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Spring 2016

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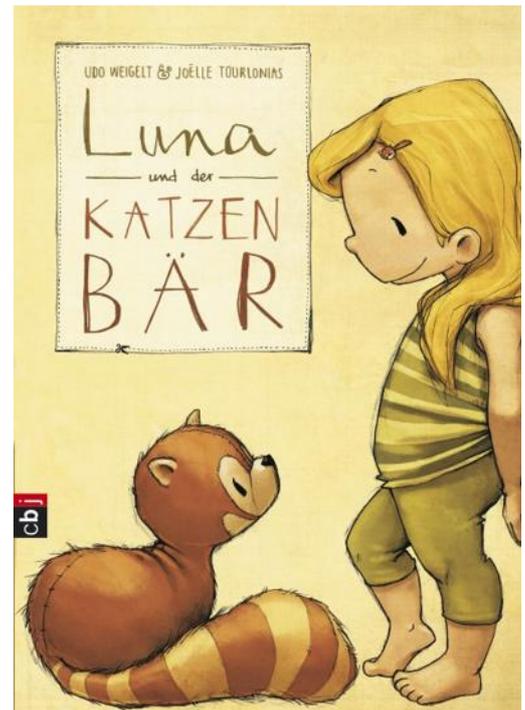
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Never before has Luna felt so lonesome. She and her family have just moved into the new house. She had to leave all her kindergarten friends behind. And then Ninchen, Luna's cuddly bunny, has disappeared! How will she ever be able to go to sleep without Ninchen to cuddle? If only she had a friend here. Luna blinks. Didn't something move just now in one of the packing cases? She cautiously pulls out the jar with the jelly babies. There is something cuddly and soft in there ...

- The latest children's book character by bestselling twosome Tournalonias / Weigelt (NIVEA campaign 2015)
- Topics spot-on for children with two loveable heroes

**Udo Weigelt** was born in Hamburg in 1960 and studied German literature and history. He has written about 50 children's books for various publishing houses, several of which have been translated into 15 languages. Since 2015 his has been the name behind the stories in the Beiersdorf NIVEA nursery tales campaign.

**Joëlle Tournalonias** was born in 1985 and studied visual communication at the Bauhaus University in Weimar, with the focus on illustration and painting. She started freelancing in 2009 and at present draws, paints, lives and loves in Düsseldorf. Since 2015 she has been responsible for the illustrations of the Beiersdorf NIVEA nursery tales campaign.



### Udo Weigelt, Joëlle Tournalonias | Luna and the Cat-Bear

80 pages | 17 x 24 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Joëlle Tournalonias  
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Volume 1

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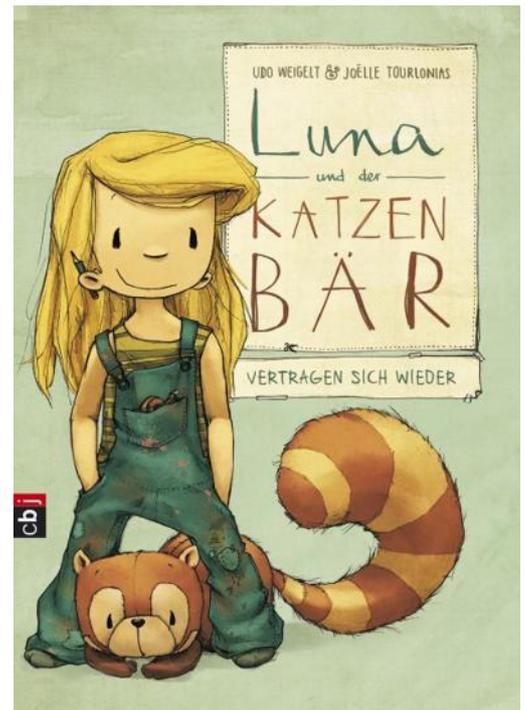
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Moving house is a lot of work, Luna thinks, not to mention all the unpacking. When Carlo suggests that she moves into his tree-house and he takes over her room, she is immediately all for it. They both embark on the task ahead of them with great enthusiasm. But imagine their disappointment when they enter their rooms and see that from now on Luna will be sleeping in a hammock and Carlo in a pink nightmare. And not only that. His favourite blanket – his security blanket – has shrunk in the washing machine to the size of a face cloth ...

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### Udo Weigelt, Joëlle Tournalonias | Luna and the Cat-Bear Make Up Again

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June 2016 | **Target group: 5+**

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# How an Eskimo boy shows a lot of courage

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Aklak, the little Eskimo, is just like any other little boy; he goes to school every morning and lives in a house. The only thing is, his house is an igloo. And he also has very special friends, particularly Tuktuk, his well-behaved husky. What the friends like doing best is to ride on an ice floe pushed along by a whale, which of course is strictly forbidden.

But one day, the friends are caught at it red-handed – by the three big Eskimo boys from grade three, of all people. They have had it in for the little Eskimo for a while and now they challenge Aklak to a sled race ...

- A heart-warming story of friendship, with beautiful colour illustrations
- Wonderful language, witty dialogues, magnificent characters

**Anu Stohner** was born in Helsinki in 1952 and works as a freelance writer and translator. She has been awarded many prizes for her translations from English, Swedish and Finnish, including the Finnish State Prize.

**Henrike Wilson** studied art and graphic design in Washington D.C. and Cologne and has travelled widely in the Caribbean and Asia. The intensive colours in these regions are reflected in her vibrant pictures. Henrike Wilson now lives in Berlin. In 2007 she was presented the New York Times Award for her illustrations.



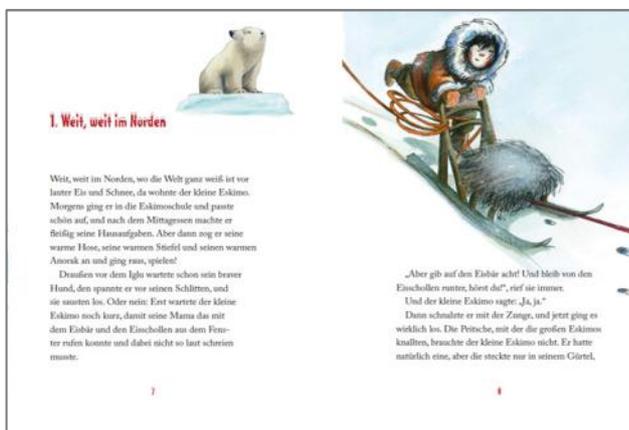
**Anu Stohner, Henrike Wilson | Aklak, the Little Eskimo**  
**The big race round the Polar Bear Hump**

144 pages | 17 x 24 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Henrike Wilson  
November 2015 | **Target group: 6+**

**Volume 1**

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- **12,000 copies sold**



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## Dino story with a difference

