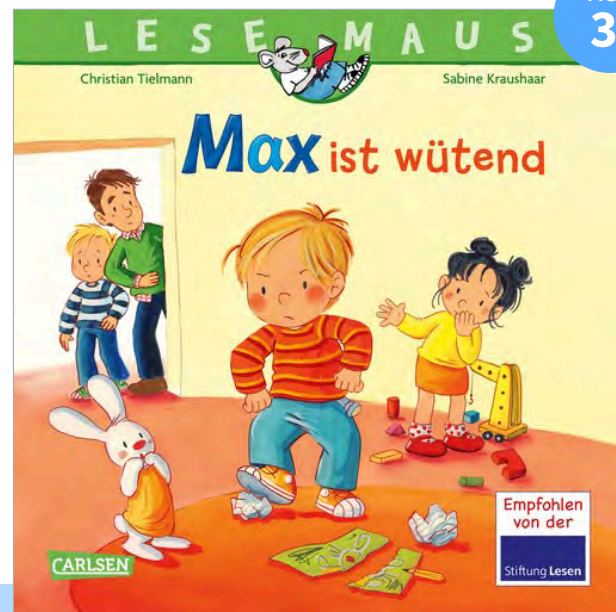


Christian Tielmann, Sabine Kraushaar (Ill.)  
**Max and the Dad Weekend**  
 32 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52326-6  
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**Max and his father have the house to themselves and decide to do everything they feel like doing.** Now begins a father-son adventure that's worthy of imitation!

## Learning how to deal with anger

- A valuable aid in talking about what it's like when you're "mad"
- Pedagogical guide for parents and child carers



Sabine Kraushaar (Ill.), Christian Tielmann  
**Max is Mad**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-08033-2  
 Sold to: Turkey, Slovakia  
 03/2024

By the time they're **part of a kindergarten group**, at the latest, **children find out how important it is to deal with anger**: how to express themselves and then get over those angry feelings again. Max demonstrates that to all children and grown-up readers in a way that is both understandable and relatable.

# MILA is our new character alongside CONNI & MAX



Anna Wagenhoff, Frau Annika (Ill.)  
**Mila Doesn't Go With Just Anyone (vol. 1)**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-08380-7



Anna Wagenhoff, Frau Annika (Ill.)  
**Mila Finds a New Friend (vol. 2)**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-08381-4



Anna Wagenhoff, Frau Annika (Ill.)  
**Mila Is Angry (vol. 3)**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-08383-8



Anna Wagenhoff, Frau Annika (Ill.)  
**Mila Isn't Afraid of the Dark (vol. 4)**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-08382-1



## JUDITH ALLERT

lives in the middle of nowhere on an old farm with her husband and many animals. She enjoys thinking up new stories while weeding and making space for flowers in her garden.

## SIMONA M. CECCARELLI

has the ability to create views into other worlds on a sheet of paper. Before she studied art and started illustrating children's media, she was a scientist.



Mila, Pelle und Jonas können gerade so gar nicht stillsitzen. Sie haben nämlich etwas ungeheuer Wichtiges vor. Zusammen mit Anja, der Mama von der kleinen Lilly, kümmern sie sich um den Gemisegarten. Heute wird angesät! Und das in Milas, Jonas' und Pelles eigenem Beet!  
»So, ihr drei. Was wollt ihr denn alles anpflanzen? Überlegt mal, was ihr gerne esst!«, fragt Anja. Pelle muss nicht mal eine Sekunde überlegen.  
»Pommes!«, ruft er sofort. »Und Schokolade!«  
»Okay, für die Pommes brauchen wir Kartoffeln«, sagt Anja. »Die wachsen aber nicht aus Samen. Man

steckt einfach eine Kartoffel in den Boden. Und dafür ist es noch zu früh.«  
»Und wie pflanzt man Schokolade?«, fragt Mila.  
»Schokolade ist aus Kakao. Das sind Bohnen«, sagt Jonas. »Aber ich glaube, die wachsen nicht bei uns. Die brauchen es wärmer.«  
»Die Schokolade gibt es einfach nachher als Belohnung!«, sagt Anja und dagegen hat auch niemand was.

...hmökernacht und Mila,  
...hängt und bunte  
...Matratzen liegen auf  
...Plexe - und ganz viele  
...aufgetürmt. Dicke  
...Bilder. Alte Bücher,  
...chon Lieselottes Urgroß-  
...dem Möbelstück also ist  
...noch richtig jung.

Zum Glück ist  
ten schlecht  
einem Gipsf  
Das ist da  
Risottos et  
»Dann m  
»Urlaub  
ganz verk  
Mila ru

»Aber Ostf...  
und dem Strand kriegen wir auch noch hin.«

Und natürlich gibt es einen Strand und ein...

# A fun, read-aloud book about a multi-family house where everyone sticks together



Judith Allert,  
Simona M. Ceccarelli (Ill.)  
**Nr. 7 Risotto Street**  
128 pages, 21.0 x 25.7 cm  
Age: 4+  
ISBN 978-3-551-52170-5  
02/2024

- Upbeat read-aloud book with lovable characters
- With terrific pictures by popular illustrator Simona Ceccarelli
- Stories involving year-round, four-season fun

In Nr. 7 Risotto Street, four families live together under one roof. No wonder there's always lots of adventure afoot! The big communal breakfast, for instance, where all the kids suddenly become detectives when one of the chocolate-chip muffins disappears. Or the improvised "staycation". Or when the children build a squirrel house, or throw a costume party, or search through the contents of attic boxes for things to give to charity...

**One house, tons of fun: 15 read-aloud stories about the everyday adventures of the congenial community of grown-ups, children, and animals living at Nr. 7 Risotto Street.**

Inspiring and empowering story about a girl with a physical handicap

- Scientifically verified facts
- Sensitizes readers to issues for people with “handicaps”



AGE  
5+

Raúl Krauthausen, Adina Hermann, Laura Rosendorfer (Ill.)  
**When Ela Conquered Outer Space**  
 96 pages • 16,0 × 21,6 cm  
 Age: 5+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52246-7  
 03/2024

**Ela wants to be an astronaut, but because she's in a wheelchair, not everyone believes it's possible.** But she finds support and stays true to her dream. In the end, she learns that one way or another, she can and will fulfill her dreams. And along with her, readers find out in a touching way that **there are indeed many paths that lead to the stars.**

The book is very-well suited to pedagogical work.

Everyday adventures that empower kids in difficult situations

- With lots of info and spontaneous questions for children and those reading aloud
- Discussion topics contained in short, everyday stories



AGE  
4+

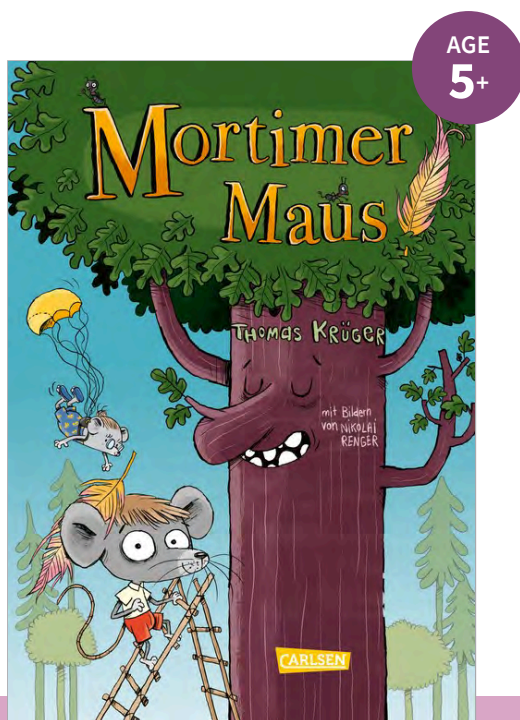
Regina Feldmann, Judyta Smykowski, Christiane Fürtges (Ill.)  
**We'll Tackle It and Talk of It**  
 ca. 80 pages • 20,0 × 22,9 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52299-3  
 06/2024

**Children tell about their daily lives and how they've learned to assert themselves, set boundaries, and talk about what's troubling them.** The book shows how you can say things that are supposedly unspeakable, and that everyone knows how it is to feel that you can't talk about certain things.

The book **encourages children to speak up** when they've had a difficult or confusing experience. An afterword **helps parents and carers categorize what children tell them, and also serves as a how-to guide.**

About wanting to be big – a yearning kids know well

- Convincing positive message: you're just right the way you are
- Big, magical, read-aloud fun for the whole family



Thomas Krüger, Nikolai Renger (Ill.)

**Mortimer Mouse**

80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm

Age: 5+

ISBN 978-3-551-52211-5

05/2024

**Mortimer isn't an especially big mouse, and that's exactly what he wants to be: big!**

Besides that, he doesn't like it at all when others call him Mo; it's a nickname that makes him sound even smaller than he is!

Mortimer's life changes when **he finally meets someone unbelievably big who wants to be really little**. With the help of a bit of magic, the two of them change places, and **they conclude that their original sizes are just right for them, after all**.

Light-hearted stories for spring – makes a perfect present

- Sticking together, supporting each other, and recognizing that everyone has their strengths
- Read-aloud fun by an experienced author and illustrator



Madlen Ottenschläger, Christine Thau (Ill.)

**The Best Easter Ever!**

80 pages • 20,0 × 22,9 cm

Age: 4+

ISBN 978-3-551-52133-0

02/2024

**It's spring** – outside it's finally warming up and turning colors. Actually, **everyone should be happy**. Should be...

If only each and every animal in this treasure trove of stories didn't have something to worry about. But when the animals realize **they can all help each other, their problems become teeny-tiny**, and they can at last enjoy the magic of spring.

