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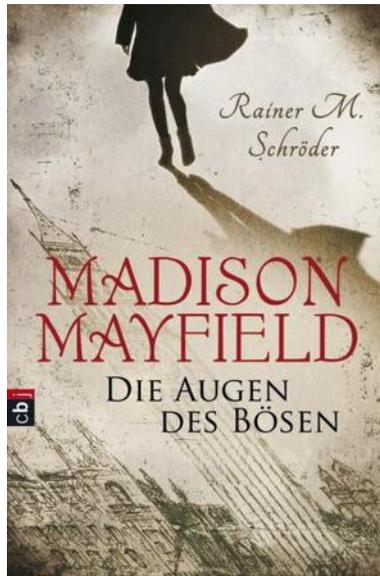
Children's Books • Middle Grade

Young Adults



Middle grade /
Historical novel

A gripping thriller à la Sherlock Holmes

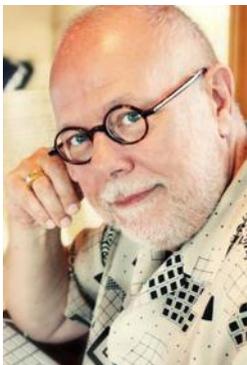


Rainer M. Schröder
**Madison Mayfield –
The Eyes of Evil**
[Madison Mayfield –
Die Augen des Bösen]

cbj
500 pages
format 15.0 x 22.7 cm
November 2014
world rights available

Rainer M. Schröder was born in 1951 and is one of the most high-profile writers of books for teenagers in German. His historical young-adult novels are minutely researched and grippingly told and have been hugely popular with his readers for more than ten years. He now lives with his wife in the USA.
www.rainermschroeder.com

London 1890. 17-year-old Madison Mayfield has been living with her uncle and aunt in a pretentious town house after her parents were killed in a tragic accident two and a half years ago. She herself only barely escaped death and has been haunted at regular intervals by visions ever since: torn away from here and now, she sees terrible crimes from close up but can recognise only the victims, never the culprit. Madison fights these visions with every thread of Her being until one day she is confronted with a newspaper article describing one of the murders she had in her mind's eye. How can this be?



• **Target group: 12+**

Also available:
Abby Lynn series, vol. 1-4
Liberty 9 series, vol. 1-2

Middle grade /
Historical Romance

A magnificent love story in a breath-taking setting



Inez Corbi
As Wide as the Sky
[Weit wie der Himmel]

cbj
352 pages
format 13.5 x 21.5 cm
September 2014
world rights available

Inez Corbi was born in 1968 and studied German and English language and literature. Since the huge success of her historical novels, she has been writing full-time. *The Red Blossoms of Whakatu* is her first book for young adults.



After their country has been colonised by the English, 15-year-old Katharina and her family see no future for themselves in South Africa, their home land. So they take the gamble of joining a huge trek of like-minded settlers hoping to find a new future and happiness in their own Dutch enclave on the coast. But the road there is long and dangerous, and the community is in danger of falling apart because of differing views concerning the abolition of slavery. Moreover, when Katharina comes across an injured young English officer while on the trek, she not only has to choose between two worlds but also decide where her love and her life are to take her.

• **Target group: 12+**

Also available:
The Red Blossoms of Whakatu, 2012

Middle grade /
Realistic novel

**A girl doesn't know what to do with her anger –
and ends up in the right-wing scene**



Brigitte Blobel
the right way
[der rechte weg]

cbj
280 pages
format 13.5 x 21.5 cm
September 2014
Word rights available

Brigitte Blobel, born in Hamburg in 1942, works freelance as a journalist and screenplay writer; she has also written numerous books for teenagers and adults, many of which have been given awards.



Lisa is furious. Her boyfriend has left her for a Turkish girl, of all people. What's more, 200 Syrian refugees are to be given a home in her village – does that mean the streets will be crowded with doe-eyed beauties turning the heads of all the boys? Her parents, who let rooms out to holiday-makers in the summer, are also worried that the asylum-seekers will frighten the tourists off. Lisa goes on a demonstration against the refugees and gets in with a group of teenagers sharing her views – but more radically so. Lisa gives free rein to her anger. But then Jacob, a Syrian boy from Damascus, appears at her school and tells them about the extent of the war. Lisa is shocked and finds Jacob very likeable. But her new friends have their sights on him.

• **Target group: 12+**

Also available:

Her Heart in her Luggage, 2005

Red Anger, 2006

sold to: Australia/British Commonwealth/Asia, Canada/North America (Annick Press), Czech Republic (Vikend), Lithuania (Gimtasis Zodis)

Between Baghdad and Nowhere, 2007

Malicious Game, 2008

sold to: Korea (Prunsoop)

Into a Coma, 2010

Dark Silence, 2011

Lovedead, 2013

Young adult /
Fiction anti-Semitism

Gripping plot, inspiring characters and a wonderful love story



Waldtraut Lewin
Don't Call Me by My Name
[Nenn mich nicht bei meinem Namen]
A girl aboard the Exodus

cbj
350 pages
format 12.5 x 18.3 cm
November 2014
World rights available

Waldtraut Lewin, born in 1937, studied German and dramaturgy in Berlin and has worked as an opera translator, stage manager, and director. Since 1978 she has been a freelance author of novels, radio plays and screenplays, for which she has received numerous awards. She has been writing young adult literature since 1995.
www.wlewin.de



Eliane, a Jewish girl, has survived Germany under the Nazis hidden away in a cellar. Both her parents are dead and she has only one choice: emigration to Palestine. But how is she to get on board the refugee ship Exodus without any papers? In the end, an old lady gives her a Jewish identity – on condition that she smuggles incriminating evidence against the Nazis to Palestine. When Eliane arrives at the port, however, the Exodus has long been overcrowded. In her desperation she manages to persuade a radioman to take her and her hot freight aboard as a stowaway. And so Eliane again has to hide away – but this time she finds someone she likes to protect her.

• **Target group: 15+**

Also available:
Leonie Lasker, Jew, vol, 1-2
The Wind Carries the Words – History and Stories of the Jews, vol. 1-2

Middle grade /
Fiction

Bullying at school



Bettina Obrecht

Loser Land
[Opferland]

cbj

288 pages

format 12.5 x 18.3 cm

October 2014

World rights available

Bettina Obrecht, born in 1964, studied English and Spanish. She works as an author, translator and broadcasting editor and has received several awards for her short stories and poems. She has been writing books for children and young adults since 1994.



Cedric was bullied for years and changed school several times. Now he goes to a school in another town quite a distance away from his home; no one knows him here and a new beginning seems possible. Cedric is even prepared to put up with being separated from his family. But when Lars, one of the most popular boys in the school, calls him "loser" just for fun, Cedric's fuses just blow and the past catches up with him – mercilessly. The shy Sinja is the only person to stick by him. Will the two of them manage at last to escape from this "loser land"?

• **Target group: 12+**

Also available:

My First Day at School and the Polar Bear Fright, 2010

Ida, the Little Witch, 2011

Laurin, the Castle Ghost, 2012

Twin Desperately Needed, 2014

Young adult /
Autobiography

**An autobiography focussing on eating disorders –
an account to go to readers' hearts**



Anna S. Höpfner
The Smile of Emptiness
[Das Lächeln der Leere]

cbt
256 pages
format 12.5 x 18.3 cm
August 2014
World rights available

Anna S. Höpfner was born in 1996 and lives with her twin brother, her older brother and her mother. At present she is in grade 10 at school and will probably take her Abitur school leaving exam in 2015. Her anorexia kept her in a clinic for eating disorders for two months, and it was during this time that the idea for this novel was born, and it was clinched in the course of many conversations with others with the same problems.

