

An illustration of two women in historical attire on a ship deck at sunset. The woman on the left has long, flowing grey hair and wears a brown, fringed tunic with a dark headband. The woman on the right has long, wavy grey hair and wears a blue dress with a white ruffled headscarf. The background shows the masts and rigging of a sailing ship against a vibrant orange and red sunset sky. A white seagull is flying in the top left corner.

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# OUR HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

## EXCEPTIONAL ADVENTURE PAGETURNER

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Sierra Nevada, 1856. Tahnee must help her father, who is being chased by bounty hunters. She promised him to succeed in getting to San Francisco! She still has no idea that Tara lives there on a grandiose estate, with who she shares a special fate ...

Age Group  
10+

### CHILDREN'S NOVEL

On the trail of the gold miners



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## Animal Shapeshifting adventure

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The school year has got off to an exceptionally exciting start, when the new teacher reveals to Merle and Finn that they are animal shapeshifters! Merle can hardly wait for the lesson with him. What animal might she be harbouring within her?

Age Group  
8+

### CHILDREN'S NOVEL

Magical mix of the art of metamorphosis, friendship, everyday school life!



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## Back as a trend: games books!

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Henna and Gregor only wanted to assist a magician, but something went totally wrong and suddenly, they land in a bizarre world full of bubbling mud holes and frisky demons. But which way leads out of this mess? It is all in the reader's hands.

Age Group  
10+

### CHILDREN'S NOVEL

Nothing for the fainthearted!



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## Artistic story with historical core

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The picture book with the mysterious title "189" tells the story of a long journey in which a little canary plays the main role and which is based on real events. Its exceptional song made the canary from the Harz region in Germany world-famous in the mid-19th century. Thousands of them were sent to faraway countries.

Age Group  
5+

### PICTURE BOOK

Little bird, long journey



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## Volume 5 of our bestselling picture book series

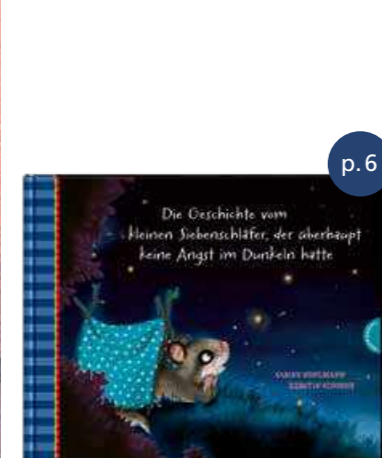
### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The little dormouse wants to sleep outdoors tonight. But then, alone in the dark, he does feel a little uneasy. Luckily his friends come by and have some advice about how to quickly dispel the fear. Together they discover that darkness can be beautiful!

Age Group  
4+

### PICTURE BOOK

Important topic! Overcoming fear of the dark



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## FUN PICTURE BOOK FOR THE 2020 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

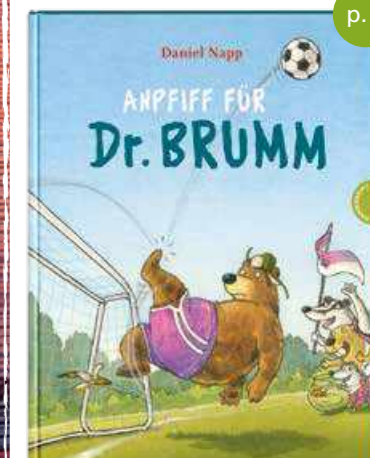
### WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

The farmer has invited Dr. Brumm and his friends to a football match. Instead of a friendly game, they are facing a hard-hitting match against the farmer and his professional playing nephews. Can this game be won by Dr. Brumm and Co.?

Age Group  
4+

### PICTURE BOOK

Strong rivals, stronger friends!

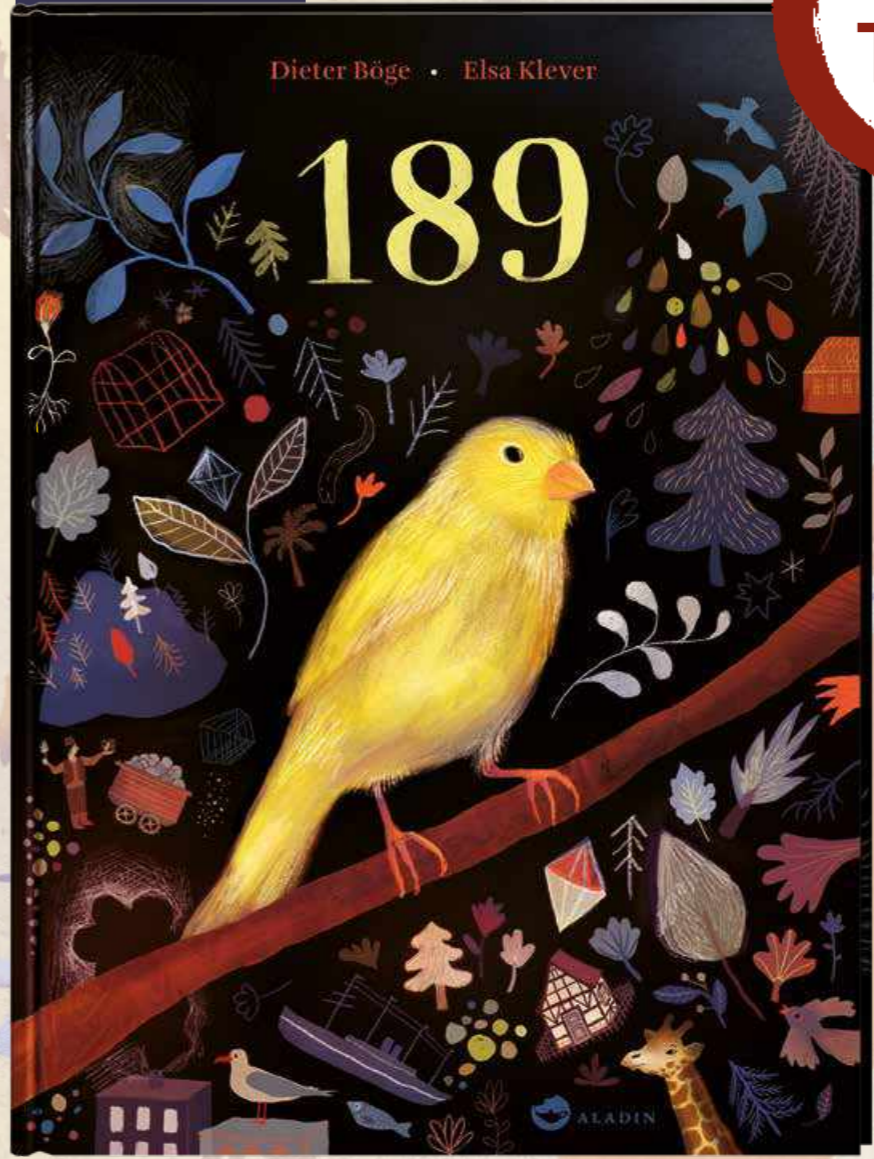


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# Little bird, long journey

**TOP  
TITLE**

Sample translation  
available



- Artistic story with a well-researched historical core
- Exuberantly illustrated by Elsa Klever
- A unique total artwork



Dieter Böge, born in 1958, is a painter, drawer and picture book author. He teaches illustration at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg and is Artistic Director at the JAK Academy in Hamburg.



Elsa Klever was born in Berlin and studied illustration at HAW in Hamburg and at HSLU in Lucerne. Since then she has been working for numerous magazines and publishing houses and in 2015 won the Austrian Children's Book Prize. Elsa Klever lives and works in Hamburg.



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5+

Dieter Böge  
189

Illustrated by Elsa Klever  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 48 pages

# Do not be afraid, little dormouse!

OVER  
300,000  
COPIES OF  
THE SERIES  
SOLD

- Volume 5 of the successful picture book series!
- Fear of the dark: every child is familiar with it



- Another amusing and affectionate 'Dormouse' story



The little dormouse has packed his cosy blanket because he wants to sleep outdoors tonight. He answers with no in disgust when his mum asks whether he is not afraid of the dark. But then, alone in his tent, the little dormouse does feel a little uneasy. Luckily his friends the hazel dormouse, the little wolf and the hare come by and keep him company. They would never admit that they are also a little afraid of the dark, but they all have some advice for the little dormouse about how to quickly dispel the fear. The animals' courage is rewarded: when the clouds disperse, a wonderful starry sky extends above them and the friends discover: darkness can be beautiful!

4+

Sabine Bohlmann  
**The Story of the Little Dormouse  
who wouldn't Let Anyone Have  
His Cuddly Comfort Blanket**

Illustrated by Kerstin Schoene  
Board Book  
Hardcover, 28 pages

## BACKLIST



Rights sold to: DK, NL, E, F, CN, TR,  
UKR, IL, RO, CAST,  
CAT, ROK, RU

4+

Sabine Bohlmann  
**The story of the little dormouse  
who was not at all afraid of the dark**

Illustrated by Kerstin Schoene  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

Sabine Bohlmann is an actress and works as a dubbing artist and has lent her voice to characters like Lisa Simpson and actors such as Vanessa Paradis. Since 2004 she has been writing guides, children's CDs.

Kerstin Schoene studied communication design. Since graduation she has been freelancing as an illustrator and graphic designer for various publishing houses and writing and illustrating children's books of her own.

