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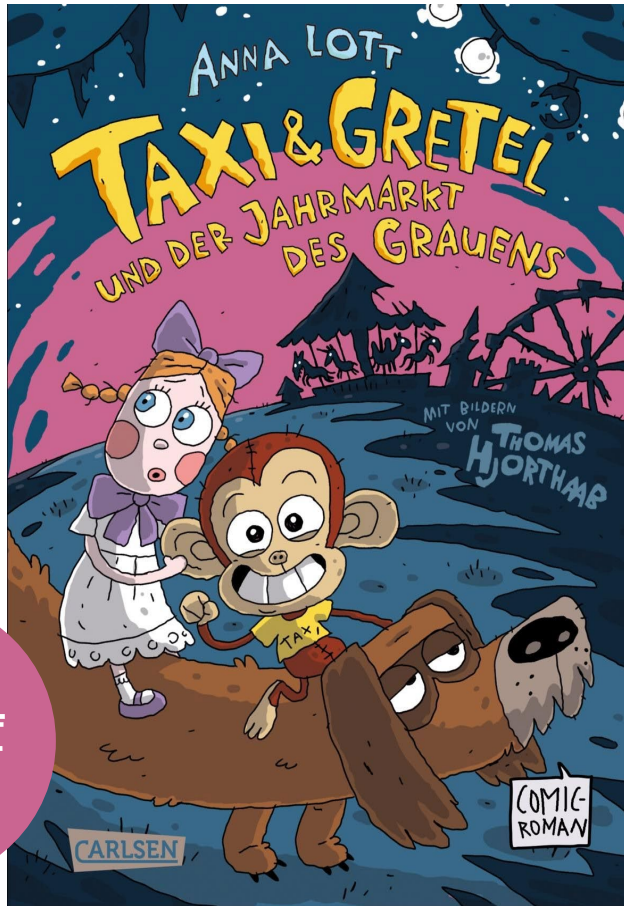


PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

Taxi & Gretel and the Funfair of Horror

Lott, Anna; Hjorthaab, Thomas

112 pages



- Funny-spooky tone à la “Coraline” – visually strong and ideal for animation
- Children's noir meets slapstick adventure
- Iconic trio that brings the big screen to life

Cuddly monkey Taxi is in shock: his owner, taxi driver Freko, has been kidnapped! What now? Luckily, soon afterwards Taxi meets doll Gretel in a rubbish bin and finds in her a true friend and fellow detective. And then there's Dackel, who makes an excellent mount and immediately picks up the kidnapper's trail. A hair-raising chase through the city begins. And in the end, Taxi and Gretel not only corner Horror-Hase as the kidnapper, they also discover that they have all met once before, back at the fairground, when the lightning struck ...

GENRE: Family Entertainment/Children's Horror

SETTING: Fantastical city

PUB: 09/2026

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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

PAN Trilogy	Regnier, Sandra	approx. 400 pages each
  	London. Felicity Morgan, 18, unremarkable and chronically exhausted – is she really meant to be the saviour of the fae world? When the mysterious Leander FitzMor enters her life – too handsome, too clever, with an inexplicable scent of hay and moss – a world behind her own begins to become visible. He never leaves her side, and she does not know whether that means protection or danger. Between prophecy and first racing heartbeat, between everyday school life and an ancient legacy, Felicity fights to find herself – before others decide her fate.	
• For fans of “Rubinrot” and “Fate: The Winx Saga” • Target group: Gen Z and Millennials who grew up with series like “H2O - Plötzlich Meerjungfrau” • Successful romantasy series, told as a potential film (with two sequels) or as a series • London urban-fantasy setting	GENRE: Urban Romantasy SETTING: London & fae world, present day PUB: 2/2013 SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE	

CHILDREN'S TITLES

Entertainment for the whole family



Between reality and the gaming world

Freddy Levels Up!	Schaudinn, Jasmin; Dolinger, Igor	64 pages
	• <i>Future Land</i> calls- visually and narratively strong • Family-friendly adventure format • Gaming: an evergreen for young audiences	
	Freddy and Sam love their break-time game Future-Land. What they would love even more is to game for real. But that stays off-limits. So unfair! When they find a mysterious controller in the bulky waste, everything changes. One press of a button and they are right in the middle of Future-Land. A quest is not long in coming: the Futuri Wisla needs their help. But time is running out! They have to collect Moon before the dangerous Absorbers attack. In the end, will it be Level-Up or Game Over?	
	GENRE: Family Entertainment SETTING: Digital game world PUB: 09/2026	

An unusual unicorn adventure

Rosa Rescues the Unicorn School	Vorbach, Britta; Stütze, Annett; Leiss-Bohn, Simone	64 pages
	• Highly topical themes, packaged for children: inclusion, bullying, friendship & diversity • Lively cast of characters with comedic duo potential	
	Rosa, a small grey-and-pink unicorn, is often overlooked at unicorn school. She is smaller and far less conspicuous than all the others. But then she meets Rasmus, a cheeky wild boar with a big heart and plenty of mud on his bristles. When ravenous ogres suddenly turn up and declare the school an all-you-can-eat buffet, Rosa and Rasmus spring into action: with a sparkling dose of courage, chaos and a glitter plan that leaves even the ogres amazed. And in the end, the two prove that true strength lies in togetherness and good friendship. Unicorn power for all!	
	GENRE: Family Entertainment SETTING: Magical unicorn school PUB: 08/2026	

When the dragon would rather dance than breathe fire

A Dragon Makes the Stage	Braune, Alena; Hohenstein, Sandra	64 pages
	• Encouraging message: authenticity & team spirit instead of role clichés • Humorous buddy story with a fairy-tale twist • Shows with plenty of humour how courage, friendship and team spirit make you strong	
	Kim is horrified: of all people, he is the one who has to play the dragon in the school play! Roaring, hissing, breathing fire – that is really not his thing. But then a real dragon suddenly appears backstage – Drago! He secretly eats packed lunches, is not particularly scary ... and really just wants to dance. Together, Kim and Drago turn the fairy-tale play completely upside down and, without further ado, invent their own ending. In the end, one thing is clear: courage has many faces, and sometimes it takes soapy water to pull off a grand performance!	
	GENRE: Family Entertainment SETTING: School, present day PUB: 08/2026	

Exciting gang story

My Neighbourhood and a Bunch of Chaos

von Kitzing, Constanze; Stronk, Cally; von Kitzing, Constanze

192 pages



- Heart-warming children's series with a diverse ensemble
- Episodic series format: each story self-contained
- Straight from everyday children's life: cheeky, authentic and emotional!

Welcome to the Vier Viertel! Here live Alva and her friends Tarik, Joy and Enes. Together they dream of having a dog of their own. And if you wish for something really hard, it comes true, right? Indeed it does! In the park they find a little dog that badly needs help. Even though Alva's parents do not allow her a pet, she takes Loki home. Secretly, of course. But hiding the dog is not so easy: because Loki is a real whirlwind and causes a whole heap of chaos.

GENRE: Family Entertainment

SETTING: Urban neighbourhood, present day

PUB: 04/2026

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Series planned with a total of 4 volumes

Empathy & inclusion in the classroom

The Beaver Class: All Different, All Right

Niechzial, Saskia; Reich, Stefanie

72 pages



- Neurodivergence as the central theme: ADHD, autism & giftedness told authentically
- Author Saskia Niechzial: educator & bestselling author with a large community reach
- Strong adaptation potential with an inclusive ensemble cast

In the Biber-Klasse, every child is unique: Ruby has a great many thoughts whirling through her head, and Mina needs clear structures. Luna reads better with large letters, while Bjarne uses dice for arithmetic. Senay, on the other hand, loves tricky tasks, otherwise she quickly gets bored. Taking individual needs into account, they all learn together and make each other strong. Together they show that diversity is a strength and that every child may learn in their own way. And so the Biber-Klasse becomes a place where everyone is different, yet exactly right.

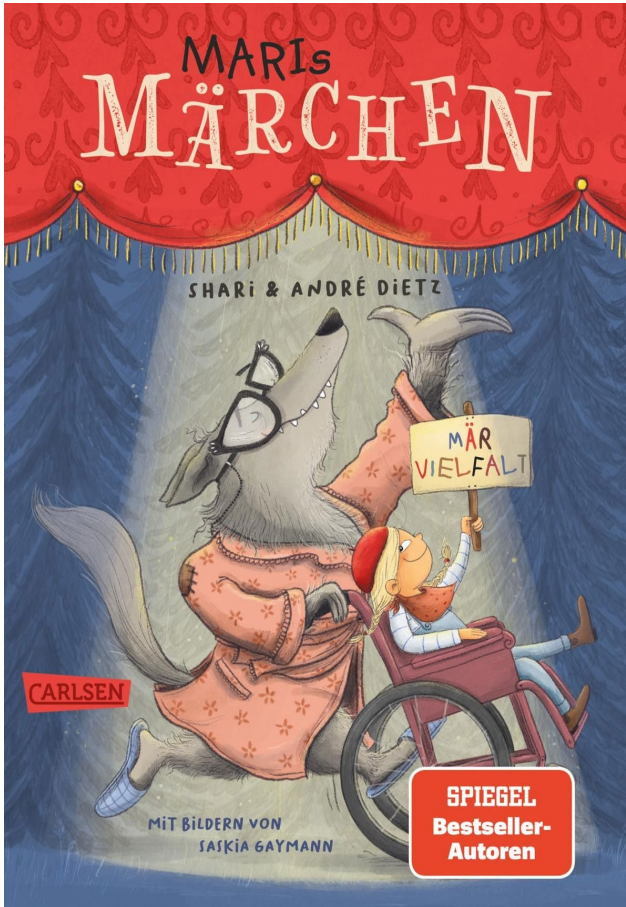
GENRE: Family Entertainment

SETTING: Primary school, present day

PUB: 07/2026

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For more diversity

Maris Fariy Tales	Dietz, Shari; Dietz, André; Gaymann, Saskia	112 pages
	• Socially highly relevant subject matter: inclusion & diversity as the core theme • Strong media response: recommended by the national chairwoman of Lebenshilfe • Adaptation potential as a family film or animated series	
	What if the fairy tales we know were told wrong right from the very start? Mari's world is colourful. In it, Rumpelstiltskin is called Jochen-Günther, has one shorter leg and never meant to steal the queen's child. He wanted to help. But of course nobody ever listens to him. Alongside him, Downröschen, Handikäppchen and many others battle their way through a world full of obstacles and prejudice. A funny, important story that makes you think and, in a hugely entertaining way, raises awareness of inclusion and diversity.	
	GENRE: Family Entertainment SETTING: Fairy-tale present-day world PUB: 10/2025	