Sofia is just fourteen years old – and anorexic. Instead of doing what other girls of her age do finding out about boys and going to parties she is stuck in a clinic where she is supposed to relearn what is obvious for other teenagers: to live. She quickly senses that it won't be all that easy to give up her eating disorder and find something that will really fill up the empty space within her. Day after day, she struggles through daily hospital routine on the search for herself. She meets other girls there who understand her and encourage her to get well again. And very gradually, Sofia finds again something she lost a long time ago: her smile.

• **Target group: 13+**



Young adult /
Non-fiction

Cyber bullying – sensitively told story based on a true case



Manfred Theisen
Because It Never Stops
[Weil es nie aufhört]

cbl
288 pages
format 12.5 x 18.3 cm
September 2014
World rights available

Manfred Theisen was born in 1962. He studied German, English and politics, and is a journalist for a daily paper. He lives near Cologne with his family.



Alissa is in grade eight at school and is hoping to spend the next school year in New Zealand. Everything is just fine. Then, on Facebook, she gets to know Leon Mask, a guy of her age who understands her. Before long, they start chatting regularly with one another. Alissa swaps ever more intimate details with the unknown fellow, including via Skype. What she does not know, however, is that when Alissa strips to the waist Leon is filming everything. After that, Leon Mask blackmails Alissa when she doesn't do what he wants. When Alissa refuses, he sets a cyber-bullying campaign in motion. Before long, at school they are calling her the "Facebook slut". The police and her parents are powerless, cannot find the culprit behind Leon Mask. He continues to follow Alissa, even when she goes to another school.

• Target group: 13+

Also available:

Wanted: Anne Bonny, Pirate, 2001

sold to: Czech Republic *, France* (Milan)

Checkpoint Jerusalem, 2004

sold to: Czech Republic (Nova)

Amok, 2005

Together with Christoph Wortberg: *King of the World*, 2006

Every Day This Fear, 2007

Without Fault and Flaw, 2010

Nerd Forever series, vol. 1-2

*rights available again

Young adult /
Romance

**Patrycja Spychalski – the refreshing voice in realistic young-
adult fiction**



Patrycja Spychalski
Before the Night Goes
[Bevor die Nacht geht]

cbt
288 pages
1 b/w illustrations
format 13.5 x 21.5 cm
July 2014
World rights available
**An English sample translation
is available**

Patrycja Spychalski was born in Starogard in Poland in 1979 and moved to Berlin with her parents at the age of nine. She trained as an actress. Since 2002 she has been working in a variety of social and cultural projects. *I Would so Love to Kiss You* is her first novel.



When Kim and Jacob bump into each other in the Berlin city train one perfectly normal Saturday morning, it is love at first sight! All Kim really wanted to do was go shopping, but when Jacob tells her that he can't stand Berlin, she persuades him to go with her – across the city, to all her favourite places. Jacob should fall in love with Berlin and perhaps also with her. But it is Jacob's last day before leaving the next morning to go away for a year. It might be hopeless, but he nevertheless follows this girl who has so unexpectedly wriggled her way into his heart, through streets, parks and cafés. One day and one night is all they have – and each and every second with Kim is throbbing with life, like Berlin itself.

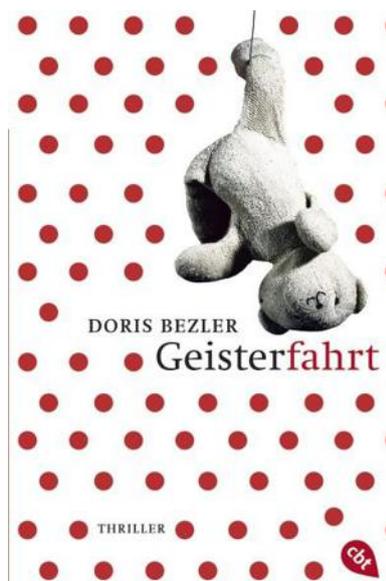
• **Target group: 14+**

Also available:

I Would so Love to Kiss You, 2012
As Distant as Summer Wind, 2013
The One Kiss from You, 2014

Young adult /
Thriller

And they really knew better than to go hitch-hiking ...



Doris Bezler
Ghost Trip
[Geisterfahrt]

cbt
320 pages
format 13.5 x 21.5 cm
November 2014
World rights available

Doris Bezler has been writing for many years, including stories for her lessons as a teacher and deputy principal of a large comprehensive school.



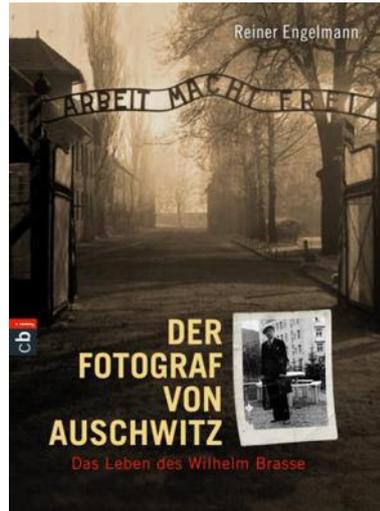
Lisa's friend Nadine has disappeared. Her mobile phone can't be located, the police have nothing to go on. Lisa is desperate. Has this Mr. Angel got anything to do with it? An eerie guy the girls have been feeling followed by – out of whose car they once fled in panic? Or perhaps the young man who rescued them at the time? Then Lisa is overwhelmed by the next feeling of horror: her little brother tells her enthusiastically about his nice guardian angel. He has been feeling safe ever since it started accompanying him to school. A terrible suspicion starts creeping into Lisa's mind. Nadine is suddenly found badly injured and unconscious. Was that the work of her guardian angel?

• **Target group: 14+**

Also available:
Blind High, 2012
Dark Twin, 2013

Young adult /
Non-fiction

With a foreword by Auschwitz survivor Max Mannheimer



Reiner Engelmann
**The Photographer
of Auschwitz**
[Der Fotograf von Auschwitz]

cbj
172 pages
format 15.5 x 21.0 cm
January 2015
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Auschwitz
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Reiner Engelmann was born in Völkenrath in the Hunsrück hills in 1952. He studied social education and now works in schools and in the field of teacher training. The focus of his work is on promoting reading, violence prevention and human rights. He is an author and editor of several anthologies on topics concerning social hot spots and has been active in amnesty international since 1969.

When Wilhelm Brasse was deported to the main concentration camp in Auschwitz at the age of 22, he has no idea that as a trained photographer he is to document all the horror of the place. His task is to photograph the camp prisoners. People who shortly afterwards are murdered in the gas chambers. People who are abused by Josef Mengele for "medical research purposes" and whose fear of death is reflected in their faces. Refusal to do this job would have been his own death sentence. When Brasse is to burn all the photos in 1945 he refuses so as not to destroy the evidence of the incredible horror. Reiner Engelmann was able to meet Wilhelm Brasse and has written the story of his life for young adults. A harrowing document – against oblivion.