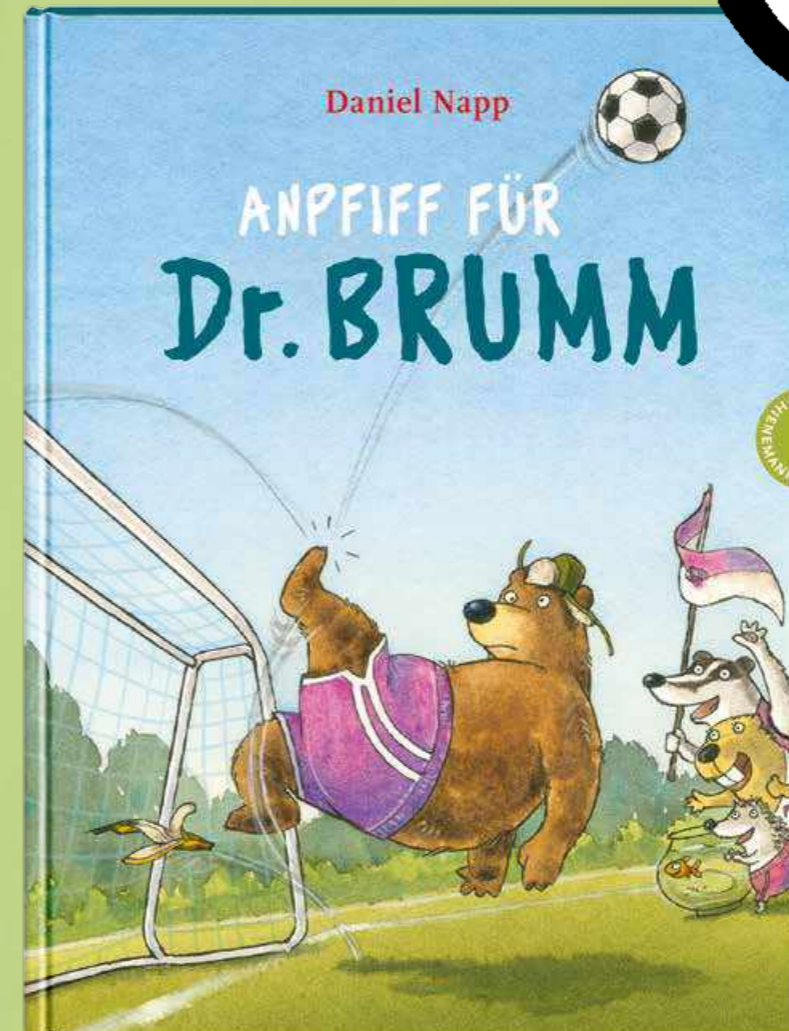
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# STORM AHEAD. DR. BRUMM, ANOTHER GOAL!

OVER  
500,000  
COPIES OF  
THE SERIES  
SOLD



- Thematically fit occasion for Dr. Brumm
- The most fun picture book for the 2020 European Championship!

## BACKLIST



Rights sold to 18 countries



### DANIEL NAPP

studied Graphic Design in Münster. Even as a student, he won several awards. He now works as a freelance illustrator and has already illustrated numerous picture books and books for children.

[www.daniel-napp.de](http://www.daniel-napp.de)

The farmer has invited Dr. Brumm and his friends to a game of soccer. Dr. Brumm might well have thought that there would be a snag somewhere. Instead of a friendly game, he is facing a hard-hitting match against the farmer and his nephews, who are training for the youth otter national team. And worst of all: the farmer is the goalkeeper, trainer and referee in one! The first half time goes pitifully: Dr. Brumm's team is hammered with one goal after another. The friends would like to just jack it in, but they have one ace up their sleeve that they were not even aware of: the whale, fancy that, is a real football checker! He turns the half-time break into a training and motivation sessions like no other. And lo and behold – in the second half Dr. Brumm and co. show the otters where it is at!

4+

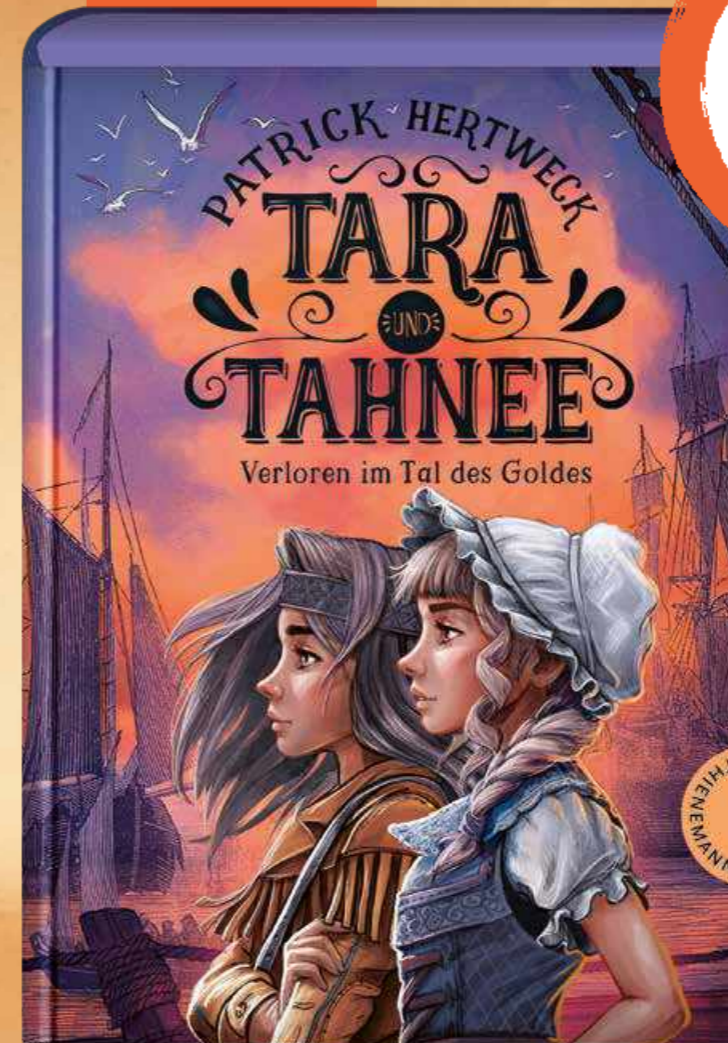
Daniel Napp  
**Starting Whistle for Dr. Brumm**

Illustrated by Daniel Napp  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

# ON THE TRAIL OF THE GOLD MINERS

English sample  
translation available


TOP  
TITLE



- Exceptional adventure page-turner with deep undercurrents
- Fascinating setting: San Francisco after the gold rush
- Masterfully told, from changing perspectives

## PATRICK HERTWECK

was born in 1972. After finishing school he traveled to many countries by bike. He worked as manager of a media company until he decided to make his passion a living. Today he works as a freelance author and lives with his family near Freiburg in Germany.

 [www.patrick-hertweck.de](http://www.patrick-hertweck.de)

## BACKLIST



Rights sold to:  
**Mexico, Romania**

**Sierra Nevada, 1856.** Tahnee is battling through the wilderness. She must help her father, who is being chased by bounty hunters. She is constantly thinking about the promise she made to him: she must succeed in getting to San Francisco! She still has no idea that Tara lives there on a grandiose estate, with whom she shares a special fate ...

10+

Patrick Hertweck  
**Tara and Tahnee**  
Lost in the Valley of Gold

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 304 pages

# AN ANIMAL SHAPESHIFTING ADVENTURE AND START OF A NEW SERIES

TOP  
TITLE



- The new series for boys and girls from 8 years old
- Magical mix of the art of metamorphosis, friendship, everyday school life
- Classically and humorously told by Martina Baumbach



Martina Baumbach lives south of Munich with her family. Gabriel has already published a number of her books.  
[www.martinabaumbach.de](http://www.martinabaumbach.de)



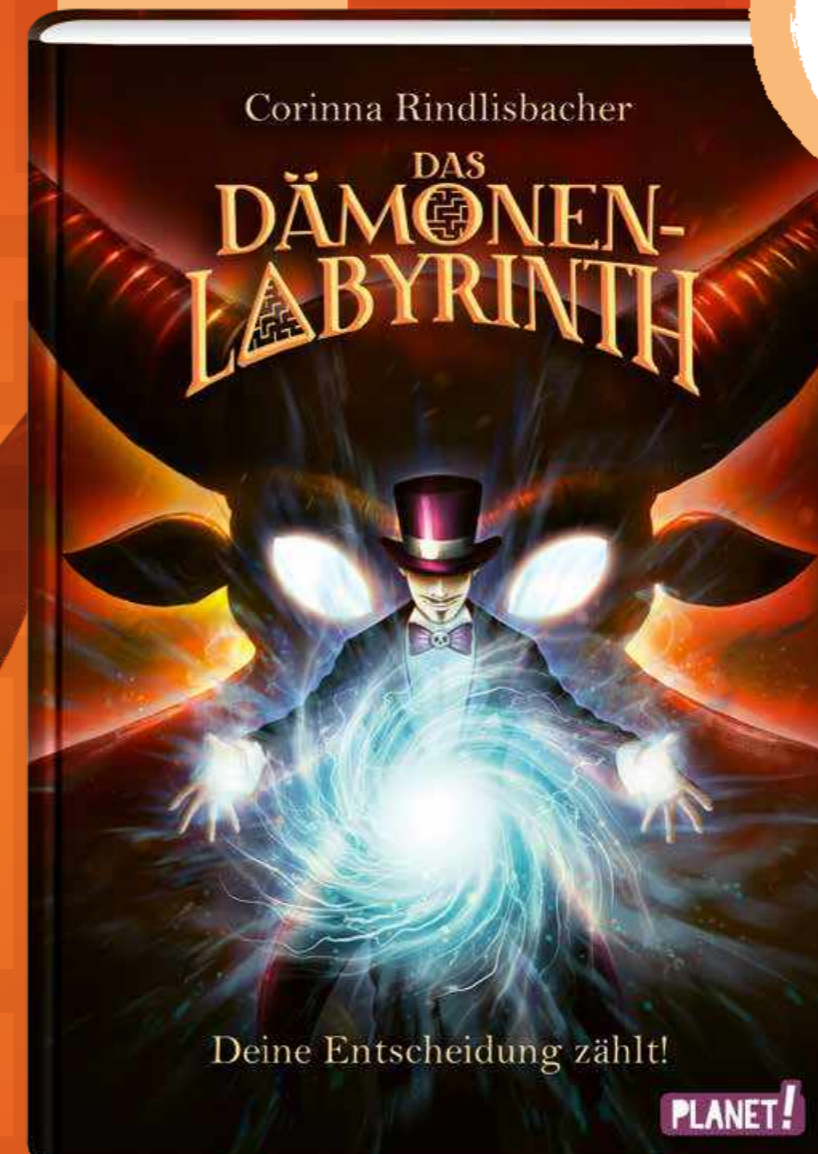
Imke Sönnichsen studied History of Art in London and later Illustration in Mainz. She has illustrated many picture books for Thienemann.