# Our most recommended story books

AGE  
4+

Katja Frixte, Sabine Rothmund (Ill.)  
**Fibber Tales**  
 112 pages • 21,0 × 25,7 cm  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52167-5

AGE  
5+

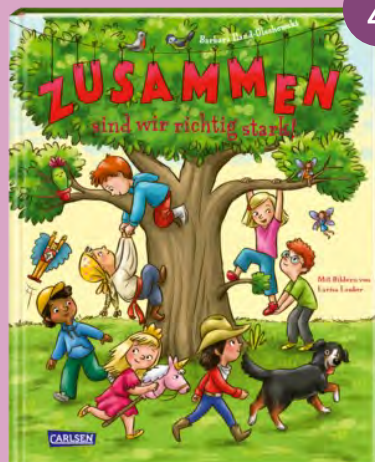
Anke Dörrzapf, Franziska Höllbacher (Ill.)  
**Camille, Hugo, and the Question of the Stinky Sock**  
 80 pages • 20,0 × 22,9 cm  
 Age: 5+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52201-6

AGE  
3+

Nanna Neßhöver, Wiebke Rauters (Ill.)  
**The Little Bat Goway (vol. 1)**  
 64 pages • 20,0 × 22,9 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-51936-8  
 Sold to: Netherlands, Russia, Romania,  
 Hungary, Ukraine

AGE  
3+

Nanna Neßhöver, Petra Eimer (Ill.)  
**The Little Bat Goway (vol. 2)**  
 64 pages • 20,0 × 22,9 cm  
 Age: 3+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52213-9

AGE  
4+

Barbara Iland-Olschewski, Larisa Lauber (Ill.)  
**Together We're Really Strong!**  
 112 pages  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52139-2  
 Sold to: Romania

AGE  
4+

Christian Dreller, Katja Wehner (Ill.)  
**Lisa, Fredi, and the Week of Adventure**  
 ca. 80 pages  
 Age: 4+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-52194-1



# An interactive book for learning to read

- Short units of text combined with lots of pictures
- Comic-book elements take kids' visual habits into account
- The third volume of this exciting escape series: ideal for boys and girls 6 and up

Popular author Christian Tielmann knows how to playfully encourage reading: An exciting story about a soccer match is told around a variety of puzzles. Readers aren't overwhelmed by too-long text segments, and different sorts of puzzles keep things interesting.

**An escape book that can be played repeatedly** – it will keep soccer-loving kids reading!



**Christian Tielmann** studied philosophy and German literature. Since 1999 he has been writing novels for children and young adults. Many of his books have been translated into foreign languages.

**Gerhard Schröder**, born in 1963, studied communications design and illustration in Hamburg. He works as a designer and has published several children's books.



**Caution! Swampy School Way Ahead (vol. 2)**

80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69027-2



**Caution! Steep School Way Ahead (vol. 1)**

80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69028-9



AGE  
6+

Christian Tielmann, Gerhard Schröder (Ill.)  
**Caution! Dirty Offsides Tricks (vol. 3)**

80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69056-2  
04/2024

Hilarious school story for smart-alec early readers

For cheeky youngsters – centered around the themes of community and sticking together



Jasmin Schaudinn, Sabine Mielke (Ill.)  
**The Crude Crew: Gimme an C! (vol. 1)**  
 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69107-1  
 03/2024

Woodwind ensemble? Chess club? Dance group? BO-RING, thinks Danny. **Only in the secret Crude Crew do you learn the really cool stuff:** tardiness with no consequences, belching technique, swear words, for example. **Danny and Nika really want to join, but first they must prove they're crude and crass enough.** Will they pass the test and be allowed to wear the coveted black C on their shoe soles?

Enchanting story about a little fairy's exciting start in school

By the author of the best-selling series *The School of Magical Animals*



Margit Auer, Angela Gstalter (Ill.)  
**Amelie Starts Fairy School**  
 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 5+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69103-3  
 03/2024

**Amelie's tummy is growling. How is she supposed to attend school when there's so much she can't do?** Besides eating cookies, that is. Good thing her friend will be in the same class. He can slide down the hill on his butt. And Amelie quickly learns that she, too, can do a lot more than she thought she could... **A magical "fairy tale" about trusting in your own capabilities.**

Animal adventure for young dog lovers

Important message: Together we are strong



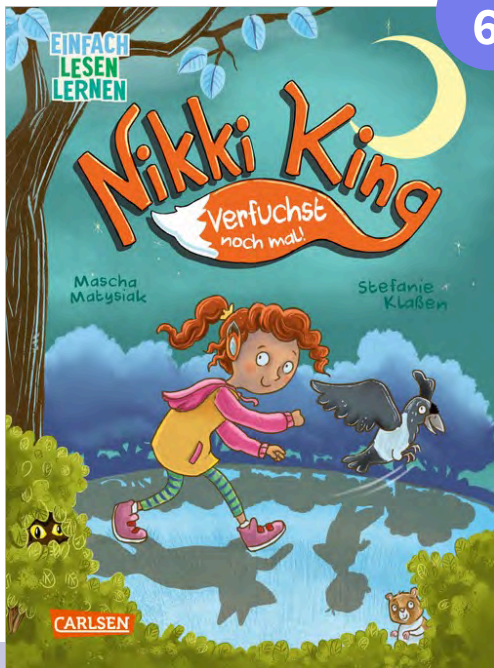
Judith Allert, Sabine Sauter (Ill.)  
**Super Snout: Garbage-Can Hero**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 5+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69081-4  
 03/2024

The stray dog Snout has a life full of adventure, freedom, and good eats – if only it weren't for that other villainous stray dog. To put an end to his dirty dealings, Snout and his furry friends summon up all their courage.

**First-reader fun about friendship and a big-hearted, frizzy-haired hero.**

## Wacky shape-shifter story for early readers

- Series start to the sassy, spirited story of Nikki King
- Imaginatively illustrated



Mascha Matysiak, Stefanie Klaßen (Ill.)  
**Nikki King: Outfoxed Again! (vol.1)**  
 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69105-7  
 05/2024

It's just like any other day at school when **Nikki suddenly starts feeling strange**: Her ears are pointier and fuzzier than normal; she sprouts a bushy red tail, and all at once she develops a ravenous appetite for her hamster, Cuke. But she's a vegetarian! **Will she succeed in taming her inner fox?**

## The best-selling series now for first readers, too!

- Bestselling series *The Most (Un)Boring School in the World*: over 500,000 copies sold
- Main series sold to Romania, Ukraine, Hungary, Slovakia



Sabrina J. Kirschner, Monika Parciak (Ill.)  
**The Most (Un)Boring School in the World: Secret Recess, The Magic Bubble-Gum (vol.1)**  
 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-69045-6  
 04/2024

Pascal is overjoyed: He's got magic bubble-gum that makes bubbles as big as balloons! But then the janitor takes his gum away. His friends are determined: They'll get the bubble-gum back! But how? As if on cue, the inspector arrives. He's got a suitcase full of wacky surprises and a secret mission for the kids ...

**School chaos + secret agent + lots of colorful pictures = anti-boring guarantee!**

## First Readers' backlist

## Ocean Twins

AGE  
6+

Familie Linke-Bresning,  
Nadine Resch (Ill.)  
**Ocean Twins: Shark Alarm!  
(vol. 1)**  
ca. 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69051-7

AGE  
6+

Familie Linke-Bresning,  
Nadine Resch (Ill.)  
**Ocean Twins: Burglar Alarm  
(vol. 2)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69052-4

## Please Don't Open

AGE  
6+

Charlotte Habersack, Frédéric  
Bertrand (Ill.)  
**Please Do Not Open,  
Otherwise... The Abominable  
Snowstorm (vol. 1)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69024-1

AGE  
6+

Charlotte Habersack, Frédéric  
Bertrand (Ill.)  
**Please Don't Open,  
Otherwise... It's Slime Time  
(vol. 2)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69047-0

## Heidi

AGE  
6+

Katja Alves, Julia Christians  
(Ill.)  
**Heidi: Barefoot in the  
Mountains (vol. 1)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69030-2

AGE  
6+

Katja Alves, Julia Christians  
(Ill.)  
**Heidi: Heidi in the Big City  
(vol. 2)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69061-6

## Sissi

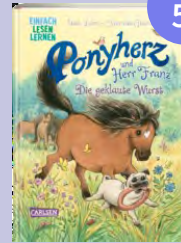
AGE  
6+

Sonja Kaiblinger, Marine Ludin  
(Ill.)  
**Sissi: The Horse Princess (vol.  
1)**  
ca. 64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69043-2

AGE  
6+

Sonja Kaiblinger, Marine Ludin  
(Ill.)  
**Sissi: Radish Is Rescued  
(vol. 2)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69044-9

## Pony Heart

AGE  
5+

Usch Luhn, Franziska Harvey  
(Ill.)  
**Pony Heart and Mr Franz: The  
Stolen Sausage (vol. 1)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69083-8

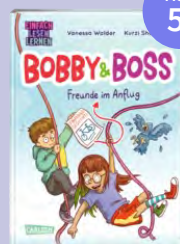
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Usch Luhn, Franziska Harvey  
(Ill.)  
**Pony Heart and Mr. Franz: A  
Pug Moves Out (vol. 2)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69084-5

## Bobby &amp; Boss

AGE  
5+

Vanessa Walder, Kurzi  
Shortriver (Ill.)  
**Bobby & Boss: Secretly Best  
Friends (vol. 1)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69016-6

AGE  
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Vanessa Walder, Kurzi  
Shortriver (Ill.)  
**Bobby & Boss: Best Friends  
Approaching! (vol. 2)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69017-3

## First Readers' backlist

## Robot Kids

AGE  
6+

Bernd Flessner, Hannah Flessner, Timo Grubing (Ill.)  
**The Robot Kids: Rescuing Moto-5 (vol. 1)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69020-3

AGE  
6+

Bernd Flessner, Hannah Flessner, Timo Grubing (Ill.)  
**The Robot Kids: The Extinguishing Robot (vol. 2)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69021-0

## Captain Matz

AGE  
6+

Julia Boehme, Anna-Lena Kühler (Ill.)  
**Captain Matz and the Colossal Whirlpool (vol. 1)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69039-5

AGE  
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Julia Boehme, Anna-Lena Kühler (Ill.)  
**Captain Matz and the Skull Island (vol. 2)**  
80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69079-1

## Andreas Steinhöfel

AGE  
6+

Andreas Steinhöfel, Lena Winkel (Ill.)  
**Rico and the Streetlight Scarf**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69112-5

## Theo &amp; Marlen

AGE  
6+

Peter Stamm, Susanne Göhlich (Ill.)  
**Theo and Marlen on the Island (vol. 1)**  
80 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69033-3

AGE  
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Susanne Göhlich (Ill.), Peter Stamm  
**Theo and Marlen in the Jungle (vol. 2)**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69034-0

AGE  
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Susanne Göhlich (Ill.), Peter Stamm  
**Theo and Marlen on a Great Voyage (vol. 3)**  
ca. 64 pages • 15,3 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69111-8

## Selected single volumes

AGE  
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Martin Muser, Sabine Kranz (Ill.)  
**The Fire Brigade Come Fully Displayed**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69066-1

AGE  
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Katja Alves, Sophia Schrade (Ill.)  
**The Year Christmas Was (Almost) Cancelled**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 5+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69058-6

AGE  
6+

Sandra Grimm, Josephine Wolff (Ill.)  
**Help! I'm a Vampire!**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69092-0

AGE  
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Kai Lüftner, Jens Tümmel (Ill.)  
**Pumpkinhead**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69104-0

AGE  
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Kilian Leypold, Nour Altouba (Ill.)  
**Zari and Nivaan**  
64 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 6+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69006-7

AGE  
7+

Hasnain Kazim, Lena Hesse (Ill.)  
**Clash! Bam! Boom! A Book About Quarreling**  
64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
Age: 7+  
ISBN 978-3-551-69088-3