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

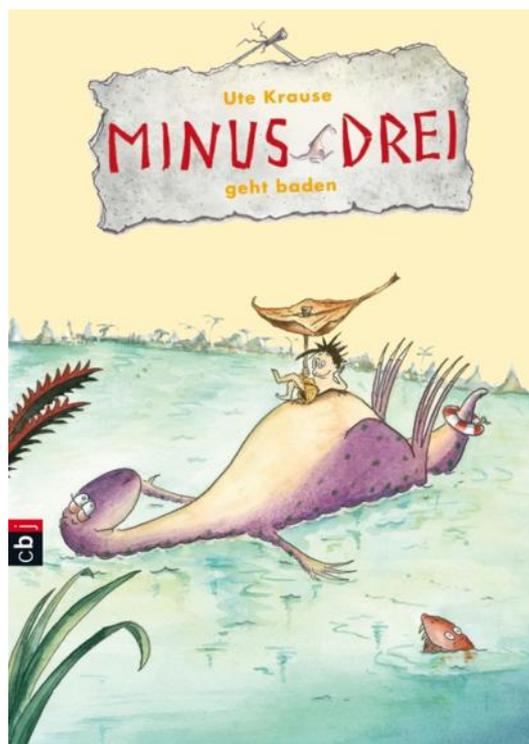
It has been raining for days. But now Minus, the little dinosaur and his pet, stone-age girl Lucy, are glad that the sun is shining again. However, there is a surprise waiting for them in front of the cave: a huge lake has formed in the valley.

Minus's friends immediately jump into the cool water. Lucy, too, would like to splash around, but Minus keeps finding new reasons why he can't go swimming. Either his tummy is too full, or he has a sore throat, or he has to do his homework. But then Lucy disappears without trace ...

- Minus and Lucy – the dino story with the potential to become a classic!
- Amusing stories with delightful pictures

**Ute Krause** was born in 1960 and grew up in Turkey, Nigeria, India and the USA. She is successful as a writer, illustrator, screenplay writer and director. Her picture and children's books have been translated into several languages and adapted for television. Ute Krause has been awarded prizes by the Book Art Foundation and nominated for the German Children's Literature Award.

Read more at [www.ute-krause.com](http://www.ute-krause.com)



### Ute Krause | Minus Three Goes Swimming

72 pages | 17 x 24 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by the author  
May 2016 | Target group: 6+

#### Volume 5

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Greece (Metaixmio), Italy (EL), Korea (Book 21), Russia (Polyandria), Spain (Edébe)

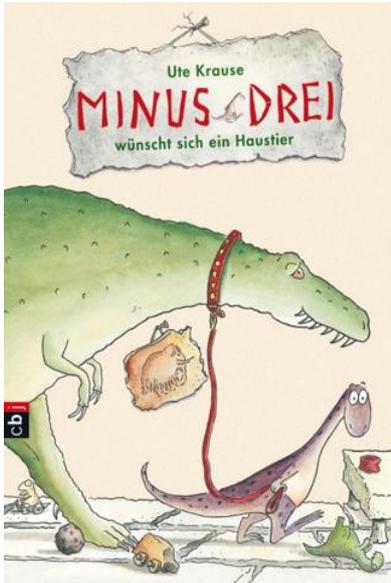
- 80,000 copies of the series sold



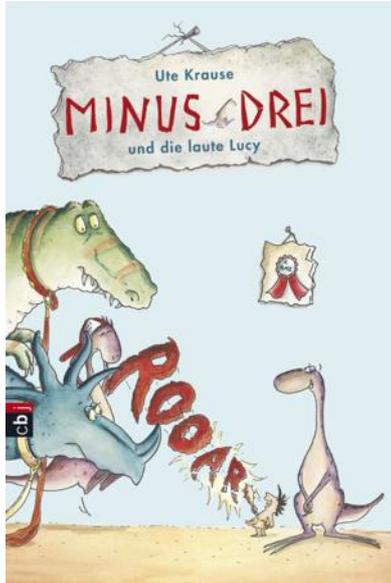
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# Minus Three - Backlist

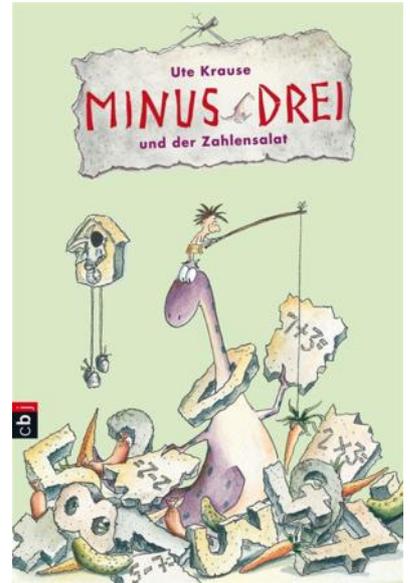
CHILDREN'S BOOKS



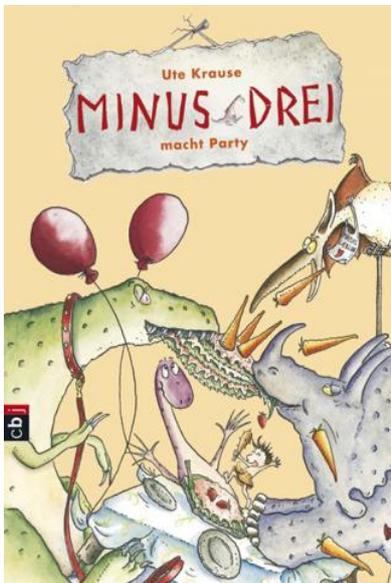
Minus Three Wants a Pet  
Vol. 1



Minus Three and the Noisy  
Lucy  
Vol. 2



Minus Three and the Number  
Jumble  
Vol. 3



Minus Three Throws a Party  
Vol. 4



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## How little hedgehogs grow bigger

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

A family of hedgehogs in our garden! Sophie and Tim are beside themselves with joy when they discover the hedgehog nest. In the coming days and weeks they watch the hedgehogs grow. At the weekend the children are even allowed to stay up a little later and, if the weather is good, sleep in a tent in the garden.

But one day in autumn, the hedgehog family has disappeared, except for one little fellow that looks as if it needs help. What a good thing that there is an animal sanctuary nearby that has a hedgehog rescue centre where Sophie and Tim can have their questions answered.

Frauke Nahrgang has written an entertaining and informative story for children that tells readers a lot about hedgehogs and how they live throughout the year.

- An endearing hedgehog story combined with knowledge on nature
- With valuable hints on how best to treat hedgehogs

**Frauke Nahrgang**, an elementary school teacher by profession, began writing because of her children. When they were small, she gladly read to them and finally came to invent stories for them. Her children are now grown, and she has become a successful author of many children's books.



### **Frauke Nahrgang | Hugo Hedgehog Lives in Our Garden**

ca. 64 pages | 14 x 18.7 cm | softcover  
illustrated by Kerstin M. Schuld  
August 2016 | **Target group: 6+**

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## Baby alert with the Krumpflings

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

On the hockey field Egon Krumpfling discovers a peculiar nut. Professor Honeysponge is so excited about it because with proper care a new Krumpfling could grow from it. The Krumpf seed must be planted in a flower pot and watered with a special nutrient solution made of Krumpf tea. Grandma Krumpfling gives this task to Egon, the "big brother". But butterfingered Egon drops the valuable liquid. Now he really is in trouble! Will Albi be able to help?

