

Film Rights Catalogue

CARLSEN VERLAG

Spring 2026

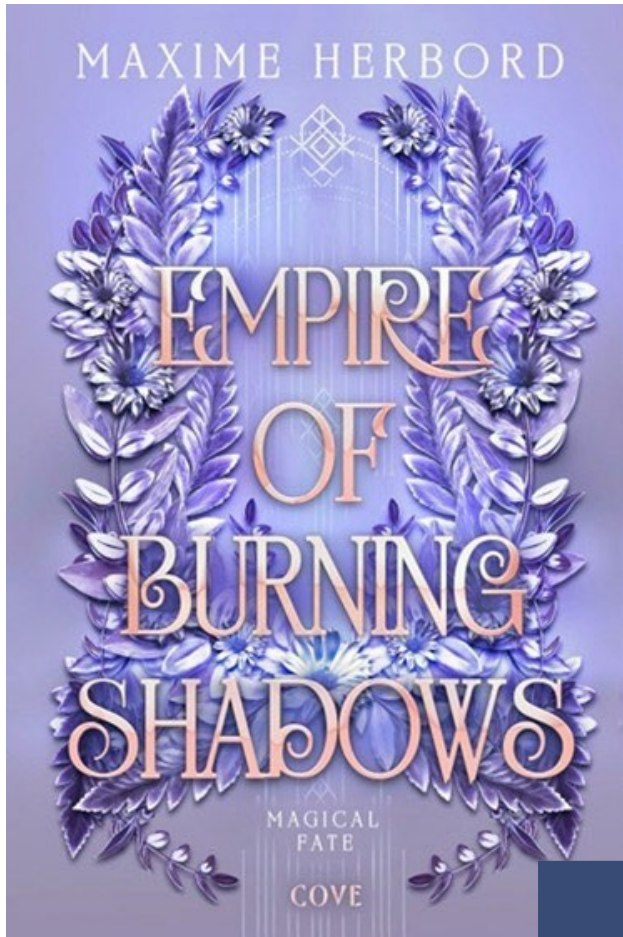
Young Adult + New Adult

Captivating love stories, exciting
fantasy and dark romance



Sensual slow burn romantasy

Ages 16



Empire of Whispering Flames
(Vol. 2)
October 2026

ROMANTASY

Maxime Herbord

Empire of Burning Shadows (Vol. 1)

- Debut by influencer @maximeee with 230,000 Instagram and 70,000 TikTok followers
- Epic romantic fantasy between light and shadow
- Tropes: slow burn, love triangle, hidden powers

Synopsis
available

Between two powers and two men...

Joslin encounters true magic only once a year: during the Night of Light and Shadow, when the unity of darkness and light is celebrated and always ends with a kiss at midnight. But this year, everything is different. She encounters two powerful magicians – and both recognise something in her that makes Joslin not only unique, but also dangerous. But the festival ends fatally when shadow runners attack the village and tear Joslin's family apart. Determined to save her brother, Joslin embarks on a dangerous mission that leads her into the midst of the looming war between light and shadow...

Maxime Herbord

Empire of Burning Shadows (Magical Fate 1)

432 pages

Age: 16+

May 2026

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Spicy fantasy

Ages 16



SPICY FANTASY



Fall for Fangs (Vol. 2)
April 2026



Date a Devil (Vol. 3)
October 2026

Penny Juniper

(Darkthorn Archives Vol. 1): Bite the Bride

- Academy fantasy with vampires and werewolves in 1920s Scotland
- Irresistible mix: spice & dark plot & romantic comedy
- Tropes: Haters to lovers, fake marriage, touch her and die, grumpy x sunshine

Student Katherine Campbell hates vampires. But while attempting to steal a spell book from the secret university library, she unleashes a curse. She is saved by none other than Ethan Hawthorn, head librarian, powerful vampire, unnaturally attractive and her greatest enemy. To keep the curse at bay, her chronically grumpy saviour must bite her regularly – something that has been absolutely illegal since 1899. The loophole? Marriage. From now on, Ethan must share everything with Kat. Even his bed. No matter how much Kat tests his self-control. No matter who else shows interest in her and the curse. One thing is certain: he will protect his wife at all costs. Even if their marriage is just a sham. Or is it?

Penny Juniper

Bite the Bride (Darkthorn Archives 1)

592 pages

Age: 16+

October 2025

CARLSEN

More titles by Penny Juniper

Penny Juniper

Bellbook University: Trilogy

- Romantic comedy with a generous helping of spice and fantasy
- Visit the magical Bellbook University, where fake dating, forced proximity and forbidden love have hot consequences!

Volume 1: Ginger & Beast
Volume 2: Honey & Trouble
Volume 3: Sugar & Cane



ROMCOM

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New adult romance in high society

Ages 16



Veiled Ambitions (Vol. 2)
March 2026

NEW ADULT
ROMANCE

Lara Holthaus

Marigold Manor (Vol. 1): Hidden Lies

- Lara Holthaus' brand new series based on the SPIEGEL bestseller hit "Vienna"
- An NA romance full of sizzling romance and dark suspense
- Tropes: High Society, Forced Proximity, Rivals to Lovers

Marigold Manor is elite, luxurious and the dream of anyone who wants to make it big in equestrian sports. Except for dressage talent Lola. She is certain that the ostentatious stud farm is the place that cost her sister her life. When she gets the chance to record a podcast and visit the estate for four weeks, she accepts. She wants to finally find out what dark machinations are hidden there. Even if that means encountering Aiven Audley every day. Her biggest rival, unbearably arrogant and... forbiddenly attractive. But she finds it increasingly difficult to resist the attraction she feels towards him. When she discovers how deeply Aiven himself is involved in the intrigues of the royal stud farm, it is almost too late...

Lara Holthaus

Marigold Manor 1: Hidden Lies

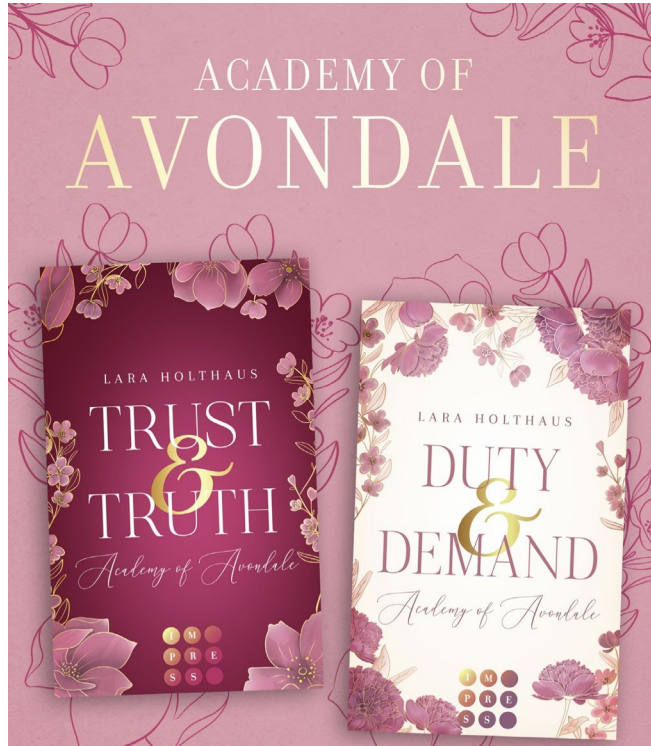
480 pages

Age: 16+

October 2025

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More titles by Lara Holthaus



Lara Holthaus

Academy of Avondale

- New adult romance with a glamorous academy setting
- Popular setting on the Atlantic coast of England
- For all fans of Mona Kasten's Save Me series

Lara Holthaus:

Vienna (Film rights sold)

- The irresistible enemies-to-lovers duology!
- Touching and sexy: rich girl heiress meets bad boy stepbrother



Cheerleading meets female empowerment

Ages 16

Synopsis
available



Cheer to Your Heart (Vol. 2)
June 2026

NEW ADULT
ROMANCE

Josy Greifenberg Cheer to the Top (Vol. 1)

- Cheerleading meets female empowerment: hot stunts and the fight against prejudice in high-performance sport
- Tropes: slow burn, grumpy x sunshine, opposites attract

Winning the Cheerleading Nationals – that's Elaina's dream. After fighting her way onto the OCJ College team, it's finally within reach. Only one thing stands in her way: her body. As a diabetic, Elaina has never had it easy in high-performance sport. That's why no one can know about it. Especially not LJ, who she hasn't been able to get out of her head since her first stunt.

LJ has put all his eggs in one basket. One mistake and he will lose his entire future. And that of his family. He recognises Elaina's talent immediately. The two are made for each other as stunt partners. Every move is perfect and the attraction between them is electric. But it could all be over in an instant if Elaina's lie comes to light...

Josy Greifenberg

Cheer to the Top (Cheer 1)

448 pages

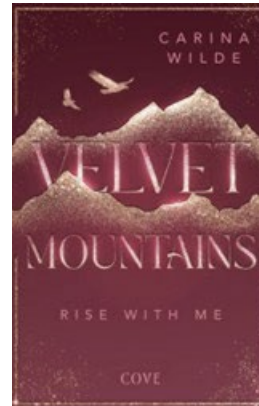
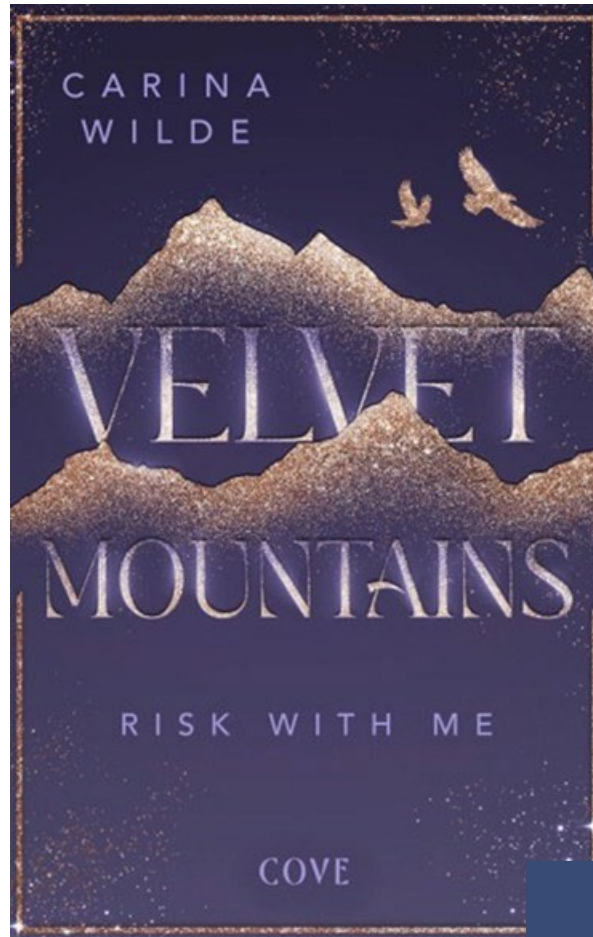
Age: 16+

March 2026

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Welcome to the Velvet Mountains

Ages 16



Rise With Me (Vol. 2)
January 2026

SPICY NEW
ADULT

Carina Wilde

Velvet Mountains: Risk With Me (Vol. 1)

- Spicy New Adult Romance with the trendy themes of bouldering/extreme mountaineering
- Breathtaking backdrop: the rugged mountains of Alaska
- Tropes: cosy small town, forced proximity, only one bed, second chance

Six years have passed since Ayla and Julien witnessed their best friend and climbing partner fall to his death. The two have not seen each other since. Ayla has turned her back on mountaineering and now runs a lodge for climbers from all over the world. Julien suddenly bursts in, accompanied by a film crew and his agent, more successful than ever and ready to finally climb the legendary peak. Although so much stands between them, the attraction that flared up between them back then quickly returns. It becomes even more difficult when Ayla realises that Julien will not be able to conquer the mountain without a strong rope partner. Without someone who really knows him as a mountaineer. Without her... Ayla decides to risk everything with him once again.