**An owl that talks to her?** A new teacher who lives in an old construction trailer on the school site? The 4th school year has got off to an exceptionally exciting start, Merle finds. Only the new group, for which the new teacher has selected her, is not at all to her liking – she does not enjoy sports. But what Mr. Olsson reveals to them in the 7th lesson leaves her speechless: she is an animal shapeshifter! Merle can hardly wait for the lesson with Mr. Olsson. What animal might she be harbouring within her?

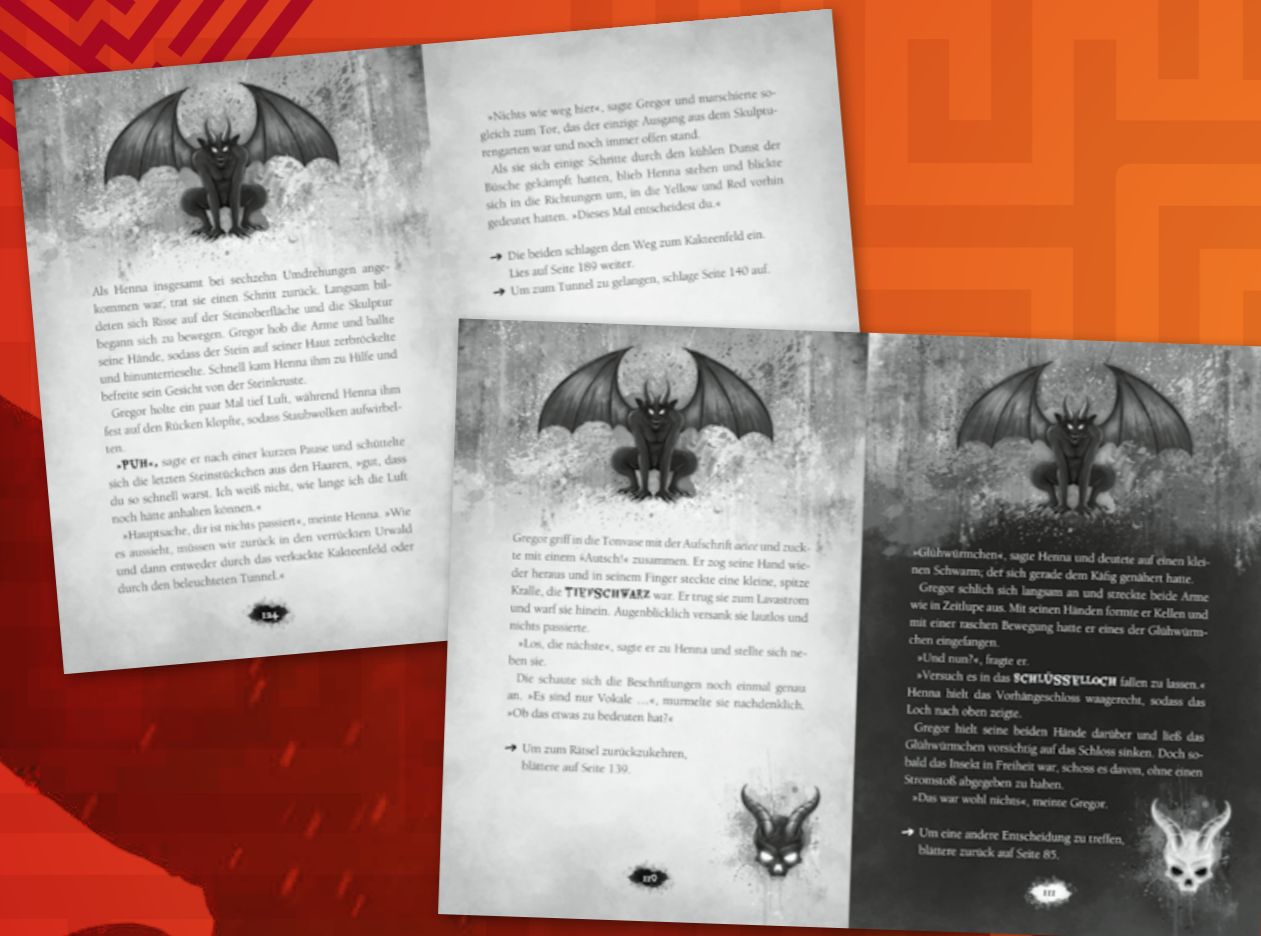
8+

Martina Baumbach  
**The Animal Shapeshifters – Vol. 1**  
**Our Teacher is an Elk**  
Illustrated by Imke Sönnichsen  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 192 pages

# GET IN ACTION! WITHOUT A READER NO SOLUTION!

Sample translation  
availableTOP  
TITLE

- A book for participating and making your own decisions!
- Back as a trend: games books!
- Also helps unpractised readers to accomplish reading



## CORINNA RINDLISBACHER

is an architect, illustrator and writer. Since 2000 she has not only been publishing picture books and children's books but also been creating games and writing screenplays. She and her three children live on the edge of Munich.

Henna and Gregor were actually only supposed to assist a magician with his latest magic trick, but something went fundamentally wrong and the two siblings suddenly land in a bizarre world full of bubbling mud holes and strange monsters. They must get out of this labyrinth as quickly as possible, otherwise they will end up as an afternoon snack for the grisly demons. But which way leads out of this mess? The reader must find that out in this book! Solve puzzles, combine and make brave decisions – it is all in the reader's hands. This book is not for the fainthearted!

10+

Corinna Rindlisbacher  
**The Demon Labyrinth**  
Your Decision Counts!

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 240 pages



# The ball is round!



- Publication before the European Soccer Championship 2020
- There has never been such a soccer book! Your turnover guarantee for the European Soccer Championship

BACKLIST



Nearly 60,000 copies sold!

3+

Barbara Korthues  
**My Search-and-Find Football**

Illustrated by Barbara Korthues  
Picture Book  
Board Book, 16 pages



Barbara Korthues studied Visual Communication, with the focus on Illustration, in Münster and has been illustrating books for children and teenagers since 1996.



Anne Hassel was born in 1946 in Miltenberg. After training as a bank clerk, she switched into the educational sector and trained as a nursery school teacher. Since 1994 she has been working as a freelance author. Apart from children's books, she has written several crime novels.

Eva Künzel, born 1990 in Hamm, studied Illustration at the Ruhrakademie in Schwerte and is currently realising her dream of making a living from drawing. Apart from children's books, she also illustrates for example children's games.

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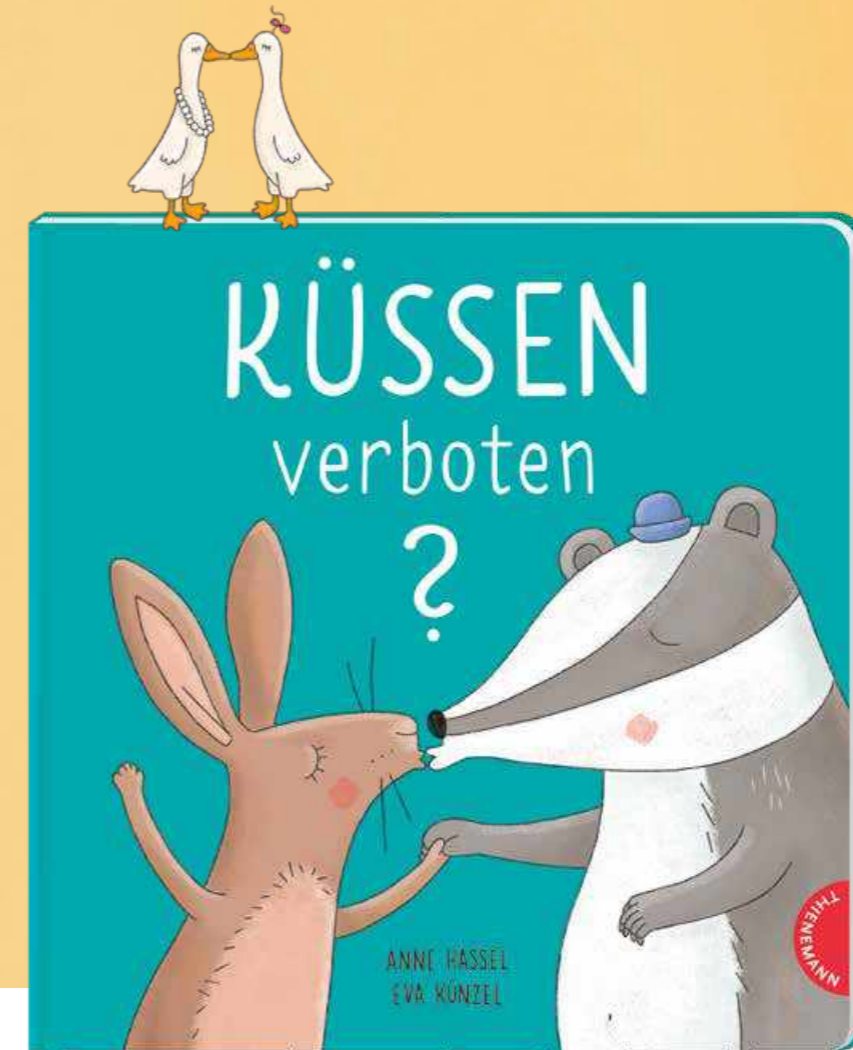
Anne Hassel  
**Kissing forbidden?**