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The coolest mammoth since “Ice Age”

Mo, the Baby Mammoth from Prehistoric Times

Harel, Maïke; Messing, Stefanie

64 pages



- **Highly topical subject: conservation & biodiversity**
- **Comedic adventure with a visual wow factor**
- **Original premise**

Up in the mountains at Grandpa Joschi's, things are never boring. But this time Polly, Jojo and Amina experience something incredible: they spot a trunk sticking out of the snow! And before they know it, the thawed-out and thoroughly lively baby mammoth Mo is standing right in front of them. It soon becomes clear: a mammoth as a pet is no simple matter. Mo is huge, greedy and far from house-trained. On top of that, there's the nosy Vivi Raal, who is desperate to find out – and spread the word – about what the children are hiding. Now the three of them have to get inventive to find Mo a species-appropriate home that will keep him safe.

GENRE: Family Entertainment

SETTING: Mountain setting, present day

PUB: 10/2026

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For all fans of the Grinch

The Cheeky Elf

Scharf, Claudia; Jasionowski, Gloria

64 pages



- Timeless Christmas story with comedic potential for family entertainment
- Likeable antihero with an emotional turning point
- Taps into the ongoing Christmas-elf trend in the German-language children's entertainment market

Leo doesn't believe in Christmas elves – until, one Advent, everything suddenly turns upside down! His football card has vanished, the Lego castle lies in ruins and his maths book is floating in the toilet. The little culprit is called Moffy and he's a real bad elf: cheeky, loud and a lover of pranks! Nothing is safe from him – not the sugar, not the socks, not even St Nicholas. The annoying part is that Leo's family blames Leo himself for the pranks. Only when Christmas is in danger does it become clear just how much heart Moffy has. And maybe, in the end, he's actually a little bit sweet ...

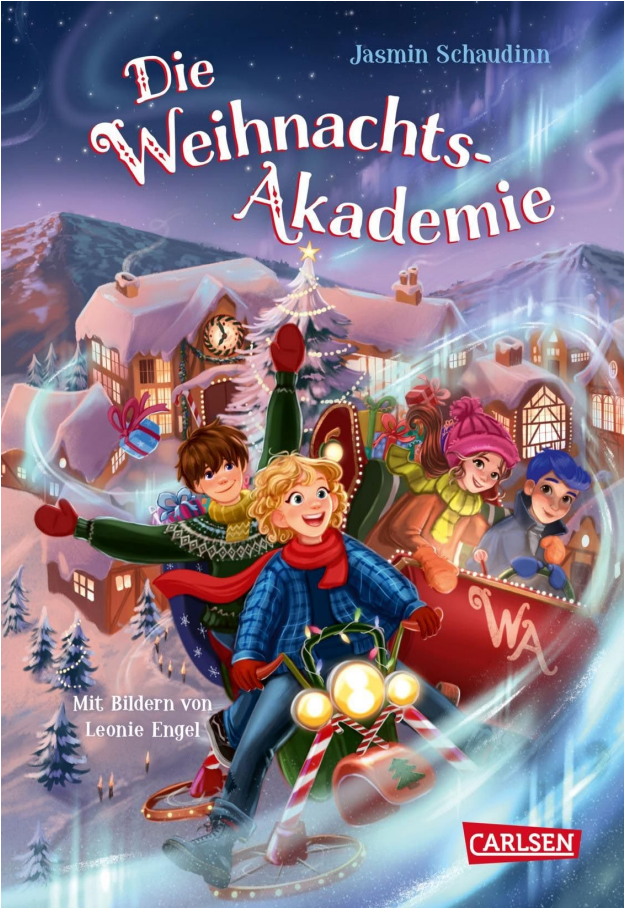
GENRE: Family Entertainment/Christmas Comedy

SETTING: Family home in the run-up to Christmas

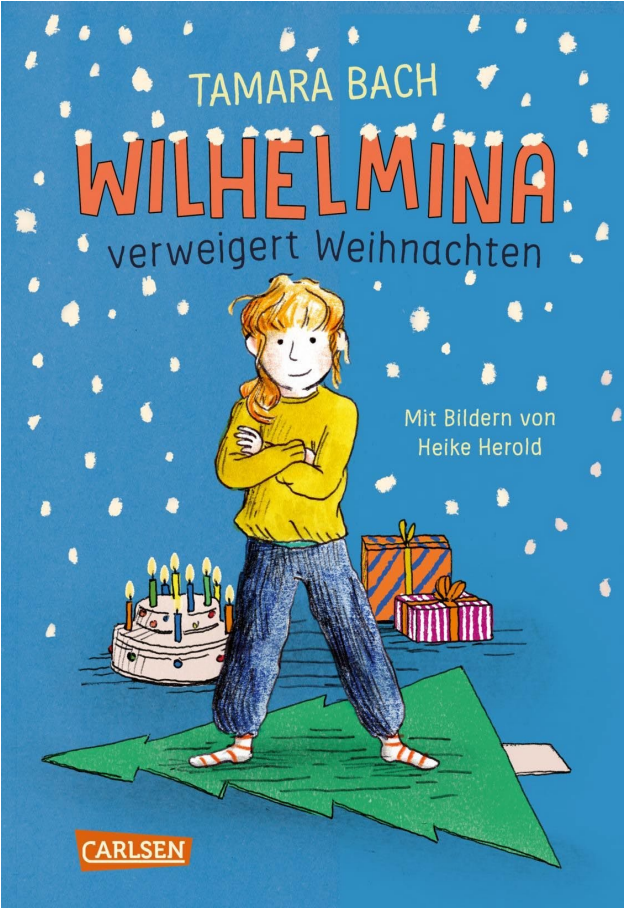
PUB: 09/2026

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Who says Christmas is a man's job?

The Christmas Academy	Schaudinn, Jasmin; Engel, Leonie	240 pages
	• Gender-swap storyline with a universal message • Visually rich winter-world setting: ideal for atmospheric family productions • Warm-hearted adventure story about courage and standing up for yourself	Oh my holy Christmas bells! Antonia's family is moving to Finland, and she's supposed to attend a peculiar school called the Weihnachtsakademie. But when it turns out there are some really great subjects on offer, she's thrilled. Unfortunately, the exciting Santa Claus class is meant for boys only. Fine – then Antonia will simply become Toni and show everyone at the academy just what girls can do. Such as becoming Santa Claus! What starts as a harmless trick quickly turns into an adventurous game of hide-and-seek
	GENRE: Family Entertainment/Christmas Comedy SETTING: Snow-covered boarding school in Finland PUB: 09/2026	

Christmas? No, thanks!

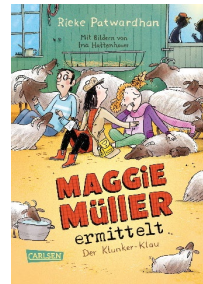
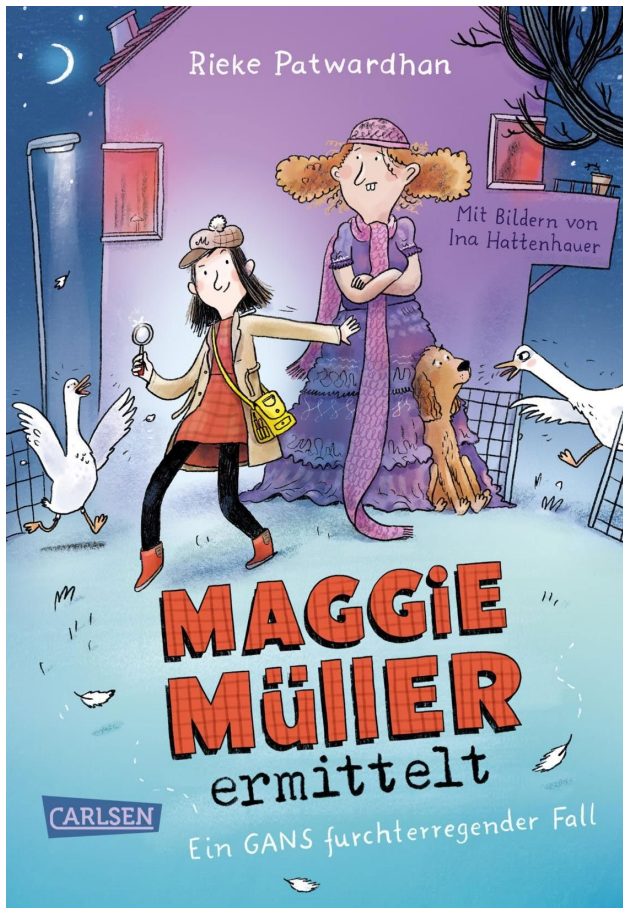
Wilhelmina Refuses Christmas	Bach, Tamara; Herold, Heike	224 pages
	• Multi-award-winning author • Authentic child characters with strong potential for identification • Warm-hearted Christmas story with conflict and a big pinch of humour	
	Wilhelmina is fed up! Everything revolves around Christmas now. Even in maths they count with biscuits, and in German class they're supposed to write a Christmas poem. She'd much rather make up 24 poems all starting with W. And once she's got going, she actually really enjoys it! But when Robert reads one of her poems out to the whole class and pokes fun at it, Wilhelmina could burst with rage. And of course he's the one she now has to come up with a Secret Santa gift for. When really Wilhelmina would far rather be making birthday plans. But will anyone even have time to celebrate the day before Christmas?	
	GENRE: Family Entertainment/Christmas Comedy SETTING: School & home, pre-Christmas season PUB: 9/2026	