Carina Wilde

Risk With Me (Velvet Mountains 1)

448 pages

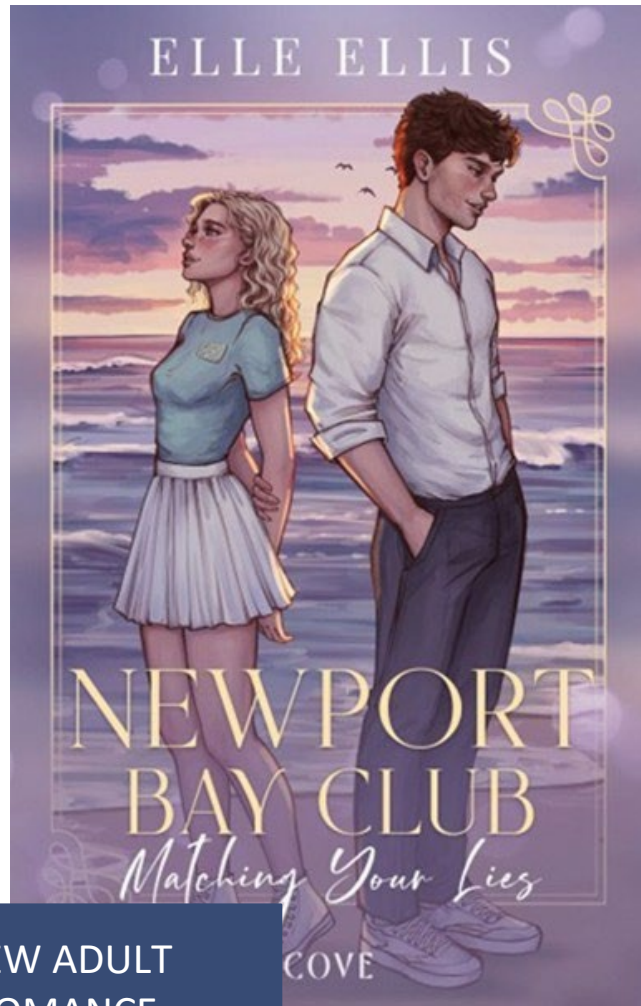
Age: 16+

July 2025

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For fans of "We Were Liars" and "Elité"

Ages 16



NEW ADULT
ROMANCE

Elle Ellis

Newport Bay Club: Matching Your Lies (Vol. 1)

- Luxury yachts, sandy beaches and intrigue
- For fans of "We Were Liars" and "Elité"
- Tropes: High Society, Forbidden Love, Bad Boy

For some, the exclusive Newport Bay Club is a place for the rich and beautiful, but for employee Hazel, it's like the family she never had.

Until young millionaire Carter Miller shows up. One of the VIP guests of the summer – and the very stranger with whom Hazel spent a night on the beach two weeks earlier. While the high society life pulsates around her between yacht parties and champagne, Hazel tries to avoid Carter. Because a private connection to the guests is strictly forbidden and could cost her everything. However, Carter is assigned directly to her and seems to have no interest in keeping his distance. As she gets closer to his secrets, she discovers a truth that could bring down the luxurious club.

Elle Ellis

Newport Bay Club 1: Matching Your Lies

432 pages

Age: 16+

June 2026

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Teenagers Rivals to Lovers Romance

Ages 14



YOUNG ADULT
ROMANCE

Kristina Tausek

Where Summer Finds Us

- Teenage rivals-to-lovers romance set against a breathtaking backdrop
- Unique setting: Remote high school campus in the middle of the mountains
- Sweet, quick-witted and captivating

Green Mountain High becomes the setting for a turbulent new beginning for 17-year-old Ally: reluctantly sent to boarding school in the middle of nowhere, she suddenly has to find her feet in her new surroundings. There she meets Shane, the ambitious basketball captain, who challenges her with his charm and quick wit. What begins with heated verbal exchanges develops into a relationship full of tension and unexpected closeness. While Ally is still trying to find her place in this new world, she discovers that there is more to Shane than she ever imagined behind his perfect façade. And the more she learns about him, the closer she wants to be to him...

Kristina Tausek

Where Summer Finds Us

304 pages

Age: 14+

May 2026

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Dark romance meets Twilight

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Royal Clair Club (Vol. 2): His Last Bite November 2026

DARK ROMANCE

Ayla Dade

Royal Clair Club (Vol. 1): Her First Hunt

- From multiple number one SPIEGEL bestselling author Ayla Dade
- Addicted to her hunter: Dark romantic fantasy meets Twilight
- Tropes: Dark College, Royal Thrill, Paranormal Fantasy

Inez does not belong to the elite. Her milieu is the Westcliff slums, her golden ticket is a scholarship to St. Clair College. Surrounded by money, power and a high society that will stop at nothing to maintain its status.

Calix van Schmitt Barclay is the youngest of the three ruthless X-Boys. Ice-cold, forbidden sexy and downright irresistible.

Calix wants Inez. There is tension between them from the start – raw, wild, unpredictable. Inez knows that anyone who plays with the X-Boys risks everything. But she wants to go all in and become part of the mysterious Royal Clair Club. Because Inez has a plan, and for it to work, she has to win the princes' games. Or at least survive them. But Inez has no idea what she's really getting herself into...

Ayla Dade

Royal Clair Club 1: Her First Hunt

720 pages

Age: 18+

February 2026

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More titles by Ayla Dade

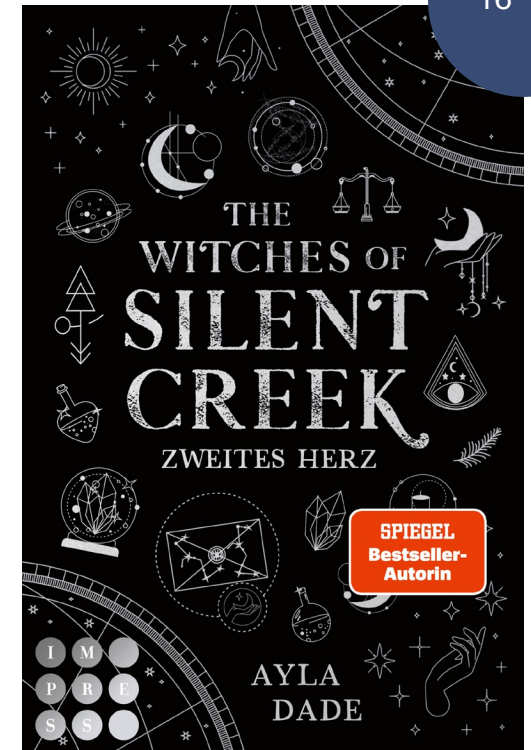
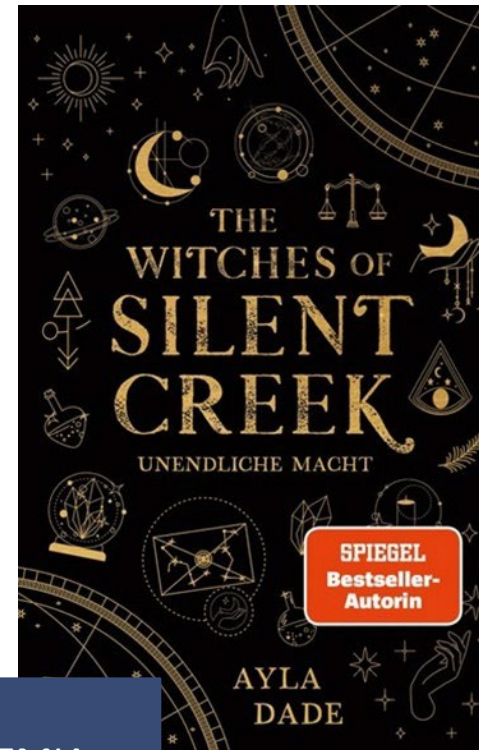
Ayla Dade

The Witches of Silent Creek

- Visually stunning worldbuilding
- Two trending themes: witches paired with dark academia

After the mysterious death of her parents, Helena moves to her mother's hometown of Silent Creek, an enigmatic small town on the Scottish coast. What the young student doesn't know is that nothing is normal in this harsh place. Dark forces reign in Silent Creek, which Hel feels most strongly in Tyrael Burnett – her arrogant and frighteningly attractive fellow student at Creek's College. And worst of all, she feels them within herself...

DARK ACADEMIA



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YOUNG ADULT FANTASY

Ages 14



YOUNG ADULT
ROMANTASY



Enchanted Legacy (Vol. 2)
November 2026

Julia Kuhn

Darkhill Academy: Magical Blood (Vol. 1)

- Grand setting: a secret academy at Oxford University
- Tropes: student x professor, strangers to lovers, forbidden love

Lynn begins her studies at Oxford University in order to search for her missing sister. Instead, she discovers her witch powers: when she is attacked on campus, she unconsciously unleashes her magic – and is caught by young professor Ryan. He reveals to her the hidden Darkhill Academy, where witches study with fairies, and Lynn is offered a new course of study. Soon, it's not just magic that crackles between Ryan and Lynn. But alongside her forbidden attraction to her magic professor, her mistrust also grows. Does Ryan know more about her sister's fate than he admits? As dark shape-shifters threaten the academy, Lynn must decide whom to entrust with her life – and her heart...