## First Readers' backlist

## Minecraft Adventures



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Zombies (vol. 1)**  
 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06844-6



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Monsters (vol. 2)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06845-3



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Dragons (vol. 3)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06846-0



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Monstrosities (vol. 4)**  
 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06847-7



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Villains (vol. 5)**  
 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06848-4



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Ghosts (vol. 6)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06849-1



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Skeletons (vol. 7)**  
 80 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06867-5



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Spiders (vol. 8)**  
 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06868-2



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlacek (Ill.)  
**Minecraft Adventures - Slime (vol. 9)**  
 ca. 80 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 7+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-06869-9

## School of Magical Animals



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)  
**Investigates! The Green Guck Letter (vol. 1)**  
 64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65591-2



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)  
**Investigates! The Slipper Snatcher (vol. 2)**  
 64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65592-9



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)  
**Investigates! The Coconut Heist (vol. 3)**  
 64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65593-6



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)  
**Investigates! The Flute Fiasco (vol. 4)**  
 64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65594-3



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)  
**Investigate! The Cucumber Burglar (vol. 5)**  
 64 pages • 16,0 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 6+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65595-0



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.),  
 Igor Dolinger (Ill.)  
**Investigates! The Cookie Trap (vol. 6)**  
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# Volume 7 of the best-selling series

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Alva and her friends are staging a play. But appearing on stage is not the only thing requiring courage. Till has come up with a new game, and every day, more and more children are joining in. They're setting each other exciting tasks that challenge their skills. Suddenly, though, the island erupts in strife. Is that because of Till's game, or does somebody want to prevent the play from opening?

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**Silke Schellhammer** grew up in a large family in which many stories were told. They weren't necessarily true, but they were always good. The amazement at how great real and fictional events can coexist and that reality is ultimately a question of perception made her start writing.

**Simona M. Ceccarelli** has the talent to create views into other worlds on a sheet of paper. Before she studied art and illustrated children's media, she was a scientist. She lives in a world every bit as colorful as the one of the students in the School of Talents: she speaks four languages and there are three nationalities in her family.



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 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65492-2



AGE  
8+

**Silke Schellhammer, Simona M. Ceccarelli (Ill.)**  
**School of Talents: Seventh Lesson: Test of Courage (vol. 7)**

256 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
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 05/2024

# A new vacation adventure with the magical animals

9 million copies sold of the series

All volumes spend months on the German bestseller lists



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.), Igor Dolinger (Ill.)  
**The School of Magical Animals: Vacation at Last:  
 Elisa and Silver (vol. 9)**

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Age: 8+

ISBN 978-3-551-65339-0

06/2024

AGE  
8+

**Elisa and her magical she-wolf are excited: They're going to a youth hostel in the middle of a wilderness area!** But instead of hopping into the lake or rambling over the meadows, the children practice dancing and magic tricks. "I'm not a circus horse!" growls the wolf. High time that Elisa and her magical animal go off exploring the wilderness on their own!

**New friends, midnight parties, and enchanted forests: a lovely summer vacation adventure!**



**Margit Auer** became a journalist, and when her three sons were born, she read a lot of children's books and decided to write some herself - with great success!

Ever since **Nina Dulleck** could hold a pencil, she's been drawing pictures. She lives with her family close to the Rhine river in the midst of cherry trees and vineyards.

**Igor Dolinger** is a professionally-trained media designer and works independently as an illustrator and graphic designer. In the time since he turned free-lance, at the age of 23, he's brought to fruition a variety of projects designed for children and youth.



**The School of Magical Animals  
 (vol. 1)**

208 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm

Age: 8+

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# Start of a series with a supersized hero

- Also suitable for reluctant readers: short chapters
- A hilarious story with clever dialogues and lots of pictures
- Volume 2 comes out in July 2024

What a bummer that dinosaurs died out, thinks Leo. But **in the museum she makes a cool discovery: Tiberius, a real live tyrannosaurus rex, is living there!** So awesome! Leo thinks she and Tiberius really need to become best friends. So, Leo talks the old lizard into going on an excursion – and they immediately stumble into their first exciting adventure.

**Every kid would love to have a dinosaur as a friend – with Tiberius, this dream comes true!**



**Florian Fuchs** discovered his enthusiasm for unusual stories and fantasy when he was still a child. Back then he had no idea that years later, as an author and illustrator, he would be creating his own worlds.

**Volume 2 is just around the corner:**



**Tiberius Rex: A Dinosaur Dives Down (vol. 2)**  
ca. 160 pages • 13,7 × 19,2 cm  
Age: 7+  
ISBN 978-3-551-65428-1



**Florian Fuchs**  
**Tiberius Rex: My Friend the Dinosaur (vol.1)**  
160 pages • 13,7 × 19,2 cm  
Age: 7+  
ISBN 978-3-551-65427-4  
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A superhero adventure for boys and girls

The second volume of this fantastic adventure series



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7+

Rüdiger Bertram, Dominik Rupp (Ill.)  
**Bookman: It's All Kablooy (vol. 2)**  
160 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
Age: 7+  
ISBN 978-3-551-65188-4  
05/2024

Action-packed crime story with lots of humor

Can be read independently from volume 1: exciting and super-funny



AGE  
8+

Salah Naoura, Kai Schüttler (Ill.)  
**The Smartphone Orphans (vol. 2)**  
The Isle of Smartphone Orphans  
224 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
Age: 8+  
ISBN 978-3-551-55777-3  
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The new volume of this best-selling series

Page-turning reading for girls and boys 8 and up



AGE  
8+

Stefan Gemmel, Katharina Madesta (Ill.), Kloos Anemone (Ill.)  
**In the Sign of the Crystal Ball (vol. 10)**  
The Mystery of Atlantis  
ca. 208 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
Age: 8+  
ISBN 978-3-551-65176-1  
07/2024

**A gigantic mole threatens the city** – he's digging gigantic holes! **Matteo and Kim know what has to be done: stop the monster before it's too late.** But the red book has disappeared and without it, Matteo can't transform himself into Bookman. And the fact that it's in the hands of a super-villainess sure doesn't make the task any easier...

**Summer vacation at the seaside!** What could be any better for the six smartphone orphans? Eagerly, the kids and their orphanage house-mother move into their hotel. But not only does **their accommodation turn out to be a dump, they also get embroiled in a hair-raising kidnapping case and tangle with the local mafia dons and their gangster sons.** Yikes! Will this have a happy end?

Alex and Sahli don't know what to think: **Has the devious djinn Argus really lost his magic powers?** But when the mighty Iskhuros teams up with Argus and spirits our two heroes away to his underwater realm, they find that Sahli's magic has stopped working, as well. **Caught in the ocean depths, the two friends discover something incredible,** but how are they ever going to get back to dry land?

Rights have been sold to Hungary, Romania, Russia & Taiwan.

Here, wax figures come to life

Lovable characters, witty dialogue and fast-paced plotting



AGE  
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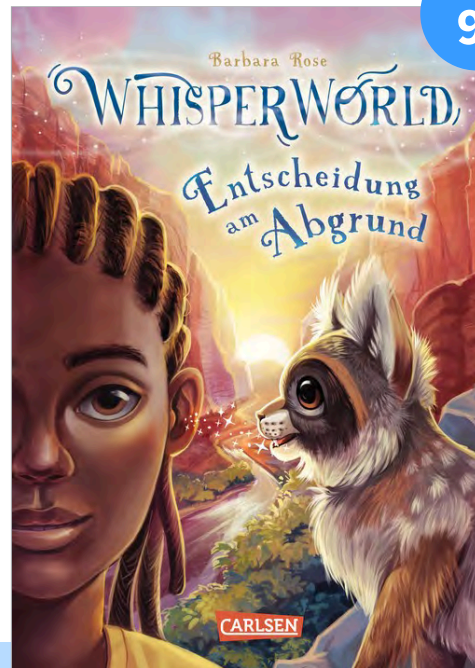
Maja von Vogel, Anne-Kathrin Behl (Ill.)  
**Suddenly Awake! Walking the Plank with Pirates (vol. 3)**  
 224 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65579-0  
 05/2024

When Blackbeard the Pirate suddenly comes to life and swings his scabbard, Annemie and Leo go with him to search for the missing glass eye. Because whoever stole it would possess the power over the wax figures...

**Suddenly Awake! is the perfect book series for boys and girls 8 and up who like reading fast-paced stories.**

Best-selling series that pulls readers in

- Over 35,000 copies of Volume 1 sold
- Unique fantastical world and important subject – protecting endangered species



AGE  
9+

Barbara Rose, Alina Brost (Ill.)  
**Whisperworld: Decision at the Chasm's Edge (vol. 5)**  
 304 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 9+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65640-7  
 03/2024

Chuck and the other animal whisperers are reunited. Daily routine and school classes for the animal whisperers have just resumed when their teacher vanishes. Clues lead to the Simari Chasm. To save their teacher, they must risk the dangerous descent. And they have no idea what's waiting for them down there...

**Readers who love fantasy and adventure need to read *Whisperworld!***

Already sold to Denmark & Russia.

## Big-city adventure and lots of butterflies

- Exuberant girls' series with lots of heart and humor
- Ever-popular subject of love with an inventive twist



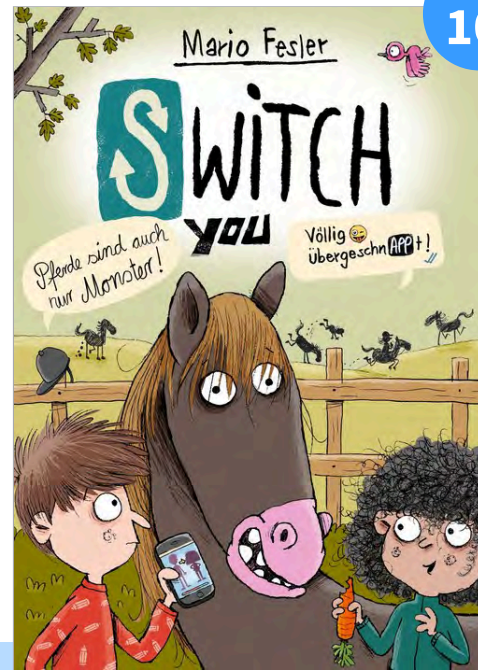
Susanne Füllscher, Isabelle Metzen (Ill.)  
**Ruby: 1 Prince Charming, 100 Embarrassing Notes, and How to Fall Out of Love Fast (vol. 3)**  
 272 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65554-7  
 03/2024

Well, of course Ruby's in love! With her pug dog, her cats, and of course with her best friends. **It's just that she's never fallen for anyone.** And that's good, Ruby thinks. **Until she suddenly does – when she spies a super-cute guy in school. Only one thing to do: Ruby has to fall out of love – pronto!**

Last volume of the three-part Berlin adventure series with the lovable heroine Ruby.