Junior detective hot on the trail

Maggie Investigates: A Goose-Bumping Case

Patwardhan, Rieke; Hattenhauer, Ina

176 pages



- Strong child character with a clear profile
- Humorous children's mystery with heart
- Start of a series – lasting series potential with recurring characters

Maggie Müller – eight years old, bagpipe-playing and fearless – has a plan: to become a detective, in Scotland. When the two geese belonging to her eccentric neighbour Violetta vanish without a trace, Maggie senses her first real case. But Violetta is too worked up to be much help, and the trail leads in directions no one could have expected. Good thing Maggie's best friend Samuel has a keen instinct for peculiar people. A children's mystery full of wit, warmth and quirky characters.

GENRE: Family Entertainment/Children's Mystery

SETTING: Small-town idyll, Scottish flair

PUB: 09/2025

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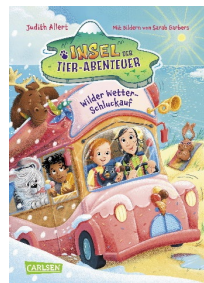
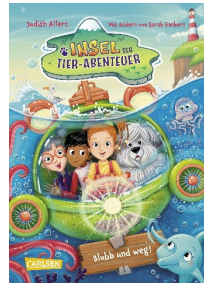
Series with 2 volumes so far

The Animal Detectives

Island of Animal Adventures

Allert, Judith; Garbers, Sarah

192 pages



- Exciting children's stories with strong series potential
- Animal friendship, humour & mystery
- A children's favourite theme: helping animals in need

Pauline loves animals. No wonder she and Peps the shaggy dog are inseparable from the very start. Above all because Pauline understands every word Peps says! Together with Felix, the two of them found the Animal Rescue Gang. Their first case? A strange, shaggy creature is hiding on the island. Could it really be a yeti? Their search takes them across the glittering lake up to the highest peak and straight into their first adventure.

GENRE: Family Entertainment

SETTING: Enchanted island

PUB: 02/2025

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This series has 4 volumes in total

Magical adventure

The Secret of Nox

Scharf, Claudia; Forsch, Lisa

approx. 300
pages each



Fill leads a sheltered life in the sunny day world – until his magical pancake explodes and his tomcat vanishes into Nox, the forbidden land of night. What begins as a rescue mission becomes a journey into a world full of darkness, bloodthirsty bat-rats and talking fireflies. At the side of Issa, a girl of the night folk, Fill has to work out whom he can trust – and whether he has the courage to hold his own between two worlds.

- Visually striking dual-world premise: day world vs. magical night realm
- Family-friendly adventure-fantasy trilogy
- The most thrilling magical world since Harry Potter!

GENRE: Family Entertainment/Fantasy
SETTING: Fantasy world with a day realm and a night realm
PUB: 10/2023

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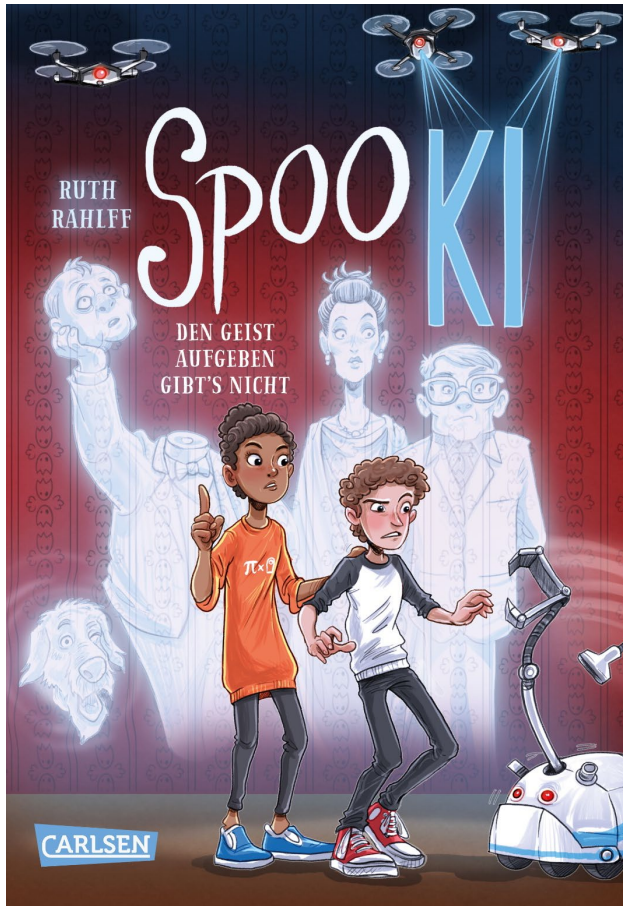
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Ghost hunters & AI

ScAlry

Rahlff, Ruth; Grubing, Timo

256 pages



- Original genre mix: ghostly haunting meets modern AI – highly adaptable visually
- Full of humour and wit
- Target group ages 9+: a fast-growing segment in the children's streaming market

Robert is really a perfectly ordinary boy. If it weren't for the fact that he lives with a family of ghosts. Which, of course, no one is allowed to find out. But then Robert finds himself up against a power-hungry AI that will stop at nothing to get hold of information about him and his ghost family. Luckily, Robert has his new classmate, computer specialist Isabella, and his ghost cousin Lorenzo at his side. And together they take up the fight against the AI!

GENRE: Family Entertainment

SETTING: Small town, present day

PUB: 09/2025

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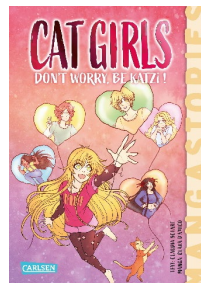
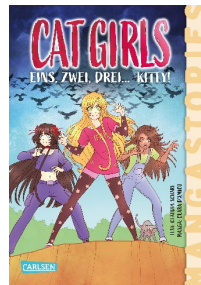
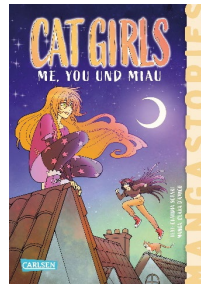
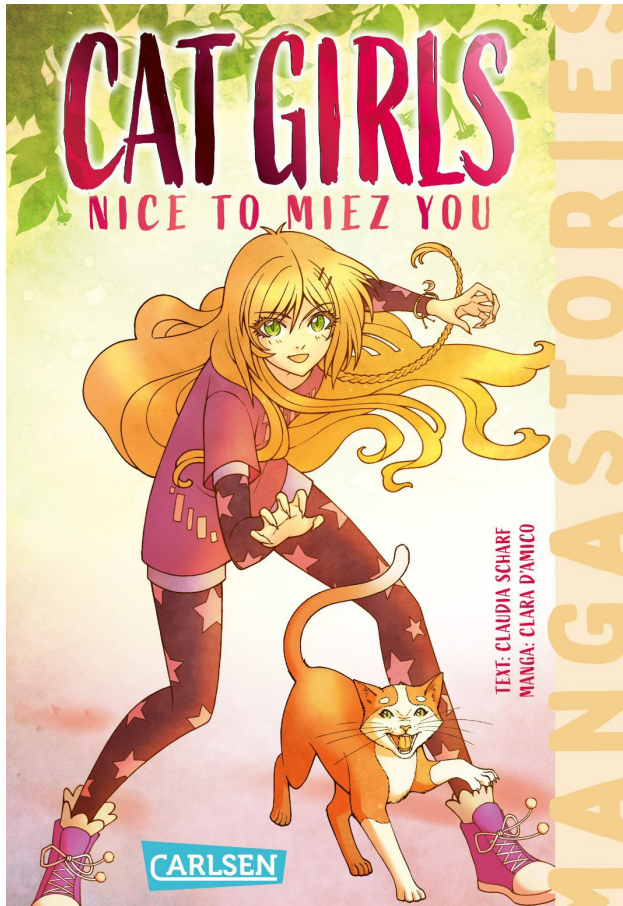
This series has 5 volumes in total.

