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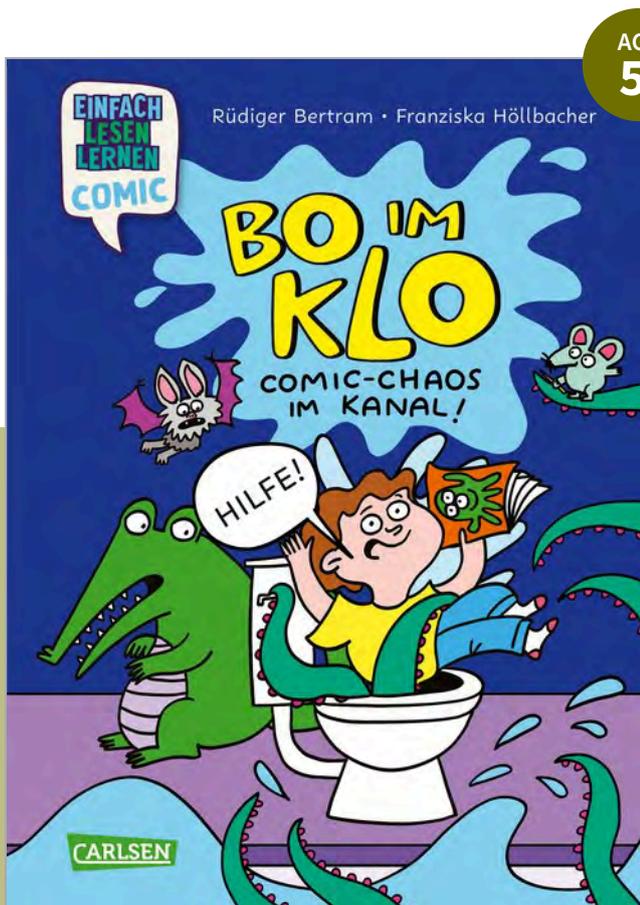
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Taking care of the back office

Absurd comic adventure that only kids understand

- First reader with octopuses, crocodiles and wild imagination
- Funny story for beginning readers



AGE
5+

Bo seeks peace and quiet in the bathroom, but a curious octopus pulls him into a world below. Together they share comics, help crocodiles become scary, and face a bold mouse in a sword fight. Will Bo escape the toilet?



© Bob Heinemann



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Rüdiger Bertram has been publishing books and screenplays for children and youth for many years.

Franziska Höllbacher needs mountains, nature, and many, many bookstores in order to lead a happy life.

Rüdiger Bertram, Franziska Höllbacher (Ill.)

Bo in the Loo

64 pages ■ 15,8 × 21,5 cm

Age: 5+

ISBN 978-3-551-69122-4

06/2026

Neighborhood adventure with a dog that needs help

- Everyday diversity and humor in a lively children's series
- Three more volumes already in planning

Welcome to Alva's and her friends' neighborhood. Together they dream of having a dog of their own. **And if you wish for something hard, it comes true... right?**

Actually, yes! In the park they find a little dog who desperately needs help. Even though Alva's parents don't allow her to have a pet, she takes the dog home. Secretly, of course. But hiding a dog isn't easy at all: because this dog is a real whirlwind and causes a whole lot of chaos.



© Frederic Lezmi

© Christian Friedrich

Constanze von Kitzing's passion for pen and paper began with hundreds of princesses and horses. Today she prefers more funny and quirky characters in rich colours which come alive through their many details.

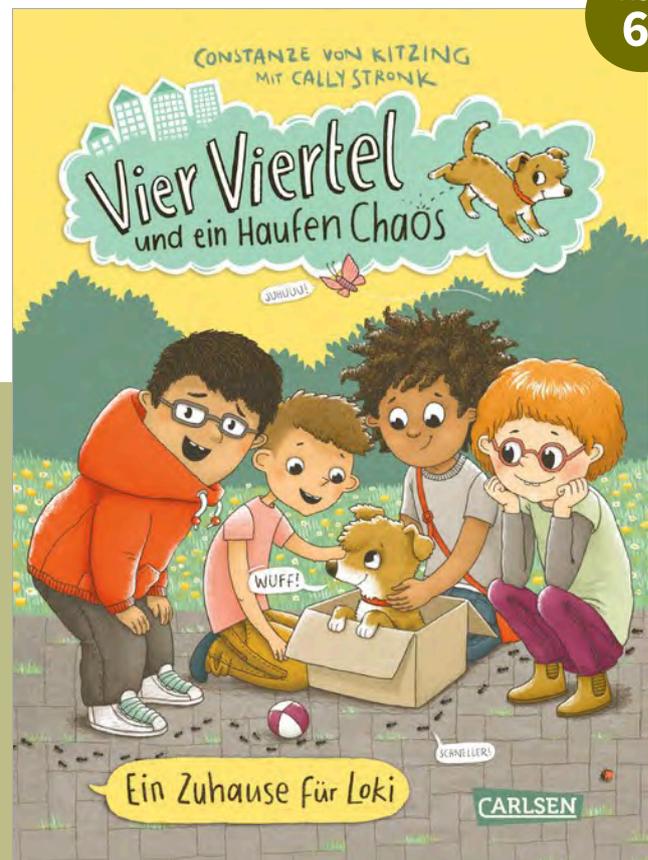
Cally Stronk lives in Berlin with her husband and their cat. There, she has a studio where she paints and invents stories. She has already written more than 60 books, some of which have won awards, including the *Preuschhof Prize for Children's Literature*.