## Kids who love their smartphones will love this wacky series!

- Different design elements – lots of cool illustrations, fonts, icons
- Complete in 3 volumes



Mario Fesler, Nikolai Renger (Ill.)  
**Switch You: Horses Are Just Monsters, Too (vol. 3)**  
 192 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65418-2  
 03/2024

**Fred's finally got his long-awaited smartphone.** But the body-swap app on it is really something else: This time **Fred uses it to beam himself into the body of his best friend, Svetlana** – and lands up in the middle of her secret hobby – a world full of very, very large neighing animals. And Fred is absolutely terrified of them...

**Body swaps for smartphone nerds: perfect page-turners for boys 10 and up!**

# A prizewinning story about friendship, strife, and a calf that everybody wants!

Hilarious, with lots of heart and wonderfully weird characters

Nobody knows why there's a border in the middle of the village. Ever since Frieda can remember, the residents of the north and south sides have been making life miserable for those on the other side. And now a cow from the south side drops her calf right in the middle of the border – and the calf's sire is from the north side!

**Both sides claim ownership; liquid-manure battles and constant stress ensue.** When one day Frieda's friend disappears with the calf, residents of both the north and south sides must team up to mount a search...

*"Uticha Marmon tells a perceptive, moving, and funny tale about big subjects on a small scale – about war and peace, claims of ownership, and secrets."* From the jury's statement for the *Kirsten Boie Prize*



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**Uticha Marmon** is a free-lance dramaturg, editor, and author. Her children's books have won many prizes, e.g. the 2022 *Kirsten Boie Prize* for children's literature.

**Maja Bohn** completed an apprenticeship as a bookseller and worked in publishing for several years before deciding to study communication design.



Uticha Marmon, Maja Bohn (Ill.)  
**Frieda, Nikki, and the Border Cow**

176 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm

Age: 9+

ISBN 978-3-551-55943-2

03/2024

# INTERVIEW

**FRANK KÜHNE**

Head of the brand editorial department  
at Carlsen

Frank, what makes the concept special and who is the target audience for MangaStories?

Our new MangaStories are for all kids 9-10 and up who have heard of or seen manga illustrations and like them, and who are curious about manga. Naturally, we aren't targeting the 14-year-old manga nerds. More the new, young manga fans, as well as all parents looking to buy their children books that match kids' trends. The books are written so that they're extra-short on text, extra-long on manga pictures, and extra-exciting and action-packed.

Can you tell us about upcoming segments of the Carlsen MangaStories program?

In Fall 2024 the program continues with our third new MangaStories series, *School of Beastly Island*. Our heroes land in a school on an island where big and small, funny and dangerous monsters are roaming around. Very exciting for girls and boys 10 and up.



**CLAUDIA SCHARF**  
Author of CAT GIRLS:

Claudia, you are one of the authors of this new series. What was the challenge for you in writing – did you have to think of the story in pictures, or how did the text-to-picture ratio in the novels develop?

I write the picture scenarios and speech bubbles. The editor sends my suggestions to the wonderful artist Clara d'Amico, who normally accepts them, sometimes with variations. Actually, I always have that "film in my head" with whatever kind of book I write. The challenge with a manga novel is the double-page layout structure:

I have to construct each scene so that the finished double page looks good – and there are lots of different actions that have to take place so that the pictures aren't always the same.

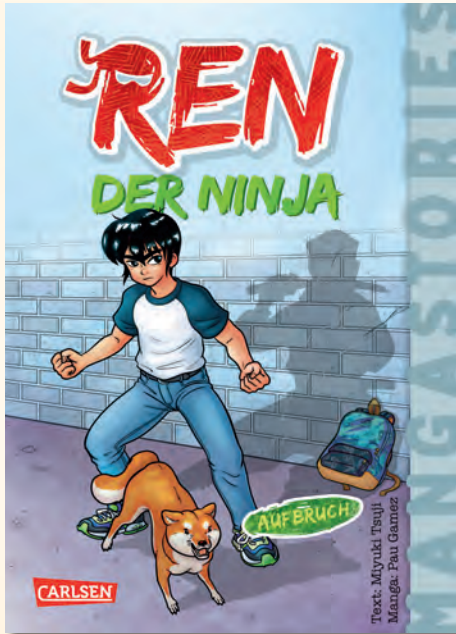
Mangas are a mega-trend all over the world and still gaining in popularity. Who exactly is the target audience for CAT GIRLS?

All girls and cat lovers eleven years old and up! Manga pros will recognize the ingredients of a typical shogo-girl manga: friendship, magical girls, school romance – and mysterious demons. Manga newbies will experience a funny, exciting friendship story with manga pictures but "normal" reading direction, from front to back.

Reluctant readers will enjoy the fast-paced story-telling, short narrative arcs, and the abundance of pictures.



# MangaStories: Exciting children's novels with manga illustrations



Ren learns that he's a  
**real ninja warrior...**

Miyuki Tsuji, Pau Gamez (Ill.)

**REN, THE NINJA:  
Setting Out (vol. 1)**

256 pages, 14.8 x 21.0 cm

Age: 10+

ISBN 978-3-551-65654-4

04/2024



...and travels to his homeland  
in Asia, where he skillfully  
succeeds in helping his family  
achieve victory in **battle**  
against a **dangerous ruler.**

Miyuki Tsuji, Pau Gamez (Ill.)

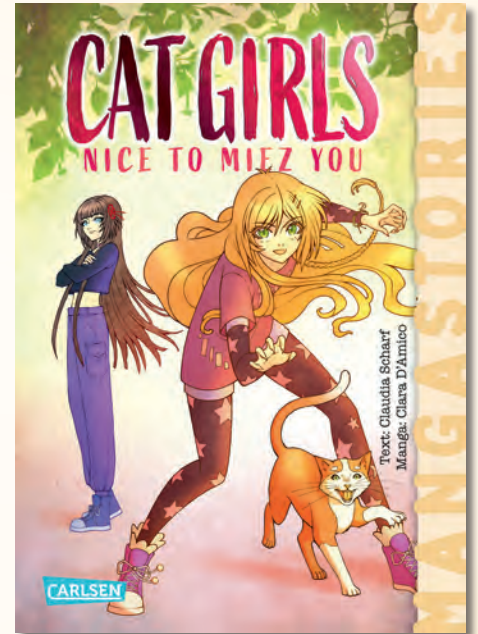
**REN, THE NINJA:  
Resistance (vol. 2)**

256 pages, 14.8 x 21.0 cm

Age: 10+

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Mornings math, evenings roof-  
jumping: a girl discovers her  
**special talents** as a CAT GIRL.

Claudia Scharf, Clara D'Amico (Ill.)

**CAT GIRLS:  
Purr-fectly Delighted! (vol. 1)**

256 pages, 14.8 x 21.5 cm

Age: 11+

ISBN 978-3-551-65651-3

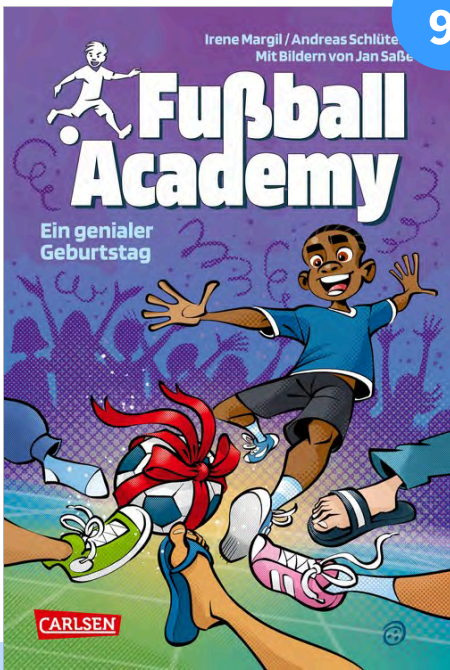
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- Innovative series concept: with a high percentage of manga-style pictures
- Exciting stories, illustrated by real manga artists
- The perfect introduction to the world of mangas for girls and boys – in keeping with the big manga trend!



## THE champion of soccer series

- Over 35,000 copies of the series sold in its first year
- Balanced text-picture proportions with lively, colored, comic-like scenes



AGE  
9+

Andreas Schlüter, Irene Margil, Jan Saße (Ill.)  
**Soccer Academy: A Great Birthday (vol. 5)**  
 160 pages • 14,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 9+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65430-4  
 04/2024

Yao can scarcely believe it: For the first time ever, **all the kids of the Soccer Academy will be part of a real tournament team!** Yao plays with the kids from his homeroom in the under-12s. Will his team win? But that's not all, because there's another giant surprise waiting for Yao and the other boys and girls from the Academy.

**With its perfect mix of soccer and school, the Soccer Academy series has hit the bulls-eye with soccer fans 9 and up!**

Rights sold to Denmark, Hungary and Russia.

## Action-packed soccer book with lots of heart

- Captivating soccer story
- Plea for more togetherness



AGE  
10+

Martin Klein  
**Underdogs United: A Team for All**  
 192 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-55787-2  
 04/2024

At soccer camp, Matti fought like a gladiator to earn a spot on the first team – but in the end it wasn't enough. His resolution never to play soccer again doesn't last long, though. In a neighborhood soccer group, where everyone can play, **he finally finds what he's looking for: an unbeatable team!**



# Explosive suspense for girls AND boys

- Action-packed, funny, and cool
- Volume 2 appearing in Spring 2025

## Without adventure, what's the point, Celia thinks.

But her new classmate, Vincent, is chill, smart, athletic, popular – just too perfect to be true. But then Celia discovers something odd, and he's forced to confess: He's an undercover agent and his perfect family is totally fake.

Vincent has no choice. If he doesn't want it to get out that his cover's been blown by a curious teen-ager, he has to give in to Celia's demand: She wants to be part of his mission! **One thing's certain: This mission will be her first and last. Or maybe not...?**

A world full of clever gadgets and guaranteed without secret-agent clichés.