- Every child would love to have a friend like Egon Krumpfling

**Annette Roeder**, born in Munich in 1968, is an author, illustrator and architect. Since 2000 she has been writing picture books and children's books and also novels for adults. She and her three children live in the outskirts of Munich.



### Annette Roeder | The Krumpflings Big Brother Egon

96 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Barbara Korthues  
March 2016 | Target group: 6+

Volume 6

World Rights available

- 50,000 copies of the author's books sold



## The Krumpflings - Backlist



Egon Comes into the House  
Vol. 1



Egon on a Secret Mission  
Vol. 2



Egon Plays Truant from  
School  
Vol. 3



Egon Disappears  
Vol. 4



Egon Saves Krumpf Castle  
Vol. 5

# Discover the World with ... The Little Dragon Coconut

- Children's books series with 24 volumes available
- Target group: 3 - 6+
- More than 10 million products sold
- Rights sold in 22 languages
- Filmed (Cinema and TV)



**Ingo Siegner**, born in 1965, studied history and French, spent two years in France as an au pair 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. His *The Little Dragon Coconut*-Series is one of the most successful children's books series nationally and internationally.

Read more at [www.ingosiegner.de](http://www.ingosiegner.de) or [www.drache-kokosnuss.de](http://www.drache-kokosnuss.de)

## Eagerly awaited – the latest Coconut adventure

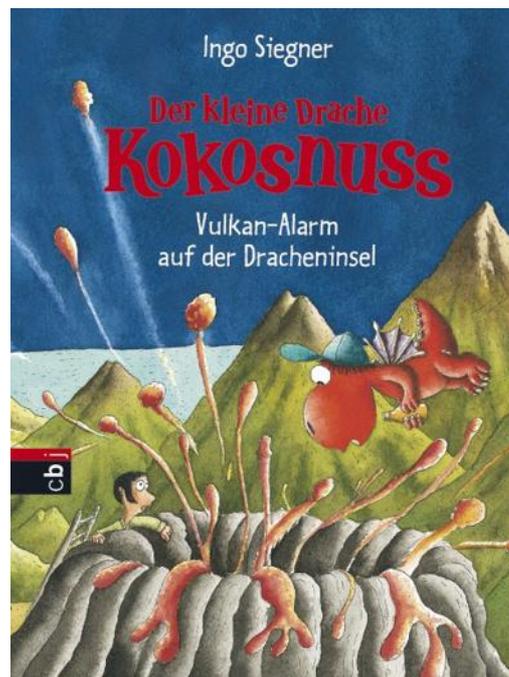
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

While Coconut and his friends Oskar and Matilda are playing on the beach, they see a round flying object fall into the volcano on Dragon Island. Was it a falling star, a UFO or a meteorite? When shortly afterwards the volcano starts flinging out fiery boulders, the friends are worried that an eruption could destroy the whole of Dragon Island. Will they be able to calm down the fire-spitting mountain again?

- More than 10 million The Little Dragon Coconut products sold to date
- Powerful topic: volcanoes

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### Ingo Siegner | The Little Dragon Coconut Volcano Alert on Dragon Island

80 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by the author  
May 2016 | **Target group: 6+**

#### Volume 24

#### Rights to the series sold to:

Brazilian Portuguese\* (Companhia das Letras), Chinese Complex (Greenland), Chinese Simplified (21st Century), Croatian (Planet Zoe), Czech\* (Vikend), Danish\* (Nordisk), Dutch (Baeckens Books), French (Bayard), Greece (Metaixmio), Hungarian (Kossuth/Ventus), Icelandic\* (Aeskan), Italian (EL), Japanese\* (Hikuman Shuppan), Korean\* (Knowledge Power Station), Latvian (Janis Roze), Polish (Prozynski), Slovenian\* (Tehniska), Spain/Castilian (La Galera), Spain/Catalan (La Galera), Thai\* (Nanmeebooks), Turkish (ABM), Vietnamese (Women's Publishing House)

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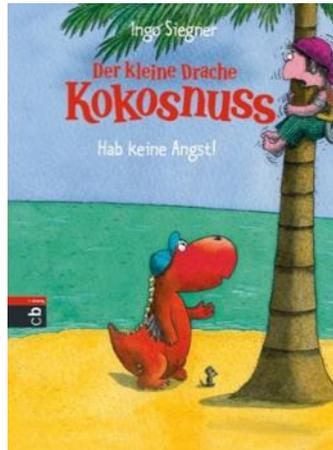


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## The Little Dragon Coconut - Backlist



**Coconut Comes to School  
Vol. 1**



**Don't Be Afraid  
Vol. 2**



**Coconut and the Magician  
Vol. 3**



**Coconut and the Black Knight  
Vol. 4**



**The School Festival  
Vol. 5**



**Coconut and his Adventures  
Vol. 6**



**Coconut Visits Santa Claus  
Vol. 7**



**Coconut and the Witch  
Vol. 8**



**Coconut and the Pirates  
Vol. 9**

## The Little Dragon Coconut - Backlist



Coconut in the Haunted Castle  
Vol. 10



Coconut in the Jungle  
Vol. 11



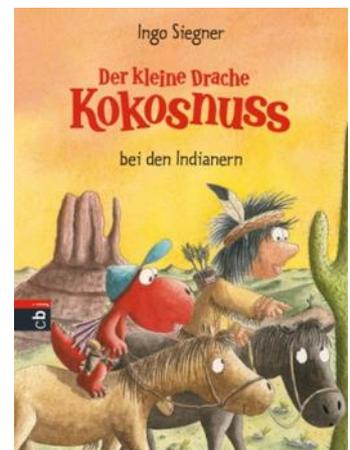
The Vampire Adventure  
Vol. 12



Coconut and the Vikings  
Vol. 14



Coconut Looking for Atlantis  
Vol. 15



Coconut and the Indians  
Vol. 16



Coconut in Outer Space  
Vol. 17



Coconut Travels to Stone Age  
Vol. 18



School Trip-Adventure  
Vol. 19

## The Little Dragon Coconut - Backlist



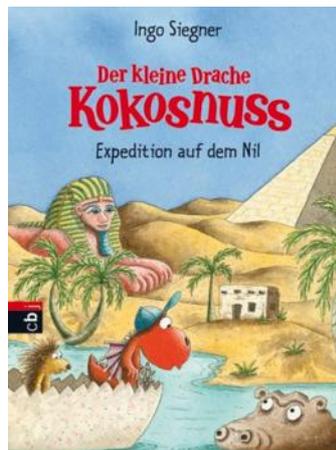
**Coconut and the Dinosaurs  
Vol. 20**



**Coconut and the Mysterious  
Templar  
Vol. 21**



**Coconut Travels to the  
North Pole  
Vol. 22**



**The Nile Expedition  
Vol. 23**

## TV Tie-In books

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Eight new stories to go with the Coconut TV series for all fans of the popular fire dragon.