• **Target group: 13+**



A deeply touching novel about dementia



Monika Feth
The Blue and the Grey Days
[Die blauen und die grauen
Tage]

cbt
256 pages
Format 12,5 x 18,3 cm
September 2014
Rights sold to: China*, Korea*,
Spain*
*rights available again

Monika Feth was born in 1951. After completing her literary studies, she was initially employed as a journalist. Today she lives and works as a freelance author in a small village in the lower Eifel, where she writes for both children and adults.

www.monika-feth.de



Evi has been impatiently waiting for this day to come. Now it is here – the day her beloved Granny is to come and live with her and her family. Evi's older sister, Vera, is less enthusiastic about their future family life. The thought of having to turn her life upside down so that an old woman – and a confused one at that – can come and live with them is enough to give her nightmares. When Granny has at last arrived, Evi cannot understand why everyone says she is "confused". Granny is the good spirit in the house. Ever since she has taken charge of the household, everything is much nicer and cosier and friendlier. Then, one evening, it happens: Granny has suddenly disappeared. During the search that night, Evi finds her lost and cowering at the station. The next day, Granny can remember nothing ...

• **Target group: 10+**

Also available:

The Strawberry Picker, 2003

sold to: 10 countries

The Girl Painter, 2005

sold to: 5 countries

The Fragment Collector, 2007

sold to: Belgium/The Netherlands (Clavis), France (Hachette)

The Shadow Creeper, 2009

sold to: Belgium/The Netherlands (Clavis)

Devil's Angel, 2010

The Summer Catcher, 2011

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CHILDREN'S & YA BOOKS



Autumn 2014

An activity picture book for the youngest Coconut fans



Children's Books

Target group: 4+

The Little Dragon Coconut – The Big Book of Look and Find Jigsaw Puzzles

With 5 pages of jigsaw puzzles

10 pages · format: 21,0 x 27,0 cm

Illustrated in colour by the author

November 2014

world rights available



There are weird things happening on Dragon Island – nothing is as it seems to be. Could there be a little imp getting up to mischief? The little dragon Coconut, guzzle-guts Oskar and Matilda the porcupine set out to find out what is up and they make an amazing discovery.

An activity book for lovers of jigsaw puzzles and young detectives, for what you have to do here is take a close look, compare the picture on the right with the picture on the left and find the differences. Five full-page jigsaw puzzles, each with 20 pieces.

Ingo Siegner, born in 1965, studied history and French, spent two years in France as an au pair and as a student and trained as a bank clerk. He is an autodidact who prefers to always carry his paints with him. He has been writing and drawing for years for neighbours' children and loves to read them stories. Read more at www.ingosiegner.de or www.drache-kokosnuss.de

Play and discover noises – without any battery



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Children's Books

Target group: 4+

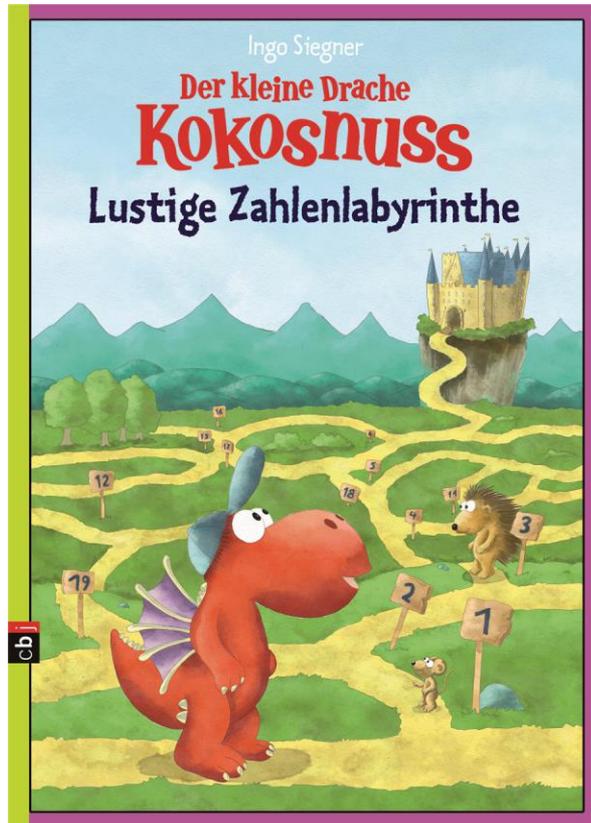
The Little Dragon Coconut – What is All That Rusting and Rasping?

A playbook of noise
10 pages · format: 23,0 x 21,0 cm
Illustrated in colour / 6 noises
November 2014
world rights available



Coconut, Oskar and Matilda are putting tools and wood into their handcart. They want to build a tree house in the jungle. Already on their way there they can hear lots of noises: the babbling of a brook, for example, leaves rustling, a tiger roaring and monkeys screeching. Young Coconut fans can make all these noises themselves by pulling, pushing and turning cardboard parts. What huge fun! Perception and motor skills are trained

Important learning topics for elementary school students



On the 24 pages of this book, the little dragon Coconut and his friends Matilda and Oskar help first and second grade children to exercise at home on skills they have learned at school. With their favourite characters from Dragon Island, children can practise writing and reading their first sentences. All kinds of puzzles and amusing small tasks train basic skills such as awareness, memory, fine motor skills and perseverance.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 5+

The Little Dragon Coconut – Jolly Number Mazes

[24 pages · format: 21,0 x 29,7 cm

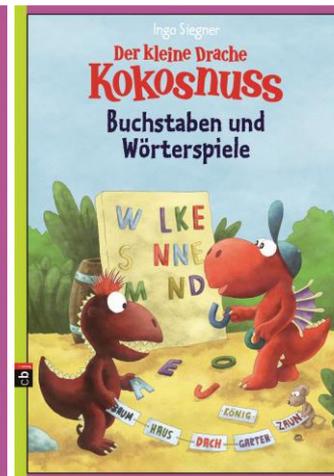
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Reading and Writing