Illustrated by Eva Künzel  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

- A strong plea for diversity and tolerance
- Easy to understand for young ones – see and understand
- A new artist duo with new ideas and a fresh voice

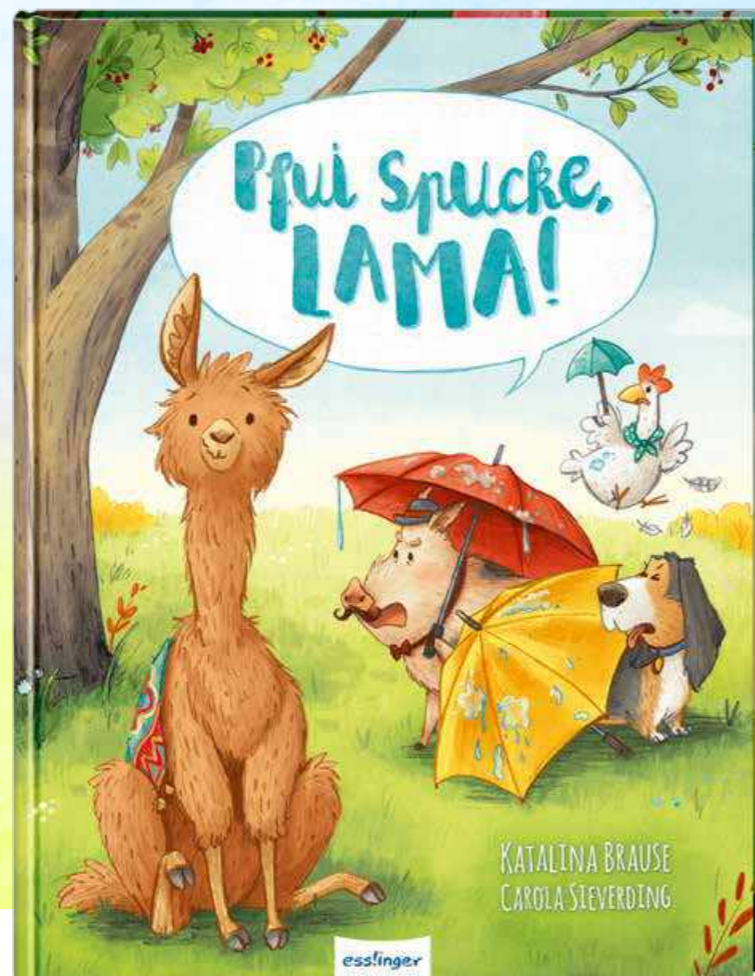


# Love is there for everyone



Mr. Tiger kisses Mrs. Tiger and Mr. Hippopotamus kisses Mrs. Hippopotamus. Quite simple. But Mr. Turtle kisses Mr. Turtle? And Mrs. Duck kisses Mrs. Duck? "Hang on a minute", the animals cry. "That can't be!" And how it can! Because if you love each other, you kiss each other. Quite simple. A cheerful, cute picture book with a clear and direct message.

# You are good just the way you are!



- Narrated with great wit and charm
- About prejudices and a very special friendship
- The lama as a top trend!

**The lama is in the doldrums.** In the cosy little village, nobody wants to have anything to do with him. Because the lama spits, sometimes even when speaking. It is only when the big fair is about to begin and the lama prevents the stealing of the soap bubble machine that the others recognise what he's really capable of. The lama is a fine chap who can not only catch thieves but also help with sticking stamps at the post office, soothing bee stings or watering flowers. And at the fair, he delights adults and children alike with blowing his spit bubbles.



3+

Katalina Brause  
**Yucky Spit, Lama!**

Illustrated by Carola Sieverding  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

Katalina Brause grew up in Ostwestfalen, studied law in Germany, England and France. She lives with her family in Cologne. After a late doctoral thesis, she has never stopped writing.

Carola Sieverding studied at the Münster School of Design with a focus on illustration. Since 2014 she has been working as a freelance illustrator for various publishers and likes to draw cheeky children and animals. She lives in the beautiful north of Hamburg.



Werner Holzwarth studied communication in Berlin and worked as a copywriter, a creative director, a journalist and as a professor for visual communication at the Bauhaus University in Weimar. Since 2012 he has been giving himself over entirely to children's and young-adult literature.

Günther Jakobs studied Graphic Design and Philosophy in Münster. He has been working as a freelance illustrator for various publishing houses since 2003.  
[www.guentherjakobs.de](http://www.guentherjakobs.de)

4+

Werner Holzwarth  
**The Sun King**

Illustrated by Günther Jakobs  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

# Watch out, a bragger!



- "Pride comes before a fall"
- New title by bestselling author Werner Holzwarth ("The story of the little Mole who knew it was None of his Business")
- Impressive characters, portrayed by the picture book artist Günther Jakobs

**Every morning, the sun rises at the hen farm.** And every morning Conrad, the cockerel, greets them with his crowing. One day Conrad makes a bold statement: it is not he who is crowing because the sun is rising but the sun that is rising because he is crowing! He can soon convince the hens to take care of him well if they do not want the farm to descend into eternal darkness. The hens have their beaks full from now on, looking for the best worms and the finest grain for Conrad. Until the morning when Conrad, now lazy and overfed, oversleeps and misses his duty. The sun rises – even without his crowing – and his cover is blown. As a punishment he must look for worms for the hens for seven weeks, who will not be so easily fooled from now on.



# The tedious subject of quarrelling told cheekily and unusually

- Cheeky, witty and close to the world children live in
- Every argument has two sides, which one can discover in this picture book
- Established and popular illustrator



**Roardragon and Rumbledragon are the very best of friends.** But today Roardragon is mightily annoyed with Rumbledragon. He would love to just pull his floppy dragon ears. Rumbledragon, on the other hand, is itching to tie a knot in Roardragon's tattered tail. And before one can even count to three, the two of them are tumbling in a scuffle around the island. But then something happens that stops both of them in their tracks. Can it also make them take a dragon's step towards each other again?

3+

Martina Baumbach  
**The Big Dragonboom**

Illustrated by Christiane Hansen  
Picture Book  
Hardcover, 32 pages

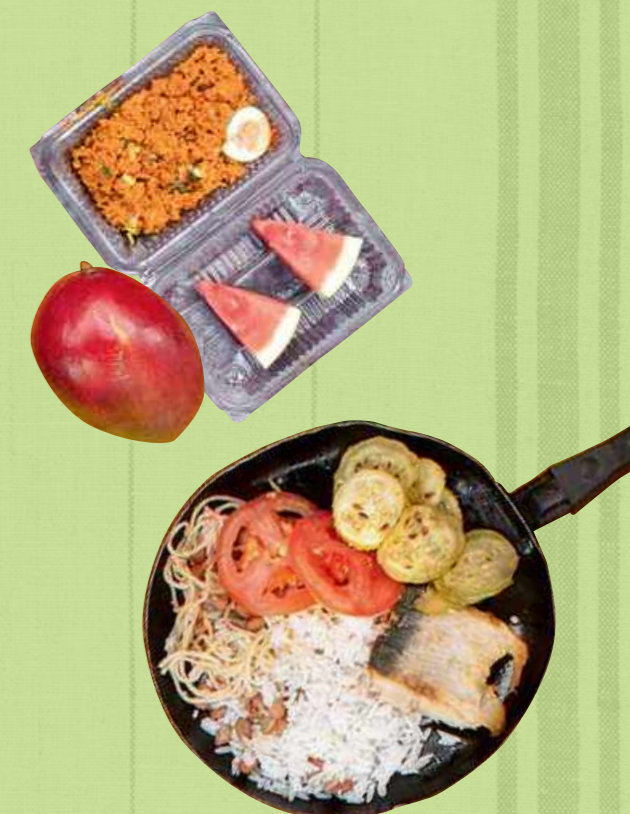
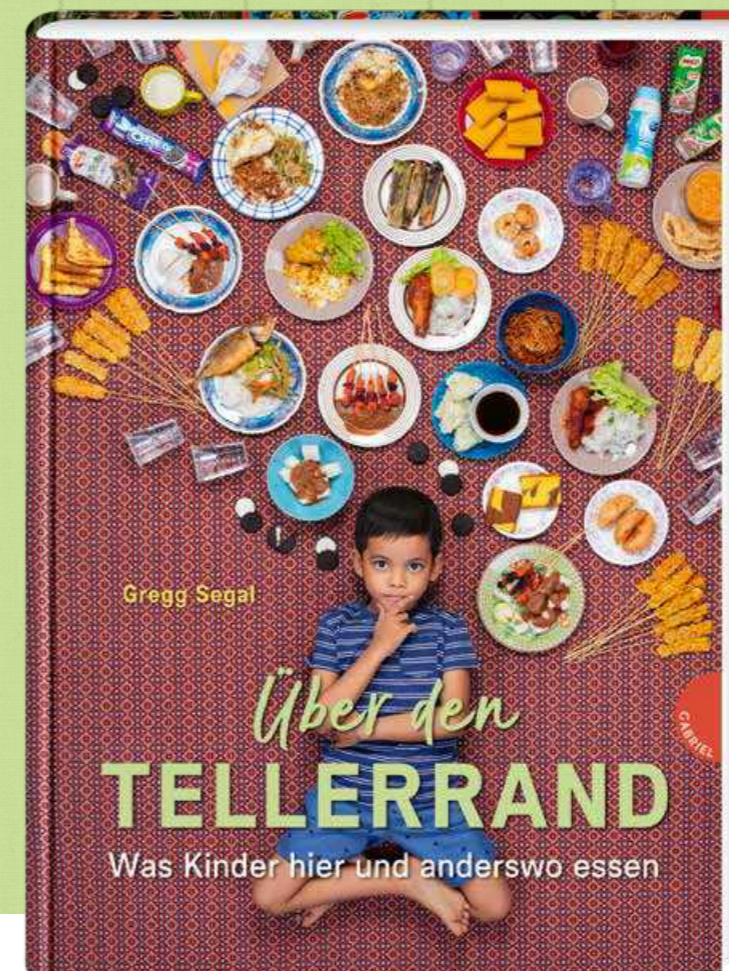
Martina Baumbach lives south of Munich with her family. Gabriel has already published a number of her books.  
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Christiane Hansen studied Illustration at the College of Applied Science in Hamburg. She has been working as a freelance illustrator for various children's book publishers since 2000.  
[www.christianehansen.de](http://www.christianehansen.de)



Gregg Segal studied photography and filming at the Californian Institute of Arts, screen writing at the New York University as well as educational sciences at the University of California. His portraits and essays have been published among others in the Time Magazine, GEO, The Independent, Le Monde, Stern and National Geographic. He lives with his family in California.