Coconut's lucky stone has disappeared. The question of whether there is anyone living on Dragon Island who particularly needs a lot of luck put the friends on the right trail ... The trip to the Black Rocks with Grandpa Jörgen turns out to be more exciting than expected. Will Coconut, Oskar and Matilda be able to get to the bottom of the vandalism? One adventure after the other with lots of reading fun!

- Eight short stories for story time and for children to read alone
- With original pictures from the television series

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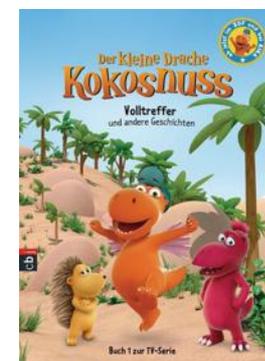
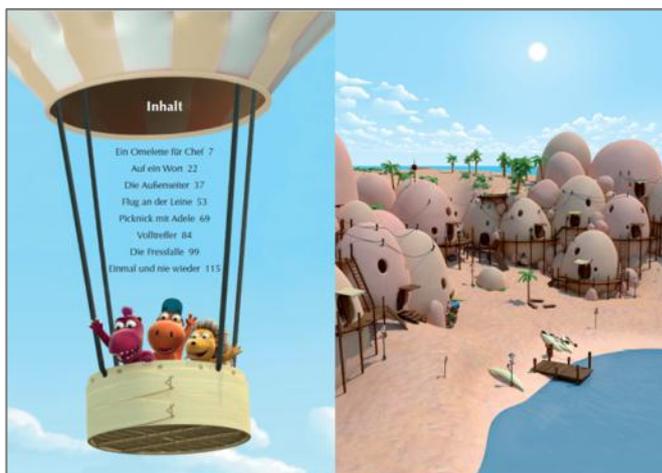


### Ingo Siegner | The Little Dragon Coconut The Lucky Stone and Other Stories

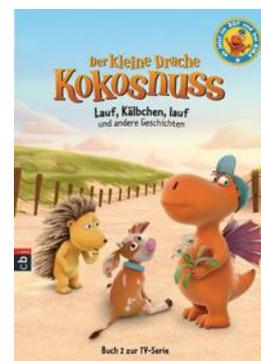
128 pages | 17 x 24 cm | hardcover with original pictures from the TV-series  
February 2016 | Target group: 6+

Volume 3

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The Little Dragon Coconut  
Stories from the Dragon Island  
Vol. 1



The Little Dragon Coconut  
Flight to Adventure  
Vol. 2



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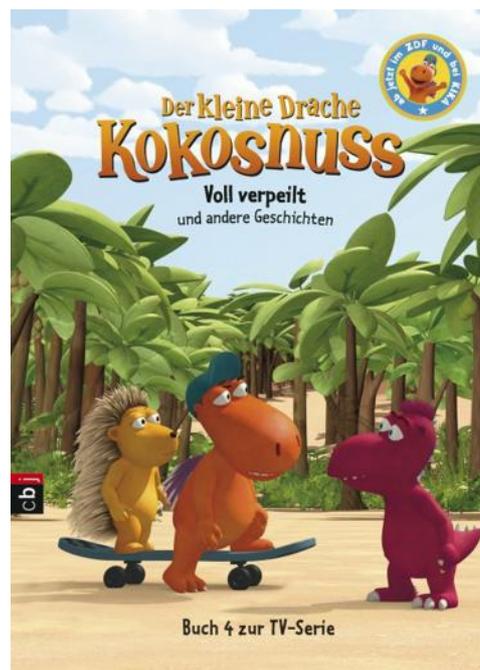
## TV Tie-In books

In this fourth volume to go with the television series, Coconut, gourmet dragon Oskar and porcupine Matilda have eight new adventures. The three friends are to babysit for Mr and Mrs Claw, but that turns out to be not as easy as expected. Then Coconut is accused by the boss of the guzzle dragons of pinching food and Oskar and Matilda have to prove their friend's innocence ... One adventure of the other and loads of exciting entertainment for Coconut fans.

- Eight short stories for story time and for children to read alone
- With original pictures from the television series

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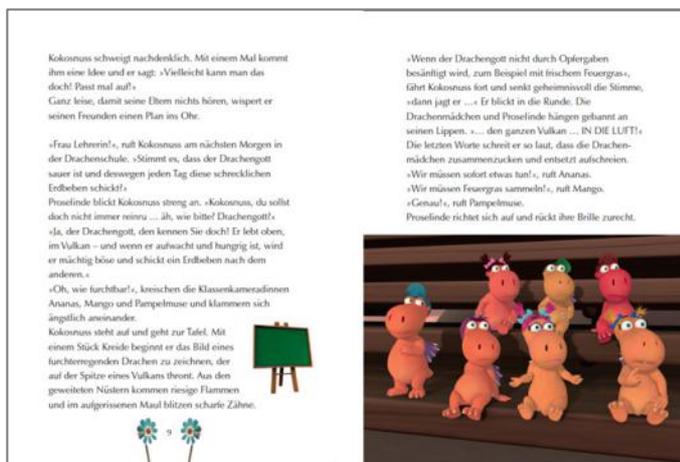


### Ingo Siegner | The Little Dragon Coconut Definitely Not With It and other stories

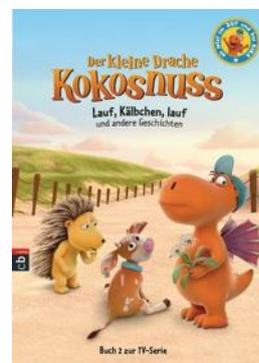
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with original pictures from the TV-series  
April 2016 | Target group: 6+

Volume 4

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The Little Dragon Coconut  
Stories from the Dragon Island  
TV series tie-in book Vol. 1



The Little Dragon Coconut  
Flight to Adventure  
TV series tie-in book Vol. 2

# Discover the world with...

## Nele



- Children's books series
- Target groups: 3+ and 6+
- More than 440,000 copies sold
- *I'm Nele* series – Rights sold to: Bulgaria (Enthusiast)
- *Nele* series – Rights sold to: Israel (Rimonim), Spain (Edebé)



**Usch Luhn** is a communications scientist, teaches at a film school and writes her own scripts as well as books for children and teenagers.

# Nele learns to swim

Nele loves splashing around in the water. But ever since her older brother David has been able to swim in the big pool, she doesn't want to wear water wings anymore. And so Nele goes to a swimming course to get a Sea Horse badge. Here she learns how to do the breast stroke, how to dive under water and jump in at the deep end from the poolside. But learning to swim is not all that easy. What a good thing that her best friend, Klara, is there as well. And after a few weeks she proudly shows off her certificate and Sea Horse swimming badge.