Volume 2 will be published in November 2026



My Neighbourhood and a Bunch of Chaos: The Missing Soccer Ball (vol. 2)

ca. 160 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm
Age: 6+
ISBN 978-3-551-65669-8



AGE
6+

Constanze von Kitzing, Cally Stronk
My Neighbourhood and a Bunch of Chaos: A Home for a Dog (vol. 1)

192 pages • 15,8 × 21,5 cm

Age: 6+

ISBN 978-3-551-65668-1

05/2026

Comic-style detective story with supernatural twist

- Unique hero who can see ghosts
- Engaging riddles and clues
- Humorous, mysterious adventure

AGE
8+



Steffen Gumpert
Light in the Dark. A Spooky Detective Mystery to Solve Along the Way
 96 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
 Age: 8+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80209-5
 05/2026

Rupert can see ghosts and is searching for his missing father. **With his cat and sharp instincts, he unravels clues and solves puzzles, uncovering a hidden family secret.**

Puzzling on every page: mazes, search-and-find pictures, logic puzzles, and much more.

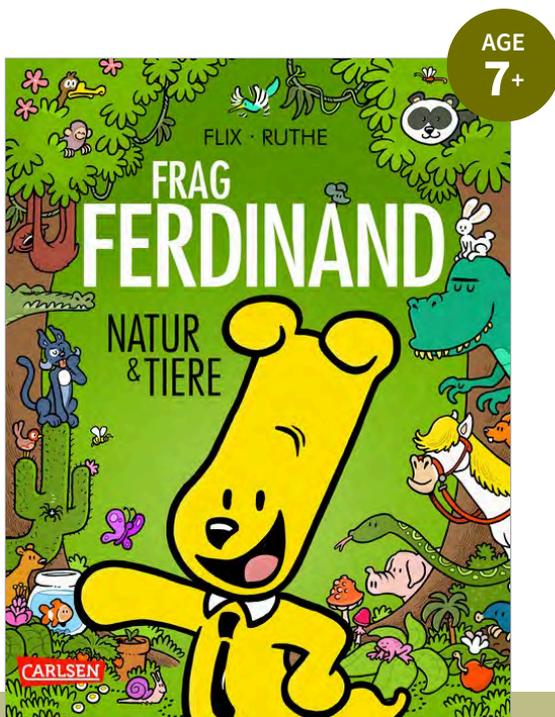


© Steffen Gumpert

Steffen Gumpert studied communication design and lives with his family in Berlin, where he earns his rolls as a freelance cartoonist, comic artist, and illustrator, as well as a designer for animated films. He has been active in the German cartoon and comic scene for many years and publishes in various magazines, newspapers, and books, as well as online.

Bind-up of popular comic series from Germany's #1 children's magazine

- Educational non-fiction comic that makes learning fun for elementary school children
- Consistently top ratings from young readers



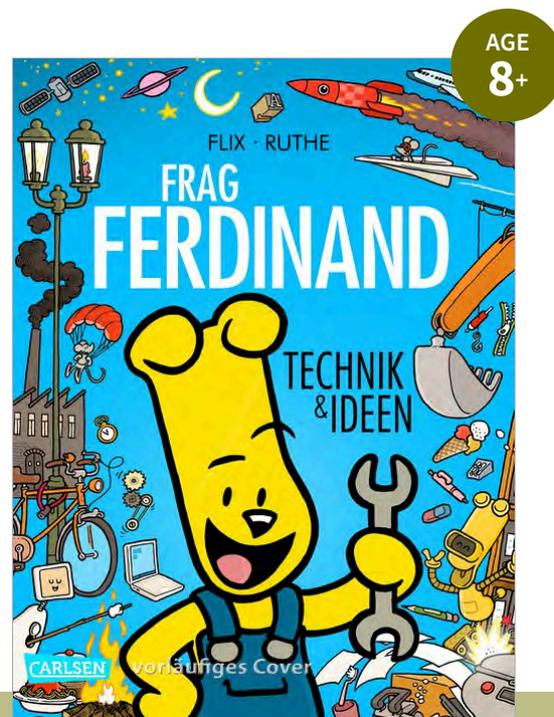
Ralph Ruthe, Flix
Ask Ferdinand: Nature and Animals
 64 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 7+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80442-6
 06/2025

Ferdinand, who is a reporter dog, explores nature and animals through exciting comic adventures. From whales and evolution to dinosaurs, this fearless journalist makes learning fun by skilfully combining humour with educational content, making complex scientific topics accessible and entertaining for young readers.

A proven hit with hundreds of thousands of young readers for over a decade.

Engaging insights into robots and gadgets

- Humorous comic stories with fun facts about inventions
- Knowledge for kids in a fun and witty way



Ralph Ruthe, Flix
Ask Ferdinand: Technology and Ideas
 ca. 64 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 8+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80443-3
 09/2026

Ferdinand, the speedy reporter dog, dives into the world of technology, from quirky inventions to robots that might take his job. With humour and excitement, this comic sparks curiosity and includes double-page fun facts.

Splendid mix of non-fiction and comic fun!