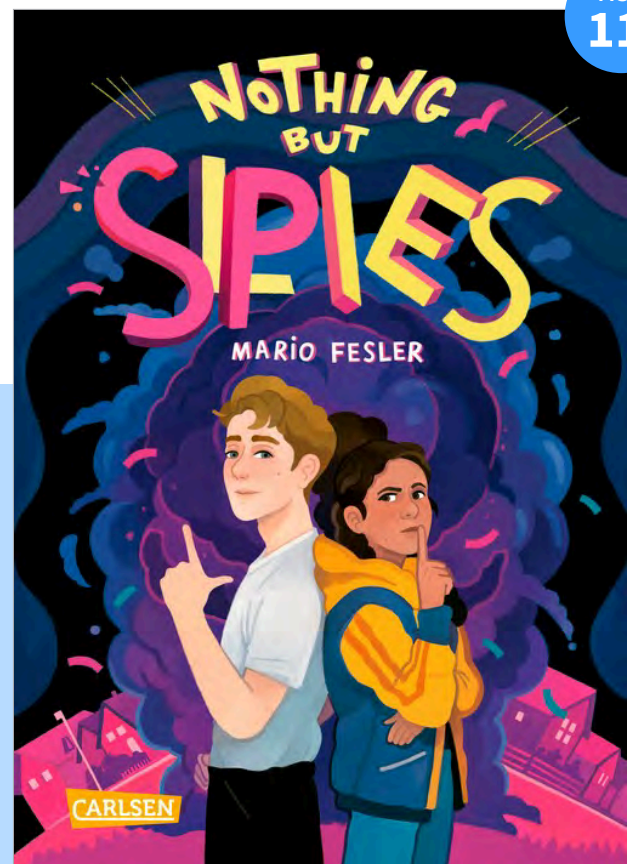
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After studying theater and contemporary German literature at university, **Mario Fesler** moved to Berlin, where he still lives, works and writes. His debut book earned him the German Youth Literature special award for New Talent.

**Helder Oliveira** trained as a physiotherapist before realizing his dream and becoming an illustrator. His illustrations are created in the Amazon region of Brazil, where he is at home.



Mario Fesler, Helder Oliveira (Ill.)

**Nothing But Spies (vol. 1)**

304 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm

Age: 11+

ISBN 978-3-551-65583-7

05/2024

## Highly topical issue: anti-semitism today

- Multi-layered and sensitively told
- Centered around three very different young people



AGE  
**12+**

**Cornelia Franz**  
**Golden Stones**  
224 pages • 14,8 × 22,0 cm  
Age: 12+  
ISBN 978-3-551-58517-2  
02/2024

While goofing around in the street, Leon snatches a cap off a man's head. Later, when he puts it on as a joke, he is brutally beaten up by two strangers – but why?

Nikolai suspects that the attack on Leon was actually meant for him. After all, he's one of the few Jews in this area. But who even knows his family's origins?

Yara lives in a house with the markers known as stumbling stones before the door. The small memorial plaques embedded in the ground commemorate the fate of people who were persecuted, murdered, or deported during the National Socialist era. Again and again, she finds herself wondering about the girl Ella, to whom one of the stones is dedicated. Is that all ancient history by now?

As the three of them get to know each other, they find out a lot not only about the background of the crime, but also about themselves – and about the value of friendship.

## A warm-hearted book about families and their histories

- One of Germany's great, prizewinning authors of books for young people
- Emotional subject: real and false friendships



AGE  
**13+**

**Tamara Bach**  
**Laeving There**  
176 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
Age: 13+  
ISBN 978-3-551-58543-1  
03/2024

**Kaija and her family move to where her mother and great-aunt grew up. Now Kaija is the new girl, and her friends are far away.** And already in the first week after the move, she seems to have dropped off their radar. So, Kaija is left to find her own way, **find out who she really is, and what friendship means**, anyway. It's a good thing she has Emily, lots of cats, and the prospect of a new beginning – for her mother and great aunt as well.

Tamara Bach is an author who not only writes authentically and sensitively, but also always gives her characters unforgettable voices.

Tamara Bach's backlist titles:



**Tamara Bach, Ulrike Möltgen (Ill.)**  
**The Horse Is a Dog**  
 240 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-55802-2  
 Sold to: Albania



**Tamara Bach**  
**Words With "L"**  
 176 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 10+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-55386-7  
 Sold to: Italy



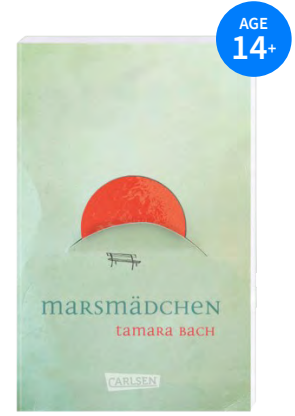
**Tamara Bach**  
**Honey with Salt**  
 160 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 12+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58499-1



**Tamara Bach**  
**Saint Something**  
 128 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 14+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58430-4



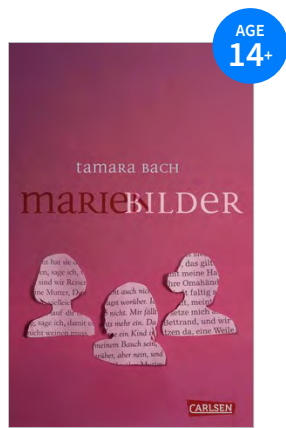
**Tamara Bach**  
**Little Sea of Childhood Dreams**  
 144 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 14+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58380-2



**Tamara Bach**  
**Girl From Mars**  
 176 pages • 12,0 × 18,7 cm  
 Age: 14+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-31886-2



**Tamara Bach**  
**Fourteen**  
 112 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 14+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58359-8  
 Sold to: Sweden, Spain (Catalan), The Netherlands, English worldwide, Spain (Castilian), Vietnam



**Tamara Bach**  
**Marian Images**  
 136 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
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 ISBN 978-3-551-58299-7  
 Sold to: Sweden, Denmark



**Tamara Bach**  
**What Remains of the Summer**  
 144 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm  
 Age: 14+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58242-3  
 Sold to: Slovenia, English world rights, Sweden (available again!), Denmark (available again!), Albania

# Suspenseful coming-of-age novel about friendship, love, and courage

Two teenagers fight their way through chaos – and to each other

Laid-back narration with an authentic tone of voice



AGE  
14+

Michael Sieben

**And Then I Jump**

240 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm

Age: 14+

ISBN 978-3-551-58511-0

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“Ava’s gone – and she’s leaving me, of all people, these weird messages! Okay, yeah, we used to be close. But that was quite a while ago, before everyone started calling her Evil Ava. Because she just got on everyone’s nerves and wouldn’t talk to anyone. Not to me, either. Not for weeks and weeks. And now this picture and the deal with the locker. What if something’s happened to her? What if she needs my help? As hard as it is: I have to follow her signs, let go of everything and jump – into our past, to my feelings, to her truth. And in the end, maybe... to her.”

**Michael Sieben attracted lots of attention from the press for his two preceding novels:** “All the drama of becoming an adult – a gripping, cool YA novel.” *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* about *The Year in a Box* - “Spendidly constructed and authentically written.” *Augsburger Allgemeine* about *Ponderosa*



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**Michael Sieben**, born in 1977, has studied Economic Sciences and lives with his family in Berlin. He could write his debut novel *Ponderosa* with the support of a literature fellowship and has since then dedicated his professional life to writing.

**Previous novels:**



**The Year in the Box**

256 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm

Age: 13+

ISBN 978-3-551-58396-3



**Ponderosa**

224 pages • 13,8 × 22,0 cm

Age: 13+

ISBN 978-3-551-58346-8

# Recommended ongoing series



AGE 8+

Sabrina J. Kirschner, Vera Schmidt (Ill.)  
**The Book of (Un) Secret Wishes: On Safari (vol. 1)**  
 256 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65326-0



AGE 8+

Sabrina J. Kirschner, Vera Schmidt (Ill.)  
**The Book of (Un) Secret Wishes (vol. 3)**  
 256 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
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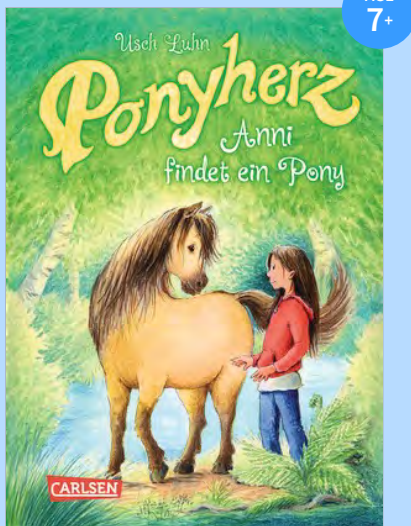
AGE 8+

Sabrina J. Kirschner, Monika Parciak (Ill.)  
**The Most (Un) Boring School in the World: The Class Outing (vol. 1)**  
 240 pages • 14,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65391-8  
 Sold to: Romania, Ukraine, Hungary, Slovakia, Turkish



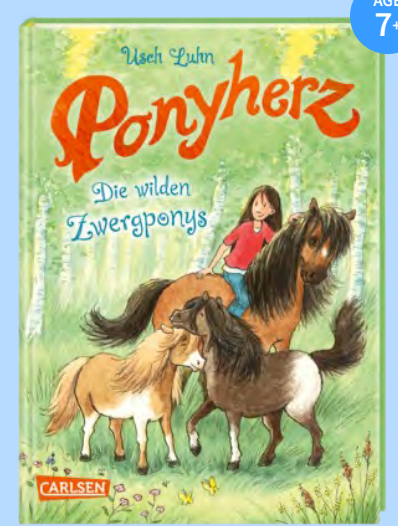
AGE 8+

Sabrina J. Kirschner, Monika Parciak (Ill.)  
**The Most (Un) Boring School in the World: A First Class Trip (vol. 9)**  
 224 pages • 14,8 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65399-4



AGE 7+

Usch Luhn, Franziska Harvey (Ill.)  
**Pony Heart: Anni Finds a Pony (vol. 1)**  
 128 pages • 13,7 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 7+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65251-5  
 Sold to: Arabian speaking world, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden (available again!), Czech Rep.



AGE 7+

Usch Luhn, Franziska Harvey (Ill.)  
**Pony Heart: The Wild Dwarf Ponies (vol. 21)**  
 128 pages • 13,7 × 19,2 cm  
 Age: 7+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65322-2

AGE  
9+

Ruth Rahlff, Timo Grubing (Ill.)  
**ScaAlry: Give Up the Ghost – No Way!  
 (vol. 1)**  
 320 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 9+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65521-9  
 Sold to: Russia, Greece, Albania

AGE  
9+

Ruth Rahlff, Timo Grubing (Ill.)  
**ScaAlry: Still Spooked! (vol.3)**  
 288 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 9+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65523-3

AGE  
8+

Joachim Friedrich, Astrid Henn (Ill.),  
 Minna McMaster  
**Lukas and the Secret of the Talking  
 Animals (vol. 1)**  
 176 pages • 12,0 × 18,7 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-32114-5  
 Sold to: Korea

AGE  
8+

Joachim Friedrich, Astrid Henn (Ill.),  
 Minna McMaster  
**Lukas and the Guinea Pigs (vol. 2)**  
 176 pages • 12,0 × 18,7 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-32113-8

AGE  
8+

Stefan Gemmel, Katharina Madesta (Ill.)  
**In the Sign of the Crystal Ball: The  
 Adventure Begins (vol. 1)**  
 176 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65113-6  
 Sold to: Romania, Russia, Taiwan, Hungary

AGE  
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Stefan Gemmel, Katharina Madesta (Ill.),  
 Kloos Anemone (Ill.)  
**In the Sign of the Crystal Ball (vol. 10)**  
 ca. 208 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-65176-1

# Recommended ongoing series



Claudia Scharf, Lisa Forsch (Ill.)