For manga and anime fans

CAT GIRLS

Scharf, Claudia; D'Amico, Clara

256 pages



- Bestseller series: over 20,000 copies of Cat Girls sold
- Strong female heroine with superpowers
- Manga aesthetic: visually strong for adaptation into anime or live action

Minou is new in town, new at school – and feels like an outsider. But one day she realises: she jumps higher than everyone else, hears things no one else notices, and sees in the dark like a cat. She is a Cat Girl. Before she can grasp it, the mysterious Feline appears, the neighbour's tomcat prowls around her – and Alex, the boy she would rather ignore, moves dangerously close. Yet an ancient curse looms over it all. A story about being different, magic and the awakening of one's own strength – with bite.

GENRE: Manga/Anime for Children

SETTING: Urban setting, present day

PUB: 04/2024

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SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

This series has 4 volumes in total

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

Highly topical stories about relevant themes



Nerdy, witty & touching

Mad Science Club

Höllbacher, Franziska

264 pages



- Highly topical coming-of-age story about mental health, courage and first love
- Nerdy, humorous and full of heart
- Ideal for a mini-series

For Mad, her science club is more than just a chemistry club. It's a safe space for everyone struggling with mental health issues. When the nationwide chemistry competition is announced, Mad is fired up. She does everything to win, because the winning team stands to gain 10,000 euros. And Mad needs the money more urgently than ever. But her anxieties stand in her way, and friendships threaten to fall apart. Until she realises that true greatness isn't shown by any complex experiment – but takes the courage to face the truth and stand up for yourself.

GENRE: Coming-of-age drama

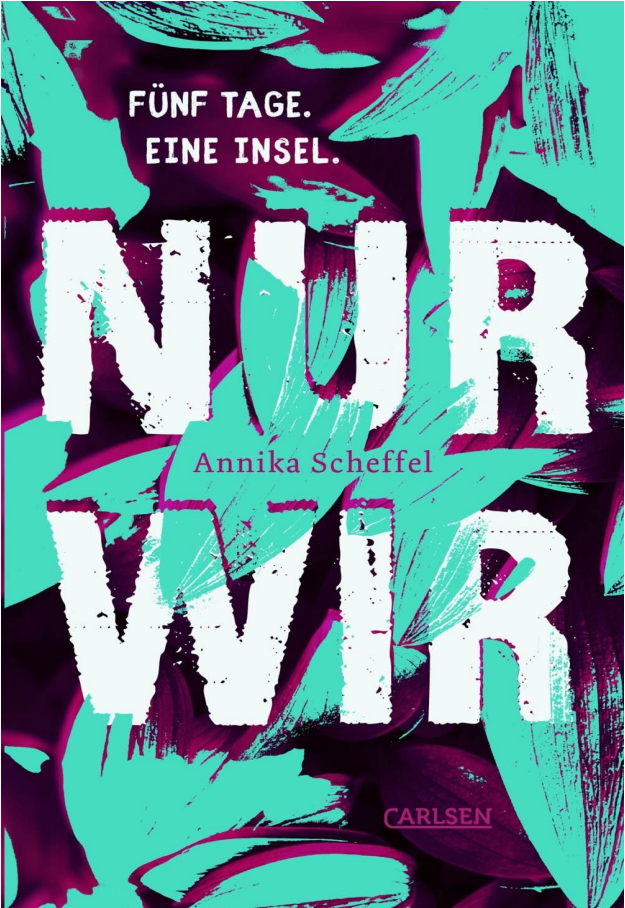
SETTING: School & science club, present day

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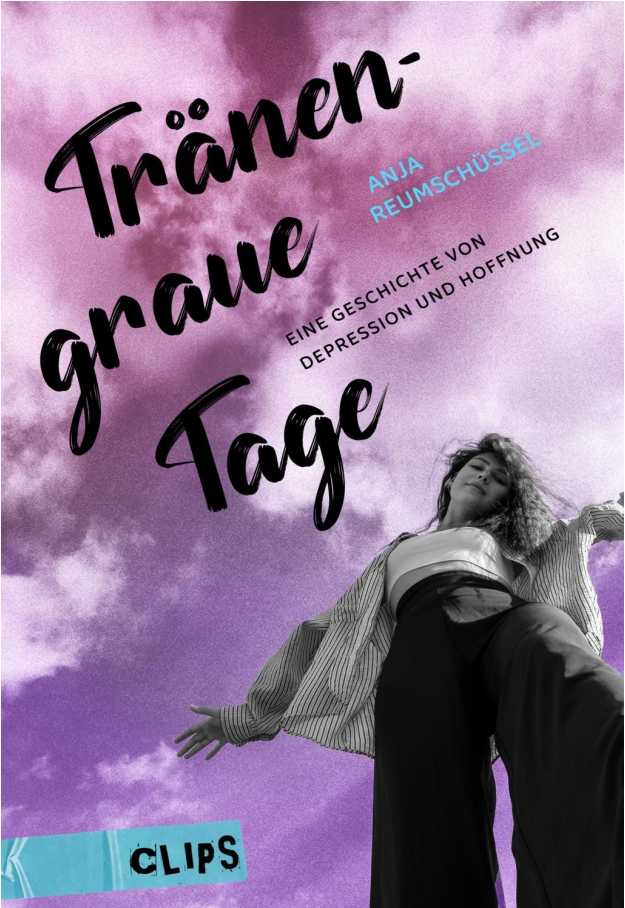
For fans of “Lost” and “The Wilds”

Just Us. Five Days. An Island.	Scheffel, Annika	240 pages
	• AI meets survival thriller • Target group 14-25: strong young-adult reach for serial formats • AI theme told in a gripping and topical way	Four teenagers, a remote island, five days off the grid – what begins as a survival adventure tips into the uncanny when a stranger appears at the edge of the forest. He calls himself Teo and seems to know their most secret wishes. As Elio, Ada, Noomi and Ty try to uncover his secret, friendship, morality and loyalty come under pressure. Who is Teo, and what are they willing to do to find out? An atmospheric survival thriller about humanity and artificial intelligence – with the pull of an island there's no escaping.
	GENRE: Young-Adult Survival Thriller/Mystery SETTING: Remote island, summer, present day PUB: 08/2026 SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE	

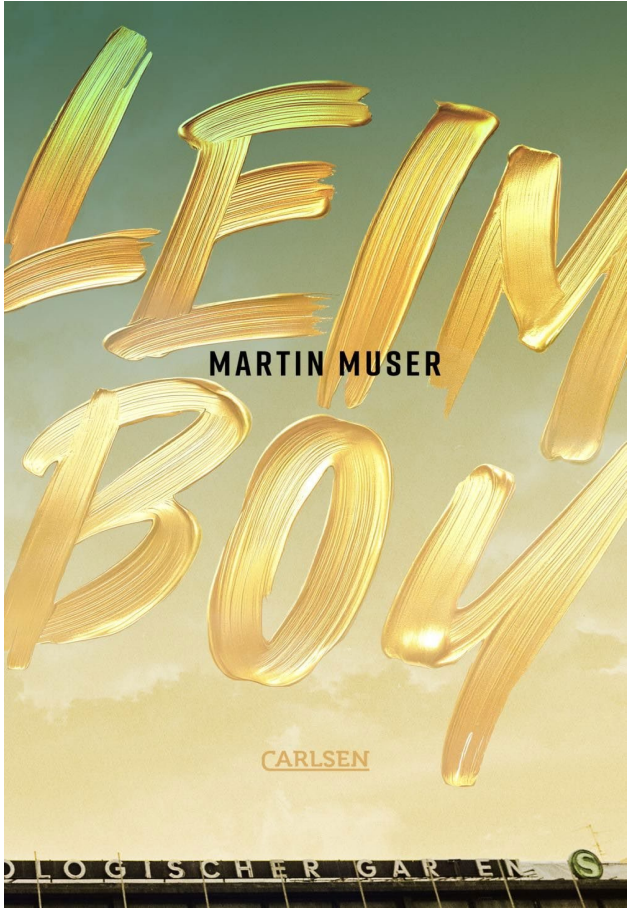
Queer coming-of-age

All Colours of Light	Scheffel, Annika	480 pages
	• Target group: Gen Z & young adults • Visually strong material: urban setting with shimmering light and deep shadows • Coming-of-age with a queer love story	It's the holidays and Rio's friends have big plans. Rio joins in, but by the time he has a panic attack on the five-metre board at the pool, it's clear that it isn't working this way. Because last July, Rio's twin sister Mavis died. A tragic accident, they say. But then Rio finds her old camera and, together with Drakula, the boy from the back house, sets off on a journey across the heat-gasping city, following Mavis's photographic trail – into overgrown parks, to brackish lakes, into forgotten corners. And as Rio learns who his sister really was, he realises: he's falling in love. But is he allowed to?
	GENRE: Feature drama/coming-of-age SETTING: Berlin, summer, present day PUB: 07/2024 SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE	

Two girls. Two worlds. One is fighting.