Volume 4 of *Minecraft Comic* in the best-selling series with over 200,000 copies sold in total



Heiko Wolz, André Sedlaczek (Ill.)
Minecraft Comic: Piglins – Until the Lava Sizzles!
 (vol. 4)

80 pages • 15,1 × 21,6 cm

Age: 8+

ISBN 978-3-551-80806-6

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AGE
8+

The friends must find gold to save their village's harvest. Their quest leads them through a portal into the Nether, facing Piglins and a fierce Piglin Barbarian. With crafting, dropping and clever solutions, **this comic brings Minecraft action to the page for fans and newcomers alike.**

Volume 5 of the comic edition is due in November 2026.



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© Sigrid Urban

Heiko Wolz used to be a book seller and caregiver for people with mental handicaps. These days he manages a household with four kids, wife, dog and cat. In his spare time he writes novels and stories.

André Sedlaczek was born 1967 - on the 6th December, earlier than planned, just to be sure to be in time for Christmas. He studied Visual Communications, and works as a freelance illustrator.



Minecraft Comic: Creeper – And Then Kaboom! (vol. 1)

80 pages • 15,35 × 21,6 cm

Age: 6+

ISBN 978-3-551-80150-0

Sold to: Taiwan, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden



Minecraft Comic: Desert Zombies – Until the Sun Stings! (vol. 3)

80 pages • 15,3 × 21,6 cm

Age: 8+

ISBN 978-3-551-80727-4

For all those looking for captivating comics for children

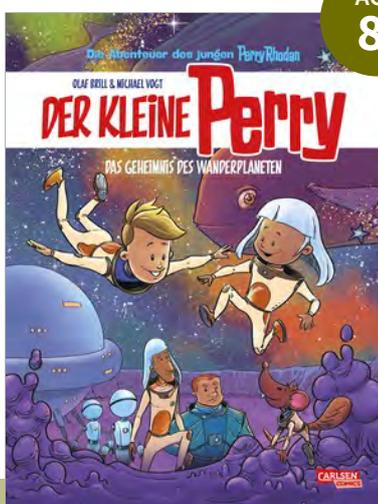
Science fiction for beginning readers and the whole family

Volume 2 of the superhero comic for kids 8 years and up

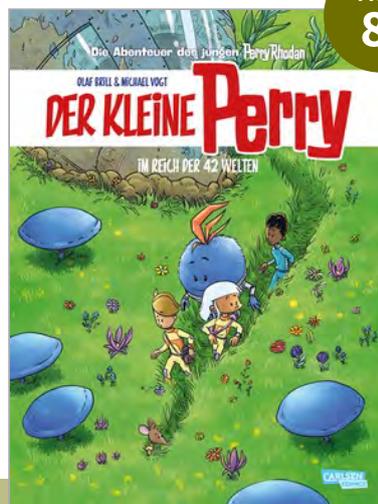
Encourages reading: Young Perry makes bookworms out of reluctant readers

Space adventures for the whole family

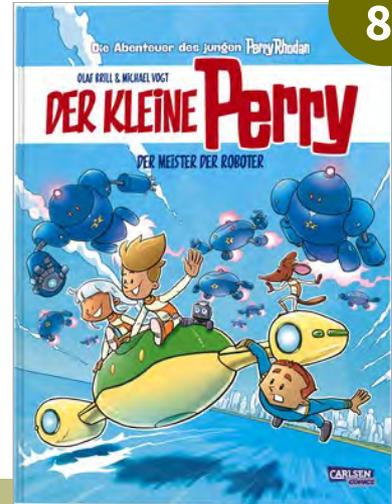
Reading fun for everyone: A sci-fi series for boys and girls, moms and dads and curious grandparents



Michael Vogt (Ill.), Olaf Brill
Young Perry: The Secret of the Rogue Planet (vol. 1)
 ca. 96 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 8+
 ISBN 978-3-551-76017-3
 Sold to: Turkey, Romania, Russia
 09/2023



Michael Vogt (Ill.), Olaf Brill
Young Perry: In the Realm of the 42 Worlds (vol. 2)
 96 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 8+
 ISBN 978-3-551-79668-4
 09/2024



Michael Vogt (Ill.), Olaf Brill
Young Perry: The Robot Master (vol. 3)
 96 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 8+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80579-9
 09/2025

The *Perry Rhodan* adventures (*Young Perry* as an adult adventure hero) are extremely popular in Germany. But that needn't stop international licensees from translating *Young Perry* for their own line-ups of kids' comic books! Illustrators and authors are masters of their craft – it doesn't matter if the original *Perry Rhodan* series is unknown. ***Young Perry* is perfectly suited to all those who like comics and can't wait to start reading.**

Perry and his friends explore strange worlds, and in this second volume, they have more adventures in space. This time, **while on a rescue attempt, the children are surrounded by mysterious attackers.** In the end, the rescue mission succeeds, but there's some kind of alien being that won't stop following them...

"Galactic reading recommendation!" (*Gelnhäuser Neue Zeitung*)

Perry and Thora are spending a relaxing day at the rim of the black hole when they run into someone they hadn't figured on at all – and once again, they're caught up in a wild adventure! **While searching for an old hero, they land on a planet full of robots.** But who is the mysterious "Robot Master"?