Julia Kuhn

Darkhill Academy 1: Magical Blood

416 pages

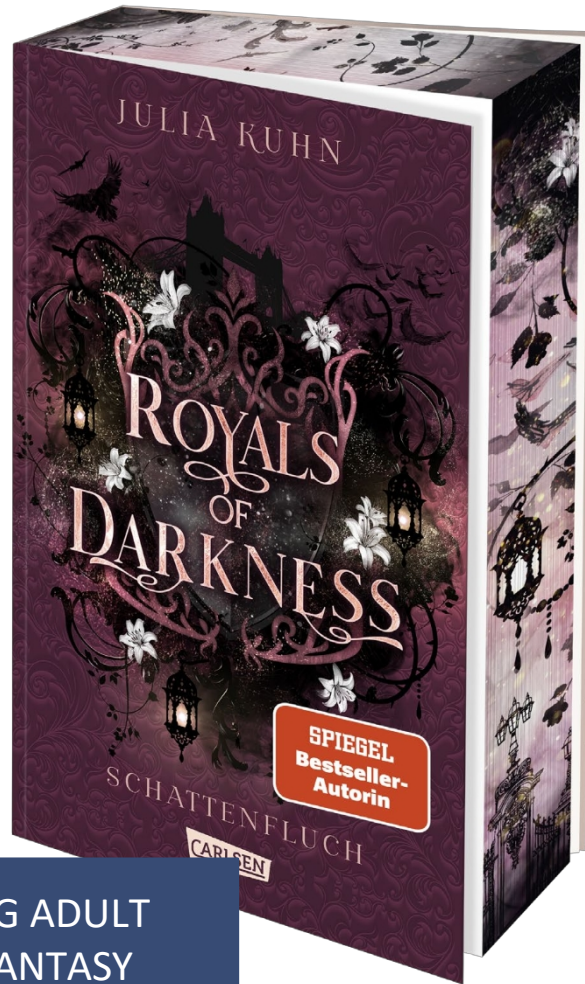
Age: 14+

July 2026

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YOUNG ADULT FANTASY

Ages 14



YOUNG ADULT
ROMANTASY



Royals of Nightfall. Demon Curse (Vol. 1)
March 2025



Royals of Midnight. Raven's Curse (Vol. 2)
September 2025

Julia Kuhn

Royals of Nightfall. Demon Curse (Vol. 1)

- Must-have: Shadowhunters meets The Royals
- Glamour meets danger: British royals, dark demons and forbidden love in London – a spectacular mix with great series potential.

Every woman in the British Empire knows to stay away from Edward, the heir to the throne. An impenetrable aura of gloom surrounds the former golden boy, keeping everyone at arm's length. Only the rebellious aristocrat Freya, who parties with all the royals

parties, is a thorn in his side. Completely unexpectedly, they grow closer after a heated conversation. But as soon as Edward touches her, he sees something that Freya does not yet know: she only has a few days left to live. And the only way for him to save her is to make a pact with the death demon of the otherworld ...

Julia Kuhn

Royals of Darkness. Shadow Curse (Royal Shadows 3)

400 pages

Age: 14+

January 2026

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Other titles by Julia Kuhn



Ages
14

Synopsis
available

Julia Kuhn **Ravenhall Academy**

- Magical academy romantic fantasy set in a British school
- For fans of Harry Potter, Silver and House of Night
- Over 40,000 sales

Julia Kuhn

Moonlight Academy

- Magical academy setting
- Romantic, sizzling and magical
- Love triangle in the fairy world



Ages
14

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BESTSELLER: Romantic urban fantasy series

YOUNG
ADULT

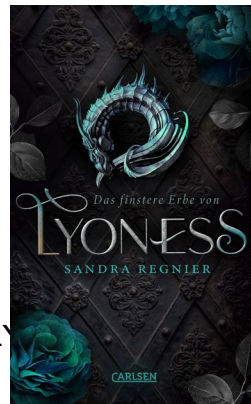
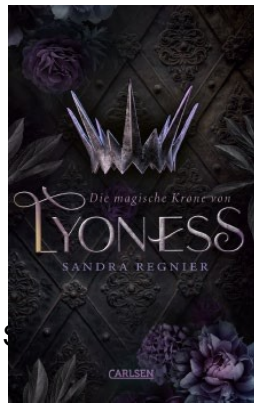


Sandra Regnier PAN trilogy and spin-offs

- YA, Romantic Urban Fantasy,
- Setting: London and elsewhere
- Highly popular German author with a large fan base
- Over 750,000 copies sold

SYNOPSIS
AVAILABLE!

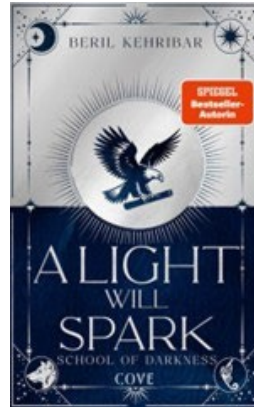
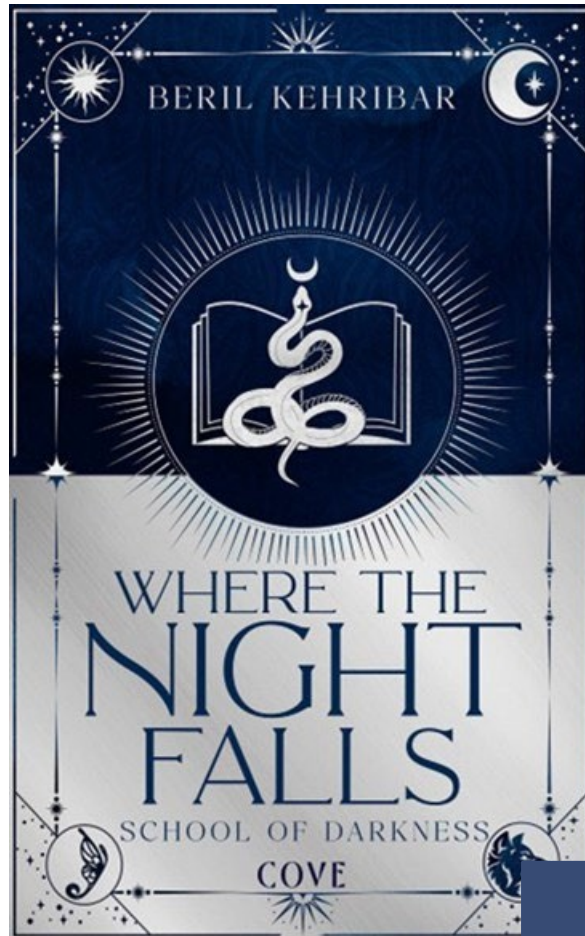
Volume 1: Felicity Morgan is not exactly what the fairy world imagined their prophesied saviour would be like. She is eighteen, still wears braces, has no sense of style and never seems to get enough sleep. Leander FitzMor, on the other hand, the new boy at Felicity's school, is by far the best-looking guy in London. He's never at a loss for a cool line and, to top it all off, he's intelligent too – thinks Felicity, who thankfully isn't into arrogant heartthrobs. Even though Leander is always surrounded by that strangely attractive scent of hay and moss and sometimes looks at her as if he can read her thoughts. But the worst thing about it all is that he simply won't leave her side...



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Young Adult Fantasy

Ages 14



A Light Will Spark
(School of Darkness 2)
April 2026

YOUNG ADULT
FANTASY

Beril Kehribar

School of Darkness: Where the Night Falls (Vol. 1)

- YA Dark Academia Fantasy with Gothic Vibes
- Tropes: Friends to Lovers, Hidden Powers, Forbidden Love, Forced Proximity

As the daughter of a teacher, Aurelia Grey has known Hill Cove Boarding School since childhood. Yet at the venerable boarding school, where humans and night creatures are educated together, she is the only one who cannot control her magic – and is therefore an ostracized outsider. The elite sisterhood that could solve her dilemma repeatedly rebuffs her. When students gradually begin to disappear, Aurelia suspects that something sinister is going on within the school walls. Ironically, it is the aloof alpha Nathanael, to whom she feels irresistibly drawn, who uncovers a shocking truth with her. Nothing is as it seems, and ultimately Aurelia herself, with her magic, finds herself at the centre of the threat...

Beril Kehribar

Where the Night Falls (School of Darkness 1)

480 pages

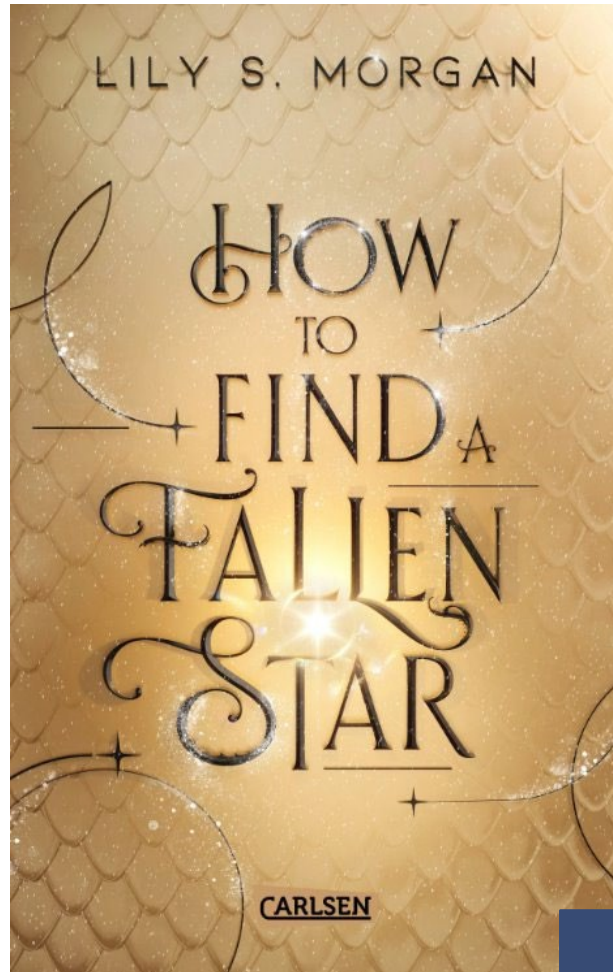
Age: 14+

January 2026

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The finale of the "New York Magics" duology

Ages 14



Volume 1:
How to Catch a Magical Light
November 2024

YOUNG ADULT
FANTASY

Lily S. Morgan

How To Find A Fallen Star (New York Magics 2)

- Magical Enemies to Lovers Romance/Forced Proximity in New York
- By the well-known SPIEGEL bestselling author Lily S. Morgan
- 43,000 fans follow "lilys.wortwelt" on Instagram

A clever will-o'-the-wisp and an agent demon caught between enmity, passion and a mission that overshadows everything else.