Gray Days. A Story on Depression and Hope	Reumschüssel, Anja	160 pages
	• Award-winning author with journalistic expertise • Highly topical subject: depression in teenagers • Dual perspective of two protagonists – ideal for an episodic storytelling format	Two girls, 16, two continents, two completely different fates. While Tabea grows beyond herself in Australia, finds her first boyfriend and reinvents herself, Lissy sinks into silence in the USA. No connection to her host family, no closeness – only days that grow greyer. Her first love is waiting in Germany, but Lissy can no longer reach herself. What began as a fresh start becomes an inner fight for survival. A story about loneliness in the midst of people and about the strength it takes to come back into the light.
	GENRE: Coming-of-age drama SETTING: Australia & USA, present day PUB: 01/2027	

West Berlin in the 1980s

Shadow Gap	Muser, Martin	240 pages
	• Atmospheric setting: West Berlin in the late 1980s • Universal coming-of-age theme with a cross-generational target group • Muser's YA series "Kannawoniwasein" was successfully adapted for the screen and his novel "WEIL." has won numerous awards West Berlin 1987: After finishing school, 18-year-old Robert moves to the walled city. A shabby room in a shared flat, a half-hearted carpentry apprenticeship, a sense of being lost. The city fascinates and overwhelms him, just like the young woman from the transit train. Nova embodies everything Robert longs for: freedom, adventure, love, sex – the big life, in short. Against all odds, the two fall in love, against the backdrop of a divided city shortly before the fall of the Wall. But Nova has a secret that Robert knows nothing about. A coming-of-age story with cinematic force and timeless power.	GENRE: Historical coming-of-age SETTING: West Berlin, 1987 PUB: 05/2026 SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE CARLSEN

Gripping fantasy with a historical flair

City of Magicians and Thieves

Mohr, Judith

approx. 400 pages
each



- Magic, intrigue and a strong heroine: a visually stunning universe full of suspense and emotion
- Each volume stands alone, ideal for individual films or series seasons
- For fans of Cornelia Funke and Leigh Bardugo

Parnass is a city full of shadows – and Cor knows every single one of them. A young pickpocket, he gets by until the city guard catches him and sells him as a labour slave. His buyer: the magician Jonathan Fossell. What looks like the end becomes the beginning. Fossell trains Cor in magic and draws him into investigations of mysterious thefts and murders. But the thieves' guild tolerates no traitors – and when attacks shake the city and friends are endangered, Cor must choose: loyalty or survival. A dark world, a young hero caught between two worlds – and magic as a last weapon.

GENRE: Young-adult fantasy

SETTING: Magical city

PUB 6/2025

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Series planned with 6 volumes in total

Gaming thriller

Deepworld	Reumschüssel, Anja	224 pages
	• Gaming theme with strong identification potential for kids & tweens • For fans of “Erebos” and gamers • Theme: video games and AI with high serial potential	Ruby is new in class and constantly draws wolves with monstrously long teeth or giant hornets in her notebooks. Gustav would love to know what's behind it. Could they come from Deepworld, the mysterious computer game Ruby has at home? When she invites him to play along, he quickly discovers that these creatures are far from the most dangerous thing waiting for them there. Because the game seems to have a life of its own. What's at stake is more than the next level. A story about trust, courage and the question of who's in control.
	GENRE: Young-adult thriller SETTING: Digital game world PUB: 03/2026 SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE	

Mr. & Mrs. Smith for kids

Nothing but Spies

Fesler, Mario; Oliveira, Helder

approx. 300
pages each

Life without adventure is simply out of the question, thinks Celia. Unfortunately, she lives in what is probably the most boring small town in the world: Trockenstedt. Vincent, on the other hand, takes things easy. He's chilled, smart, sporty, popular – one big cliché. But then Celia draws him out of his shell: she steals a piece of chewing gum from him that turns out to be an explosive, and the picture-perfect boy has to come clean: he's a secret agent and his perfect family is just one big fake. If it's not to come out that Vincent was exposed by a nosy teenage girl, he has to agree to Celia's demand: she wants to be part of his mission!

- Teen spy material with strong series potential for streaming & TV
- For fans of “Spy Kids”
- Humorous tone meets action-packed premise
- Fast-paced three-volume thriller material for girls AND boys

GENRE: Young-adult spy comedy**SETTING:** Small town, Germany, present day**PUB:** 04/2024

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YOUNG & NEW ADULT

Gripping love stories, thrilling fantasy and
brooding dark romance

COVE

Cozy YA romance with a dreamy ski-resort setting

Holiday Hearts	Neeb, Stefanie	352 pages
	• Glamorous setting: a chalet in snow-covered mountains • Target group Young Adult: a high-reach segment for streamers & TV • Classic romance tropes: Enemies to Lovers, First Love Clairemont, Swiss Alps, Christmas: 17-year-old Toni arrives as a babysitter and collides head-on on the slopes with Kilijan, the arrogant son of the house, suspended from his elite boarding school and full of thorns. What begins as enmity develops, in the icy winter air, into something more dangerous. Toni fights to see behind his mask – and risks her heart doing so. Snow-covered peaks, a luxury chalet atmosphere and crackling tension between two worlds that don't really fit together.	
	GENRE: Young Adult Romance SETTING: Luxury ski resort in the Swiss Alps PUB: 09/2026	

Dark Academia meets witch magic

Darkhill Academy – Magic Blood

Kuhn, Julia

368 pages



- Strong tropes with proven adaptation potential: Forbidden Love, Slow Burn, Student x Professor, Dark Academia
- Grand setting: a secret academy within Oxford University
- High-selling SPIEGEL bestselling author

Lynn comes to Oxford – searching for her missing sister. What she finds is more than a lead: a hidden magical academy, witch powers of her own and a professor she shouldn't trust. Ryan is forbidden, dangerous, and she can't stop looking at him. The longer her sister stays missing, the more Lynn's suspicion grows. When dark creatures threaten her, not only her life is at stake, but also the question of whom she can truly confide in. Romance Fantasy with atmospheric worldbuilding and an emotional core.

GENRE: Young Adult Romantasy

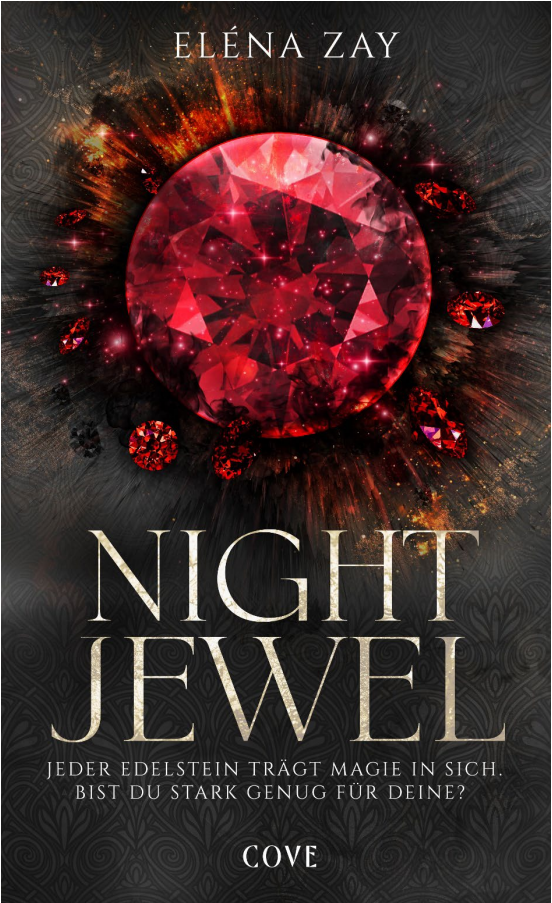
SETTING: Oxford, magical academy

PUB: 06/2026

COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

Magic meets Forbidden Romance

Night Jewel	Zay, Eléna	496 pages
	• Strong YA adaptation potential: forbidden magic, High Society, outlaw world & romantic conflict • Two-part source material with a self-contained plot – ideal for a two-parter or mini-series Gemstones mean power and magic – and Jade carries the most dangerous kind of all. Rare, unpredictable and strictly forbidden. To survive, she must hide what she is. Until Henry Thorne returns. Her brother's vanished friend is no longer the boy he once was. He is someone darker, stronger. And the way he looks at Jade barely leaves her room to breathe. When he helps her control her magic, Jade feels for the first time that her life could truly become her own. But closeness has its price. And some secrets tear entire worlds down with them.	GENRE: Young Adult Romantasy SETTING: Magical city PUB: 07/2026 COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

“Bridgerton” meets Suspense

Marigold Manor	Holthaus, Lara	880 pages
	• Atmospheric suspense with Bridgerton vibes • British elite stud farm • Strong female protagonist Lola has a plan: she infiltrates Marigold Manor as a podcast journalist – an elite British stud farm she holds responsible for her sister’s death. Four weeks to bring the truth to light. But then there’s Aiven Audley, her fiercest rival, arrogant, impenetrable and dangerously close. The deeper Lola digs into the estate’s intrigues, the clearer it becomes: Aiven is right in the middle of it himself. And she has already fallen too hard for him to see clearly.	
	GENRE: New Adult Romantic Suspense SETTING: British elite stud farm, present day PUB: 8/2026 THE VIENNA SERIES BY LARA HOLTHAUS HAS ALREADY BEEN OPTIONED!	COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

Spicy Fantasy RomCom set in 1920s Scotland

Darkthorn Archives - Bite the Bride

Juniper, Penny

592 pages



• »If you've always wanted to know what happens when a sharp-tongued heroine and a grumpy vampire enter a fake marriage, read this book! It's funny, magical and – *careful!* – biting.« – *Beril Kehribar*

• On-trend tropes: Haters to Lovers, Fake Marriage, Grumpy x Sunshine

Student Katherine Campbell hates vampires. But while trying to steal a spellbook from the secret university library, she unleashes a curse. And who saves her? None other than Ethan Hawthorn, chief librarian, powerful vampire, unnaturally attractive and her greatest enemy at Darkthorn University. To keep the curse in check, her chronically ill-tempered rescuer has to bite her regularly - absolutely illegal since 1899. The loophole? A marriage. From now on, Ethan has to share everything with Kat. Including his bed. Even if their marriage is only a fake. Or is it?