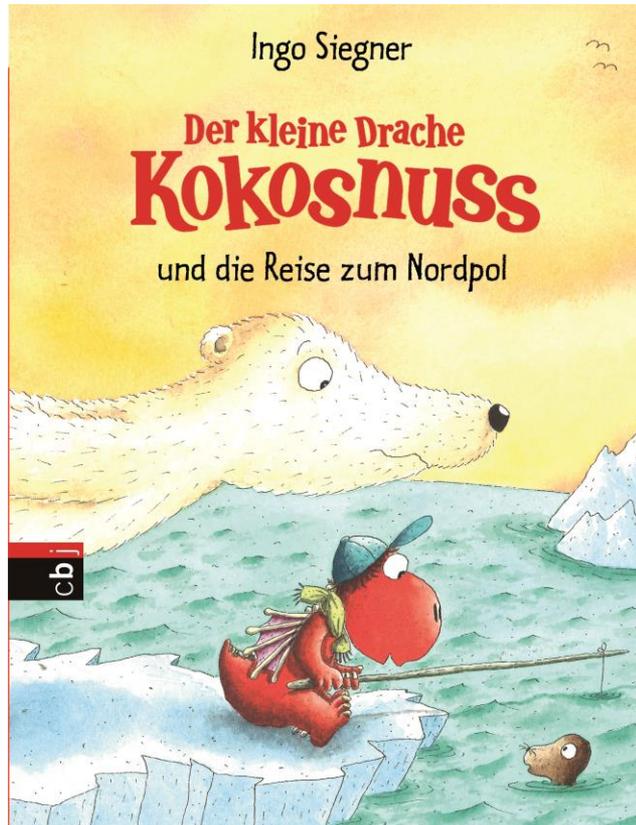


Letters and Word Games



First Maths with
Numbers 1-100

Children's favourite Coconut rescues a polar bear



Children's Book Series

Target group: 7+

The Little Dragon Coconut and the Adventure at the North Pole

Volume 22

80 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

Illustrated in colour by the author

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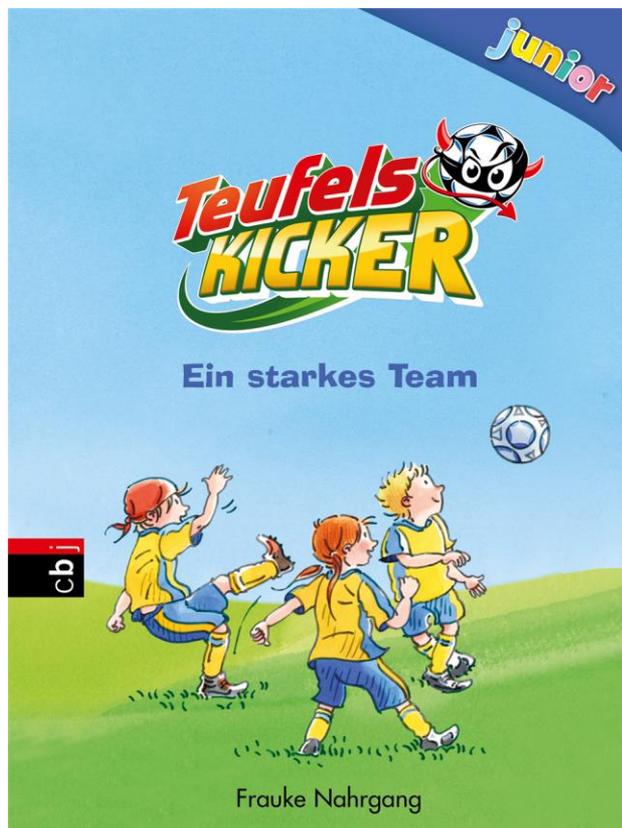
Cinema movie in
December 2014



Coconut, Matilda and Oskar can hardly believe their eyes when an injured and starved polar bear on a melting ice floe is washed up on the beach of Dragon Island. No sooner has Medikus bandaged Bastian's paw and Coconut fed the guest with all sorts of delicious things than the polar bear becomes homesick. After all, it is far too warm for him on Dragon Island! So the three friends decide to accompany Bastian to the North Pole. This is the beginning of a new adventure ...

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Large writing, short chapters – ideal for early readers



Children's Book Series

Target group: 6+

Devil's Kickers Junior – A Strong Team

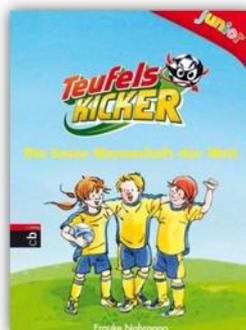
Volume 5

56 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

Illustrated in colour

July 2014

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The Best Team in the World



It Won't Work Without a Goalie



A Foul with Consequences

The Devil's Kickers – that's Niko, Alex, Mehmet and Catrina. Playing soccer is the coolest thing in the world for them! But in the important game against their great rivals, VfB, Niko's mind isn't really on what he is doing and he keeps making stupid mistakes. Can he and his friends turn the tide and make the impending defeat into a victory?

Frauke Nahrgang, an elementary school teacher by profession, began writing because of her children. Her children are now grown, and she has become a successful author of many children's books. Frauke Nahrgang is also a dedicated and knowledgeable soccer fan. Attending home and away games of her favourite team has been a standard weekend activity of hers for many years.

Mika and Edda's first day at school



Rüdiger Bertram was born in 1967 and after studying history, economics and German first worked freelance as a journalist. He now writes screenplays and has published several bestselling books for children.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 6+

Mika and Edda's first day at school

Volume 4

80 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

Illustrated in colour by Sabine Kraushaar

September 2014

world rights available



Race of the Dragon Boats



Beware, Pirates!



The Big Tournament

Mika and Edda had been looking forward to their first day at school. But now they have the task of finding the biggest egg in the area. It seems that their teacher, old Olav, is even dottier than they had thought. Magic wild boar Hardy feels sorry for them and flies his Viking friends to the dragon island. Not only is the biggest and most gigantic egg of all times waiting there for them but also a dragon-like surprise.

Watch out, the Krumpflings are coming



Annette Roeder is the successful illustrator and author of numerous children's books. In addition to many colouring books, she has published *13 Buildings Children Should Know* with Prestel.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 7+

The Krumpflings – Egon Comes into the House

Volume 1

96 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

Illustrated in colour by Barbara Korthues

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Krumpflings are little furry creatures that live in the cellars of old human houses and build their dens of old junk they find there. They siphon off the swear words used by the humans through the water pipes, and the bad words are ground and brewed into a yummy "Krumpf tea". A Krumpfling would do anything for a cup of Krumpf tea – even little Egon, who otherwise does not quite take after the others. Whereas a sensible Krumpfling has few feelings other than schadenfreude, anger and spite, Egon has got a good heart. Granny Krumpfling, the oldest in the clan, does all she can to make Egon into a "decent" member of the family, but Egon rarely manages to be really nasty. When grumpy old Grandpa Artich, who has hitherto generously supplied the clan with swear words, moves out of the Flossmann villa, Egon gets a chance to prove himself.

Egon overcomes his jealousy



Annette Roeder is the successful illustrator and author of numerous children's books. In addition to many colouring books, she has published *13 Buildings Children Should Know* with Prestel.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 7+

Egon on a Secret Mission

Volume 2

96 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

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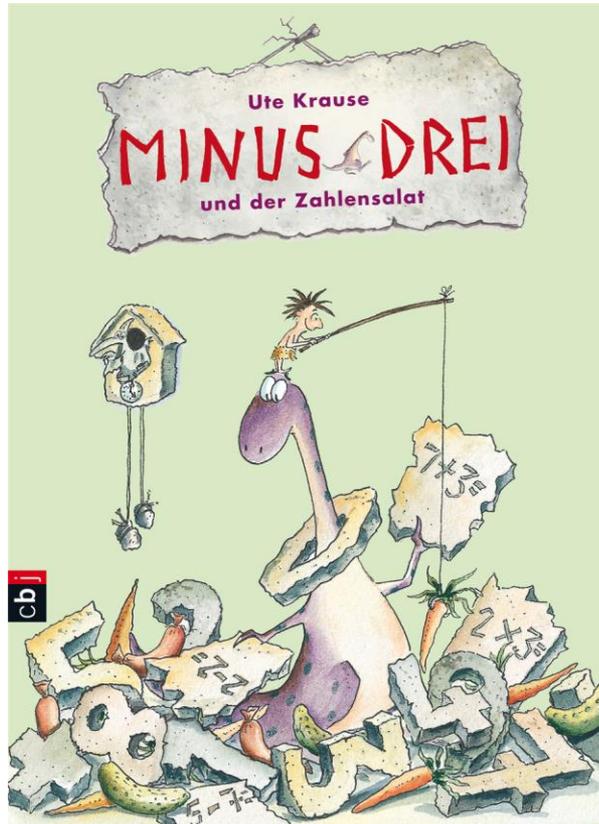
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After Egon, one of the Krumpfling children, has inadvertently been seen by the human boy, Albert, the two of them have become the best of friends and spend a lot of time together. But then Lulu, the girl from next door, starts interfering and inviting Albert round to her place – without Egon, of course! The little Krumpfling is sick with jealousy. He makes sinister plans and leaves no stone unturned to have his playmate to himself again. Obviously things – again - don't turn out as Egon had imagined.