COMIC BOOKS
&
GRAPHIC NOVELS

Autobiographical story about navigating Iranian-German identity as a queer woman

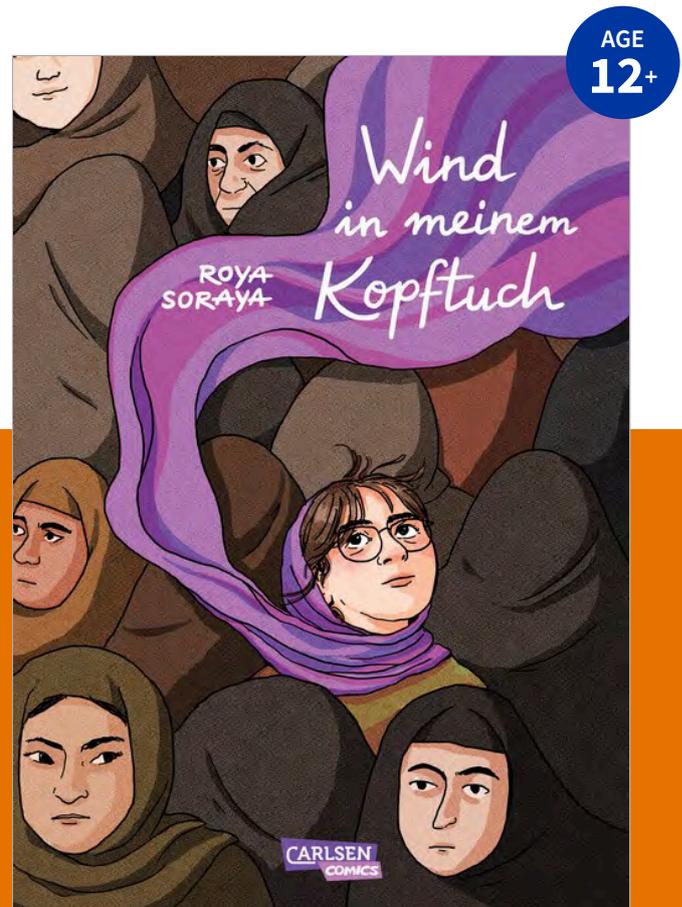
- Intimate exploration of cultural heritage, family bonds and self-discovery
- Moving account of a daughter's journey through Iran with her father
- Powerful story about finding your place between two cultures and two worlds

Roya grows up in Germany in an Iranian-German family, feeling both familiar with and distant from Persian culture. **Her longing to understand her roots leads her on a journey through Iran with her father. As a queer woman, she experiences moments between fascination and fear, beauty and oppression,** unaware this would be her last journey with her father.



© Christian Doeller

Roya Soraya enjoys telling stories with a feminist perspective and focuses on the diversity and humanity of her characters. Her comic work has been supported with grants from, among others, the Berlin Senate and the Goethe-Institut. In addition to graphic novels, Roya Soraya creates commissioned illustration work and gives workshops and readings.



Roya Soraya
Wind in My Headscarf
 192 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-01590-7
 05/2026

Survival and resistance under the Assad regime in Syria

- Artistic collaboration with survivor
- Based on real interviews
- Includes historical background and project insights



Tobi Dahmen, Akram Al Saud
Al-Fazia'

ca. 128 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
ISBN 978-3-551-80912-4
06/2026

It's Akram Al Saud's story: from unjust imprisonment in Aleppo to joining the revolution and fleeing to Europe. **Created through personal conversations and an international project, it is a vivid account of resilience and the power of art to express the unspeakable.**



Tobi Dahmen (born 1971) studied Visual Communications in Düsseldorf. He now lives in Utrecht, and works as a comic artist and illustrator for magazines, marketing campaigns and web campaigns. He was awarded with the *ICOM Award* for the best shortcomic in 2007, and with the *Reddot Award* for a corporate design in 2011. His graphic novel *Getting Grand. Memories of a Smalltown Mod* was published in 2015, and stirred a lot of interest.

Previously published title



Columbus Street
528 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
Age: 12+
ISBN 978-3-551-79663-9
Sold to: Russia, the Netherlands,
Bosnia-Herzegovina, France

A vampire thriller set in modern Vienna

Combines crime fiction, horror, and social criticism with a homage to Dracula and Nosferatu

A creepy neighbour is giving Hannah a hard time. Who is this guy who looks like an old-school vampire? On top of that, tenants start disappearing, and there's an old apartment that all sorts of shady characters are desperate to get their hands on. André Breinbauer stages a modern vampire story in a city that has always known its own bloodsuckers, blending Viennese charm with dark suspense.

A highlight for fans of mystery and dark humour.