# What does the world eat?



- Brief portraits of children from around the world
- Surprising, exceptionally staged photos
- A whole new perspective on the interesting topic of nutrition

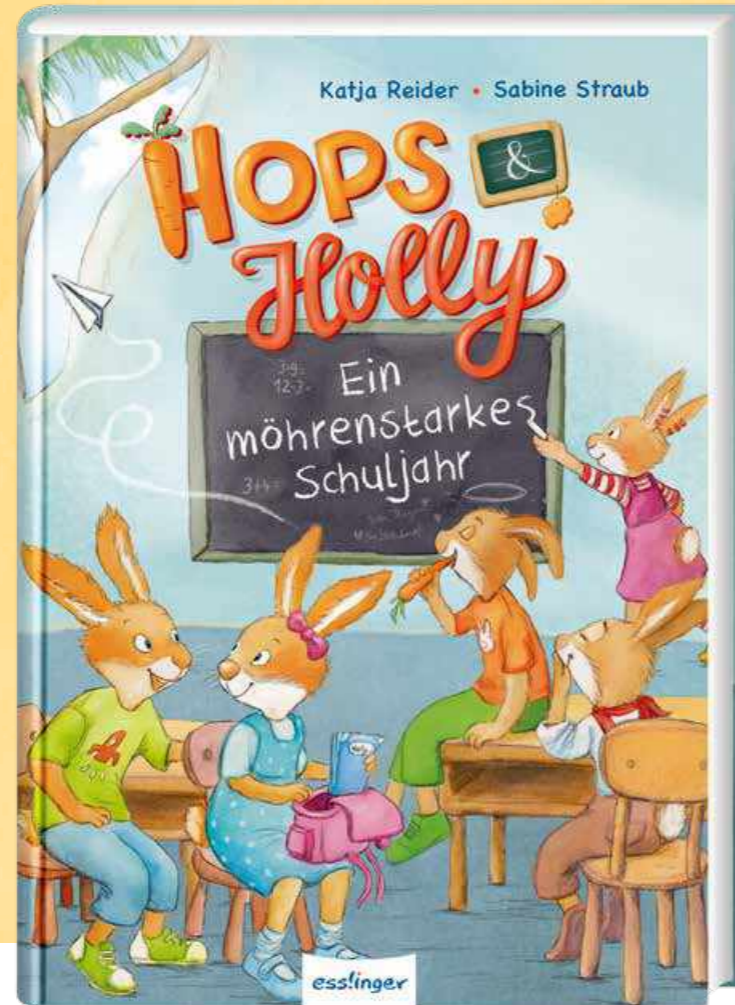
**What do children eat in Los Angeles, Sao Paulo, Mumbai, Catania or Hamburg?** The viewer can experience this very sensually in this book by the photographer Gregg Segal. Children from the whole world and different cultures showed him what they eat within a week. In great pictures, he portrayed these children, framed by "their" foods. Brief texts present the children and their meals. They are pictures that draw attention and amazement and reveal a kaleidoscope of varying cultures. A book that is unique, promotes understanding for other cultures and thematises current topics such as the significance of foodstuffs, world nutrition and health.

8+

Gregg Segal  
**Food Around the World**  
What Children Eat Here and Elsewhere

Photographed by Robert Scheffner  
Children's Non-Fiction  
Hardcover, 120 pages

# A new school year with Hops and Holly!



- 10 new fun school stories about the hare twins
- For reading out and reading themselves for all little hare fans
- Reading length: around 10 minutes per story

BACKLIST



Rights sold to Russia

If Hops and Holly want to help to win the big school prize, if a famous talent seeker for the spoonball championships is expected and the teacher Flowerwreath has a crisis on the mediator day – then we must be at the little hare school! In this volume, all kinds of fun adventures once again await the hare twins and their friends. There is no doubt about it: it will be a carrotastic school year!

5+

Katja Reider  
**Hops & Holly Vol. 2**  
A Carrotastic School Year

Illustrated by Sabine Straub  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 112 pages

**Katja Reider** started writing during a holiday after interludes at a PR agency and as a press officer – and has not stopped since. This has resulted in many books for children of all ages, as well as gift books. Katja Reider has been promoting reading for many years. She lives in Hamburg.

**Sabine Straub** studied at the Deutsche Höhere Lehranstalt für Grafik und Werbung (Graphic Design and Advertising College) in Athens and then ran her own painting school in Astros. Since 2009 she has been a freelance illustrator and splits her time between Greece and Germany.



# The classic children's book now at the cinema



- Animated film with charmingly drawn figures
- High-quality classic edition with over 50 film photos
- Environmental theme more pertinent than ever
- Interestingly recounted by Anja Kömmerling and Thomas Brinx

The little hedgehog and his friends are in despair: there is a terrible drought in the forest, even the lake has been reduced to a puddle. Their only hope of saviour is the waterstone, but this is being guarded by the evil bear king Bantur in the North Forest. The little hedgehog sets out to get the stone back. The only one helping with this is the squirrel Tjum, who he cannot actually stand. But in order to succeed with the adventure, the two of them must patch things up.

BACKLIST



5+

Sebastian Lybeck · Brinx/Kömmerling  
**The Little Hedgehog Latte and the Magical Waterstone**

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 128 pages

**Sebastian Lybeck** lives in Sweden. "Latte Hedgehog and the Water Stone" was published in 1959 and in the same year he was awarded a special prize within the German Youth Literature Prize. The book has become a classic children's book in Germany.

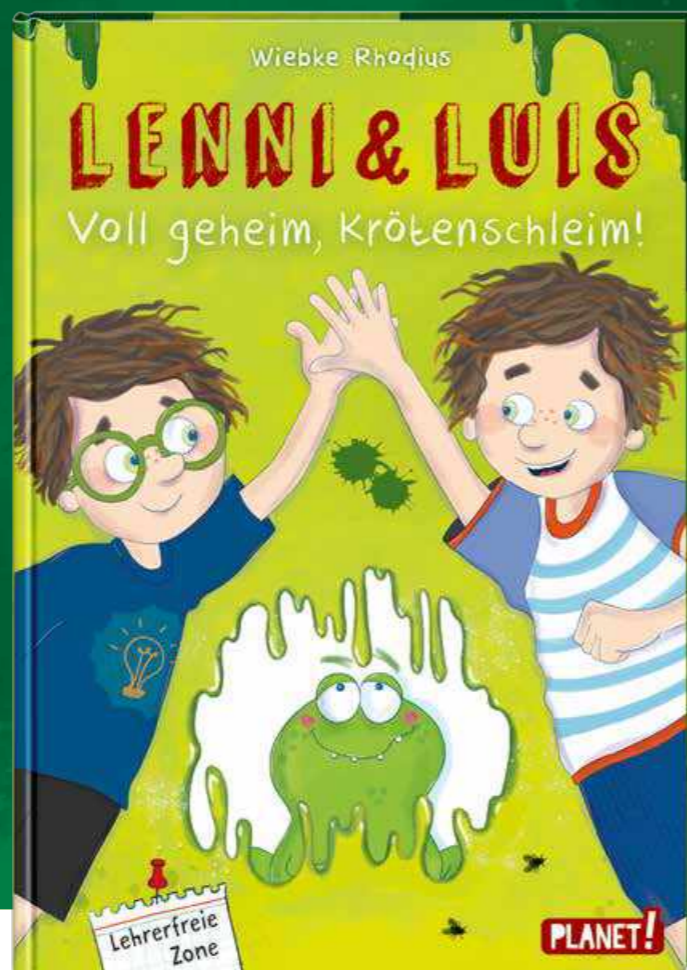
**Anja Kömmerling** trained as a hairdresser and then studied in Frankfurt and did practical training in television. **Thomas Brinx** is a trained potter and a script writer. They have written many books for children and teenagers together.

[www.brinx-koemmerling.de](http://www.brinx-koemmerling.de)



# All pudding, or what?!

- Witty and cheeky story about twins
- Equally suitable for boys and girls
- For all readers of "Miles & Niles"



**Lenni and Luis are two quite normal 10-year-old boys.** Except that they are twins and look identical down to the last hair (if Lenni didn't wear glasses, it would not be possible to tell them apart). And that they always have crazy ideas and get up to all kinds of mischief (whereby Lenni has the maddest ideas, Luis finds). Their father is a solicitor, their mother a policewoman.

Wiebke Rhodius already filled whole exercise books with her own invented stories. But then she first studied law and worked as a solicitor. After the birth of her two sons, she finally fulfilled her dream and rediscovered writing for herself.

[www.wiebke-rhodius.de](http://www.wiebke-rhodius.de)



# Hip, hip, hooray! Let new adventures begin!



**Fancy that!** When Polly receives an enchanted passport for her birthday, she travels spontaneously to Aunt Winnie in the Amazon delta, where she realises to her surprise that her fourth canine tooth has a magical power: she can suddenly talk to animals. And this turns out to be extremely useful when she stumbles across the singing sloth lady Shakira. Shakira was expelled from her village because she purportedly chased away the mysterious big howler. But Polly soon realises that something shady is going on here! Together with her friends, she investigates and quickly stumbles into a new wild adventure!

Lucy Astner likes eating chocolate, trampoline jumping and laughing till it hurts. And because she likes laughing so much that she has made her hobby into her profession and writes screenplays for the movie theatre to make lots of other people laugh. She lives with her family in the centre of Hamburg.