An uproariously funny look at the subject of "homework"



Ute Krause, born in 1960 studied visual communication, film and television play in Berlin and Munich. Her children's books have been translated into several languages and adapted for television. Ute Krause has been awarded prizes by, for example, the Book Art Foundation and nominated for the German Children's Literature Award. www.ute-krause.com

Children's Book Series

Target group: 6+

Dino Mite and the Number Jumble

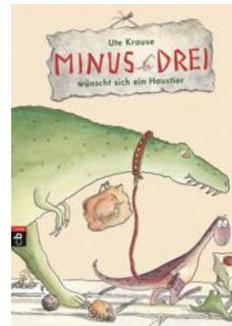
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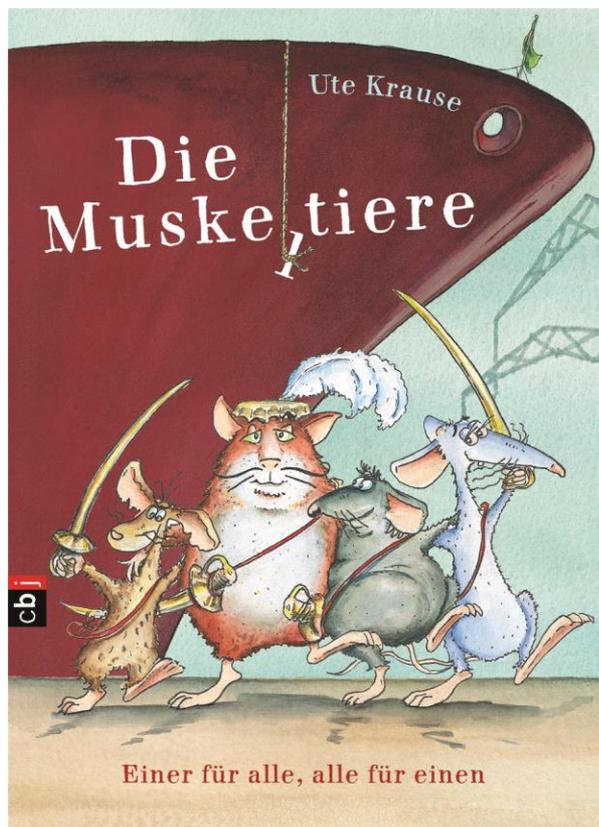
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Dino Mite and Noisy Lucy

Little Dino Mite loves going to school, he loves his teacher, his class mates and the musty smell of his schoolbag. The only thing that he doesn't love about school is homework! And even worse than homework is math-homework. On good days mom does his maths, on bad days Dino Mite has got to deal with it on his own. When one afternoon he again doesn't have a clue how to deal with the problem of nine plus five, his pet Lucy, starts emptying the fridge. Initially Dino Mite is not thrilled. He does not yet suspect that the mess in the kitchen could have anything to do with his school assignment.

Fast-paced adventure story with surprising turns



Children's Book

Target group: 8+

The Muscleteers

One for all, all for one

208 pages · format: 17,0 x 24,0 cm

Illustrated in colour by the author

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Cling, cling, clong! While goldhamster Bertram de Bottomville sits somewhat bored in his golden deluxe cage on the patio of an upscale penthouse apartment in Hamburg, two mice and a white rat tumble from the gutter into his home. When the three of them introduce themselves as Picandou C. Saint Albry, Pomme de Terre und Gruyère, the hamster is thrilled! The French names remind him of the stories he loves so much about the "Muscleteers", stories that he heard over and over again on his owner's audio CDs. And when hamster Bertram discovers that the white rat Gruyère has lost his memory, his family and believes he's a mouse, he is determined to help his new friend and have all sorts of exciting Muscleteer adventures.

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Alone against the mafia



Children's Books

Target group: 8+

Rocco Calzone – My Honourable Family

192 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

With b/w illustrations

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Monkey business? Not with Rocco! It is hardly surprising that the Calzone clan are worried about their youngest. After all, he doesn't seem to take after anybody else, giving tips as he does to neighbours on how to stop burglaries, or taking stolen goods back to where they come from and trying to sort out all his mafia family's mischief. But one thing he would never do is tell on them, no way! But then family peace is put to a tough test, for the Calzones are planning a really big job. Will Rocco manage to put a spoke in the wheel of their masterpiece?

Rüdiger Bertram was born in 1967 and after studying history, economics and German first worked freelance as a journalist. He now writes screenplays and has published several bestselling books for children.

The beginning of an exciting friendship



Children's Book Series

Target group: 8+

Jinxed and Bewitched - Visit at Midnight

Volume 1

144 pages · format: 13,5 x 19,0 cm

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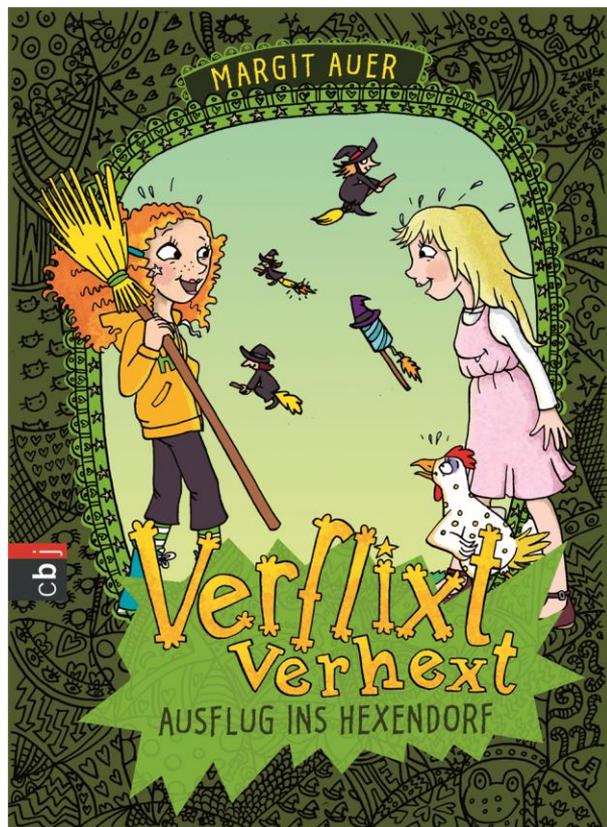
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No sooner have Pina and her two witch aunts settled down in their new home than all sorts of strange things start happening. That can only be the wicked ghost of Great Aunt Ambrosia! Pina doesn't find it one little bit funny; after all, there are all sorts of wild rumours doing the rounds on Ruffini Square concerning the haunted house and its strange inhabitants. Aunt Ambrosia will just have to go! Pina finds an old spell said to drive evil spirits away. But heck, it's a really difficult one! Will Pina and her new friends, Mellie and Robin, manage to banish the curse?