Special Agent Marlon Heaton has finally fulfilled his dearest wish and put Arlyn Dorell, New York's best thief, behind bars. But even locked up, the will-o'-the-wisp is several steps ahead of the demon and manages to convince him of a shocking theory. A conspiracy threatens to destroy the already poor relationship between Magics and humans. Only by finding the last fallen star can the worst be prevented. But to do so, Marlon and Arlyn must pool all their knowledge about the Magics and investigate together. Sparks fly between them – accompanied by feelings that are almost impossible to suppress ...

Lily S. Morgan

How To Find A Fallen Star (New York Magics 2)

384 pages

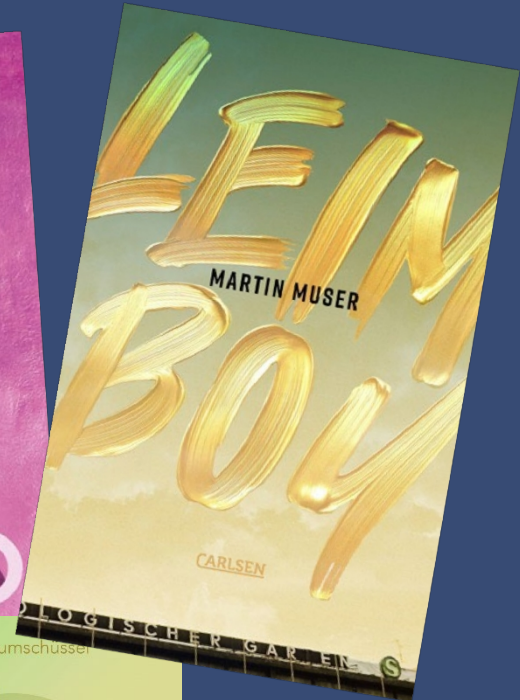
Age: 14+

July 2025

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Young adult books

Coming-of-age stories & relevant topics



Friendship across borders

Ages 14



POLITICAL YOUTH
NOVEL

Anja Reumschüssel

Above the rooftops of Jerusalem

Synopsis
available

- A highly topical subject sensitively handled
- Award-winning: Buxtehuder Bullen & Friedrich Gerstäcker Prize

Israel 1948: Tessa arrives in Palestine as a half-orphan and meets Mo in Jerusalem, whose family was expelled from there. They become friends, but their paths diverge in the fighting following the founding of the State of Israel.

Israel 2022: Anat has begun her military service and meets Karim, a young Palestinian, during an exercise in the West Bank. Both are paralysed with fear, but Karim brings them back to Tel Aviv under cover of darkness. When he himself is arrested at a demonstration, Anat's mother stands up for him.

Anja Reumschüssel

Above the Roofs of Jerusalem

336 pages

Age: 14+

March 2023

CARLSEN

Juli Zeh for young adults

Ages 14



POLITICAL YOUTH
NOVEL

Cornelia Franz **Fake Land**

Synopsis
available

- Highly topical issues Right-wing extremism, radicalisation and civil courage
- A gripping blend of thriller and political youth novel

After graduating from secondary school, Daniel is searching for his path in life. He doesn't want to pursue a career, live at the expense of the environment or go with the flow.

When he meets Steffen, an organic farmer, he admires him for his alternative, non-conformist lifestyle. He feels at home on Steffen's farm – but time and again, Steffen makes dubious comments that irritate him.

Finally, he realises what lies behind the supposed rural idyll: Steffen's farm is a meeting place for a right-wing extremist network that is planning a coup d'état. With evidence of their machinations, Daniel goes to the police – but now it's getting dangerous for him...

Cornelia Franz

Scheinland

192 pages

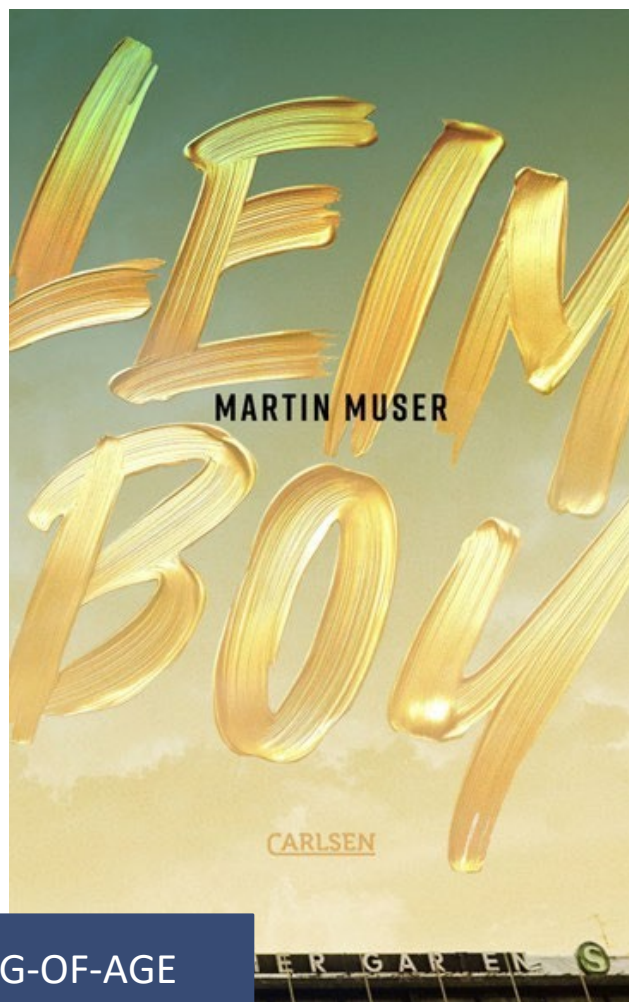
Age: 14+

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's gripping coming-of-age novel

Ages 14



COMING-OF-AGE
NOVEL

Martin Muser Shadow Gap

Synopsis
available

- Gripping coming-of-age novel about first love
- Special setting: West Berlin in the 1980s
- Focus on a previously little-explored chapter of German-German history

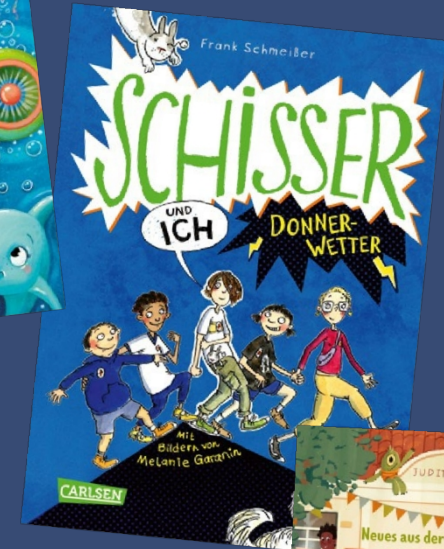
West Berlin, 1987: After graduating from high school, 18-year-old Robert arrives in the walled city and waits for the big life to begin. But at first, little happens. He moves into a shabby shared flat, half-heartedly starts an apprenticeship as a carpenter, and feels lost. The city fascinates and overwhelms him – just like the young woman from the transit train who one day stands before him again. Nova embodies everything Robert longs for: freedom, adventure, love, sex – the big life, in other words. Against all odds, the two fall in love. But Nova also has her own story.

Martin Muser
LEIMBOY
200 pages
Age 14+
June 2026

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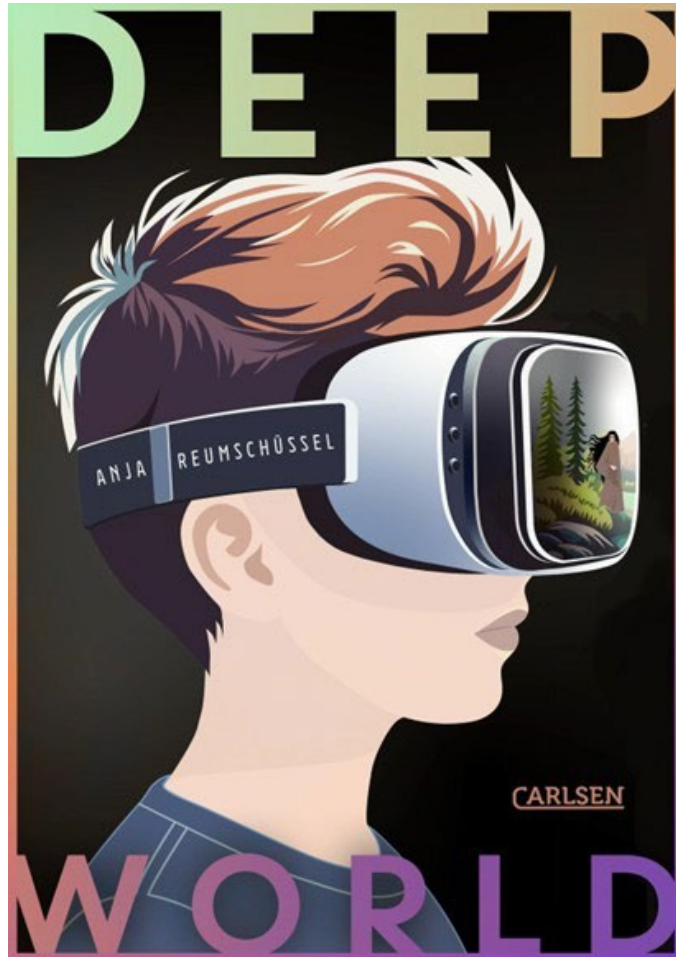
Children's books

Entertainment for the whole family!



Gaming thriller: AI, games and a life of their own

Ages 10



Anja Reumschüssel **Deepworld**

- Exciting Gaming thriller
- Gripping narrative with high identification potential
- Theme: Computer games and AI

Synopsis
available

Ruby is new to the class and constantly draws wolves with monster-sized teeth or giant hornets in her notebooks. Gustav would love to know what this is all about. Do they come from Deepworld, the mysterious computer game Ruby has at home?

When she invites him to play one day, he quickly realises that these characters are far from the most dangerous things waiting for them there. Because the game seems to have a life of its own. Will they still win in the end?

Anja Reumschüssel
Deepworld
224 pages
Age: 10+
April 2026

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For fantasy fans aged 12 and up

Ages 12

Synopsis
available

Judith Mohr

City of Singers and Conspirators

- Captivating fantasy with historical flair: magic, intrigue and a strong heroine with a unique gift – perfect for a visually stunning series universe full of suspense and emotion
- For fans of Leigh Bardugo and Cornelia Funke
- Series planned with 6 volumes

Cor must set off for the city of Granadis to continue his training as a magician. He and his girlfriend Ro are accepted as apprentices by the singing magician Maestra Ascendi and her husband, an herbalist. Ro quickly discovers that she has a special gift for working with medicinal plants. And soon her skills are urgently needed, because a mysterious disease is spreading in Granadis, claiming more and more victims! Cor and Ro suspect that a group of conspirators is behind the strange occurrences. Could it be that poison is involved in the strange disease? Now it's up to them to prevent further murders...