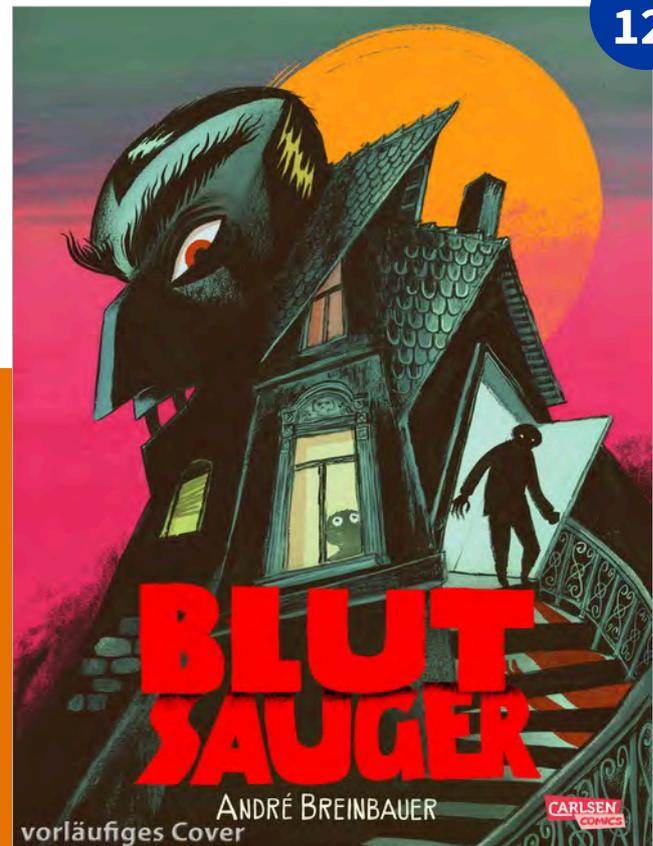
© Sofia Hollunder Peulifo

André Breinbauer he has lived in Vienna as a freelance illustrator and comics artist since 2005. When he was a child, the television series *Traveling with Odysseus* fascinated him and quickened a life-long interest in Greek mythology, an interest palpable on every page of *Medusa and Perseus*. With this title, he was a finalist in the 2021 comic-book prize awarded by the Berthold Leibinger Foundation.

You may remember André's previous graphic novel:



Medusa and Perseus
288 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
Age: 14+
ISBN 978-3-551-79610-3
Sold to: English worldwide, Brazil, Spain (Cast.)

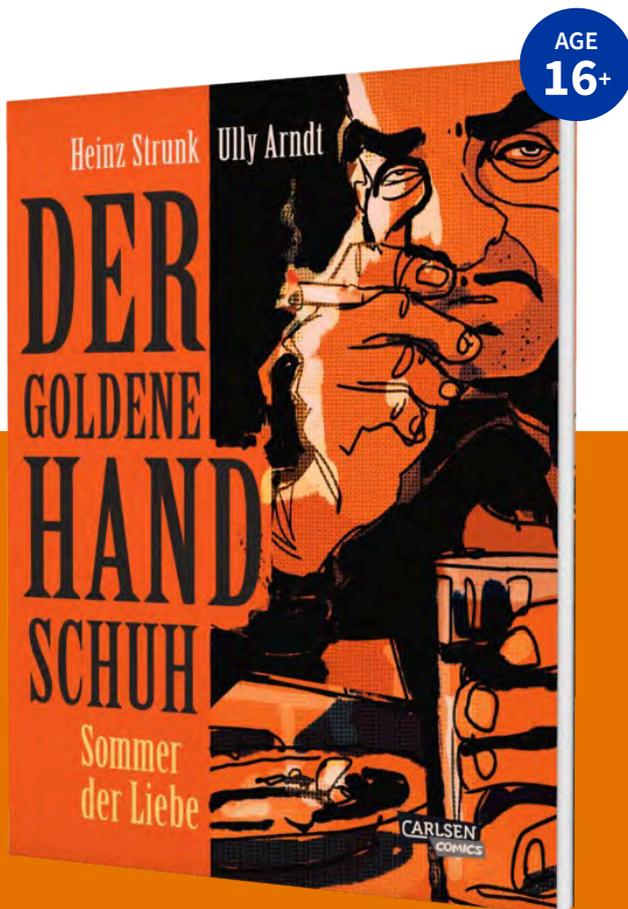


AGE
12+

André Breinbauer
Bloodsucker
248 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
Age: 12+
ISBN 978-3-551-80898-1
04/2026

Inside the Mind of a Killer – A True Story from 1970s Hamburg

- Atmospheric portrayal of 1970s Hamburg's contrasting social worlds
- First volume of a two-part series exploring true crime through the graphic novel medium
- Combines social commentary with crime narrative, examining class differences in post-war Germany



Heinz Strunk, Ullly Arndt (Ill.)
The Golden Glove – The Comic
 116 pages • 19,2 × 24,4 cm
 Age: 16+
 ISBN 978-3-551-74500-2
 02/2026

Hamburg, 1974. **Fritz Honka frequents "The Golden Glove" pub in St. Pauli, Hamburg's red light district, meeting women he takes home. Some don't survive.** Parallel to Fritz Honka and his milieu unfolds the story of the wealthy shipowner's family Dohren. At first glance two very different worlds, which are nevertheless connected by desolation. In the end these two worlds meet in "The Golden Glove" pub.

This mature graphic novel offers international readers a compelling entry into post-war Germany.



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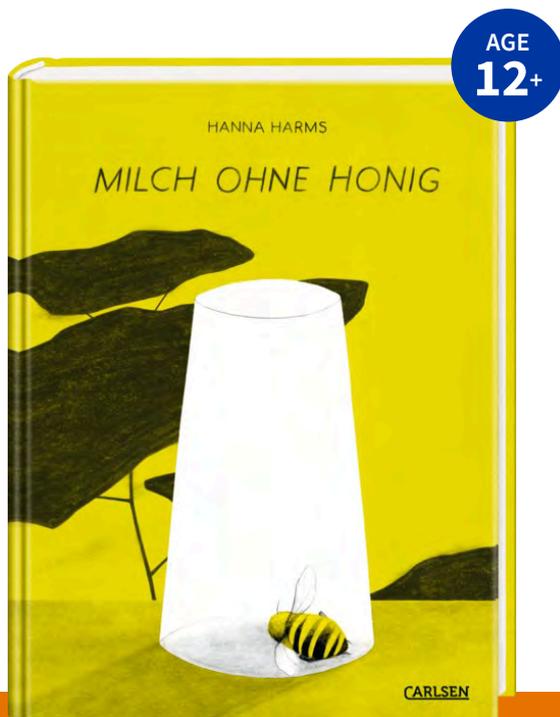
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Heinz Strunk is a writer, musician, and actor. Strunk is well known for his bestseller *Fleisch ist mein Gemüse* (Meat is my Veg).