GENRE: Vampire Romantasy

SETTING: Scotland, 1920

PUB: 09/2025

COVE

This series has 3 volumes in total

Magical RomComs

Bellbook University	Juniper, Penny	approx. 330 pages each
	Bellbook University is no ordinary college, for here witches, Fae, orcs and half-demons study side by side, and matters of the heart are at least as dangerous as the magic. Ginger, a fiery witch with uncontrolled powers, strikes a risky pact with the bad boy of the university. Honey, a grumpy Light Fae, gets involved with the playboy she had actually long sworn off. Sugar falls in love at a masquerade ball and finds her prince the next morning behind the lecturer's desk. Three women, three men, three chances to burn their fingers.	
• Three self-contained volumes, ideal to adapt as individual seasons • Trendy rom-com tropes with a fantasy twist • Target group 16–25 years	GENRE: Romantasy/New Adult Rom-Com SETTING: Magical elite university PUB: 03/2025	COVE

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Magical wedding planner x dark antagonist

Curses & Crushes - Till Magic Do Us Part

Bachmann, Verena

464 pages



- RomCom Urban Fantasy with a strong female protagonist and a morally grey antagonist
- Highly relevant tropes with proven series potential: Haters to Lovers, Forced Proximity, Hidden Powers

Cariya comes from a family that makes dream weddings come true. But when her biggest celebration ends in a public disaster, her reputation is ruined – and she takes on a dangerous assignment: to seduce Nate, the notorious guild leader who commands power and secrets in equal measure. What begins as a calculated game turns into a forbidden attraction that draws them both into a magical world full of intrigue and danger. A romantic fantasy story about desire, power and a woman who risks everything to win herself back.

GENRE: New Adult Romantasy

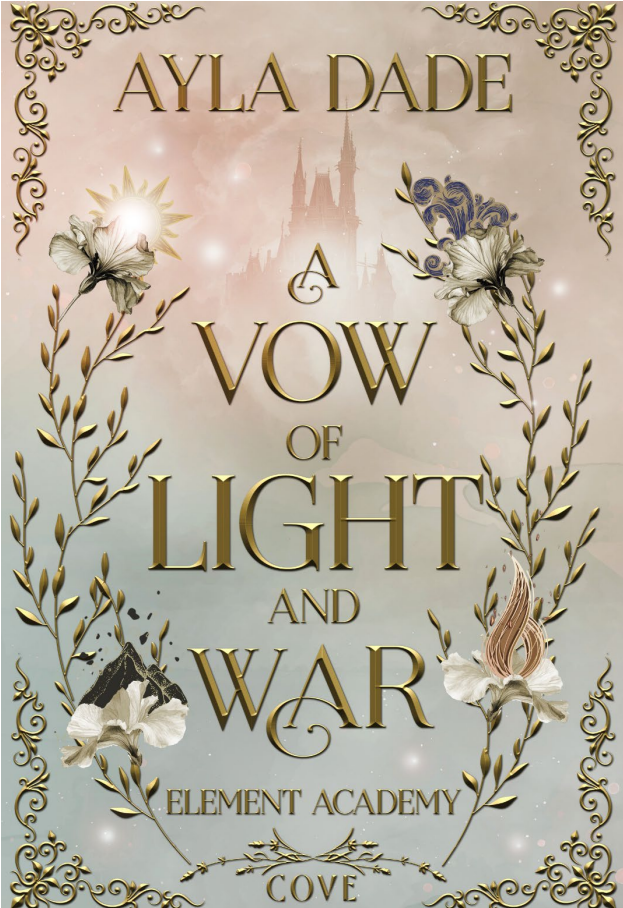
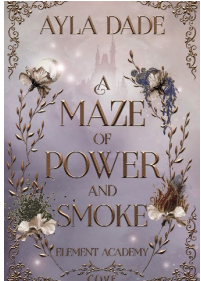
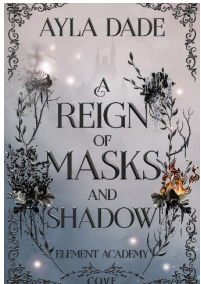
SETTING: Magical urban present day

PUB: 01/2027

COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

Epic Enemies to Lovers Fantasy Romance

Element Academy: A Vow of Light and War	Dade, Ayla	Approx. 700 pages each
  	• Multiple #1 SPIEGEL bestselling author – a strong brand with proven reach • New Adult Fantasy trilogy with serial potential – ideal for streaming formats • Gripping Enemies-to-Lovers dynamic with an academy setting & magic system Soraya has sworn the royal house everything – except forgiveness. Ever since her brother was condemned by Crown Prince Cruz, he has been for her the very embodiment of power and tyranny. But when she is forced – unprepared and against every instinct – to face the merciless entrance exam for the legendary Element Academy, of all people it is Cruz Castillo who stands before her again. What begins like a curse reveals a truth that shakes not only the two of them, but the entire system of blood, magic and obedience.	
	GENRE: New Adult Romantasy SETTING: Magical elite academy PUB: 08/2026	COVE

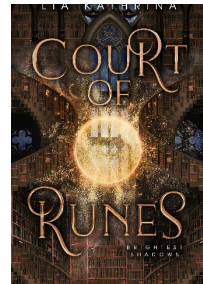
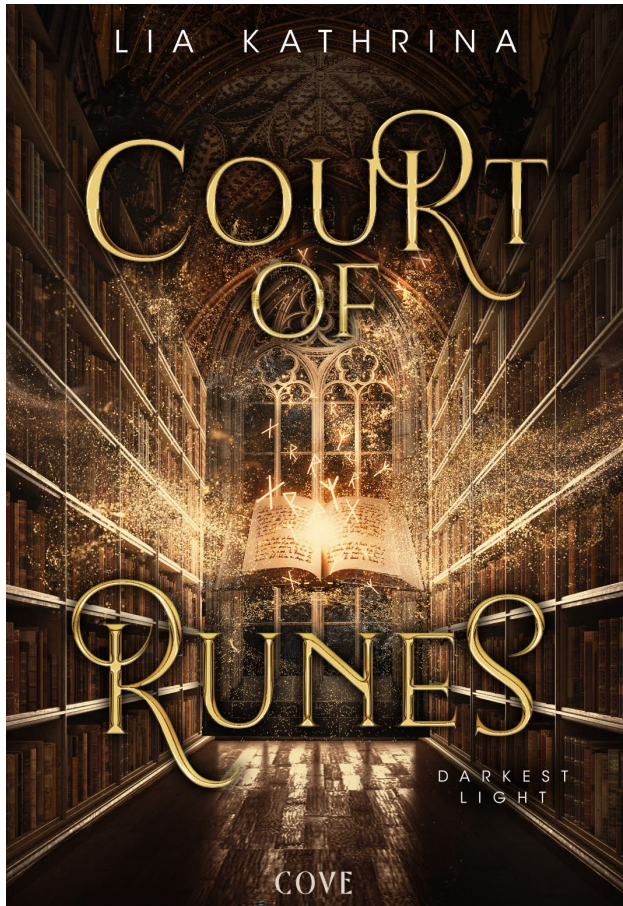
This series has 3 volumes in total

Dark Academia meets rune magic

Court of Runes - Darkest Light

Kathrina, Lia

480 pages



- High-fantasy duology with strong series potential
- Enemies-to-Lovers dynamic & Hidden Powers
- Target group New Adult (16+): one of the highest-reach genres in the streaming market

Admission to the Academy of Light is a dream come true for the magically gifted – but a nightmare for their magic-less siblings. Bound to serve as companions, they are nonetheless treated as unwanted. But Rajona refuses to stay invisible. When she clashes with Zayden, the aloof leader of the Academy elite, a game with new rules begins. Amid intrigue and irresistible attraction, Rajona discovers an unsuspected legacy slumbering within her – and must ask herself which weighs more: her freedom or justice.

GENRE: New Adult Romantasy
SETTING: Dark magic academy
PUB: 01/2027

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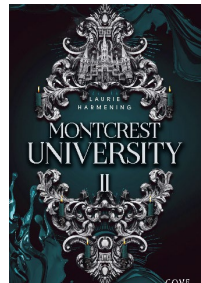
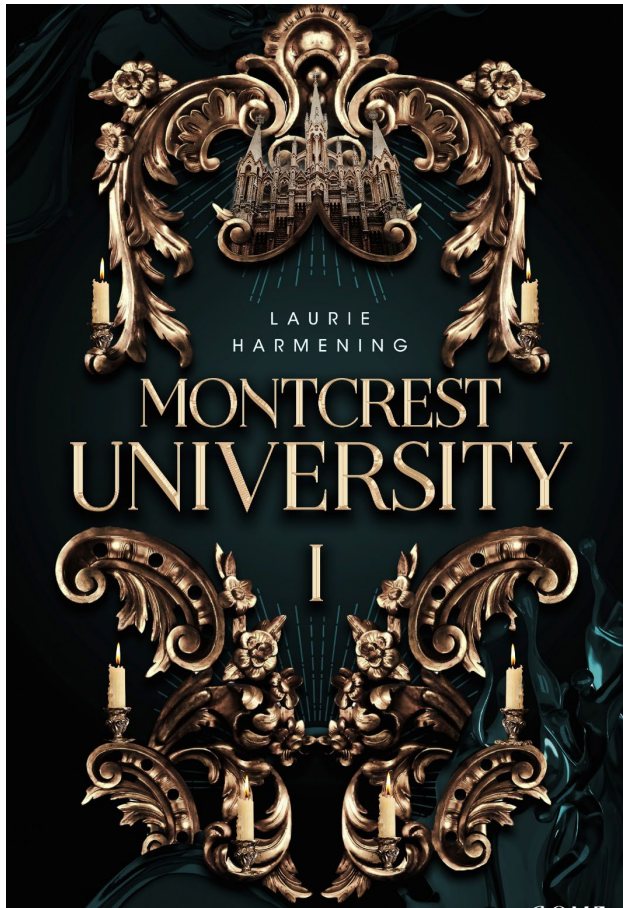
This series has 2 volumes in total

Dark Academia meets dark Romantasy

Montcrest University - Lessons in Evil

Harmening, Laurie

496 pages



- Tropes: Rivals to Lovers, Hate Sex, One Bed
- Visually striking Dark Academia setting: secret elite academy in the Swiss Alps
- Explosive Rivals-to-Lovers concept with supernatural worldbuilding

Deep in the snow-covered Swiss Alps lies Montcrest University – an elite academy for demons and shadow angels, trained to bring humanity to its knees. Grace Blackmore fights fiercely for one of the five places on a journey to hell. But her greatest obstacle is Isak Volstrom, Montcrest's most powerful demon, who controls every thought. Every thought – except hers. Rivalry turns to attraction, attraction to danger. A dark fantasy romance about power, seduction and the seven deadly sins.