Margit Auer was born in 1967, studied journalism and spent many years working as a reporter for daily newspapers in Bavaria. She is now a successful writer of children's books. She lives with her husband, three sons and Camillo, the cat, in Eichstätt. Read more at www.autorenwerkstatt-auer.de

Gripping story with a special magic touch



Children's Book Series

Target group: 8+

Jinxed and Bewitched – Trip to the Village of the Witches

Volume 2

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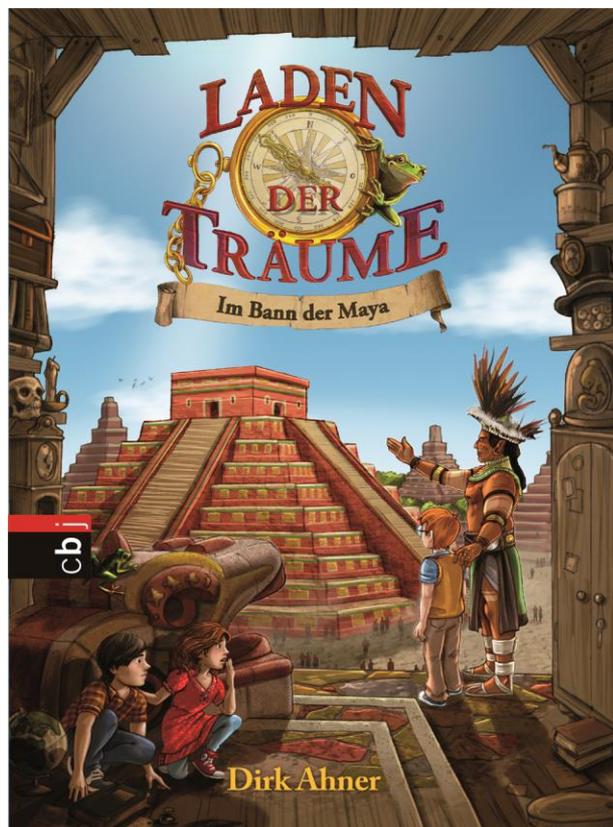
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It's flea market day on Ruffini Square. Mellie, Pina and Robin are selling lots of old stuff they have collected and are doing really well. But when Aunt Emma starts looking for her old magic bracelet, Pina gets red ears. They have probably sold it ... Now Mellie has to help them: how can they get the old thing back again? There is only one solution – Mellie will have to fly to the secret village of witches and fetch the magic dice that finds things. But is Mellie courageous enough for that?

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Fast-paced jungle adventure with wit and charm



Dirk Ahner was born in 1973. He started writing while he was still a student at the Ludwigs-Maximilian University in Munich and is now a successful writer of screenplays and novels. In 2004 he collaborated with Sebastian Niemann for the new feature *Hui Buh*, based on famous German audio plays.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 8+

Shops of Dreams – Under the Spell of Maya

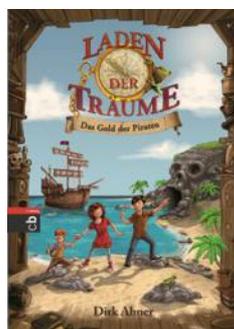
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**Shops of Dreams –
Gold of the Pirates**



**Shops of Dreams –
The Mystery of the
Pharaoh**



**Shops of Dreams –
The Secret of the Golden
Knight**

Ben and Lara are immediately aware that there is something fishy going on. When conjuror Filomenus welcomes them in his shop, he seems to be extremely nervous. All the two friends find out is that they are travelling to a Maya dream involving great danger. Before they know what's happening they are whirled away by a dream vortex and are more than a little surprised when they land in the middle of a gigantic temple in the jungle. But then they discover a boy who looks remarkably like Nepomuk. Is it possible that Lara's brother is the dreamer they have to rescue?

Powerful story for Dino fans about friendship



Leslie Hunter was born in a little town in north-west England and even as a child was an enthusiastic adventurer. The idea of the *Dino Riders* came to him when his little son climbed up onto a stegosaurus figure and tried to aim it at a T-Rex.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 8+

Dino Riders - The Queen of the Tiger Warriors

Volume 3

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With b/w illustrations by Timo Grubing

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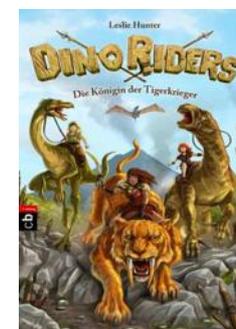
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In the Land of
Terror Sauriens



In the Land of T-Rex



The Queen of the
Tiger Warriors

Connor goes back to Ana-Chrona to give his support to Fox and the Dino Riders in their fight against the Bloods. The situation is serious, for the Bloods are holding the capital city Melaya under siege and have cut off the water supply. The proud Dino Riders seem doomed to die. Only their allies, Queen Tigereye and her tiger warriors can save them. But no messages can be sent from the besieged town. Connor and Fox set out on their most dangerous mission yet.

The most entertaining garbage men of all times



Cas Lester has developed and produced various successful television programmes for children and been nominated for numerous awards. Today she has a lot of fun writing books for children, helping out in a children's library and spending time with her family. She has four children, three hens and a dog that goes by the name of Bramble.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 9+

Max Smart and the Intergalactic Garbage Collection. Missing in Space

Volume 1

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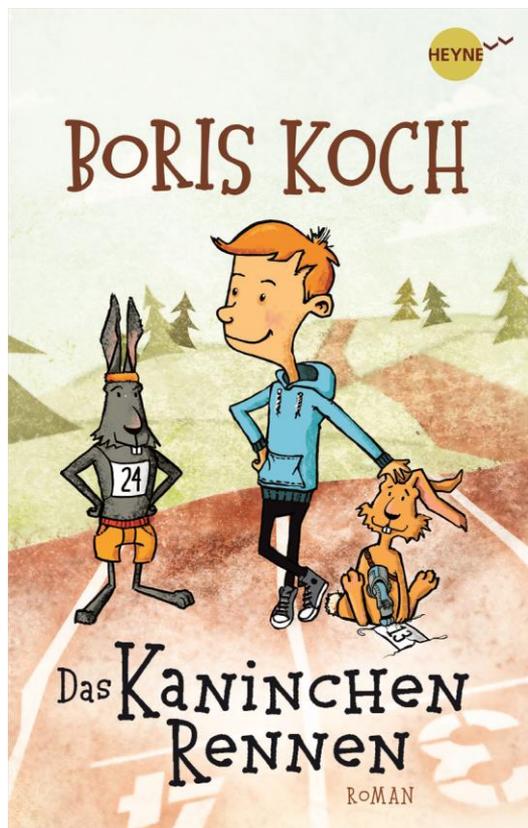
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In reality, Max Smart is a perfectly normal eleven-year-old who dreams of exciting adventures in space. The only trouble is, he has no idea what REALLY goes on out there. For, zillions of light years away, the intergalactic garbage spaceship Big Befouler is roaming Galaxy 43b. The name says it all and, just like the spaceship, its chaotic crew are more than a little smelly. Max is mistaken for the new skipper, beamed on board and suddenly finds himself facing not only the strange-looking squad and an all-devouring garbage tornado but also pink killer maggots and highly explosive explo-foam ...

Why it is does not matter to be slow



Boris Koch studied history and German literature. Among the books he has published is *The Dragon Whisperer*. The Others, the young-adult crime novel *Fire in the Blood* (winner of the Hansjörg Martin Prize). His realistic young-adult novel *Four Bags of Ash* was awarded the title of Youth Book of the Month by the German Academy for Children's and YA Literature in April 2013.

Middle grade

Target group: 10+

The Rabbit Race

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Ever since a little rabbit saved the small town of Niederrhode four hundred years ago, there has been a Big Rabbit Race every year to remember this event. Like all ten-year-olds, Tim is allowed to take part. But suddenly he is in the biggest mess of his life – for he comes late, yet again, and this results in him pulling the three-legged rabbit out of the draw pot! When Tim then goes and quarrels with his best friend, Carsten, gets on the wrong side of the biggest lout in the school and becomes the laughing stock of the whole town with his lame rabbit, it seems that everything is lost. But Tim won't give up. He makes friends with new boy Pascal and militant Lissy, and the three outsiders together decide to stand up to all the prejudices and adversities. An incredibly brilliant plan gradually takes shape. The promise is: nobody will ever forget this rabbit race.

By the bestselling author of the "Hugo" series



Children's Books

Target group: 9+

My Messed-Up Life!