**The Secret of Nox**

304 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm

Age: 10+

ISBN 978-3-551-65288-1

Sold to: Denmark



Charlotte Habersack, Frédéric Bertrand (Ill.)

**Please Do Not Open! Viscious! (vol. 1)**

240 pages • 14,8 × 21,0 cm

Age: 8+

ISBN 978-3-551-65211-9

Sold to: Romania, Denmark, Poland, The Netherlands, Hungary, Russia, Turkey, Slovakia, Iran, Albania, Lithuania, Korea, Taiwan, Italy, Ukraine, Czech Rep.



Margit Auer, Nina Dulleck (Ill.)

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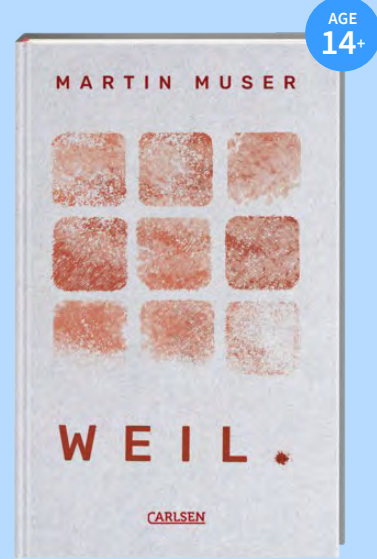
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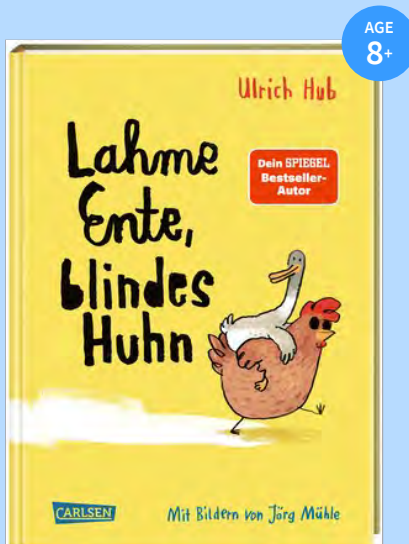
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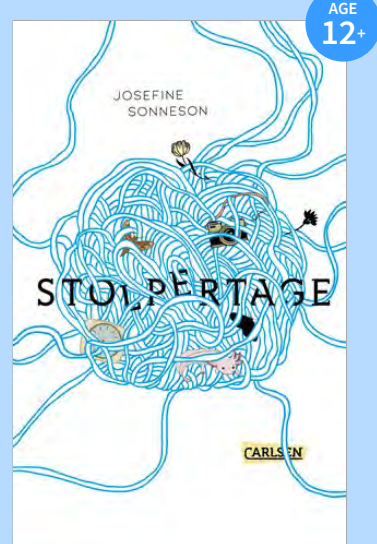
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AGE  
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# Royal demon fantasy about a fate-bearer with dark powers

Suspenseful, dramatic, romantic

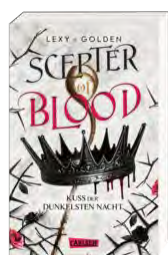
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The demon world of Nösfera stands on the eve of destruction. Ironically, its salvation seems to be Sóley, who up until recently, lived in the magic-less world and is still wrestling her inner demon for her humanity. But Sóley has other worries: Her best friend is being held prisoner by the Lost Family. A Family member, Aicyard, finally makes her an offer: They will let her friend go if, in return, Sóley promises herself to him. But how can she agree to that when she has already wholeheartedly promised herself to the Night Shadow Chester?

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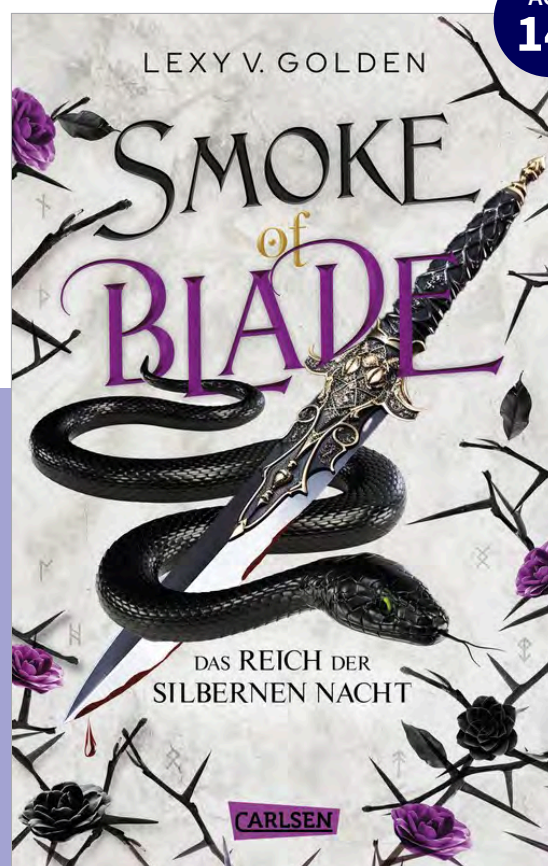
**Lexy v. Golden** is a freelance writer. Since college she has been writing young adult fantasy novels with new, unique characters and touches of romance, love and suspense.



**Sceptre of Blood: Kiss of the Darkest Night (vol. 1)**  
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AGE  
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**Lexy v. Golden**  
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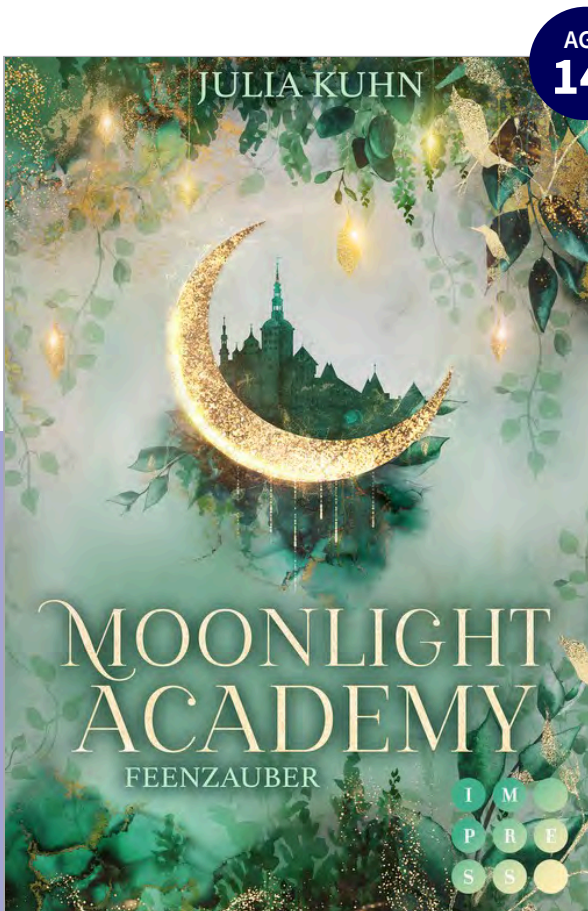
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# An Irish fairy academy, dark secrets, and a forbidden love

- By the author of the *SPIEGEL* best-selling series *Ravenhall Academy* (125,000 copies sold)
- Romantic fairy fantasy with academic setting
- Complete in one volume



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The **Moonlight Academy on the coast of Ireland** is among the **most mysterious places in the fairy world**. But for Elanor it represents one thing above all: a new beginning – even if it is there that she sees Elijah again, the boy who is forbidden to her. In contrast to the mysterious Kylian, who, with his tattoos and his pleasing manner, awakens a new side in her. **Determined not to let herself get distracted, the moon fairy devotes herself to her education in magic.** However, this holds unexpected challenges in store for her, because the fairy world threatens to be shaken to its very foundations...



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When **Julia Kuhn** is not writing new stories, she posts book recommendations on her Instagram and TikTok accounts and tells about her everyday life as an author.

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**Ravenhall Academy: Hidden Magic (vol. 1)**

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Sold to: Russia



**Ravenhall Academy: Awakened Magic (vol. 2)**

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# New-adult romantasy for fans of the mega-trend dark academia

- Two academies of magic, as opposite as light and dark
- Mystical-magical romantasy
- Trilogy concludes in Fall 2024

In the new semester, **Mathea and Ellie dive even deeper into the worlds of light and dark magic.** In this they are supported by Atlas and Astra. But their emotional worlds are thrown into turmoil. All that fades into the background, though, when **a murderous secret lodge begins to go after Mathea.** The strange curse was only the beginning – and the lodge’s sinister intentions rise and fall with the magical connection between Mathea and Ellie. If they can’t untangle the net of intrigue and the secrets of the past, there will be a lot more than their lives at stake.

Stunningly visual, atmospheric, and a breath-taking setting: **Prague’s hidden world of magic!**

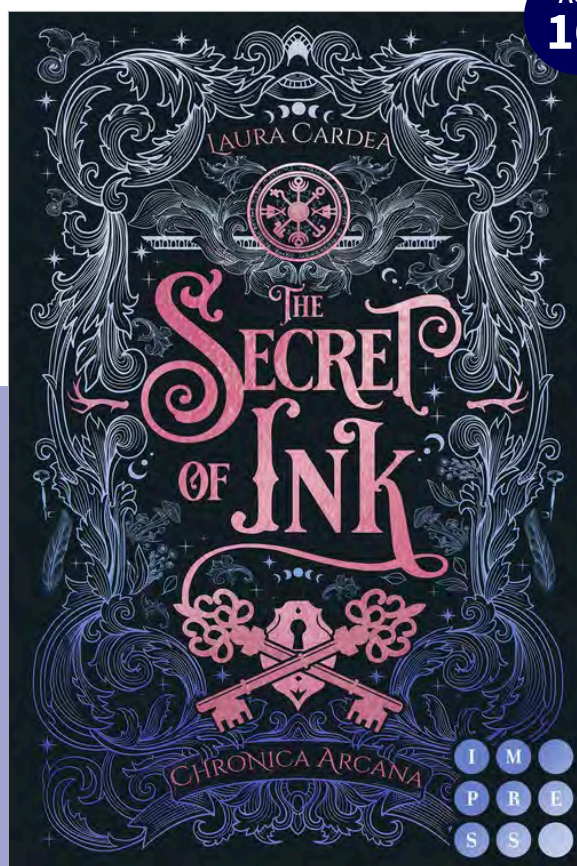


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In order to prevent herself from daydreaming, **Laura Cardea** started to read as many books as possible, discovering one fictitious world after the other. Now she successfully creates her own fictitious world, some of them have already been translated.