GENRE: New-Adult Romantasy

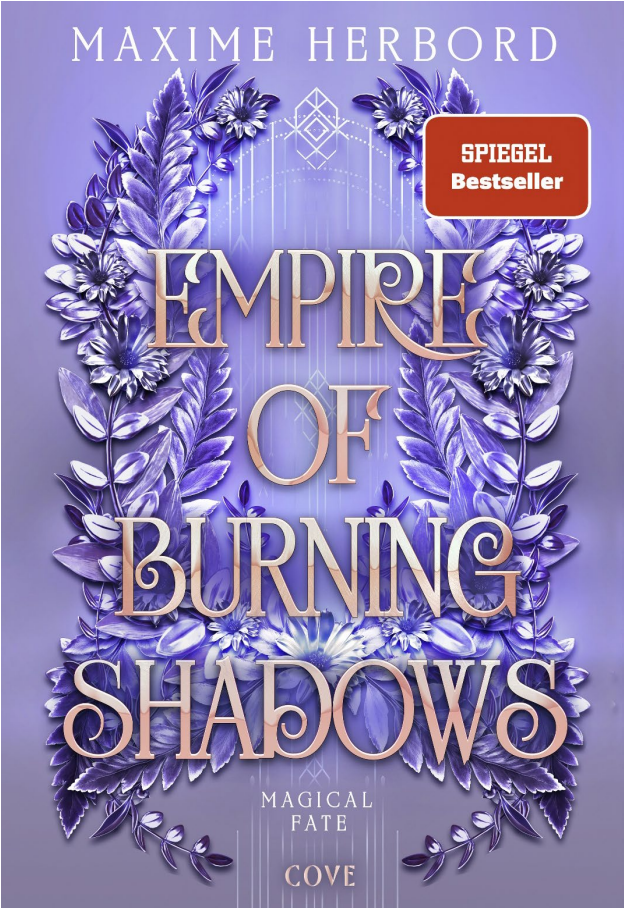
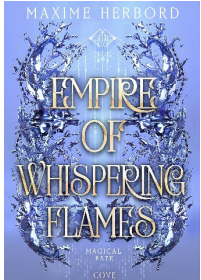
SETTING: Elite academy in the Swiss Alps

PUB: 02/2026

COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

Slow Burn Romantasy

Magical Fate 1 - Empire of Burning Shadows	Herbord, Maxime	432 pages
 	• Slow-Burn Fantasy Romance with love triangle • Between two men and two powers • Debut by influencer @maximeee with 230,000 Instagram & 70,000 TikTok followers Once a year, magic erupts into Joslin's world – and this time it sweeps everything away with it. When shadow runners raid her village and abduct her brother, the young woman sets out into a war older than time itself: light against shadow, power against feeling. Caught between two mages who recognise something dangerous in her – one radiant as day, the other dark as night –, Joslin must save not only her brother, but also herself. An epic Romantasy full of forbidden attraction, magical menace and the price that power demands.	GENRE: New-Adult Romantasy SETTING: Magical medieval fantasy realm PUB: 04/2026 COVE SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

This series has 2 volumes in total

Royal glamour meets Formula 1

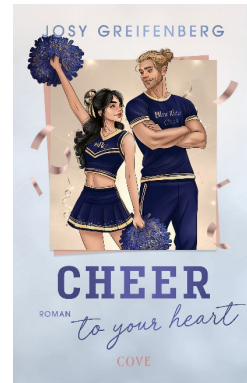
Royal Race - Illicit Affairs	Peks, Vanessa-Sophie	496 pages
	• New Adult Sports Romance • Proven narrative patterns with global appeal; Fake Dating, Hidden Identity, Enemies and Rivals to Lovers, He Falls First and Harder, Who did this to You? Leonora Summer Castillo leads two lives: as Crown Princess of Spain she smiles for the cameras – on the racetrack she is »Shadow«, a masked Formula 1 newcomer no one knows. No one except perhaps Ashton Díaz, the hot-blooded world champion who is her most dangerous rival. When press pressure forces her into a fake relationship with, of all people, Ash, every staged touch becomes a real threat – to her secret, her throne and her heart. Glamour, speed, betrayal: a story in which everything is at stake.	
	GENRE: New-Adult Sports Romance SETTING: Racetrack & royal court, present day PUB: 10/2026	COVE

Slow Burn Sports Romance

Cheer 1, Cheer to the Top

Greifenberg, Josy

448 pages



- Cheerleading meets Female Empowerment: hot stunts and the fight against prejudice in elite sport
- Popular genre: Sports Romance

To win the Cheerleading Nationals just once – that is Elaina's dream. Having fought her way onto the OCJ College team, it is finally within reach. Only one thing stands in her way: her own body. As a diabetic, Elaina has never had it easy in elite sport. That is why no one must know. Least of all LJ, who has been on her mind ever since their very first stunt. As stunt partners, the two are made for each other. Every move lands, and the attraction between them sets the air ablaze. But it could all be over in an instant if Elaina's lie comes to light ...

GENRE: New-Adult Sports Romance

SETTING: US college, present day

PUB: 02/2026

COVE

SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

This series has 2 volumes in total

For fans of “Solange wir lügen” and “Elité”

Newport Bay Club - Matching Your Lies	Ellis, Elle	432 pages
	• Romantic Suspense with a Forbidden-Love trope in high society • Duology with a continuous arc of suspense – ideal for a two-parter or a miniseries	For staff member Hazel, the exclusive Newport Bay Club is like the family she never had. Until young millionaire Carter Miller shows up. One of the summer's VIP guests – and the stranger with whom Hazel spent a night two weeks earlier. As the high-society world around her pulses with yacht parties and champagne, Hazel tries to keep out of Carter's way. Because any private involvement with the guests is strictly forbidden. Carter, however, seems to have no interest in keeping his distance. As she gets closer to his secrets, she uncovers a truth that could bring the luxurious club crashing down.
	GENRE: New-Adult Romance SETTING: Exclusive summer beach club. Present day PUB: 05/2026	COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

“Haunting Adeline” meets “Twilight”

Royal Clair Club 1, Her First Hunt

Dade, Ayla

720 pages



- **No. 1 SPIEGEL** bestselling author and content creator Ayla Dade
- **Two-part narrative with a clear arc** – ideal for a miniseries or feature-film duology
- **Spicy Dark Romantasy:** wealth and power create monsters. But monsters can love, too

Inez doesn't really belong to the elite; her golden ticket is a scholarship to St. Clair College. Surrounded by money, power and a high society that will stop at nothing to protect its status. Calix van Schmitt Barclay is the youngest of the three ruthless X-Boys. Ice-cold, forbiddenly sexy – and he wants Inez. The spark between them is there from the start – raw, wild, unpredictable. Inez knows: whoever plays with the X-Boys risks everything. Yet she is determined to go all in and become part of the mysterious Royal Clair Club. Because Inez has a plan, and to pull it off she must win the princes' games. But Inez has no idea what she has really got herself into...

GENRE: Dark Romance

SETTING: Dark elite college

PUB: 01/2026

COVE

This series has 2 volumes in total

MANGA, COMIC& GRAPHIC NOVEL

Gripping stories, told in pictures and words



Finding one's identity between two cultures

Wind In My Headscarf

Soraya, Roya

192 pages



- Autobiographical source material with a strong queer protagonist
- Politically topical Iran context: freedom, oppression & cultural conflict
- Father-daughter journey as the emotional core: universal, intimate, visually powerful

Roya grows up in an Iranian-German family and often feels like a stranger 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 torn between fascination and fear, beauty and oppression.

»Wind in meinem Kopftuch« is an autobiographical graphic novel about identity, loss and self-discovery that vividly captures the balancing act between cultural belonging and societal constraints.