- Learning to swim properly – an important topic for every child

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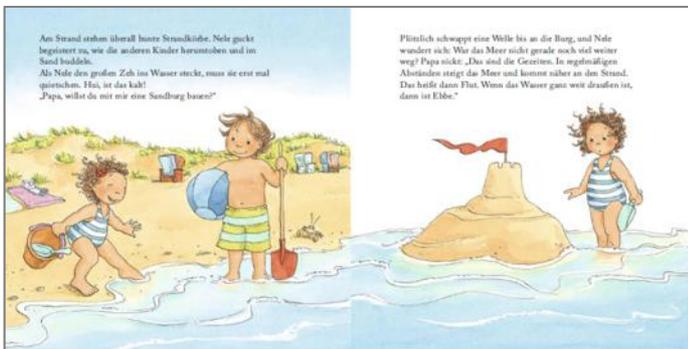
## Usch Luhn | I'm Nele Nele Is Awarded a Swimming Badge

26 pages | 20 x 20 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Carola Sturm  
May 2016 | Target group: 3+

Volume 11

Rights sold to: Bulgaria (Enthusiast)

- 440,000 copies of the author's books sold

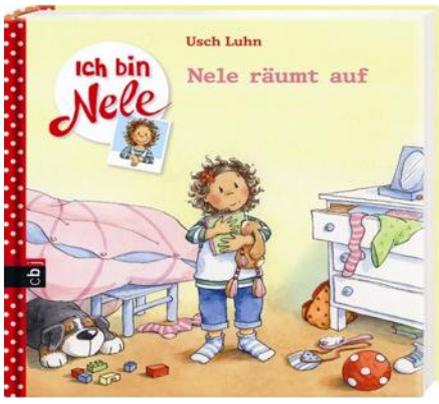




I'm Nele - Backlist



Nele Starts Kindergarten  
Vol. 1



Nele Tidies Up  
Vol. 2



Nele Goes on a Journey  
Vol. 3



Nele Quarrels with her Brother  
Vol. 4



Nele Goes to the Seaside  
Vol. 5



Nele and the Kindergarten Trip  
Vol. 6





## I'm Nele - Backlist



**Nele Spends the Night at Klara's**  
Vol. 7



**Nele Waiting for Christmas**  
Vol. 8



**Nele Doesn't Want to Go to Bed**  
Vol. 9



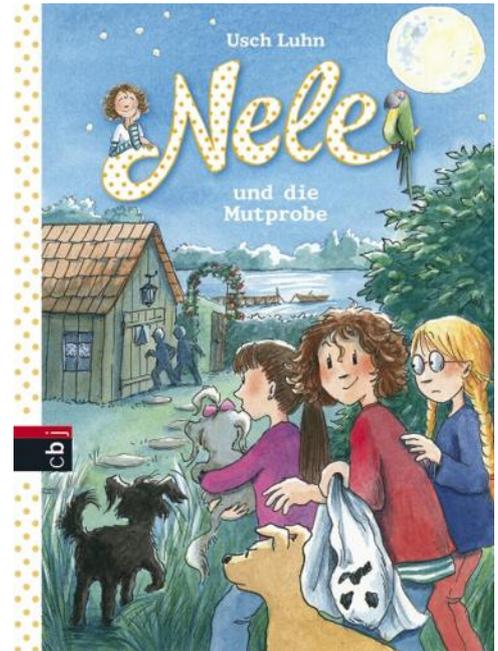
**Nele Says: No, I don't go with  
strangers**  
Vol. 10

# Nele outdoes herself!

Nele is normally game for anything. But the pranks thought up by her two new classmates, Moritz and Lars, are just plain stupid. The funny thing, though, is that Nele's best friend, Lucas, has suddenly taken sides with the two troublemakers. By taking a particularly nasty test of courage he wants to join their secret gang. And suddenly the battle cry is "Girls versus boys!" When events on a camping excursion get out of hand, it is Nele who shows real courage and rescues Moritz from danger ...

- Girls versus boys – who really is brave?

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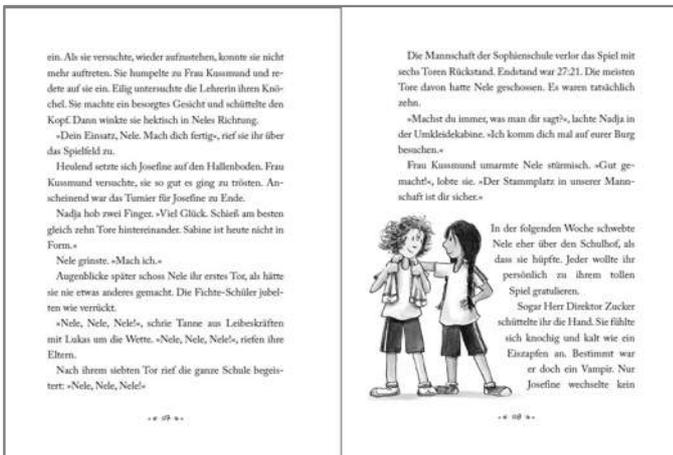
## Usch Luhn | Nele and the Test of Courage

128 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
 illustrated by Franziska Harvey  
 May 2016 | Target group: 8+

### Volume 15

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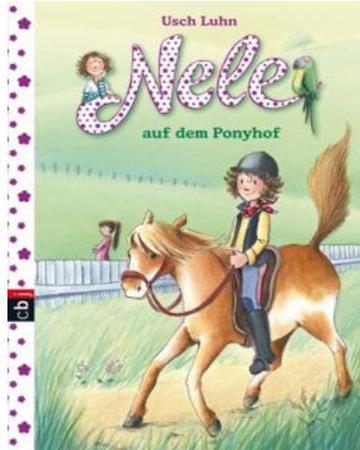
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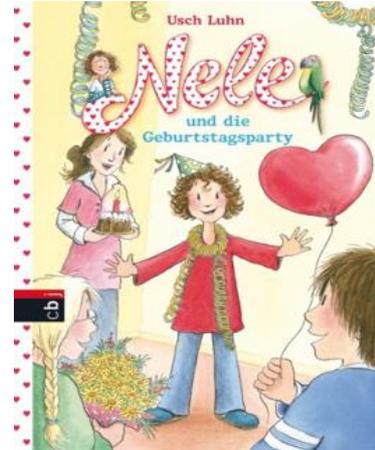
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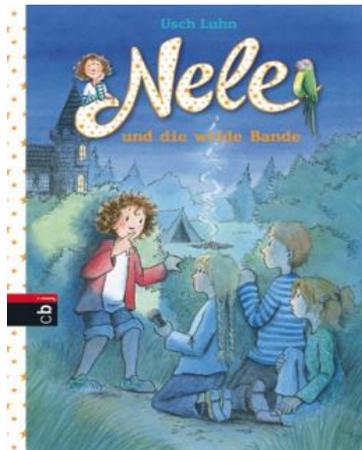
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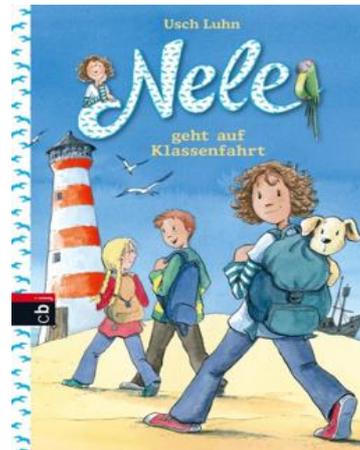
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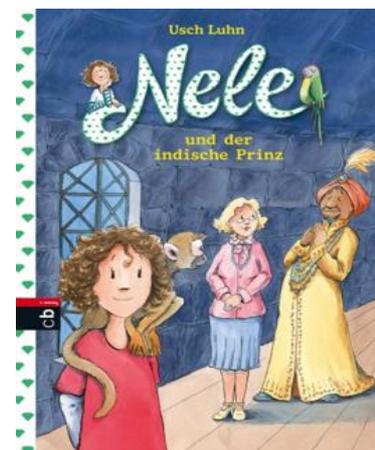
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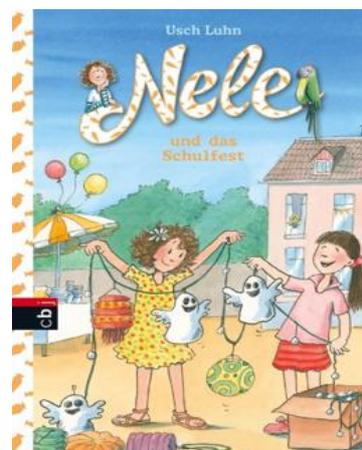
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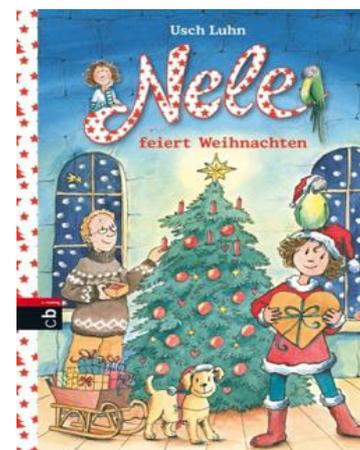
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**Nele and the Dog School  
Vol. 13**