Ullly Arndt is a successful illustrator, cartoonist, comic artist, author, and producer. At just 16, he worked as an editorial assistant at the satirical magazine MAD, where he gained his first experience as an illustrator and author. He has been running his comic and animation studio in Hamburg since 1992.

A look into the ecological future

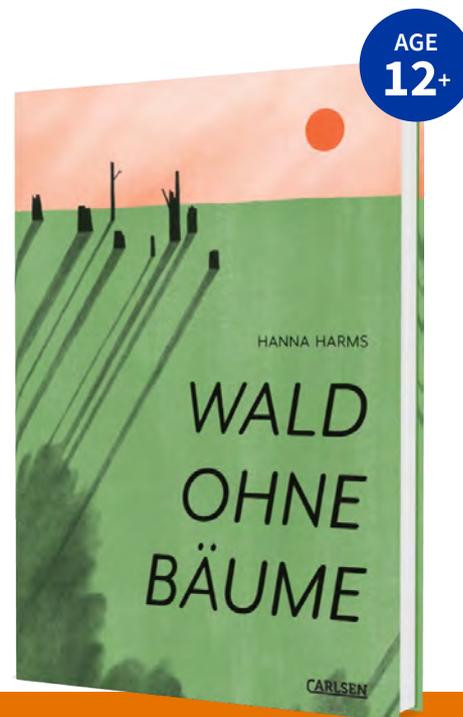
- A graphic novel for children and young adults
- Poetic and urgent non-fiction work



Hanna Harms
Milk Without Honey
 112 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-78108-6
 Sold to: Arabic world rights, Italy, Russia, English worldwide
 09/2022

Everything we should know about trees and the forest

- Nature conservation and forests
- Everything about protecting forests – from Europe to rain-forest regions



Hanna Harms
Forest Without Trees
 192 pages • 17,3 × 24,5 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80448-8
 03/2026

Climate change, concrete jungles, and pesticides are causing insects world-wide to die off.

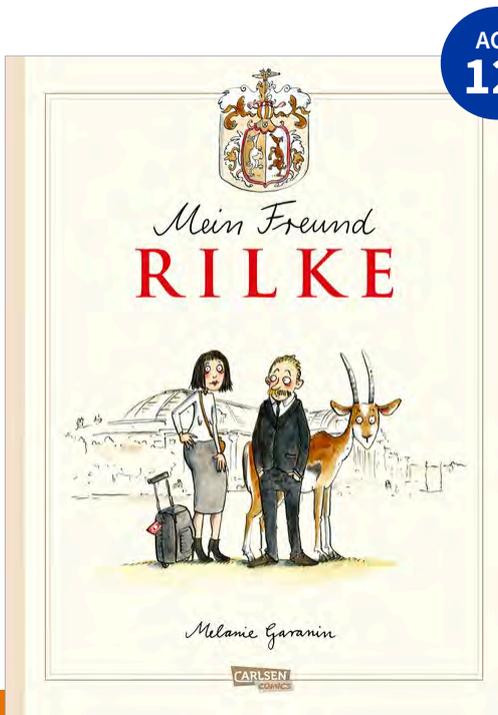
The young German artist Hanna Harms portrays the multiple aspects of the situation. **A future without bees?** *Milk Without Honey* imagines this dystopia...

With her prize-winning *Milk Without Honey*, Hanna Harms demonstrated that she is a master of combining poetry with science. Her delicate, comic-style illustrations compose bluntly honest pictures; **the factual background encourages readers not only to think, but also to change their way of thinking.**

Forest Without Trees concerns itself with the distinguishing characteristics of European forests, and what needs to be done to protect this eco-system that's so important for us all.

Discover classic German poetry and contemporary visual storytelling

- ▮ Romantic time-crossing narrative featuring one of Germany's most beloved poets
- ▮ Fresh perspective on Rainer Maria Rilke's work through modern graphic novel format



Melanie Gararin
My Friend Rilke
 192 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-75780-7
 10/2025

Ellen writes an article about Rainer Maria Rilke, knowing his name but not his work. **Then the impossible happens: she meets Rilke in person. A love story unfolds between two eras and worldviews.** Melanie Gararin poetically opens a fresh perspective on the famous poet through beautiful graphic storytelling that bridges literature and art.

My Friend Rilke offers an accessible entry point to classic German literature while appealing to both poetry enthusiasts and graphic novel readers.

Sample translation available.

Graphic novel that breaks taboos around women's aging and hormonal changes

- ▮ Scientifically informed yet deeply personal exploration
- ▮ Combines authentic storytelling with medical knowledge to address an underrepresented topic



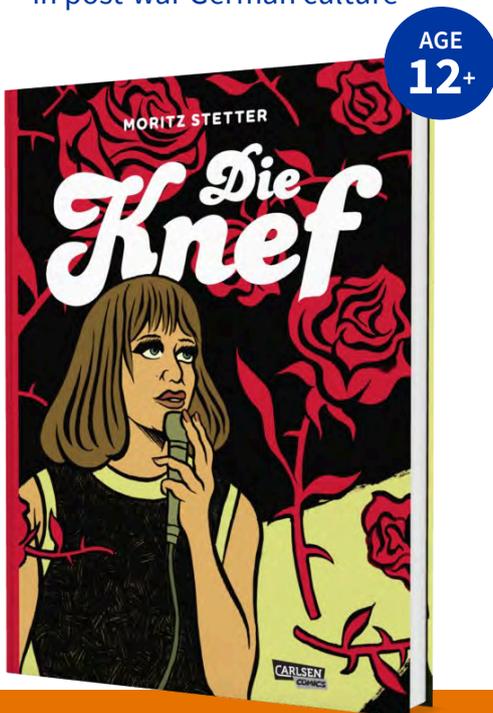
Rinah Lang
Peri Meno
 192 pages • 17,55 × 24,6 cm
 ISBN 978-3-551-80568-3
 03/2026