**The Lesson of Curses (Chronica Arcana vol. 1)**  
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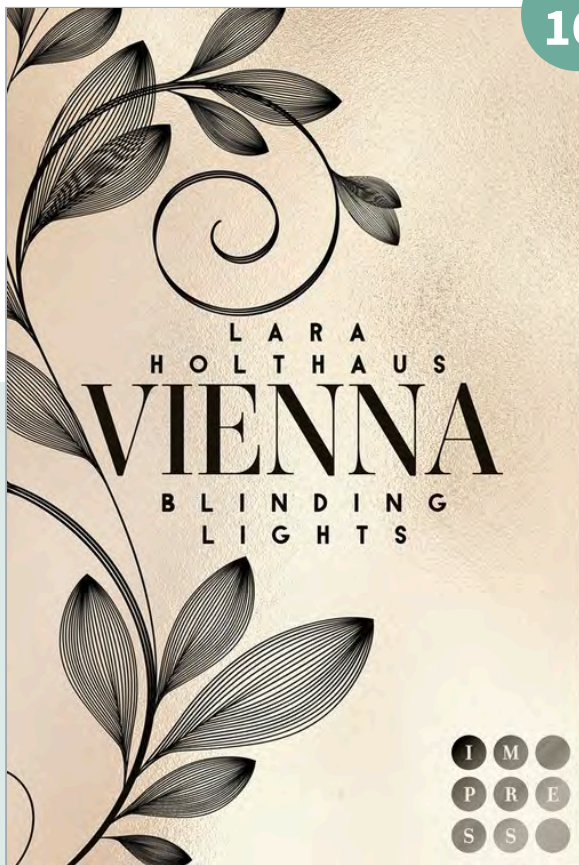


**Laura Cardea**  
**The Secret of Ink (Chronica Arcana vol. 2)**  
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Age: 16+  
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# Sizzling enemies-to-lovers romance

Gossip Girl vibes: rich heiress meets bad boy stepbrother

Duology: volume 2 appearing in Fall 2024



Lara Holthaus  
**Vienna: Blinding Lights (vol. 1)**  
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 Age: 16+  
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AGE  
**16+**

**Darling of the high society and it-girl – Livia’s followers love her**, and as the daughter of the mayor, Vienna lies at her feet. **No one suspects how vulnerable she is**, no one is interested in what lies behind Livia’s façade. Not until Nicolas, her new “stepbrother,” bursts into her life. Attractive, arrogant, and presumptuous, he never misses an opportunity to humiliate her. In spite of all that, somehow Livia feels attracted to him...

**Emotional, explosive, sexy: a new-adult duology that touches deeply.**



**Lara Holthaus** (b. 1996) is a psychotherapist for children and adolescents and spends every minute of her free time writing.

**Volume 2 will be published this August:**



**Vienna: Hiding Darkness (vol. 2)**  
 ca. 448 pages  
 ISBN 978-3-646-61022-2

# Sizzling new-adult urban fantasy

- 45,000 copies sold of volumes 1 + 2
- Refreshingly different: witches, magic, and a ton of spice

Ever since Enju became the Witch Queen and she and Kayneth, the Master of the Beasts, became a couple, things are finally going smoothly. **Everything could be perfect, but then something evil returns to conquer the magical world, and Enju is forced to make unusual alliances.** She needs to summon all her powers to save her homeland from doom. But Enju is in danger of losing Kayneth, of all people, in this battle – forever...

**The grand finale of this tremendous best-selling series!**



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After a voluntary ecological year, **Verena Bachmann** completed an apprenticeship as an industrial clerk and now works for a fashion accessories company. Reading alone was no longer enough at some point and so she decided to put her own thoughts on paper as well.



**The Witch Queen: Magic Unleashed (vol. 1)**  
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AGE  
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“Impressive world building, strong characters, unexpected dangers and surprising twists made my reader’s heart beat faster. Magical, captivating, sparkling, visually stunning and epic from the first to the last page!”

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## ASUKA LIONERA

As a teenager, Asuka Lionera not only began to write fan fiction for her favorite series, she also developed small role-playing games for PCs. After a few detours, she turned her passion into her profession and is now a successful author.

Asuka, what prompted you to dive into the mythological world of the icy North?

I’m a big fan of the Vikings and their gods, as well as their ability to withstand the harsh climate and conditions. And my visit to Iceland sealed the deal; so many impressions I gathered there flowed directly into the story.

Without giving too much away, are you able to give us a couple of hints as to what awaits readers in the second volume?

An ill-fated love affair. Epic battles against dark creatures. Responsibility and family. And lots of spice!

**Question to Rahel Schmidt (editor):**

**What, to you, is the very special appeal of this duology?**

Besides the unbelievably good writing style of the author and the Nordic setting, the character combination! We have Yrsa, a young woman who asserts herself as a leader among mostly men – and does so as if it’s the most natural thing in the world. And Kier, a man with a big heart, but also, of course, with the physical attributes of a Viking, who’s got a wyvern/dragon, as his best friend.

As a pair, they’re a highly combustible combination, but also quick-witted and intelligent in their behavior.



# Sizzling enemies-to-lovers fantasy for all Vikings fans



Asuka Lionera

**NORDIC CLANS:**  
My Heart, So Lost and Proud  
(vol. 1)

400 pages, 13.6 x 21.5 cm  
Age: 16+  
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02/2024

- **Hot enemies-to-lovers romantasy by bestseller-author Asuka Lionera**
- **Volume 2 published in Fall 24**

In the icy North, the young clan leader Yrsa is faced with a challenge: To become head chieftain of all the clans and to save her family, she must win a difficult competition. Standing in her way is the leader of an enemy clan: Not only is Kier her strongest opponent, and, like Yrsa, blessed with a magical talent, he's also the son of the man who killed her father. But other feelings besides revenge are soon kindled in Yrsa's heart...

**A fascinating story which, thanks to the world of Nordic sagas and mystical beings, offers a change of pace in the fantastical new-adult cosmos!**

## Intense friends-to-lovers romantic triangle

- Intense feelings in a San Diego setting
- Contemporary subject of polyamory sensitively and forcefully portrayed



Lexis Able  
**Where Wind and Waves Touch (West Coast Skies vol. 2)**  
 448 pages • 13,6 × 21,5 cm  
 Age: 16+  
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Rina, Shane, and Caden: The three of them have been friends for years. When San Diego is hit by a storm and Caden returns to his hometown to help rebuild the seal rescue station, it's difficult for Rina to be near him. **Stable and familiar – that's how things are with Shane, because the two of them are now a couple. Intense and magnetic – that's what she now feels with Caden.** The deeper her feelings become, the more urgently she feels the need to ask the question of whether love really is limited ...

Profound, emotional, gripping: **a highlight for readers of romance.**

## Intense slow-burn romance about deep feelings and finding yourself

- Volume 2 of the deeply moving *Hardest Part* trilogy
- Romantic own-voice series: Volume 3 coming in Fall 2024



Rabia Doğan  
**Trusting Was the Hardest Part (vol. 2)**  
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 Age: 16+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-58535-6  
 03/2024

**Zelal is wearing herself out at university**, far from her family, in a constant battle between money worries and her desire for independence. But things seem to be looking up when she's offered the **job of student assistant for post-doc Levi**. Although it's against the rules, **things between them really start sizzling**. But Levi's hot-cold signals confuse Zelal until she finds out that he's hiding a secret – one that could cost him his job and throw Zelal back into her painful past.

Honest, authentic, heart-rending: Romance that goes straight to the heart and leaves no one untouched.

“Both the gripping self-discovery within the book as well as the self-reflection beyond the pages convey so much more than a slow-burn romance alone.” *Rezensöhnchen, Paula Heidenfelder*



# Sizzling New Adult College Romance

- SPIEGEL best-seller series: 40,000, copies sold (vol. 1 + 2)
- Completed in three volumes

At the presentation of her family's new fashion collection, of all things, **Dion Carmichael steals a limousine and unceremoniously crashes it. Chauffeur Liam covers up the incident** and soon finds himself acting as the It girl's personal babysitter. A scandalous video finally forces the two of them to go into hiding together at the remote Waterbury College. **An uncomfortable situation that suits neither of them, but sparks a forbidden love that is overshadowed by a dangerous secret.** Because when Liam's heritage catches up with him, it could cost them both more than just their hearts: Liam is none other than Luca Giordano, a member of the most feared family on the East Coast...

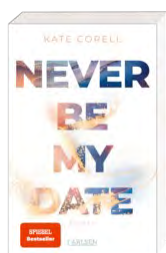


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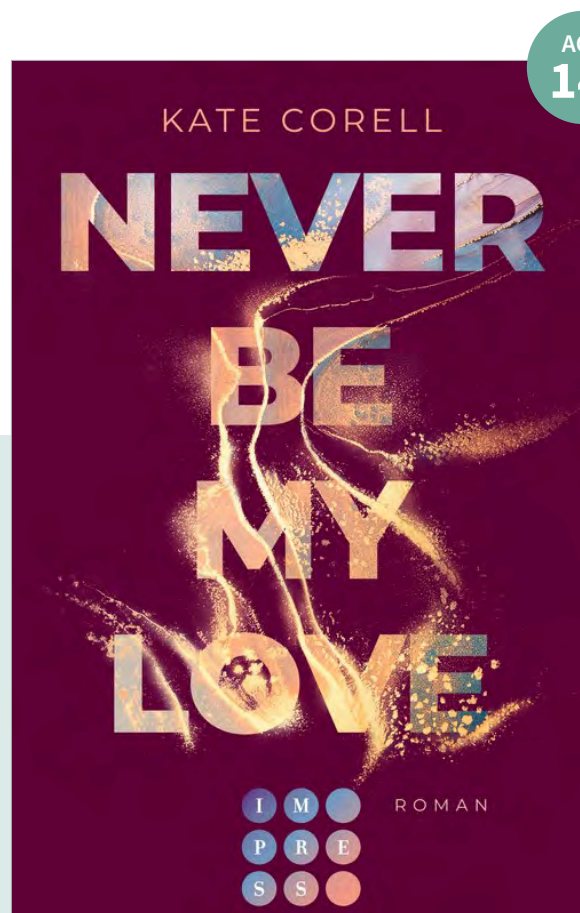
**Kate Corell** is a child of the 80s. She loves books, sports (only from the bleachers) and music. Together with her husband, a teen, and two crazy bulldogs, she lives as a night owl in the land of early risers.