Judith Mohr

City of Singers and Conspirators (City of Magicians 2)

448 pages

Age: 12+

February 2026

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City of Magicians and Thieves (Vol. 1)



City of Sorcerers and Swindlers (Vol. 3), May 2026



City of Brothers and Kidnappers (Vol. 4), August 2026

Page-turner: Mr. and Mrs. Smith for kids

Ages 11



Nothing but Spies (Vol. 1)



Nothing but Spies: Remember!
(Vol. 2)

Mario Fesler

Nothing but Spies (Vol. 3): Unforgettable

Synopsis
available

- Conclusion of the fast-paced spy trilogy
- Adventure with wit and heart: a modern spy thriller for kids that perfectly combines action, suspense and smart characters.

Celia is in the middle of the biggest adventure of her life. Admittedly, the bar for adventure isn't set very high when you grow up in a backwater like Trockenstedt. But this adventure is really big. It's about nothing less than saving the world from the spy organisation ORGA, which, unfortunately, her friend Vincent belongs to. Vincent also wants to save the world. But who can the two of them trust? Who are the good guys? And when the good guys start doing bad things, how long can you tell them apart from the bad guys?

Mario Fesler, Helder Oliveira (ill.) Nothing
but Spies 3: Unforgettable

320 pages

Age: 11+

May 2026

CARLSEN

Pure excitement: AI and lots of ghosts

Ages 9



Volume 1: Giving up the ghost is not an option



Volume 3: The Haunting Continues



Volume 4: Game Over

Ruth Rahlff

SpooKI: One Ghost Rarely Comes Alone

- Volume 5 of the SpooKI series: spookily good again!
- AI meets ghosts and a few very clever kids
- Super original and highly topical

Something's not right here! Robert, Isabella and Lorenzo all agree on that. But is it really a demon wreaking havoc in their new case and terrifying their client's aunt? Or has Grandpa gone too far in his newly awakened passion for hauntings? When other houses start to be haunted as well, the three of them, together with the AI Medusa, do everything they can to find out who is really behind it all.

Ruth Rahlff, Timo Grubing (Ill.)

SpooKI: A haunting rarely comes alone

256 pages

Age: 9+

October 2025

CARLSEN

Wake up, the adventure continues! Daylings and nightlings – unite!

From 9



Volume 1: Light, Shadow, Flying Rats!



Volume 2: Wake Up, School of Night!

Claudia Scharf

The Secret of Nox Volume 3: Friends, Fire, Monsters

- Secrets, dangers and a solar eclipse that changes everything!
- A spectacular finale full of surprising twists
- An exciting mix of magic, friendship and adventure

Vernox! Tagling Fill and Nachtling Issa are at a loss: night creatures keep disappearing. What is going on? Issa wants to investigate. She secretly sneaks into the school of the day with Fill. This is forbidden and dangerous – and the plan goes awry: suddenly Issa is gone too! Fill and Lenny must rescue her. The search takes Fill through the Infinite Forest to the capital city of Luxea – past nasty Raboisen and hungry flying creatures. And suddenly, for Fill and his friends, it's about more than just the missing night creatures – it's about the greatest secret of Day and Nox!

Claudia Scharf, Lisa Forsch (Ill.)

The Secret of Nox 3: Friends, Fire, Monsters!

304 pages

Age: 9+

November 2025

CARLSEN

An extraordinary friendship across generations

Ages 6



Christian Wichmann, Julia Christians (Ill.) **A Granny For All Occasions**

- Potential favourite book: funny, quirky and heart-warming
- Short, exciting episodes

When Edgar meets his new neighbour Mrs Koschitz for the first time in the stairwell, he is shocked. They are like chalk and cheese: he is a coward and she is a daredevil, he is a nerd and she is a troublemaker. Don't they go together? Oh yes, they do, because together they are simply unbeatable!

Whether it's a spectacular break-in at the opera, everyday birthday parties, daring cooking ideas or hunting down a jewel thief: this extraordinary friendship makes every day an adventure and sprinkles a generous dose of glitter on top!

Christian Wichmann, Julia Christians (Ill.)

A Granny For All Occasions

96 pages

Age: 6+

February 2026

CARLSEN

Realistic, diverse family stories under one roof

Ages 4



Volume 1: Risottostraße 7

Judith Allert, Simona M. Ceccarelli (ill.), Frauke Berger (ill.)

News from Risottostraße 7

- For the whole family: an extraordinary household that immediately grows on you.
- Warm-hearted, funny, wonderfully chaotic: episodes full of charm and recognition

A new, colourful year is ahead for the Risottos. Seven adults, four children and a mini pig named Moppel experience cosy, funny, chaotic and exciting moments. For example, Lilly finds a broken hedgehog, Moppel becomes a curly-tailed damsel and the cheeky chickens keep everyone on their toes.

Whether it's spring, summer, autumn or winter: with this special household, there's never a dull moment!

Judith Allert, Simona M. Ceccarelli (ill.), Frauke Berger (ill.) News from Risottostraße 7

128 pages

From 4 years

May 2026

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Funny detective story

Ages 6



Ingo C. Schoenleber, Tine Schulz (ill.) The Hair-Fanatic Detective

- Funny detective story with an original hero
- Creative wordplay and lots of situational comedy

Horst von Haartoll, an almost professional detective, is facing his first big case: Otto the dog has disappeared. This makes the otherwise well-coiffed investigator's hair stand on end! While combing through a meadow, he doesn't find the missing Otto, but he does find the clever Detleva. Unlike Horst, she doesn't just use her head for haircuts, but knows how to use it cleverly. Will they be able to solve this hair-raising case together?

Ingo C. Schoenleber, Tine Schulz (illustrations)

The Hair-Fanatic Detective

64 pages

Age: 6+

June 2026

CARLSEN

Exciting gang story

Ages 6



Constanze von Kitzing, Cally Stronk, Constanze von Kitzing (Ill.)

Four Quarters and a Heap of Chaos

- Almost 350,000 books sold by Constanze von Kitzing
- A warm-hearted, diverse story of friendship straight from everyday childhood life with great potential for identification – cheeky, genuine and emotional

Welcome to the Four Quarters! This is where Alva and her friends Tarik, Joy and Enes live. Together they dream of having their own dog. And if you wish for something really hard, it will come true, right? Indeed! In the park, they find a little dog that desperately needs help. Although Alva's parents won't allow her to have a pet, she takes Loki home with her. Secretly, of course. But it's not that easy to hide the dog: Loki is a real whirlwind and causes a whole lot of chaos.

Constanze von Kitzing, Cally Stronk, Constanze von Kitzing (Ill.)

Four Quarters and a Heap of Chaos 1: A Home for Loki

160 pages

Age: 6

May 2026

CARLSEN

Funny comic story

Ages 5



Rüdiger Bertram, Franziska Höllbacher (ill.)

Bo in the Loo

- Cheeky, quirky and hilarious – a crazy adventure full of pace, humour and original characters that will immediately make children laugh (and read!).
- Successful children's book author

Bo likes to sit on the toilet, where he can read comics undisturbed. But his laughter arouses the curiosity of the sewer octopus. He wants to know what's so funny. Suddenly, Bo is pulled into the toilet. It doesn't smell very good down there... But there's a lot going on in the sewers! Bo shares his comic with the octopus and helps two sad crocodiles become scary. When he almost gets into a fencing match with Sabine the rodent, it's a case of comic or life! Poor Bo!

Will he ever make it back out of the toilet?

Rüdiger Bertram, Franziska Höllbacher (Ill.)

Bo in the Loo

64 pages

Age: 5+

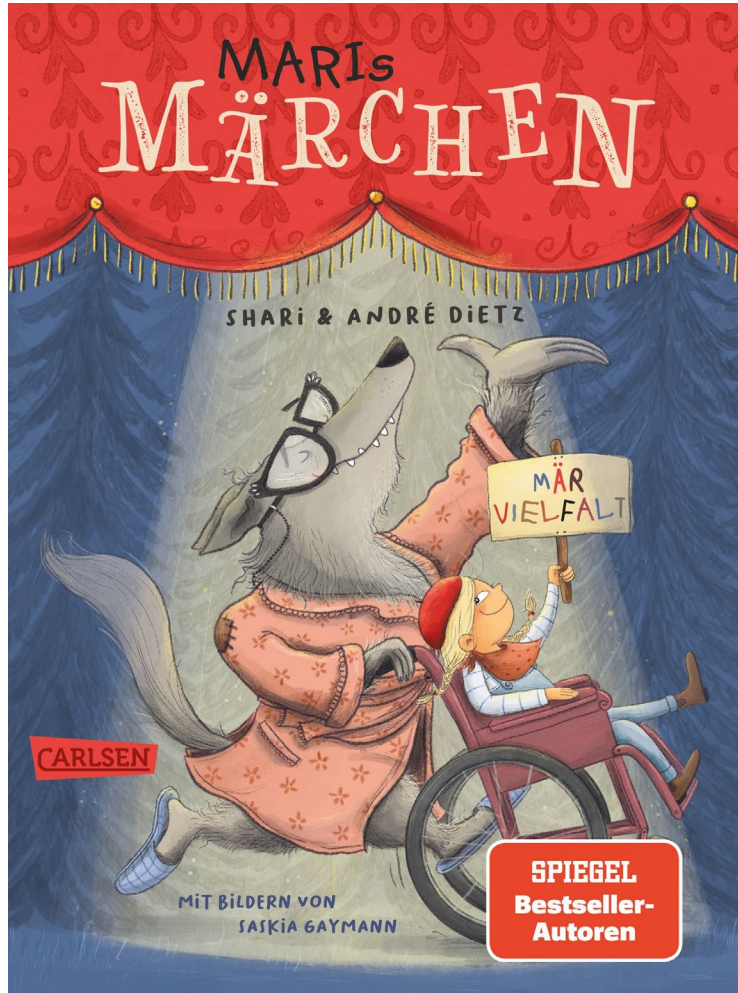
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Maris fairy tale world is colourful!