Peri Meno explores perimenopause, the early phase of menopause that begins earlier than many women expect. **Based on personal experiences and conversations with women across generations, the author creates an honest portrayal addressing physical and emotional challenges, societal expectations, and beauty ideals.**

This work fills a significant gap in graphic literature by addressing women's health issues with both scientific accuracy and emotional authenticity.

Comprehensive biography of Germany's most celebrated 20th-century entertainer

- Multifaceted portrait covering her careers as UFA film star, Broadway performer, and chanson singer
- Reinvention, resilience, and artistic integrity in post-war German culture



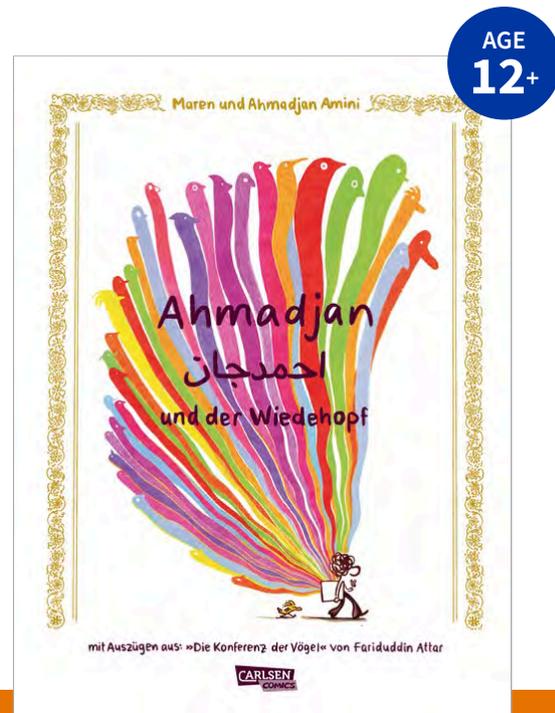
Moritz Stetter
The Knef
 208 pages • 19,8 × 26,5 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-77038-7
 11/2025

Singer, actress, writer – Hildegard Knef (1925-2002) was one of the most dazzling personalities of the 20th century. She defied conventions and constantly reinvented herself. **From UFA star to Broadway success to chanson singer, her life was filled with fame and personal suffering.**

This graphic biography offers insight into a remarkable woman who transcended cultural boundaries through her artistry.

Good stories are like treasures

- A prize-winning graphic novel
- Gripping, touching, humorous biography



Maren Amini
Ahmadjan and the Hoopoe
 240 pages • 19,8 × 26,6 cm
 Age: 12+
 ISBN 978-3-551-79971-5
 Sold to: USA (English worldwide), Indonesia
 10/2024

In 1972, young Ahmadjan Amani travels from Afghanistan to Germany. He wants to be an artist, and almost ten years later he becomes the father of the author.

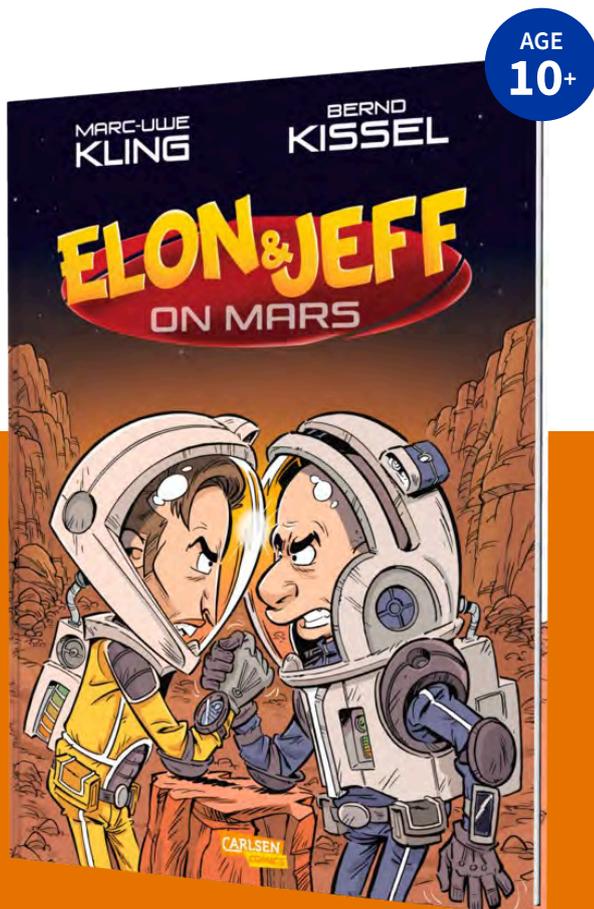
What follows is **a colorful zig-zag path, a profoundly moving life between art and war, homeland and new beginnings**, flight from strife and responsibility for family members left behind in Afghanistan. Through it all, he never stops searching for happiness. **Based on the 800-year-old Persian saga *The Conference of the Birds* by Farududdin Attar, the author also portrays the confrontation with one's own identity.**

"Maren Amini has created one of the best comics of the year in a fascinating visual narrative [...]." (PAGE)

"The beautiful graphic novel *Ahmadjan and the Hoopoe* not only makes you happy, but also wise." (Donna)

Satirical space comedy about billionaire neighbours

- Satire about wealth, space exploration, and absurd neighbourhood conflicts on Mars
- Witty commentary on contemporary billionaire culture through sci-fi comedy
- More than 37,000 copies sold within 4 months!