- Polly travels the world: the start of a new Polly series all around the globe
- The sloth Shakira causes turmoil in the jungle
- Over 100,000 copies sold in the series

## BACKLIST



**Rights sold to Czech Republic and Israel**

8+

Lucy Astner  
**Polly Schlottermotz (Series 2 Vol. 1)**  
Something shady is going on here!

Illustrated by Lisa Hänsch  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 144 pages

## BACKLIST



8+

Wiebke Rhodius  
**Lenni & Luis: Volume 2**  
Top secret!

Illustrated by Sabine Sauter  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 128 pages

# An enchanted forest and a very special girl!

- After "Mrs. Honey", an enchanting new children's novel by Sabine Bohlmann
- For all those who want to know what powers nature harbours
- Atmospherically illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli



**What can Willow possibly do with a forest?** She has inherited one from her aunt Alwina. And not only that – her aunt has also left Willow a crooked little house and especially: her witch's power. But does Willow really want to accept this inheritance with all it entails? And then she is also supposed to find three girls who also carry the gift of sorcery within them. But where? And especially, how? Luckily Willow is not alone, because Rufus the fox stays steadfastly by her side.



10+

Sabine Bohlmann  
**A Girl Called Willow**

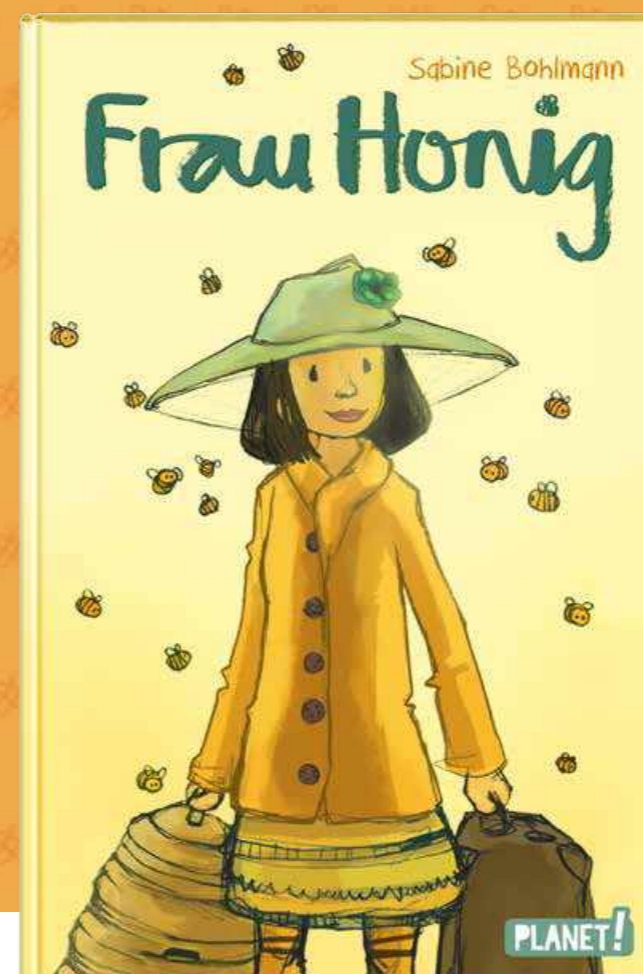
Illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 208 pages

Sabine Bohlmann has been in various films and series on television. She also works as a dubbing artist and has lent her voice to characters like Lisa Simpson. Since 2004 she has been writing guides, children's CDs and children's books.

[www.sabinebohlmann.de](http://www.sabinebohlmann.de)



# A little something for the heart: a new Mrs. Honey story



- Mrs. Honey with her magic advice will delight not only children
- With great honey recipes and tips from Mrs. Honey personally
- Over 40,000 copies sold of "Mrs. Honey" volume 1 and 2

**A new story about and with Mrs. Honey from the bestselling author Sabine Bohlmann.** In a handy small format for any trouser pocket! With great recipes and honey-sweet craft ideas.

## BACKLIST



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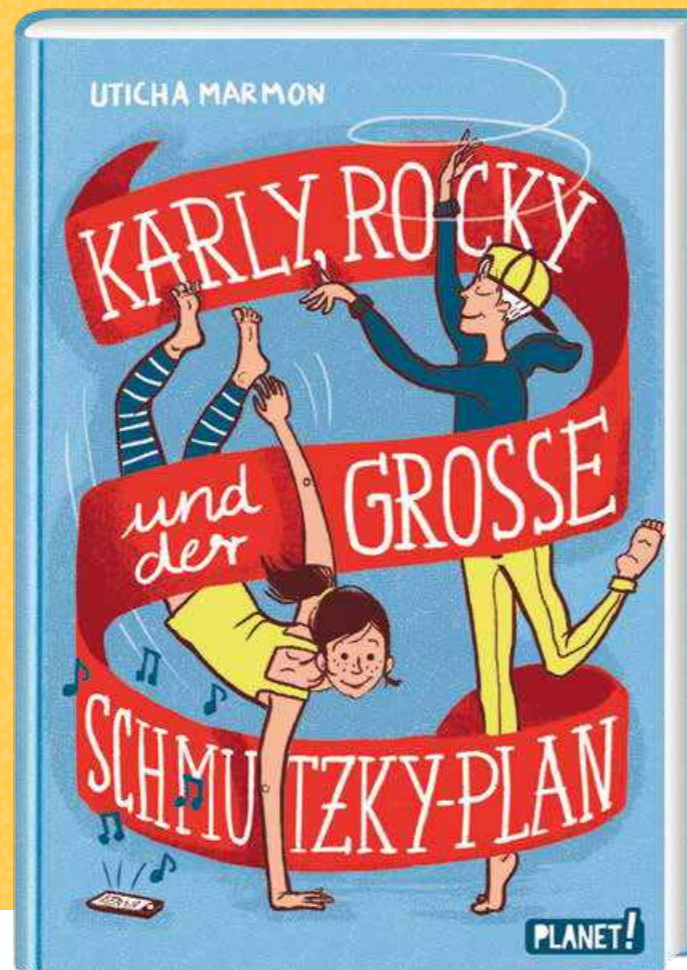
Sabine Bohlmann  
**Mrs. Honey**

Illustrated by Joëlle Tourlonais  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 96 pages



## A savvy girl

- Strong and modern girl hero who helps others
- Prejudices and clichés are broken down
- Young author with a fresh and distinctive narrative voice



**Carly is actually Charlotte, but her schoolmates usually just call her Carl,** because she is much bigger than everyone in her class, including boys. Especially the swashbuckler Rocky likes to make jokes about her in front of the others. Carly discovers quickly that Rocky is not at all what he pretends to be. She watches him secretly while he is dancing – how well he does it! But boys and dancing? According to people and especially his parents that will not do. Carly decides to help him and at Shmutzky Park around the corner because she knows only too well what it is like to face prejudice ...

Uticha Marmon studied dramaturgy, literary science and pedagogy in Mainz, Vienna and Munich. She worked as a theatre dramaturge, as editor and director at a major audio book publisher, before becoming independent. Since then she has been writing children's books and is involved in reading and listening promotion.

[www.woerterland.de](https://www.woerterland.de)



Brigitte Endres was born in Würzburg and studied history and German before taking up teaching as a profession. She discovered her talent for making up stories when she started writing for her pupils, and it was not long before she published her first book for children. Brigitte Endres now freelances fulltime as an author.

## Exciting investigations and turbulent reading fun



- Exceptional inspector: Mr. Kasimir, the guinea pig
- Quirky humour, tension and an unusual setting

**Valentine's parents work as undertakers.** That is why she hardly has any friends and why she is so much attached to her guinea pig, Copper. A number of unfortunate accidents end up with the guinea pig being electrocuted and having to be reanimated. When Copper comes round again, the confused animal introduces himself as detective chief inspector Kilian Kasimir. The spirit of the dead man has taken hold of the guinea pig. Together Valentine and the most brilliant guinea pig-inspector in the world are able to solve two cases of murder.

### BACKLIST



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Uticha Marmon  
**Carly, Rocky and the big Shmutzky Plan**

Illustrated by Felicitas Horstschäfer  
Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 240 pages

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Brigitte Endres  
**Valentine and the Undercover Guinea Pig**

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 480 pages

## A turbulent story on the topic of a girl, a boy and identity

- Body swapping story between a girl and a boy
- Full of situational comedy beyond all gender boundaries



**Anna and Anto are twins and get on each other's nerves terribly.** The two of them even bicker about football. After all, Anna only plays girls' football, Anto thinks. Their conflicts are aggravated even more when Anna gets butterflies in her tummy more and more often when she sees Anto's best friend Maxim. She would like to spend more time with him. Alone. Without Anto. And then suddenly it happens! Anna finds herself in her brother's body and Anto in hers. No fun at all! It is, actually! Because this is the start of a wonderfully fun confusing twin game!

Gerlis Zillgens was an actress and film director, worked in television and is passionate about being an author! With a way with words and with fantastical-comic dialogues, she makes reading enjoyable for her readers. When she is not writing, she goes on reading tours.

 [www.zillgens.de](http://www.zillgens.de)



After studying English language and literature and ancient history in Stuttgart Björn Springorum started off working as a copy editor for a music magazine before starting to freelance as an author and cultural affairs journalist in Stuttgart. His first novel, "Autumn Bringer" was immediately shortlisted for the Seraph Literature Prize.



## Fantastic adventure between the sea and the desert



- For all fans of "Percy Jackson"
- Atmospheric page-turner about the battle of the wind gods and their children

**12-year-old Lola has no idea that the mighty Levant easterly wind is her father.** It is only through Pablo, the son of Poniente, that she discovers her fate and the danger that all children of the wind are faced with: Mistral wants to eliminate them to weaken their wind fathers – and thus become the sole masters of the winds. Lola joins Pablo and the other children of the wind. In the cathedral of the winds in the middle of the desert, they train the special capabilities, wind riding and wind fighting. Lola's talent is great. But then Mistral attacks the cathedral, the children must flee ...