**Nele - Holidays on the Farm  
Vol. 14**

## A magnificent adventure

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Conrad Cat's whiskers are standing on end – his sandwich has just spoken to him! His overprotective Mummy has again wanted to indulge him and given him a large organic mouse sandwich – but the mouse is by no means stone-dead but seems to be fresh as a daisy. What's more, she is called Marie-Antoinette and turns out to be particularly affectionate.

No matter how hard he tries, Konrad just cannot get rid of the cheeky lady mouse – and before he knows what's happening he has grown terribly fond of her. Oh dear, how embarrassing!

A magnificent adventure full of wit and situational humour – in the course of which Conrad Cat not only gets to know himself and the world better but also makes some friends for life!

- Charming story for children about the adventure of growing up
- Serious topics such as discovering familiar things in unfamiliar worlds

**Sabine Ludwig** was born in Berlin and studied German and French literature. Her works have been awarded prizes and translated into many languages. In 2010 she was elected the "Reading Artist of the Year".



### Sabine Ludwig | Why Conrad the Cat Jumped into the Water and a Mouse into the Air

160 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Astrid Henn  
March 2016 | **Target group: 8+**

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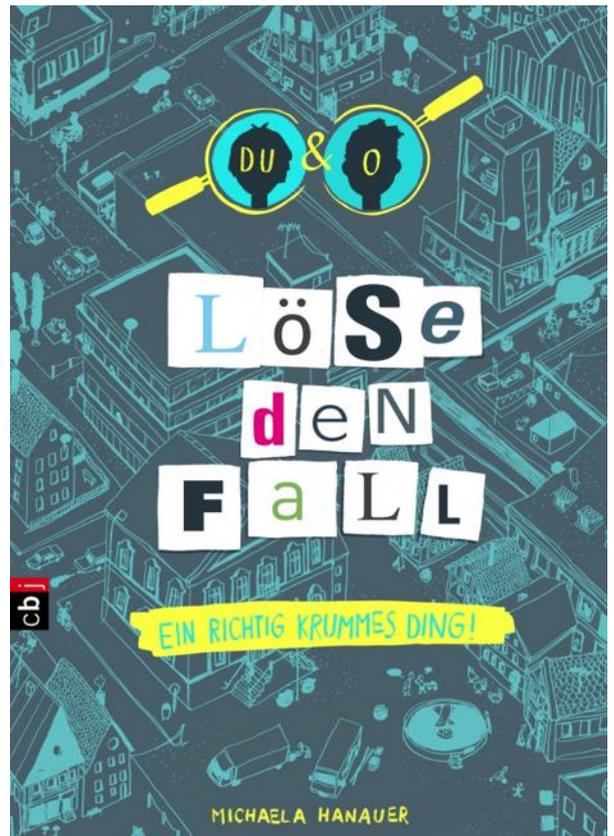
## A detective seldom comes alone

Wanted: detective! Olli has already been working at his career as a detective for quite a while. But as we all know, if you want to be a Sherlock Holmes you must have a Dr. Watson. And who would be better suited for such a task than you as the reader?

So here we have the most unusual sleuthing team the world has ever known – YOU-O (=Olli). YOU are the reader of this book and Olli is sure to become your best detective friend! But they don't have much time to get used to each other, for it's not long before they hear someone shouting "Stop! Thief!" And there they are in the middle of their first case ...

- New reading experience as readers are directly addressed
- Packed with interactive puzzle fun, hide-and-seek pictures, wordplays and number games

**Michaela Hanauer** was born just before Christmas in 1969. If she hadn't become a children's book writer she would have been a detective. After graduating from university she first worked in a publishing house before starting to work freelance. She lives with her husband and cat Wuschel in Munich.



### Michaela Hanauer | Solve the Case – A Real Crooked Business A hide-and-seek mystery

96 pages | 17 x 24 cm | softcover  
Illustrated in b/w by Julia Dürr  
July 2016 | Target group: 8+

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## Bad manners – big heart

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Hutz has followed his new friend to the big town, but twelve-year-old Elvis is anything but thrilled. His form teacher Dr. Pippel is already making life miserable for him and so the Hutz's embarrassing appearance at the Einstein School is just about the last thing he needs.

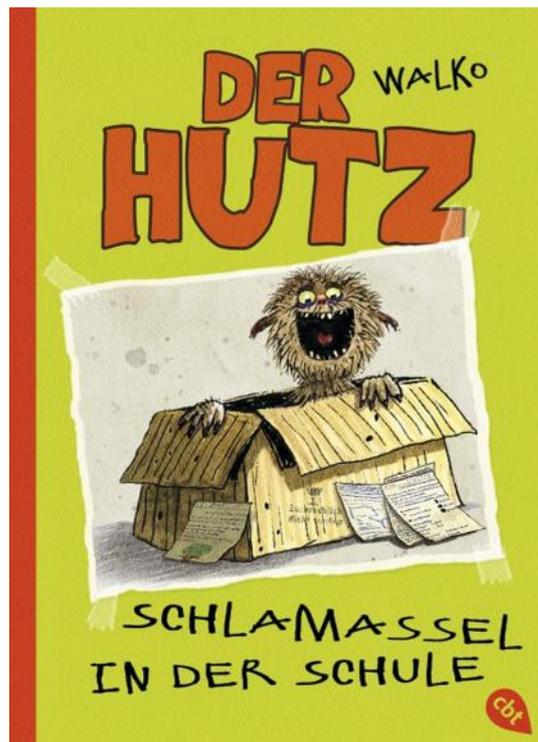
But it gets even worse. A two-faced television producer has his eye on the Hutz and with evil thoughts in mind has invited him to the grand "Guido Schmalz Show". Blinded by the promise of fame, he falls straight into the trap. Elvis and his best friend, Lena, have their hands full rescuing their hapless friend.