Polly Blume's secret notes

192 pages · format: 15,5 x 21,0 cm

With b/w illustrations by Daniela Kohl

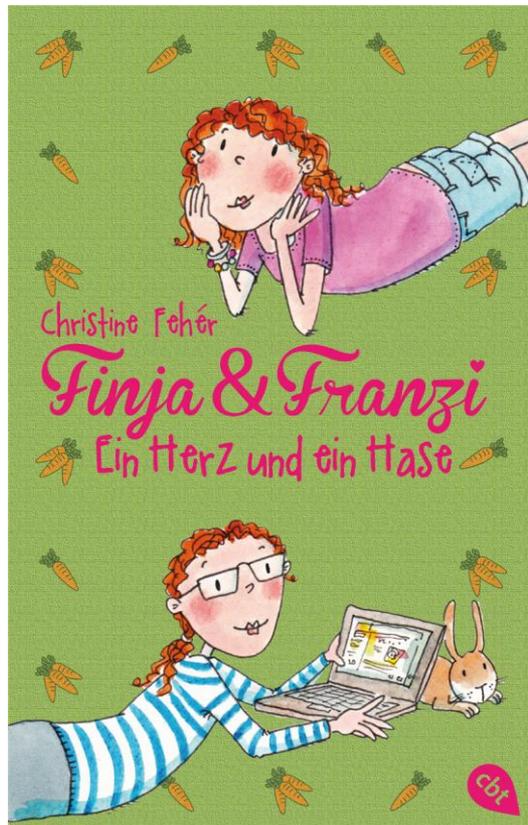
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There are all sorts of things Polly is hoping for at the new school. More than anything else, she is hoping for new friends to have lots of fun with. Like Alissa, Mandy, Isabella and Victoria, otherwise known as the Best Friends Forever – pretty, stylish, self-confident and popular. In other words, everything Polly wishes she were. Instead, she finds herself sitting in the eager-beaver row between Tooth-Brace Esther and nerdy Mathilda. How on earth can she ever become one of the BFF? But then she gains points at a super-duper cool pyjama party – and, as far as best friends are concerned, has a huge surprise.

Sabine Zett, born in 1967, worked as a journalist for various print media. After the birth of her two children she started writing stage plays, audio plays and books and, with her award-winning series for youngsters about cheeky "Hugo", conquered not only the hearts of all readers, young and old, but also made it to the Spiegel bestseller list. Read more at www.sabine-zett.de

Finja and Franzi – a series girls love



Christine Fehér was born in 1965. She has taught religion at the school of a psychiatric clinic for children and young adults, and is at present working at an elementary school. She also writes books for children and teenagers. Read more at www.fehér-buch.de

Middle grade Book Series

Target group: 10+

Finja & Franzi – At a Heart and a Hare

Volume 1

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With b/w illustrations by Melanie Garanin

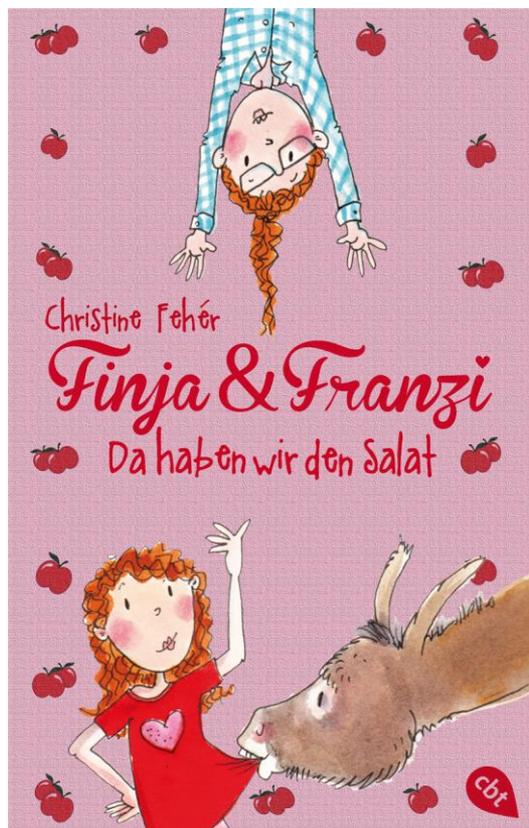
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Aunt Tilda comes back from a holiday and tells Finja and Franzi that she is going to emigrate to Mallorca. So who is going to keep an eye on the twins in the afternoon now? Thank goodness for the Bumble Bee Mill boarding school, situated on an island with bathing beaches, riding stables, a sailing school and a cottage garden with some animals in it and not a parent in sight! A small paradise, as Finja and Franzi discover on their first day there. And at the latest after the cool midnight party with all their new school mates and best friends, the twins are certain of one thing: nothing better could have come their way than the Bumble Bee Mill!

Turbulent boarding school novel – modern and witty



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Middle grade Book Series

Target group: 10+

Finja & Franzi – What a Right Old Mess

Volume 2

208 pages · format: 13,5 x 21,5 cm

With b/w illustrations by Melanie Garanin

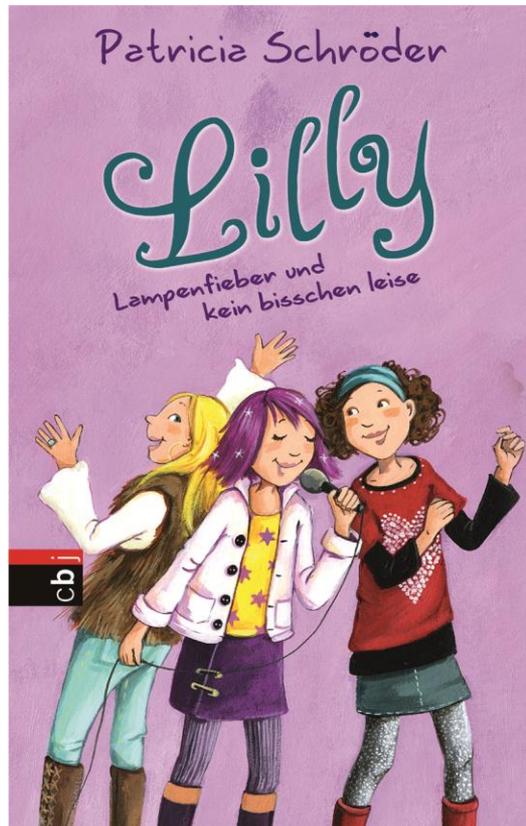
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Cat fighting in the Bumble Bee Mill boarding school. That show-off bitch Gloria wants to set up a club without Franzi. It's pretty obvious that Finja won't join in, either – and so the two girls quickly found a rival club with their best friends. But that's not the end of trouble for Franzi: her secret flame, Marius, suddenly finds all girls stupid. What on earth is happening on the little island? In no time at all they have all hopelessly fallen out. To make matters worse, a sailing regatta is announced in which the boarding school students are to compete against the other schools in the neighbourhood. And Marius is the only person who can sail really well. There's nothing for it, they'll all just have to stick together.

First love and tolerance: important topics, wonderfully told



Patricia Schröder was born in 1960. When her children were born she settled on an artificial dwelling hill where she started to think up stories. She is particularly committed to the promotion of reading skills among children, and to this end she developed the idea of the "Let's read together" series. www.patricia-schroeder.de

Children's Book Series

Target group: 10+

Lilly – Stage Fright and Not One Little Bit Quiet

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Lilly – Completely Nuts
and Also Quite Different

Lilly has had enough. Head teacher Handteherz is planning a big event for the school anniversary at which the students are to demonstrate their various talents – with a concert of classical music, a poetry competition and a championship in mental arithmetic. Yawn! And the nastiest bit about it is that the junior school students won't be allowed to take part. Time, Lilly thinks, to consult the box of magical sayings. And within no time at all she and her friends are hatching out a secret plan on how to show everybody what they really have in them.