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Gerlis Zillgens  
**Anna & Anto**  
Suddenly different

Children's Novel  
Paperback, 240 pages

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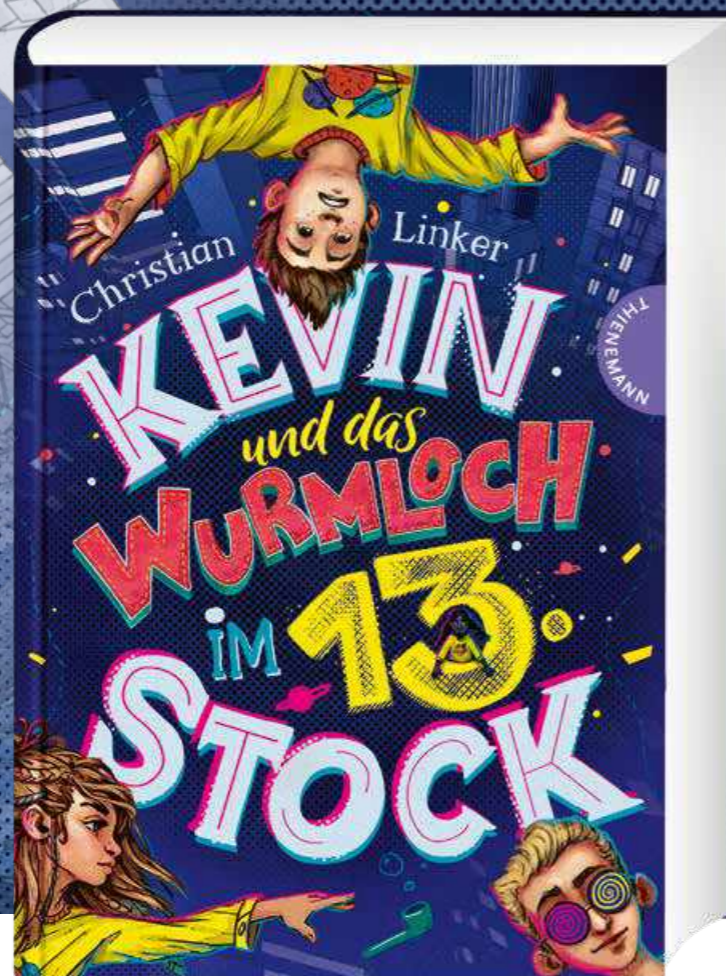
Björn Springorum  
**Children of the Wind**

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 320 pages



## Renowned and multiple award-winning author

- Crazy parallel worlds but close to children's themes
- Unusual, adventurous and full of humour



Kevin has few friends, an odd family and is teased in school. Then the letter arrives that turns his whole life upside down. He has been called up for the Multiversal Council? Who is this entity sending parallel greetings? Kevin thinks the request to proceed to the 13th floor is a further bad joke – after all, the grey high-rise only has twelve floors. However, when he then does press on the chewing gum with 13 inscribed on it, the lift takes him directly into the adventure of his life! Kevin meets children from countless parallel worlds, becomes a member of a special unit and must save not only his but countless worlds ...

Christian Linker studied theology and worked in children's and youth policy before dedicating himself totally to writing. His multiple award-winning children's books and young people's fiction harbour political topicality or magical fantasy – sometimes both at the same time.

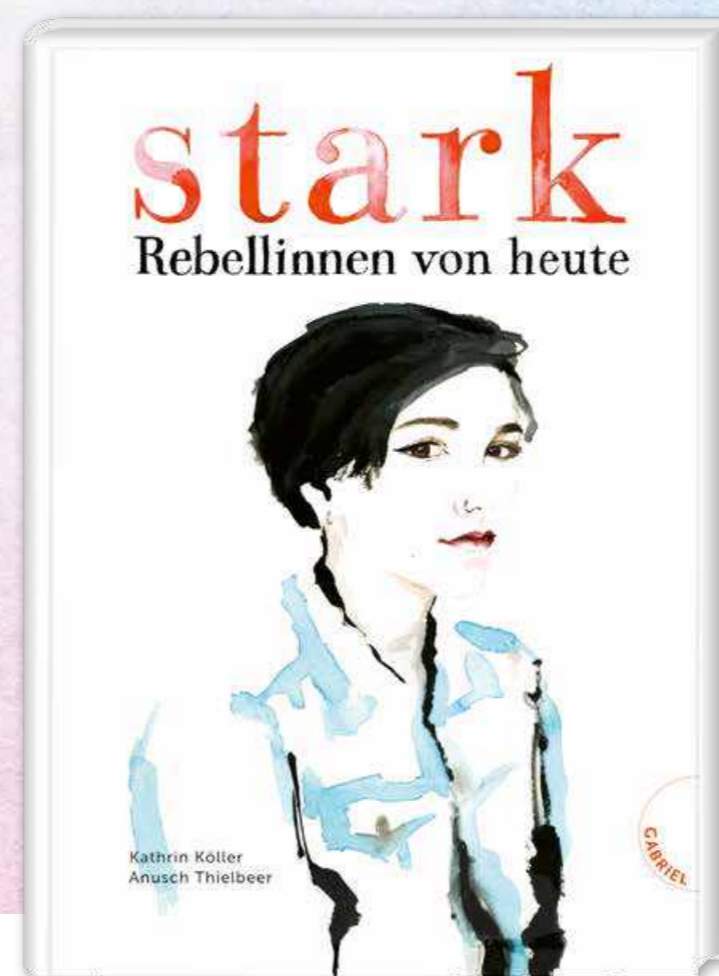


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Christian Linker  
**Kevin and the Wormhole on the 13th Floor**

Children's Novel  
Hardcover, 256 pages

## True stories about tough Girls of today



- Unique concept: current portraits of brave girls
- Strong identification figures
- Trendy illustrations

Young girls are under enormous pressure today. It is not only the expectations of parents and school that have increased. Constant navel-gazing and social environment reinforces insecurities. The author Kathrin Köller and the illustrator Anusch Thielbeer portray girls from Germany who display courage and attitude, have overcome difficult situations and have thereby become role models. For example, Pauline (14), who is involved in Fridays for Future, Lilith (17) who takes a clear stance against right-wing radicalism, or Rabea (19) who embarks on an exchange year in Columbia.

Kathrin Köller thinks that teenagers have a lot to tell. That's why she listens and writes it down. So that children and teenagers could restore themselves in the stories of today. She works as an author and translator.  
[www.kathrinkoeller.com](http://www.kathrinkoeller.com)

Anusch Thielbeer lives close to three lovable young people, who find themselves challenged to cope with finding themselves in this complex world. She works as an illustrator and graphics designer and has been drawing for as long as she could remember.

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Kathrin Köller  
**Powerful Girl Rebels of Today**

Illustrated by Anusch Thielbeer  
Young Adult Non-Fiction  
Hardcover, 112 pages



## Impressive debut

- High-quality coming-of-age novel with authentically drawn figures
- A protagonist who gives nothing away to herself or others
- A rollercoaster ride of feelings, also for the reader



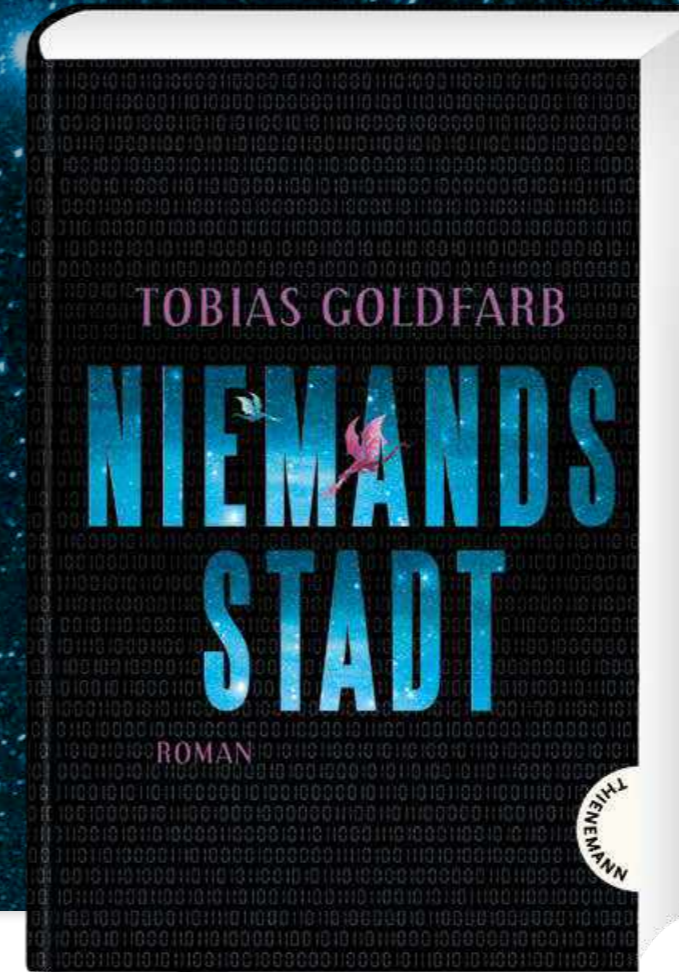
**Helen and Cassie were already best friends as young girls.** When coming of age, the two of them are inseparable. But then a shooting rampage ends Cassie's life abruptly. Helen cannot accept the pointless deed and tries to comprehend the incomprehensible by seeking the perpetrator's motive. But Helen cannot let Cassie go and loses herself in her memories, her grief, her anger, feelings of guilt and visions of her deceased friend. Only sometimes, together with Erik, time and the image of Cassie blur. Can this tender love restore Helen's zest for life?