Theme: inclusion and diversity

From 6



Shari Dietz, André Dietz
Mari's Fairy Tales

- Inclusive fairy tales for all ages, to make you giggle and think
- Well-known author duo with a large social media following
- Raises awareness of inclusion and diversity in a highly entertaining way

From Mari's point of view, fairy tales should be told in a completely different way. Take the story of Jochen-Günther, for example, whom everyone calls Humpelstilzchen (Lame Stiltskin) just because one of his legs happens to be shorter than the other. Once again, no one understands that he didn't want to steal the queen's child, but only wanted to save it from great misfortune. And Downröschen, Handikäppchen and all the others also have to prove themselves in a world full of obstacles and prejudices.

Shari Dietz, André Dietz, Saskia Gaymann (Ill.)

Mari's Fairy Tales

96 pages

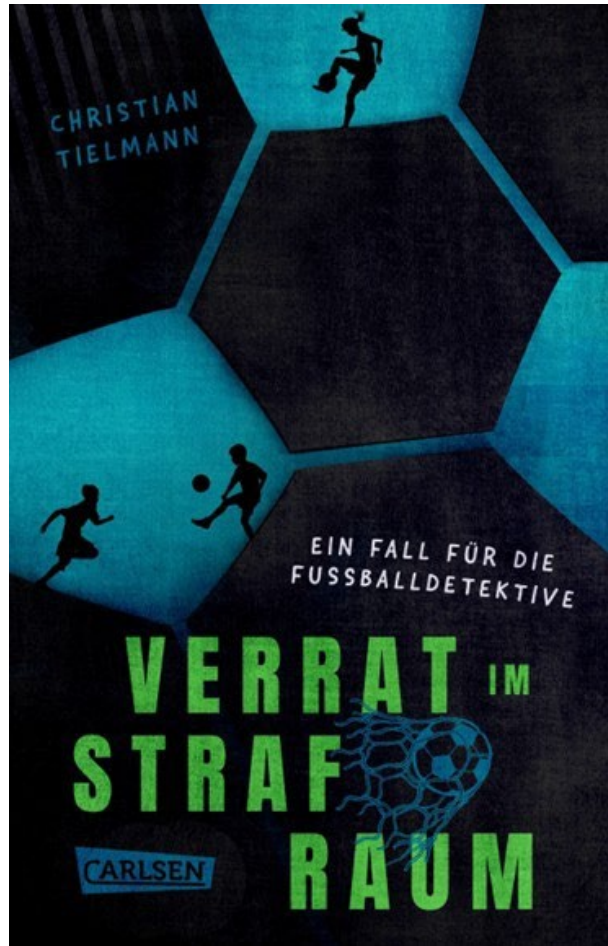
Age: 6+

November 2025

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A Case for the Football Detectives

Ages 10



Christian Tielmann **Betrayal in the Penalty Area**

- Exciting football thriller for boys and girls
- Three young football fans become junior detectives

Leon, Elva and Peer-Ole have only one thing in common: they love football – and their club, which is on the verge of promotion to the second division. However, during youth team training, Leon and Elva in particular are bitter rivals. But a mysterious note that Leon finds during a game turns everything upside down. When the daughter of one of the players disappears without a trace, it becomes clear that something is wrong. Despite their constant arguments, the three become an unbeatable team. With courage and brains, they must uncover a dangerous game.

Christian Tielmann

Betrayal in the Penalty Area – A Case for the Football Detectives

240 pages

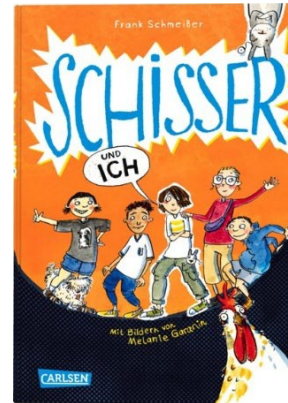
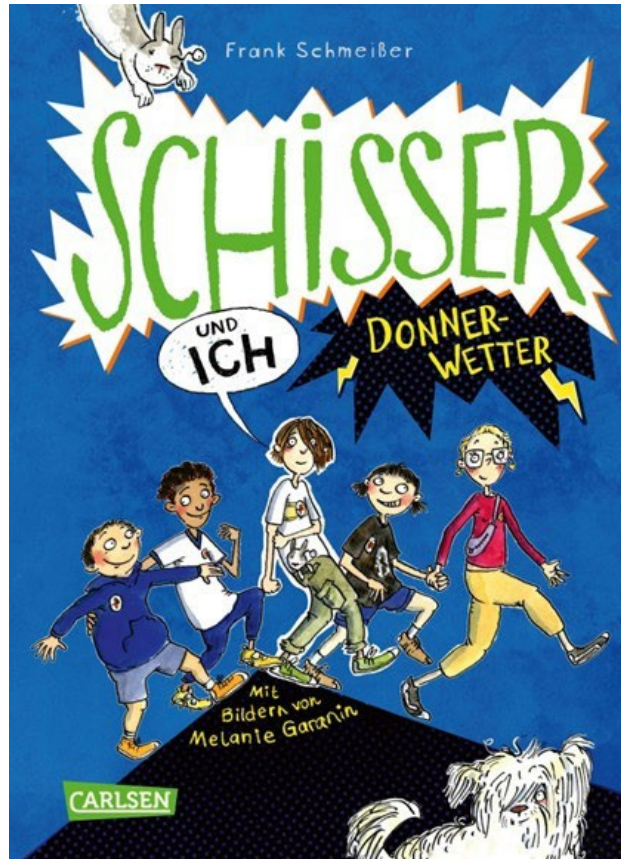
Age: 10+

April 2026

CARLSEN

A diverse and close-knit gang of children

Ages 8



Jitters and Me (vol. 1)

Frank Schmeißer, Melanie Garanin (ill.) **Jitters Me and Jitters (Vol. 2): Holy Thunder!**

Synopsis
available

- A great gang of children full of diversity and solidarity
- Funny and fast-paced, told with cool slapstick illustrations
- A car-free cosmos: the perfect place for autonomous children's adventures

Jakob now feels right at home in the Fire District. With his new friends from the Phoenix Gang, life is never boring! But when his mum flies to the other side of the world and his dad breaks his leg while cycling, Jakob has to face completely new challenges. No walk in the park for the biggest coward in the universe. To make matters worse, a violent thunderstorm is brewing!

Fortunately, Jakob knows that being brave doesn't mean not being afraid.

Frank Schmeißer, Melanie Garanin (Ill.)

Jitters and Me 2: Holy Thunder!

192 pages

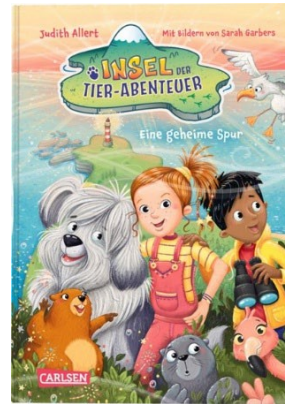
Age: 8+

May 2026

CARLSEN

The world's best animal rescue gang is back on the case!

Ages 8



Island of Animal Adventures (Vol. 1):
A Secret Trail



Island of Animal Adventures (Vol. 2):
Blubb and Gone

Judith Allert, Sarah Garbers (ill.) Island of Animal Adventures (Vol. 3): Effervescent Powder Pirate

- An exciting pirate adventure full of humour and fizzy powder
- Children's favourite theme: helping animals in need

This time, the task is to help an ancient turtle regain its memory – and find a real pirate treasure at the same time. The search takes Pauline, Felix and Peps the fluffy dog not only to the colourful fizzy powder factory, but also across the island and into the sea, where the next big adventure awaits them.

Judith Allert, Sarah Garbers (ill.)

Island of Animal Adventures: Effervescent Powder Pirate

224 pages

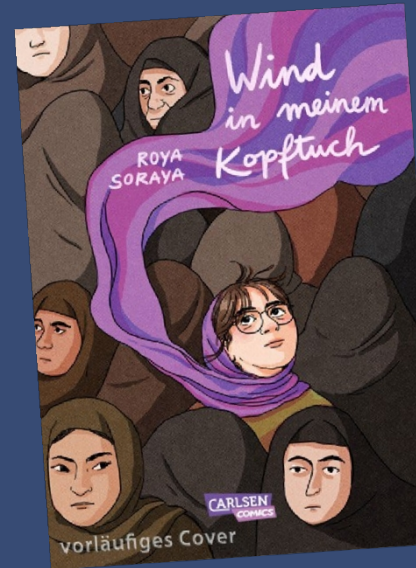
Age: 8+

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Manga, comic and graphic novel

Captivating stories told in
pictures and text



Finding identity between two cultures

Ages 12

Synopsis
available

Roya Soraya

Wind In My Headscarf

- Powerful theme of finding identity between two cultures
- Authentic perspective of a queer Iranian-German author

Roya grows up in an Iranian-German family and often feels alienated between two cultures. As a young queer woman, she travels to Iran with her father to search for her roots – and experiences an intense time between fascination and fear, beauty and oppression.

Wind in My Headscarf is an autobiographical graphic novel about identity, loss and self-discovery that impressively recounts the balancing act between cultural belonging and social constraints.

Roya Soraya

Wind in My Headscarf

192 pages

Age: 12+

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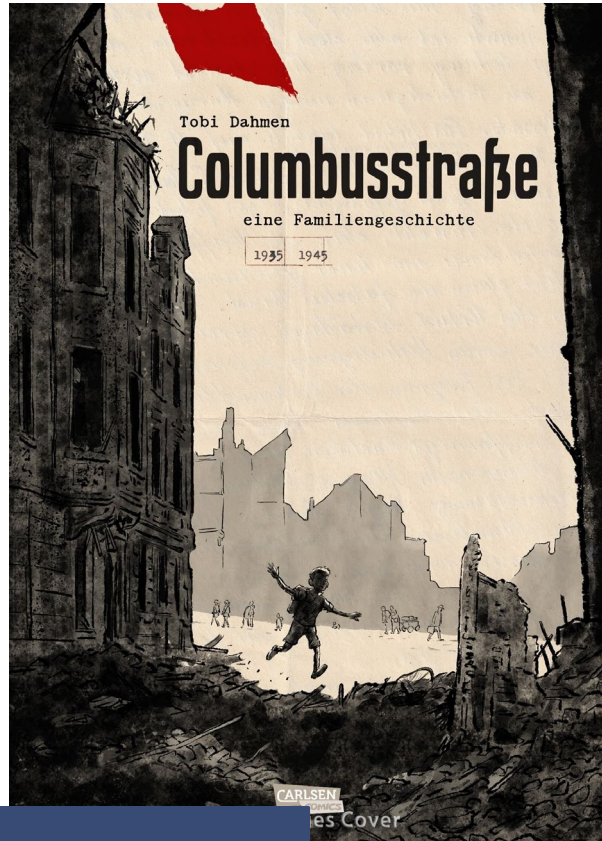
AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL
GRAPHIC NOVEL



CARLSEN
COMICS

True family saga during the Second World War

Ages 12



AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL
GRAPHIC NOVEL

Tobi Dahmen **Columbus Street**

- Meticulously researched and sensitively narrated
- A personal examination of the political past

After the death of his father, Tobi Dahmen discovers a collection of old family letters. Based on these moving contemporary accounts, he reconstructs a chronicle of the German war years as reflected in his own family history. A captivating examination of Germany's past and political responsibility.