*The Hutz...*

*... is a wild tree hero from the Arboori tribe that also call themselves the Shaggies. His mission is to protect his tree, the Hutz tree standing in Elvis's Granny's garden. The Hutz, however, does not have a very keen sense of responsibility and much prefers to roam around places inhabited by people, camouflaged as a dog. Otherwise he is characterised by bad manners and a big heart.*

- Brilliantly told and illustrated

After completing his apprenticeship as a printing block maker, **Walko** worked as a graphic designer and illustrator in cartoon film studios in places like Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Copenhagen and London. It was for his little son that he later created the bestselling *Elder Bear and Little Rabbit* series.



### WALKO | The Hutz Mess at School

192 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated in b/w by the author  
June 2016 | **Target group: 9+**

### Volume 2

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- **300,000 copies of the author's books sold**



The Hutz  
Vol. 1



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## A firework of language

After all the misunderstandings in volume 1, Mira and Svenja are at last best friends and meet again after the Christmas holidays with a big surprise: Svenja is in love with Maurice! And her longest friend Felix is also infected by the love bug.

This is when it gets complicated. For Felix with Svenja, while Svenja with M... Mira shakes her head at such tangled up emotions. Just to be on the safe side, she puts an Indian dot of wisdom on her forehead, one with which she can keep out of this whole sentimentality. As Dr. Ku she is going to give all sorts of good advice to her love-sick friends and classmates.

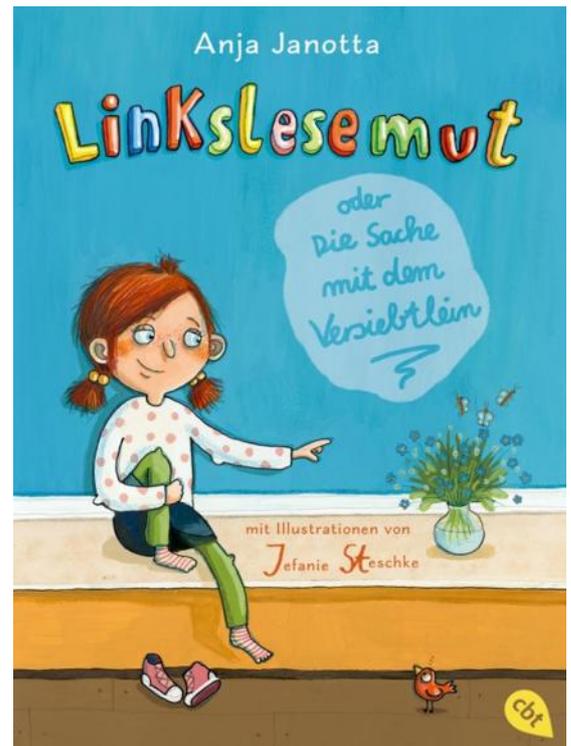
However, when the strict *head-tea-chair* tries to stop Mira's article for the school magazine about rules, someone stands up particularly bravely for Mira ...

- Written with gumption, wit and a lot of heart
- Takes the dyslexia issue in elementary school seriously

*"Deciphering Mira's wondrous words is nothing if not fun. And it's thought-provoking, too."*

GEOLINO on "Juggled Reading", vol. 1

**Anja Janotta** was born in 1970. She studied journalism in Munich and now works as an online editor. Now that her two children have become readers and listeners, she has taken up literary writing again.



### Anja Janotta | Juggled Reading or the Business of *Leing* in *Bove*

240 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated in b/w by Stefanie Jeschke  
February 2016 | **Target group: 9+**

### Volume 2

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Juggled Reading  
or All About the *Lords*  
and *Wetters*  
Vol. 1



## Cool reading fun for all soccer fans

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

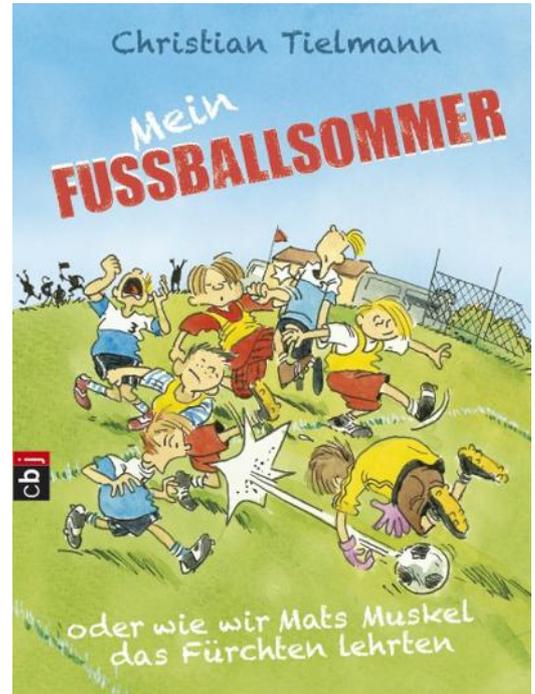
Soccer and nothing else! Arno has a big dream: just once in his lifetime, he would like to win against the show-offs in his class. The problem is that Matty Muscle and his buddies are proper sporting aces. But Arno's best friend, Charly, refuses to be intimidated and registers his team for the great Summer Soccer Cup – the team, however, only exists on paper.

Charly and Arno only just manage to get a team together, but then they don't have a football field to train on, they don't have any shirts or any players who are better than mediocre. How should they win against Matty?

But the Back-Street kickers have one decisive advantage: with time they become a team – Matty Muscle and his crowd, on the other hand, are ruthless lone fighters who agree on one thing only, namely that they are the world's best soccer players. Will the Back-Street kickers manage to take the cup home with them?

- The ultimate soccer novel on the occasion of the European Soccer Championship 2016

**Christian Tielmann** was born in 1971. He studied German literature and philosophy and published his first books for children and teenagers while still at university. He has written some 80 picture books, children's books and young-adult books – fiction and nonfiction – for various publishing houses. His books have received multiple awards and have been translated into 24 languages.