Marc-Uwe Kling, Bernd Kissel (Ill.)

Elon & Jeff on Mars

80 pages • 22,5 × 30,1 cm

Age: 10+

ISBN 978-3-551-80572-0

Sold to: Denmark

10/2025

Two fictional multi-billionaires, Elon Tusk and Jeff Jezos, race to Mars. Once there, they prove that a planet only needs two inhabitants to create neighbourhood disputes! When Jeff's assistant robot ALEX disappears, the richest men on Mars discover the red planet harbours dangers beyond annoying neighbours.

Full English translation available.



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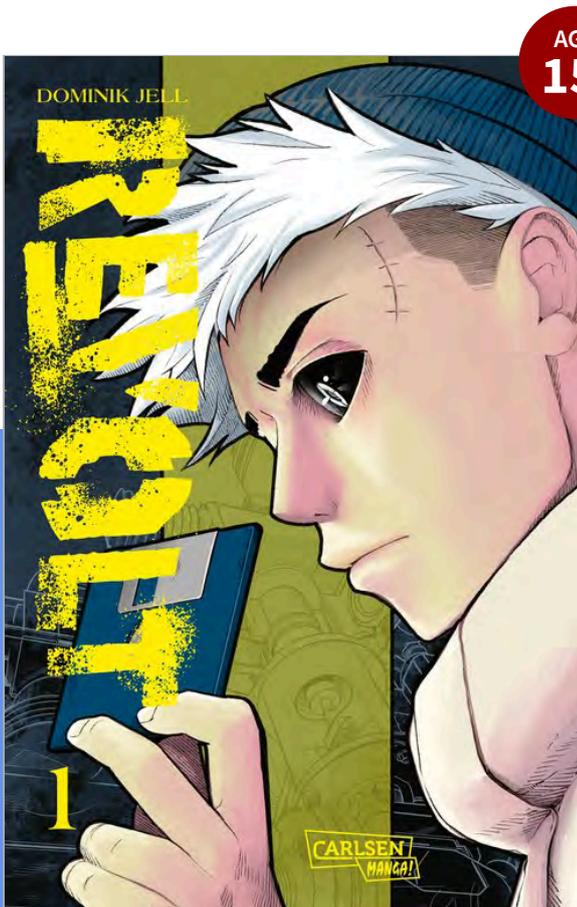
Marc-Uwe Kling sings songs and tells stories. His business concept is to write books that criticize capitalism and sell very well.

Bernd Kissel worked as a designer in animated films, and has been publishing comics since 2007. Carlsen has published other works of his, e.g. *Münchhausen*.

MANGA

Cyberpunk dystopia meets social critique

- Manga series exploring resistance in a controlled world
- Strong heroine faces surveillance and oppression
- Start of a six-volume saga



Dominik Jell
Revolt (vol. 1)
 192 pages • 12,5 × 18,7 cm
 Age: 15+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80662-8
 04/2026

In a world ravaged by climate change, the megacorporation Corp. controls life and death. **Advanced technology and medicine grant the wealthy physical perfection, while the rest of humanity struggles to survive.** But resistance is rising: a movement fights against the exploitation of free will and bodily autonomy in this dark future.

Volume 2 will be published in July 2026, volume 3 in November 2026 and the final volume is due in February 2027.



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Dominik Jell, born in 1994, is a passionate tattoo artist; in 2020 he even opened his own studio with a focus on Japanese tattoo art. Along with that, he draws manga – lucky for us!



Revolt (vol. 2)
 ca. 192 pages • 12,5 × 18,7 cm
 Age: 15+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80663-5



Revolt (vol. 3)
 ca. 192 pages • 12,5 × 18,7 cm
 Age: 15+
 ISBN 978-3-551-80664-2

An inspiring story about hope and resilience

- Cool action sequences and relatable characters in Western reading direction
- About finding strength and purpose after life-changing trauma

After losing her right arm in an accident, Akane believed her life was over. In a rare moment of courage, she ventures outside and has a fateful encounter!

A powerful enemy appears, she finds someone to look up to and gets caught in a shocking conspiracy.

This manga series offers a unique perspective on disability representation while delivering thrilling action sequences that appeal to readers seeking both entertainment and meaningful storytelling.

Volume 4 will be published in Winter 2026.



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manus, born in 1989, is a manga artist and illustrator from Zurich. After studying animation in Lucerne, he moved to Tokyo, where he scribbled the first drafts for a manga project in his exercise book in Japanese class.

When he's not holding a drawing pen in his hand, he likes to spend time playing video games, strumming the guitar or thinking about whether he should finally get a dog.



Severed (vol. 1)
180 pages • 11,5 × 17,5 cm
Age: 14+
ISBN 978-3-551-02287-5



Severed (vol. 2)
196 pages • 11,5 × 17,5 cm
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Severed (vol. 3)
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