Tobi Dahmen
Columbus Street
528 pages
Age: 12+

CARLSEN
COMICS

Dystopian manga

Ages 15



Revolt (Vol. 2)
June 2026

Dominik Jell Revolt (Vol. 1)

- Completed in 6 volumes
- A captivating blend of cyberpunk and social commentary

A dystopian world à la Cyberpunk and Cronenberg. The exploitation of nature, the littering of the planet with plastic and climate change have created a world that is barely livable for animals and most humans. However, those who have enough money can use medicine and high-tech to overcome the limitations of illness and age. But the price, set by an all-powerful mega-corporation called "Corp.", is high. Its critics are convinced: no one should be allowed to enrich themselves at the expense of the freedom and physical integrity of living beings! Will humanity succeed this time in rebelling against the selfishness of individuals and the blind pursuit of profit?

Dominik Jell: Revolt 1

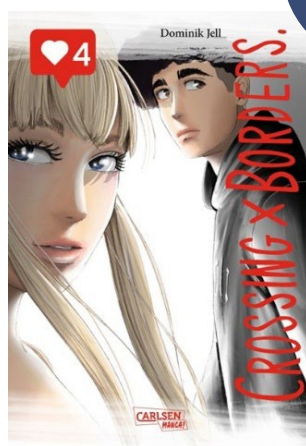
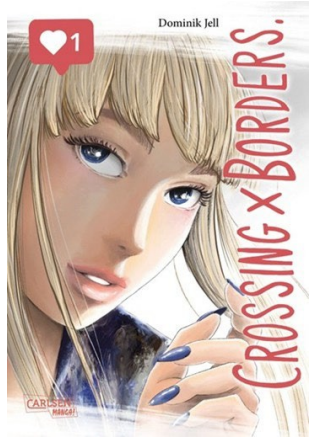
192 pages

Age: 15+

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MANGA!

More titles by Dominik Jell



Ages
15

Crossing Borders

- Slice-of-life manga about psychological healing and coming to terms with one's past
- German manga set in Munich

Dominik Jell

Mortalis

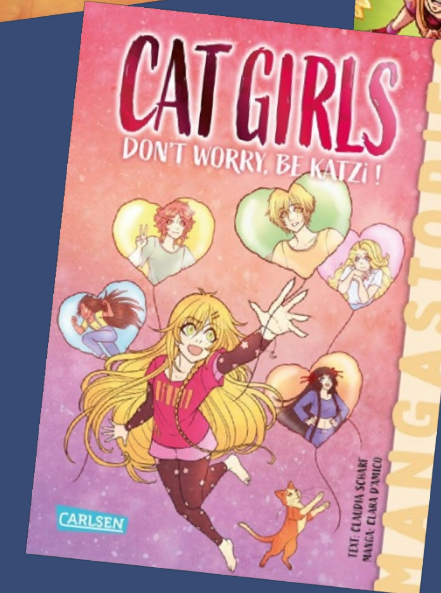
- Visually powerful and intense: psychological horror with a unique style that meets international genre standards.
- Two dark story worlds with a magnetic pull – perfect material for an atmospheric anthology film or horror series.



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Manga stories

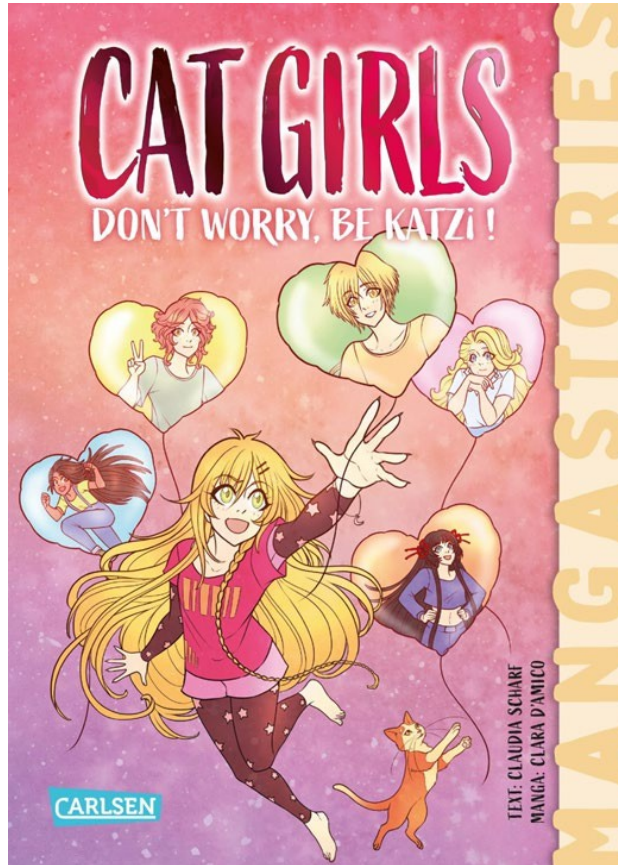
Innovative series concept:
exciting stories with manga illustrations



Suddenly Cat Girl!

From 11

Synopsis
available



GIRLS 4: Don't worry, be Katzi! 256 pages

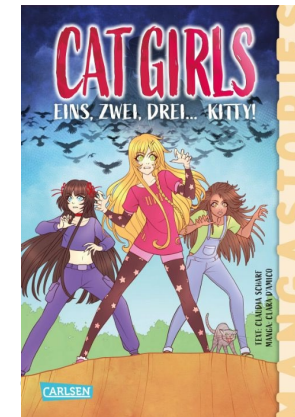
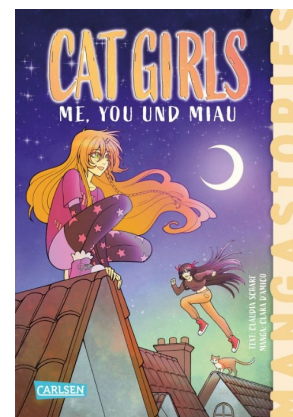
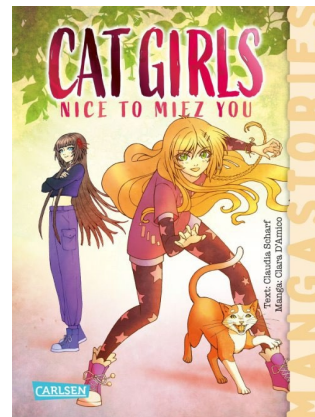
Age: 10+

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Claudia Scharf, Clara D'Amico (illustrations) **CAT GIRLS (Vol. 4): Don't worry, be Katzi!**

- The CAT GIRLS defeat the evil Crow-Face with magical friendship
- Action-packed and romantic series for manga girls
- Over 20,000 Cat Girls sold

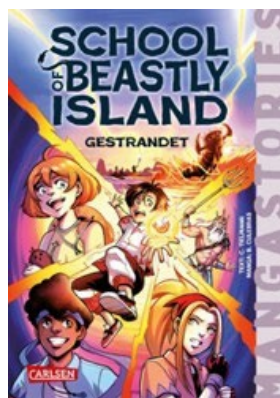
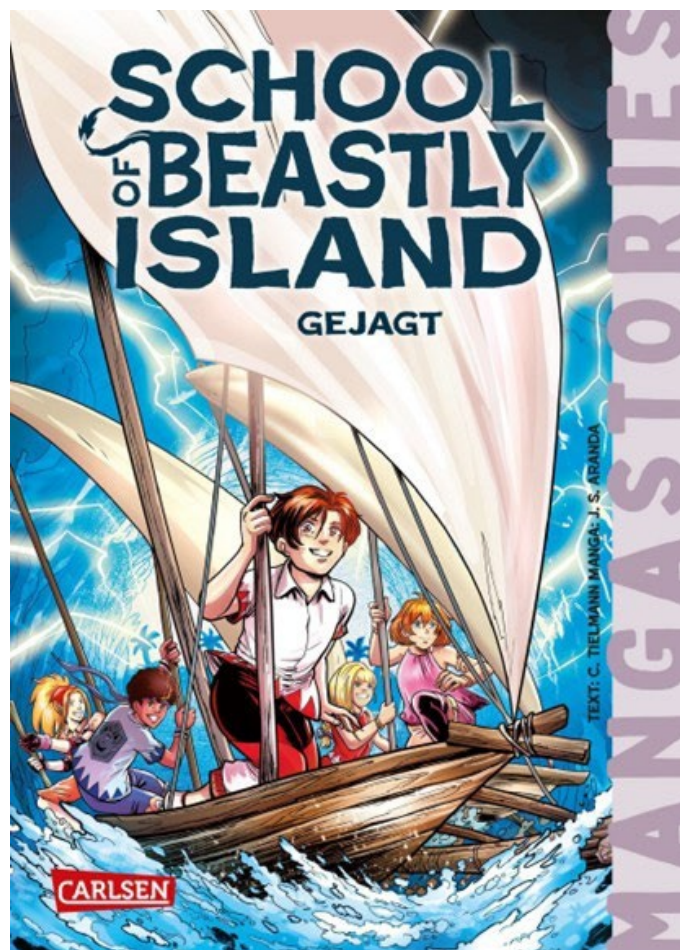
Maths in the morning. Milk at lunchtime. Over the rooftops in the evening. Suddenly CAT GIRL! Cat-girl magic, chaos and a whirlwind romance! During the holidays, Minou, Rose and Feline finally want to train their cat-girl skills – but a visit to a mysterious shop ends fatally: first, half the city is caught up in a strange love spell, then Rose and Feline lose their cat-girl powers! While Minou tries to stop the chaos, Alex turns her heart upside down. Now she not only has to save her friends, but also find out who she can still trust...



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School adventures in manga style

Ages 10



Stranded (Vol. 1)



Saved (Vol. 2)

Christian Tielmann, Belén Culebras (Ill.)

School of Beastly Island (Vol. 3): Hunted

Synopsis
available

- Fast-paced island adventure in dynamic manga style – full of action, humour and magic, perfect for an energetic animated series.
- Strong characters and a clear series concept: a "survival school" combining friendship, courage and fantasy chaos.