GENRE: Autobiographical coming-of-age drama

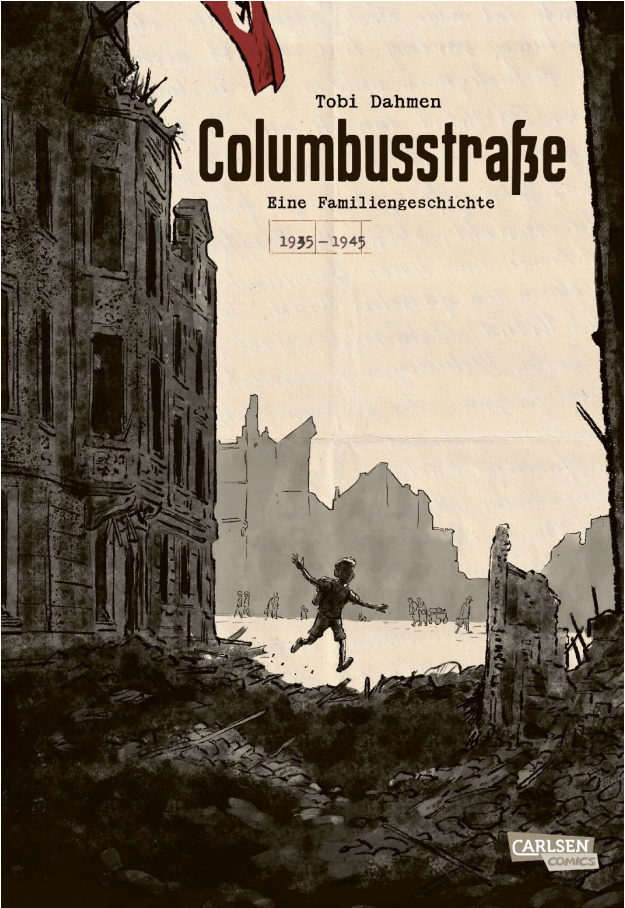
SETTING: Iran & Germany, present day

PUB: 04/2026

SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

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COMICS

True family saga during World War II

Columbus Street	Dahmen, Tobi	528 pages
	• Graphic novel adaptation: a visually told family chronicle, ready for the screen • Historical source material: the German war years 1935-1945, meticulously researched • Political & personal responsibility in the Third Reich as the central theme	After the death of his father, Tobi Dahmen discovers a collection of old family letters. Drawing on these moving first-hand testimonies, he reconstructs a chronicle of the German war years mirrored in his own family history. A gripping examination of Germany's past and political responsibility.
	GENRE: Historical drama/family saga SETTING: Wartime Germany, 1935-1945 PUB: 05/2024 “Fahrradmod” by Tobi Dahmen has already been optioned!	

Cyberpunk dystopia

Revolt

Jell, Dominik

192 pages



- Award-winning mangaka – a strong creative brand with adaptation potential
- Completed 6-volume series
- Highly topical: climate crisis, corporate power & resistance – maximum target-group relevance

A dystopian world à la Cyberpunk and Cronenberg. The exploitation of nature, the pollution of the planet with plastic and climate change have created a world that is barely worth living in for animals and most humans. Those with enough money, however, can use medicine and high tech to transcend the limits of illness and age. But the price, set by an all-powerful mega-corporation called „Corp.“, is high. Will humanity manage this time to rise up against individual selfishness and blind pursuit of profit?

GENRE: Manga/Anime/Science Fiction

SETTING: Dystopian megacity, in the future

PUB: 03/2026



This series has 6 volumes in total.

PRE-SCHOOL

Humorous and encouraging stories for the
littlest ones



Guiding big emotions with love

It Pinches!	Rosenkranz, Julia; Hesse, Lena	32 pages
	• Important themes from everyday childhood: independence, dealing with anger and overwhelming emotions • Strong character duo (child & father) with high emotional identification potential • Ideal for an animated short format, children's series or pre-school content Mile's day starts off well. But then a tiny lump in her sock throws everything into disarray. Suddenly her underpants pinch, her T-shirt sits wrong and a tiny problem turns into a huge whirlwind of emotions. Papa wants to help, but every solution only makes things worse. The anger swells like a balloon until it bursts – Mile rages, screams and no longer knows what to do with her feelings. But eventually the anger balloon shrinks and Mile finds her own way back to balance.	
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: At home PUB: 08/2026	

For young & old

Tilly and Bo	Allert, Judith ; Vigh, Inka	32 pages
	• Likeable heroine and a wonderful, lovable elephant sidekick • Clear emotional message: friendship overcomes any size • Told with imagination and plenty of humour Tilly has had enough of being little! She always has to do what the grown-ups say: tidy her room, eat broccoli and go to bed early. So Tilly makes a decision: she has to grow up right now – and promptly orders an elephant from a delivery service. Bo is supposed to help her solve all her problems. But Bo does everything differently than planned: he wiggles his bottom, turns the room upside down and broccoli makes him sneeze. Tilly is really annoyed. But then the two of them discover: it doesn't matter at all whether you're big or small. Together they can do anything – and with a bit of silliness it's even really fun!	
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: Children's room, everyday world PUB: 09/2026	

Empathy & fairness in everyday family life

Totally unfair!	Ottenschläger, Madlen; Rammensee, Lisa	32 pages
	• Universal family theme with high identification potential for a broad audience • Humorous sibling dynamic • Strong message: fairness through empathy, not through equal treatment	In the Bär family there's constant squabbling: Fredi, Finja and Fiete find everything unfair. Finja's favourite meal is never served, Mama only ever plays with Fredi, and why is Fiete allowed to ride on Papa's shoulders now? In a family council they decide: from now on everything will be done equally! But the result is chaos – there's nothing but pasta without sauce, everyone squeezes into a single seat in the car and the cake is measured with a ruler. Suddenly they all realise: when everyone gets exactly the same, no one really feels good. They find a better solution: everyone gets to say what they need, and they all take turns.
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: Family home PUB: 08/2026	

We're not afraid of the dark!

Wonderlight	Balmaseda, Marta; Balmaseda, Marta	32 pages
	• Visually extraordinary imagery with luminous animation potential • Encourages children to dream big • An aunt-niece-nephew fantasy journey	The dark of night can be pretty scary, think siblings Klara, Lilly and Udo. On their cabin weekend with Aunt Lena, they suspect a monster behind every dark shadow. Yet there is no need to be afraid of the dark. Aunt Lena tells them about all the beautiful natural phenomena that only truly shine because of the darkness. Who could still be afraid amid such wonderfully radiant colours?
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: Forest, night, nature PUB: 09/2026	

Modern fairy tale

The Princess of Screams

Roos, Charlotte; Wolff, Josephine

72 pages



- A modern fairy tale that boldly questions rigid gender roles and traditions
- Strong child protagonist with high identification potential for a young audience
- Humorous tone with visual charm – ideal for animated adaptations

Prinzessin von Schrei lives in a huge palace. Her bodyguard is always close by and her whole life runs strictly according to court ceremony. But the princess isn't at all happy that she is meant to become queen one day. So she decides to make a few changes: instead of a dress she wears a tuxedo waistcoat, and she takes the palace things to the flea market. And this year the royal summer retreat leads ... to the campsite! At first the grown-ups struggle with the changes. But it doesn't take long before everyone understands that a breath of fresh air is really a good thing.

GENRE: Pre-School Animation

SETTING: Fairy-tale royal palace

PUB: 06/2026

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Little animals, big emotions

Why Are You So Angry, Little Panda Bear?

Imlau, Nora; Rammensee, Lisa

40 pages



Tilly, the panda child, is quite hot-tempered. She can run fast and climb well, she is brave and shows what she doesn't like. But Tilly's desire for self-determination and her willpower are so strong that she is repeatedly overwhelmed by anger.

Juli, the little crocodile, has no thick crocodile skin at all, but is very permeable. Its eyes fill with tears in no time.

It's still dark and already the kangaroo child Quirin leaps into the new day, thrilled and full of energy. But the mood can quickly change! When the parents don't get up quickly enough in the morning - Quirin bursts into tears. How good it is when the parents are there then!

- **Bestselling author Nora Imlau** – an established brand with proven target-group reach
- **Successful series with potential for a series adaptation:** three stories about little animal children and big emotions
- **Emotional children's themes with universal family appeal**
- **Recognisable cast of characters for all fans**

GENRE: Pre-School Animation

SETTING: Family, animal everyday world

PUB: 07/2026



For fans of Disney's "Encanto"

Hanna & Little House	Reh, Rusalka; Stuhlberger, Martina	72 pages
	• Charming adaptation potential as an animated short film or children's series • Relevant theme: home & belonging • Literary source material with a warm tone and strong visual imagery	Hanna moves to a grey big city with her parents and, amid all the concrete walls, discovers a little house with a red tiled roof that is unlike any other. Because Häuschen can talk. What begins as a quiet conversation grows into a deep friendship: Hanna provides a fresh coat of paint and mended tiles, and the little house gives her the feeling of having truly arrived. A story about care, belonging and the magic of finding a home.
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: Idyllic big city PUB: 09/2026 The most beautiful friendship story between a girl and a magic house since Disney's "Encanto"	

A loving companion: Karu, the courage-boosting animal

Karu, the Courage Creature	Neßhöver, Nanna; Höllbacher, Franziska	112 pages
	• Universal childhood themes: loneliness, new beginnings and friendship • Iconic figure: Karu as a visually strong series character • Established author with proven material in the children's content market	Mira has moved to a different town. Actually, that is rather nice. Mira likes the new house and her new room. Even the new daycare is great and everyone there is really kind. Sadly, though, Mira also misses her familiar surroundings. She feels lonely and doesn't dare approach the others ... until one day Karu comes along! Karu is Mira's courage-boosting animal: a giant cat with a backpack full of odds and ends and adventures. Whenever Mira feels alone, Karu appears and makes her strong. Whether it is settling in, making friends or learning to swim: Karu the courage-boosting animal helps!
	GENRE: Pre-School Animation SETTING: Daycare PUB: 06/2026	

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