Svenja K. Buchner was born in 1995 in Franken. During school years she already enjoyed writing stories and during her psychology studies she was still gripped by the urge to write. In the meantime, she has completed her studies and works with cancer patients and their relatives in an acute care clinic. "Until Time Blurs" is her first work of young people's fiction.



Tobias Goldfarb studied international journalism in London and has worked as a journalist and radio play author including for the WDR and Deutschlandradio. As an author and director, he has written and staged theatre plays for many stages. Tobias Goldfarb lives in Berlin with his family. "Niemandstadt" (No-Man's Town) is his first work of young people's fiction.

## A new unforgettable narrative voice



- A grandiose genre mix of urban fantasy, humour and coming-of-age
- A literary discovery

**In No-man's town, magic is part for the course.** Here rain falls upwards, rooms appear precisely when they are needed and demons cavort in the lave between the paving stones. But it is not the demons, dragons or other sinister beings of this dubious parallel world that are threatening to destroy no-man's town. It is rather the real world and its technology that is trying to overwrite all magic. Josephine and Eli also come from this real world, the heart of Berlin, the girls who are the only ones with the power to restore the balance and thereby to save the connected worlds.



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Tobias Goldfarb  
**No-Man's Town**

Young Adult Fiction  
Hardcover, 368 pages

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Svenja K. Buchner  
**Until Time Blurs**

Young Adult Fiction  
Hardcover, 272 pages

# The fulminant finale to the Izara series!

- Even more exciting, full of action and heart-wrenching than the preceding volumes
- Big Izara love on social media
- Now all four volumes in a high-quality specification
- Over 50,000 copies sold of the series



The witch queen has been reawakened to life and has declared war on the league. Only Lucian, who is now in possession of the eternal fire, could still put a stop to Mara. Whilst hunting Tristan and his father down, he sets fire to the world of Primus and humans and is well on the way to becoming the merciless tyrant that the Izara legend tells of. And Ari must watch all of this helplessly. She floats over the events, incorporeal, as her human half has died but the immortal essence in her has survived. Nobody can see her – nobody except the man who killed her.

Julia Dippel works as a freelance director for the theatre and musical theatre. To pass the magic of storytelling, for more than ten years she has also been teaching children and young people about dramatic figures. Her scripts, adaptations and own pieces have already been performed on many occasions.

[www.izara.de](http://www.izara.de)



Katja Ammon lives with her partner and their son in Basel. She has a physics PhD and has been publishing scientific articles in technical journals since 2006. Already as a child she preferred inventing stories to merely reading them. Creative writing is now her big passion.

# Have you also ever wondered whether our world is the only one that exists?



- A love story between worlds
- Gripping story and cool setting: a shady parallel universe
- A new talented romantasy voice

17-year-old Lejla thinks at first that she is going mad when she finds out that there is a parallel world. By mistake, she creates a crack between our world and the world of darkness that appears to be derelict, evil and soulless. Lejla tries desperately to find out who – or what – she is. When the gruff and mysterious Dorian comes into her life, a dangerous game of hide and seek begins. To uncover the truth and to restore the balance between the worlds, she needs the help of Dorian. As the story develops, they are both increasingly attracted to each other ...

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Katja Ammon  
**Darker Things**  
A Love between Worlds

Young Adult Fiction  
Hardcover, 400 pages

## BACKLIST



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Julia Dippel  
**Izara Vol. 4**  
Burnt Earth  
Young Adult Fiction  
Hardcover, 488 pages

# Ayrin and the dark side of magic



- Medieval world full of magic and danger
- The epic saga goes on

## BACKLIST



13+

Torsten Fink  
**The Mistress of Runes**  
**The Iron Book**

Young Adult Fiction  
Hardcover, 432 pages

Although Ayrin was able to avert the threat by the witch ruler, it made him aware of her and her great magical talent. Now he wants to entice the girl to draw black runes to draw her onto the dark side of magic. He therefore causes all kinds of misfortune for Ayrin's friends. He even infects the experienced runes master with an illness that will make him blind. Ayrin does everything in her power to save Master Maberic, but to do so she must find the Iron Book, a legendary and powerful runes book that has been considered lost for a long time. A race against time begins.

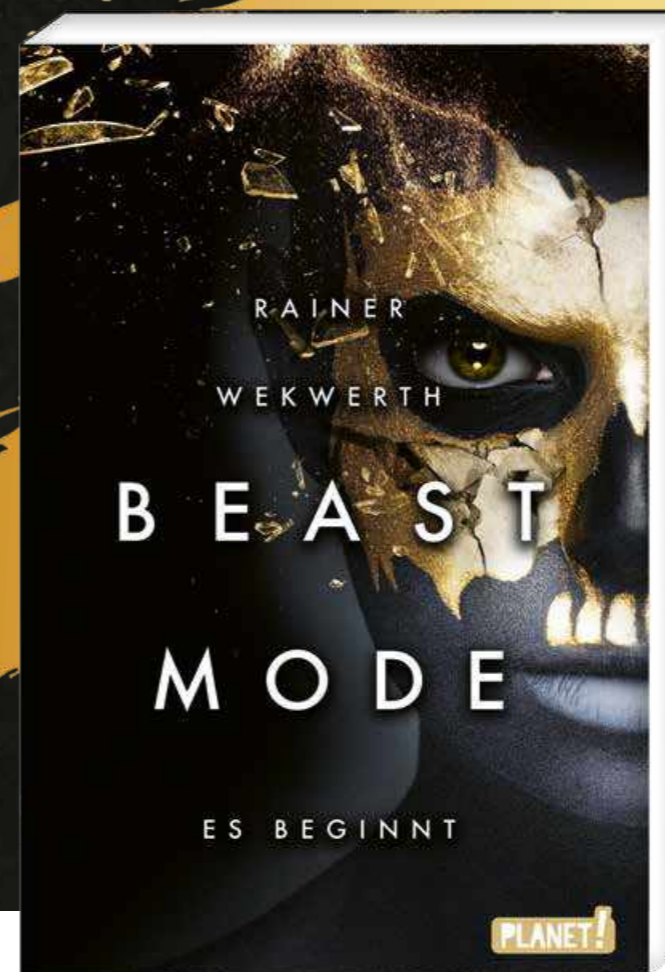
Torsten Fink grew up by the North Sea and in the Nahetal, worked for a long time as a texter, journalist and literary cabaret artist. Today he writes and lives in Mainz, preferably with a view of the cathedral.



Rainer Wekwerth has published several books and been awarded prizes for them, such as the Segeberger Feder youth book prize, the Golden Leslie and Ulmer Unke. With his "Labyrinth" trilogy he also made it to the Spiegel bestselling list, and a film is in preparation.

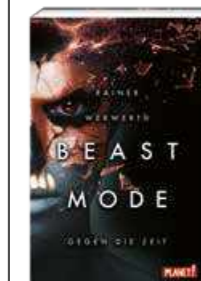
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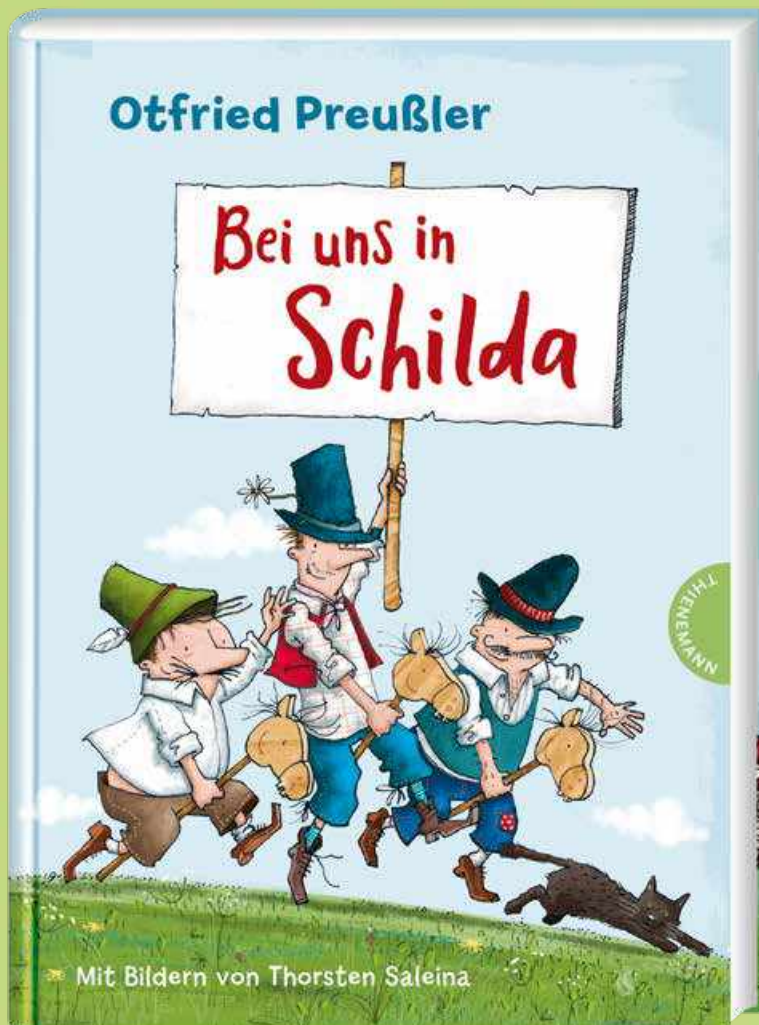
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Rainer Wekwerth  
**Beast Mode**  
**Volume 1: It is Starting**

Young Adult Fiction  
Paperback, 320 pages

# The true story of the people of Schilda

- The Preußler classic in an attractive new look
- New cover and interior illustrations by Thorsten Saleina
- Original edition was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize



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Otfried Preußler  
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Illustrated by Thorsten Saleina  
Hardcover, 144 pages

**Jeremias Punktum**, the town clerk of Schilda, has committed everything he and his fellow citizens have experienced to **paper**. He reports about the mishap that happened to the Schilda citizens when building the town hall, how they sow salt and how they sustained the loss of the town hall bell.

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