**Never Be My Enemy (vol. 2)**  
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**Never Be My Date (vol. 1)**  
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**Kate Corell**  
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# Passionate forced-proximity romance

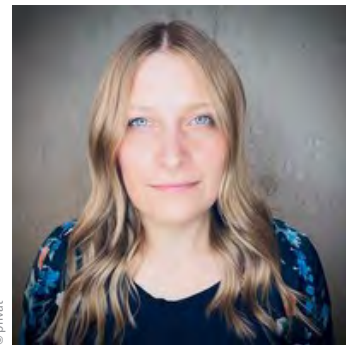
- Over 50,000 copies sold of volumes 1 + 2
- The grand finale of the atmospheric-romantic festival series



Ivy Leagh  
**Where Spring Hides (Festival Series vol. 3)**  
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 Age: 16+  
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Leni's biggest dream is to be a musical theatre actress. But whenever she gets a chance, she chickens out. And this year, too, she's let her parents enlist her as a tour guide – instead of taking to the stage, she's taking a trip around Germany in a converted van. The single ray of light: the prospect of meeting up with her friends Ella and Charlotte. But everything changes when Edward, of all people, signs up for the tour. THAT Edward. The one to whom Leni revealed her deepest, darkest secret – long, long ago and far, far away from home...

Sizzling and emotional: a road trip to love!



Ivy Leagh needs only three things in life: travel, caffeine, and writing. After living in London as a free-lance journalist, she now spends her time honing her stories. These days, she only indulges her love of big cities during her travels.



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 Age: 16+  
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**Where Winter Fall (Festival Series vol. 2)**  
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# Our three LESEMAUS entries:



Gabriela Krümmel, Sabine Choinski, Anne Ebert (Ill.)  
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 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
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Ralf Butschkow  
**I have a Friend, who is a Automobile  
 Mechatronics Technician**  
 24 pages • 19,2 × 19,2 cm  
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Sandra Ladwig, Ina Worms (Ill.)  
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## INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHORS OF THE SERIES

There will be four volumes within this series, covering the subjects of thinking, feeling, love and death. Subjects which, in a sense, determine our everyday lives. What facts and insights can one take away from the *We Live* series, and how are your books new and different compared to other books on these subjects?

Well, it's precisely this notion of their being self-evident that sometimes makes us think we don't really need to say a lot about these "big" themes of life – just to assume it's somehow all obvious and pretty much the same for everyone. But if we take a closer look, it's not that way at all, and we all experience differences, which can be depressing but also tremendously exciting and enriching. Our books are invitations to explore those possibilities, and the fact that they do it so comprehensively and equally for all four of these major topics is perhaps really something special.

**Why are books about thinking, feeling, death and love interesting for grade-schoolers?**

Because it's often what determines children's everyday lives much more than we adults think – these "big" questions really do exist, and they need space. Only then do children get the chance to express themselves and not be left alone with these questions. We adults have these questions too, of course, but often push them aside. Children still have so much to discover, and at the same time they already have so much to talk about, have their own thoughts, and are often better at talking about their feelings than we are – that's why it's also about having conversations and looking for answers that are important not only for children.



# Life's great themes and questions presented for elementary schoolchildren



WE LIVE:  
We Die (vol. 3)



WE LIVE:  
We Love (vol. 4)



Dr. Ina Schmidt, Ayşe Bosse, Sarah-Sophie Prix,  
Johanna Klug (Authors), Anke Evers (Illu.)

WE LIVE: We Feel (vol. 1)

96 pages, 21.5 x 25.6 cm

Age: 6+

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Dr. Ina Schmidt, Ayşe Bosse, Sarah-Sophie Prix,  
Johanna Klug (Authors), Anke Evers (Illu.)

WE LIVE: We Think (vol. 2)

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- Important themes of life presented on a child's level
- Reduces parents' hesitation to broach subjects they cannot easily explain

A philosopher, an author, a teacher, and an expert in grief and end-of-life support have conceived and developed an educational read-aloud book series that is the first of its kind: books about learning to live! All volumes cover subjects that tend to be neglected in everyday life, laden with taboos, but that are absolutely life-defining.

**The books help to open conversations, pose questions, and assuage fears.**

The books are full of pictures, stories, questions, and ideas for participation (foreign publishers are welcome to substitute poems).

# Educational picture-book that promotes feelings of self-worth and empathy

With numerous tips, instructions, and suggestions

A book that is both guide and advisor



Lena Ellermann (Ill.), Sandra Grimm

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Children who understand their own feelings can also deal better with the feelings of others. This book makes kids strong and confident and helps to explain, to understand, and to trust the world of feelings.



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**Sandra Grimm** studied pedagogics and tried out many jobs. Since she has returned to her rural home town in the North of Germany, she can't stop writing wonderful stories.

**Lena Ellermann** studied painting. Though her favourite genre to work with have always been illustrations for children's books.

**Previous book:**



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What young people should know about a sustainable lifestyle and how they can put it into practice

- *Straight Talk* series: issues of society and politics that affect us all
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Marisa Becker  
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The term sustainability is thrown around so much in our everyday life that few people know exactly what's meant by it. Is sustainability a trend that goes hand-in-hand with an increased environmental awareness, or is there more behind it?

**This book looks behind the scenes, clarifies, and invites participation.**

Other books available in the prize-winning series *Straight Talk* are, for instance, *Fake News*, *Extremism*, *Climate & Environmental Protection*, and *Social Media*.

Comprehensive and current descriptions – well-explained and to the point

- Comprehensible, youthful, committed to good journalism
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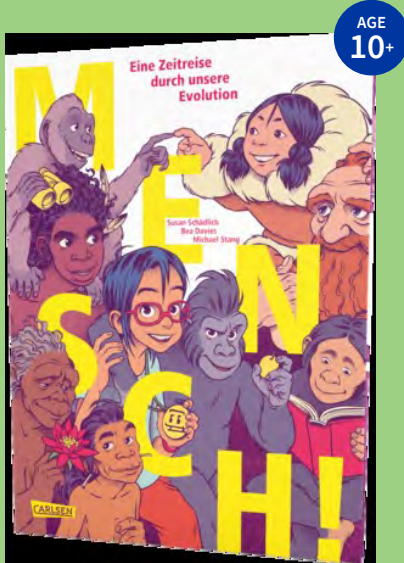


Jan Ludwig  
**Democracy**  
 240 pages • 12,0 × 18,7 cm  
 Age: 13+  
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Our non-fiction series *Straight Talk* is characterized by topicality and accuracy. The new volume deals with the subject of democracy, examines interconnections, looks to the past as well as the future and shows why today, especially, it's so important to stand up for democratic ideals.

“Enlightening and educational – key words and the basis of the entire series. Bravo.” (*eselsehr*)

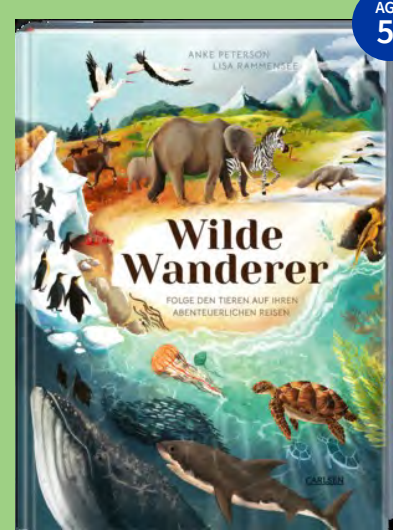
## Non-fiction recommendations

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10+

Susan Schädlich, Michael Stang, Bea Davies (Ill.)  
**HUMAN! Time-traveling Through Our Evolution**  
 80 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm  
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12+

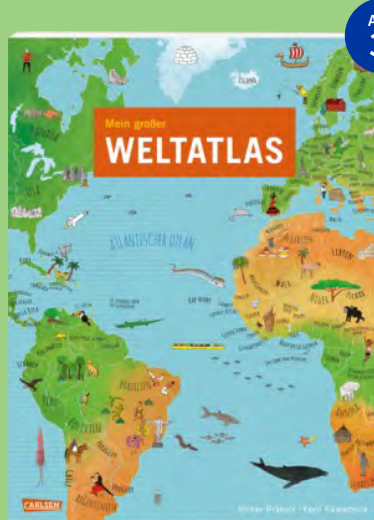
Hanna Harms  
**Milk Without Honey**  
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Anke Peterson, Lisa Rammensee (Ill.)  
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 ISBN 978-3-551-25160-2  
 Sold to: Hungary

AGE  
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Ina Schmidt, Lena Ellermann (Ill.)  
**How Do I Get to a Good Life From Here?**  
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 Age: 14+  
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AGE  
3+

Volker Präkelt, Yayo Kawamura (Ill.)  
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 Age: 3+  
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# Our Just Ask the Mouse series continues!

## 8+ entries



AGE 8+

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 Age: 8+  
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AGE 8+

Gabi Neumayer, Vera Rehaag (Ill.)  
**Just Ask... the Mouse: Climate and Weather**  
 64 pages • 21,0 × 25,7 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-25382-8



AGE 8+

Gabi Neumayer, Isabelle Metzen (Ill.)  
**Just Ask... the Mouse: Forest**  
 64 pages • 21,0 × 25,7 cm  
 Age: 8+  
 ISBN 978-3-551-25366-8



AGE 8+

Daniela Nase, Hauke Kock (Ill.)  
**Just Ask... the Mouse: Horses**  
 64 pages • 21,0 × 25,7 cm  
 Age: 8+  
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## New Board Books



AGE 2+

Petra Klose, Melanie Gürtler (Ill.)  
**Just Ask... the Mouse: On the Road**  
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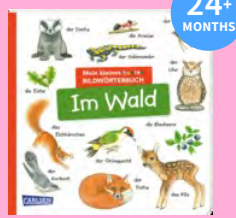
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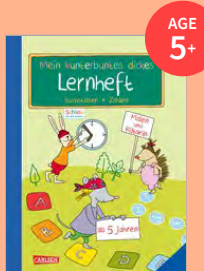
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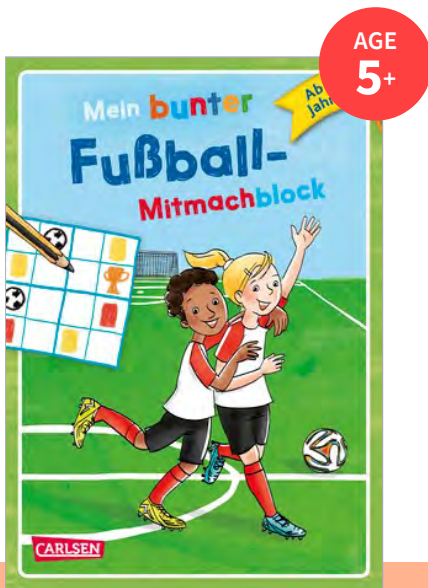
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