An unusually amusing story about a friendship



Dagmar H. Mueller has worked as a skiing instructor, music teacher and PR copywriter. None of this could permanently keep her from the passion she has had since she was a child, namely writing books. Dagmar H. Mueller is now a fulltime writer and has had her books published by several big German publishing houses.

Children's Book

Target group: 10+

Most Beloved Ghostfriend – You Must Have a Ghost in the Belfry!

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**The Chaos Sisters
Get Going**



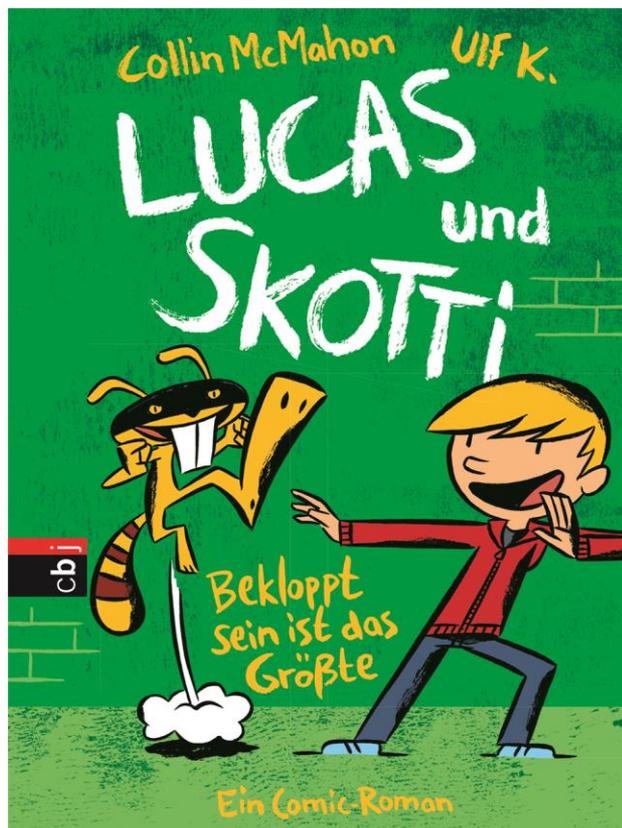
**The Chaos Sisters
are Unbeatable**



**The Chaos Sisters –
Take Off With a
Bang**

Nina and her parents have moved into her grandmother's old house. And all of a sudden, Nina's life is as turbulent as she never in her wildest dreams thought it would be, for the new old house is inhabited by Tori, a girl ghost. Tori may be a terrible pain in the neck, but she has a secret that could also change Nina's life. Tori has botched up quite a lot in her life and who else could be better suited to sort out the embarrassments of the past than her new friend, Nina?

If you like "Greg's Diary" you will love Lucas



Collin McMahon was born in Germany in 1968 as the son of American parents, went to school in Munich and then studied film and literature in Los Angeles. He now works as a translator of screenplays and children's books and has also been writing his own books for children and teenagers for quite a while.

Children's Book Series

Target group: 10+

Lucas & Skotti – Being Bananas is Best

volume 2

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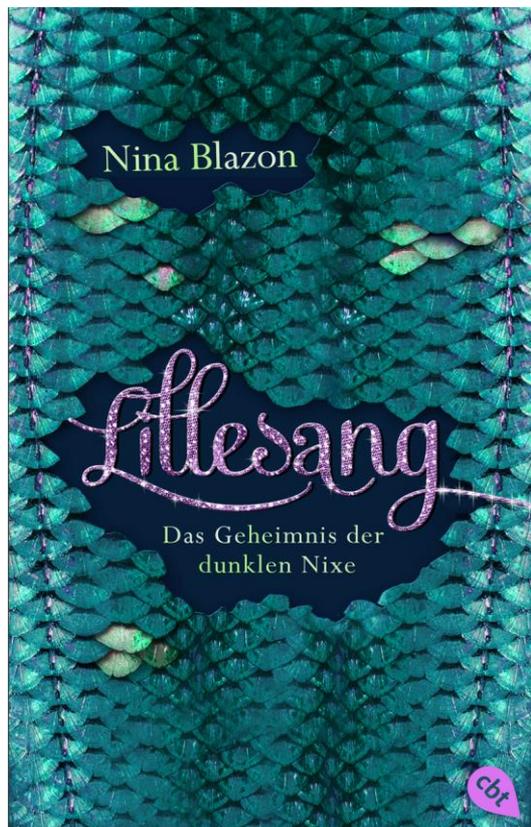


Here Come the Riot Kids

Armed with Skotti, his cartoon character come to life, and a load of energy Lucas at last sets out in the holidays to become the absolutely most popular and coolest guy in the whole school. Sure thing, nothing can go wrong any more.

But then, of course, it begins by doing just that. However, you can't throw a fellow with true taker qualities off course that easily. Pick yourself up and carry on – that's his motto. A vandalised school toilette, several teachers with nervous breakdowns and a number of near-catastrophes later, Skotti and his mate, Flo, have just about reached their goal. A comic novel to make you roll in the aisles.

Spellbinding and irresistible mermaid fantasy



Nina Blazon, born in 1969 in Slovenia, studied German language and literature. She started writing while at university, before authoring the teenage fantasy novel *Under the Spell of the Curse Carrier*, which was awarded the 2003 Wolfgang Hohlbein Prize. Today Nina Blazon is a renowned writer for Young Adults fiction. www.ninablazon.de

Middle grade

Target group: 10+

LILLESONG – The Mystery of the Dark Mermaid

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Laqua – The Curse of the Black Gondola

When Jo and her family inherit the old house on the Danish coast, Bente, their eccentric neighbour, tells them the story of the Gongur who comes ashore and drags people into the sea. In contrast to her mother, who avoids the water, Jo refuses to let the old woman frighten the living daylights out of her. At night, however, she really is lured to the beach by a voice. Bente is able to rescue the sleep-walking girl in the nick of time. What is this mermaid-like being all about? And why is Jo's mother hiding some old photos with all the faces scratched out? Jo suspects that there is a secret hanging over her family. What she does not suspect is that Bente is holding the key to it all.

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Why Mustn't Adam and Eve Eat Any Apples?

[Warum dürfen Adam und Eva keine Äpfel essen?]

Children's questions about the Bible, answered by experts

Kösel

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The world wasn't made in seven days, so why does the Bible say it was? How was Jonah able to survive three days inside the whale? How did Moses conjure away the water of the sea? Did Jesus have to go to school? Why did Jesus have to die? Did God write the Bible?

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Franz Hübner
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[Weißt du schon, wie lieb Gott die Tiere hat?]

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Franz Hübner, born in 1956, grew up in an idyllic village in the Spessart hills. He gathered his first experience in the fields of media, film and writing while studying business management. He has been freelancing full-time as an author since 1995 and his children's and gift books have been marketed by several renowned publishing houses. He is married and has a son.

Markus Humbach, born in 1969, is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer for well-known publishing houses, museums and advertising agencies.

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A sensible book for adults who want to go with children in their mourning



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Katja Pagel, born in 1978, is a trained graphic designer. She has illustrated numerous books and is the owner of the BICEPS web and advertising agency in Brunswick.

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