Things are constantly going wrong on Beastly Island – from exploding seaweed to crazy magic. But now it's getting serious: Tapio, Aina and the others are supposed to sail to the neighbouring island of Edeney in homemade boats. When a mysterious storm hole suddenly opens up, everything is at stake. Now it's up to Tapio's courage – and his ingenuity – to save the school.

Christian Tielmann, Belén Culebras (Ill.)

School of Beastly Island 3: Hunted

256 pages

Age: 10+

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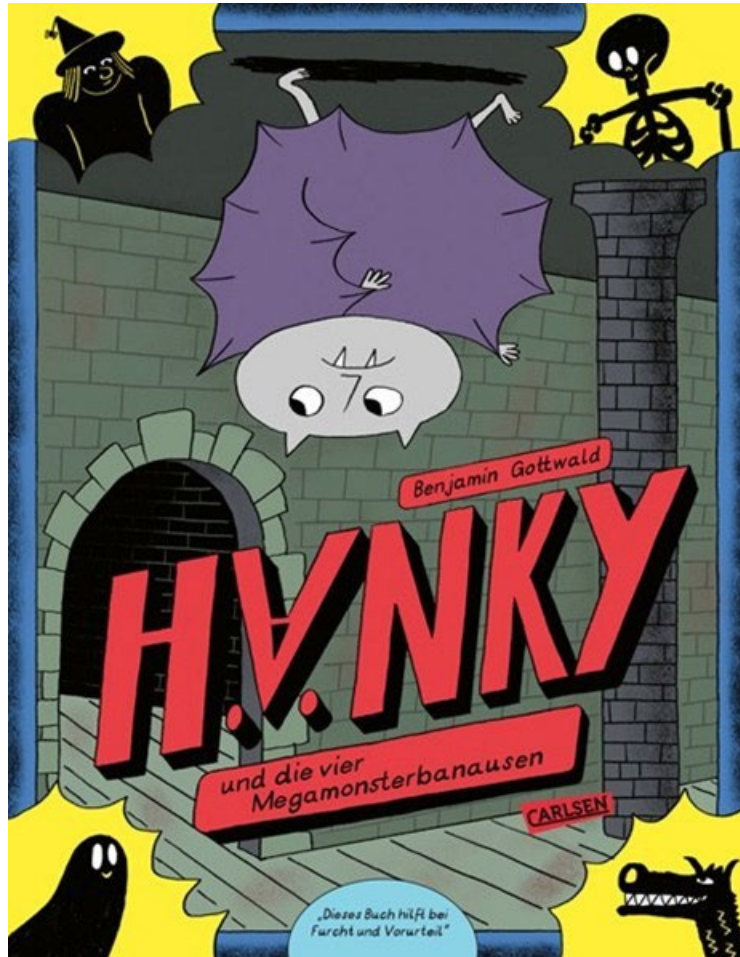
Read-aloud and picture books

Humorous and encouraging stories for the little ones



About friendship and solidarity

From 3



Benjamin Gottwald

Hanky and the Four Monster Buddies

- By Benjamin Gottwald, winner of the Youth Literature Prize
- Promotes community
- Humorous rhymes with a heartwarming message

Hänky, the little vampire, loves books and tomatoes! He doesn't like scary creatures. Unfortunately, he lives with four of them.

Hänky thinks his flatmates are terrifying, gruesome, eerie and horrible. At least, that's what he thinks until he gets to know them. When Hänky accidentally meets the witch, the ghost, the skeleton and the dragon lady he normally hides from, he quickly realises that these mega monsters are one thing above all else: totally lovable! Hänky forgets his prejudices, they all get to know each other and enjoy their time together. A cheerful rhyming story about friendship and solidarity!

Benjamin Gottwald

Hanky and the Four Monster Buddies

48 pages

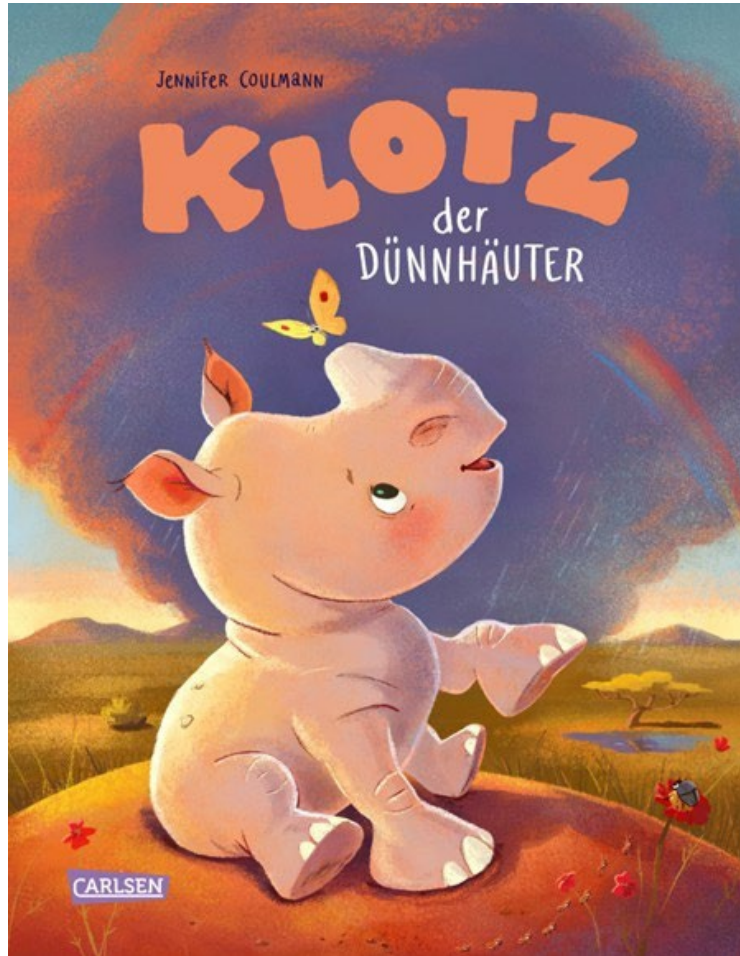
Age: 3+

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Empathy, mindfulness & high sensitivity

From 3



Jennifer Coulmann Chunk, the Rhino

- Key topics: Empathy, mindfulness, high sensitivity
- Playfully conveyed: Why insects are indispensable for the balance of nature

Klotz is a special rhino. While the other animals of the savannah play wildly, he loves the silence, listens to the buzzing of insects and enjoys the bright colours of the rainy season. But then a butterfly is almost trampled at the waterhole and Klotz realises how little attention is paid to the smallest creatures. No one but him notices them. Only when the insects stop working does it become clear how important they are for the balance of the savannah: flowers wilt and the water rises. Fortunately, Klotz is able to save the day and show the other animals how irreplaceable dung beetles, butterflies and termites are.

Jennifer Coulmann, Jennifer Coulmann (Ill.)

Chunk, the Rhino

32 pages

Age: 3+

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Welcome to Crawl City!

Ages 3



Sandra Rutschi, Martina Liebig (Ill.) Adventures in Crawl City

- Insect search-and-find fun against 12 different garden backgrounds
- Crawling City offers the perfect setting for lots of little insect adventures

There's always something going on in Crawl City: whether rhinoceros beetles, snails or cockroaches, bees, flies or butterflies, all kinds of insects live in this garden metropolis. Their bustling coexistence can be admired everywhere, at the pond, in the wildflower meadow, in the root world or in the rhubarb hall. Wait a minute, why do insects need a hall? For the Krabbel choir's performance, of course! And along the way, you can see how Norbert the rhinoceros beetle finally learns to fly...

Sandra Rutschi, Martina Liebig (Ill.)

Adventures in Crawling City

32 pages

Age: 3+

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CARLSEN

Upside-down world! Parents keep interrupting their child's sleep

From 3



Regina Feldmann, Daniel Nikoi Djanie (ill.)

Amma Can't Fall Asleep

- Reversing the classic parent-child dynamic in the bedtime ritual
- Funny stages of falling asleep that everyone can relate to

Amma simply cannot sleep in Mummy and Daddy's bed. Daddy snores like an elephant and Mummy's feet are freezing cold. Time to move to her own bed!

Amma grabs Schiri and the rest of her cuddly toy team and makes herself comfortable. But every time she's about to fall asleep, Mummy and Daddy suddenly appear in the doorway: with a glass of milk, a bedtime story, an extra blanket... how is Amma supposed to fall asleep like this?

Regina Feldmann, Daniel Nikoi Djanie (Ill.)

Amma Can't Fall Asleep

32 pages

Ages 3

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Together you are braver than alone

From 3



Lissa Lehmenkühler, Laura Bednarski (Ill.)

Wild, wilder, Wilda!

- Interactive elements: Children can join in – grunting, blowing and moving wildly
- Told with lots of wordplay

Who is the wildest animal in the forest? Wilda, of course! With 13 stripes, a thousand ideas and lots of courage, the little wild boar dashes through puddles and blows as hard as the wind. But then she meets Pünktchen – and the fawn claims to be even wilder. Together, the two embark on a fierce competition until it slowly gets dark in the forest. Suddenly, there is a mysterious rustling and roaring among the trees... Fortunately, Wilda and Pünktchen are twice as brave together – and so even a scary sound is only half as wild!

Lissa Lehmenkühler, Laura
Bednarski (illustrations)

Wild, wilder, Wilda!

32 pages

Age: 3

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CARLSEN

18 adventures around the world

From 4



Yvonne Hergane, Eleanor Sommer (Ill.) **Childhood Around the World**

- 18 short, self-contained adventures
- Powerful message: diversity enriches
- Promotes intercultural understanding and tolerance

The whole world in one book! 18 children talk about customs, festivals and everyday adventures in their cultures. From the Maldives to Sweden, from Japan to Tunisia: each story shows how unique and valuable people are, and how enriching diversity is. The stories are carefully researched and based on real childhood memories.

An important book that promotes intercultural understanding and playfully sensitises children aged 4 and up to the beauty of the world.

Yvonne Hergane, Eleanor Sommer (Ill.)

Childhood Around the World

128 pages

Age: 4+

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CARLSEN

The raccoon-strong gang

From 4



Christian Dreller, Stéffie Becker The Raccoon Gang

- Message is more relevant than ever: All animals are welcome
- Cool plot twist and happy ending provide child-friendly excitement

The chick brothers Tom and Toni live with their parents, a clever pig, a friendly cat and an old dog on a special farm: it belongs to the animals! When a family of raccoons seeks refuge there, an exciting adventure begins. Together with their new friends, Toni and Tom must save their farm from people who want to take it over. With a lot of courage, wit and ideas, they prove that solidarity makes anything possible.

Christian Dreller, Stéffie Becker

The Raccoon Gang

80 pages

Age: 4+

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