### Christian Tielmann | My Soccer Summer Or How We Put the Fear into Matty Muscle

160 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Heribert Schulmeyer  
April 2016 | **Target group: 8+**

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## What a boy goes through in East Berlin

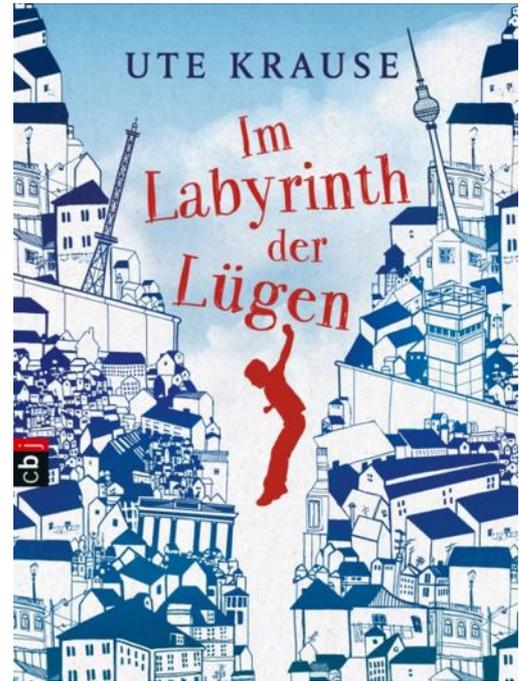
While trying to flee from East Germany, the parents of 8-year-old Paul are caught and sent to prison. Paul is put into an East German foster home. But his granny and uncle do all they can to get permission for him to go to live with them.

In 1988 Paul is now 11 and has been living with Granny and his Uncle Henri in a small apartment in East Berlin for two years. He misses his parents terribly and is longing for them to come out of prison. But then he learns that they have been ransomed and are beginning a new life in West Berlin. Paul is devastated for he knows that he is not allowed to leave East Germany and it will be decades before he sees his parents again.

- Authentic and unputdownable
- A true story about the reality of life in East Germany shortly before the fall of the Berlin Wall

**Ute Krause** was born in 1960 and grew up in Turkey, Nigeria, India and the USA. She is successful as a writer, illustrator, screenplay writer and director. Her picture and children's books have been translated into several languages and adapted for television. Ute Krause has been awarded prizes by the Book Art Foundation and nominated for the German Children's Literature Award.

Read more at [www.ute-krause.com](http://www.ute-krause.com)



### Ute Krause | In the Labyrinth of Lies

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February 2016 | **Target group: 10+**

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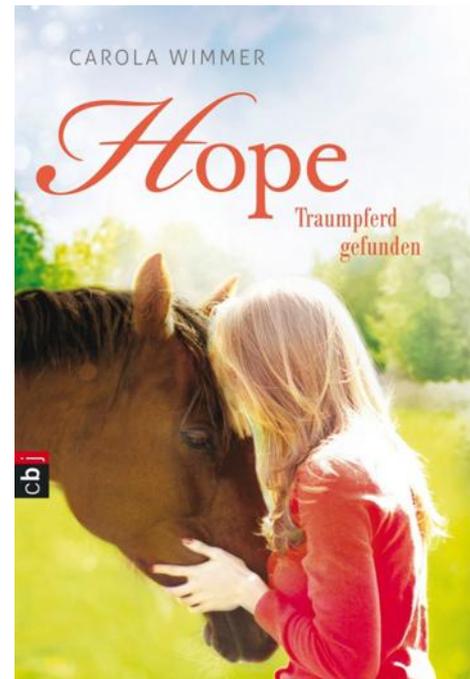
## Against all odds – a life for horses

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Leo is worried: in spite of a successful launch party, not enough people have signed up for riding lessons, and neither have enough horseboxes been let out to finance the riding stables. And so the offer of a private television channel is like a gift from heaven. A reality-soap is to be shot at the stables, focussing on Leo and Hope. After the first instalment has been broadcasted to wide acclaim, the television people want more action – at the horses' expense. Leo is forced to make a painful decision ...

- Written by the author Carola Wimmer of SPIEGEL bestseller *Eastwind*
- Riveting entertainment for all horse-loving girls

**Carola Wimmer**, born in 1970, began her career as an author as a writer of audio drama for children. She also wrote texts and concepts for various multi-media agencies and worked in PR. Before deciding to focus entirely on writing for children, she was the editor of an internet portal for children and young adults.



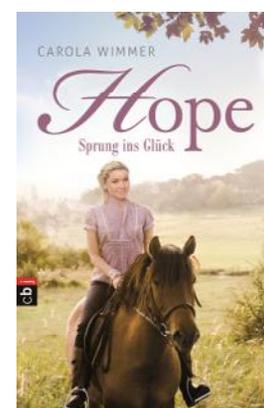
### Carola Wimmer | Hope – Dream Horse Found

160 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | hardcover  
May 2016 | Target group: 10+

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Hope -  
Jump to Happiness  
Vol. 1



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Summer holidays in Iceland, a country in which people sit around bonfires telling each other stories of fairies and revenants. But are they really just stories?

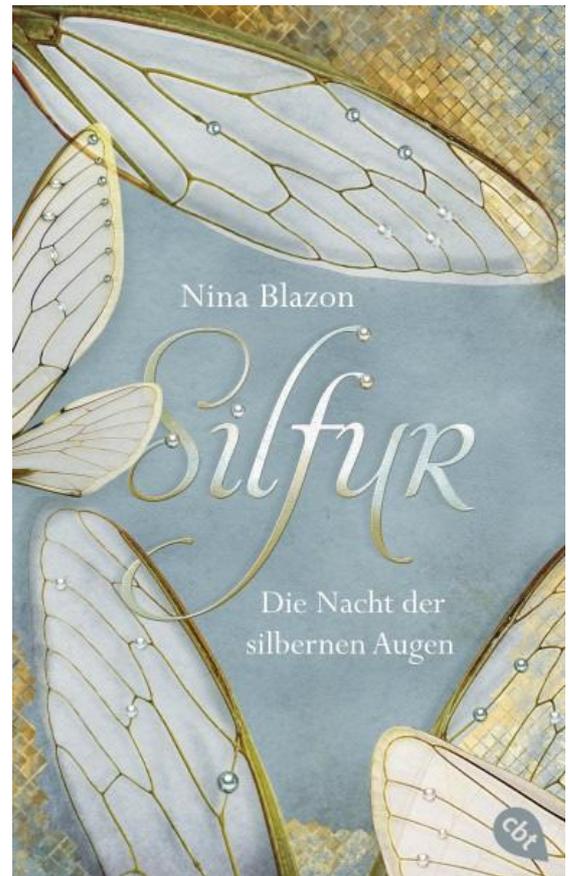
Eleven-year-old twin brothers Fabio and Tom are staying with their parents in a holiday house in Reykjavik. Their landlady Anna lives in the "Midnight House" and her daughter Elín is very temperamental and a real little brat who keeps challenging the two boys to tests of courage.

After a dangerous escapade, the trio manages to get Elín's missing human sister, who was abducted by the elves, back into the human world. They have to be brave and cunning – and to deceive the elves it is helpful that Tom and Fabio are twins. In the end they break the elves' spell. For Tom and Fabio it was the most exciting, the most magic summer of their lives.

- A magnificent fantastique adventure set in the mythical world of Iceland

**Nina Blazon**, born in 1969 in Koper, Slovenia, studied German language and literature. Even as a youngster she read fantasy literature with great enthusiasm. She started writing – stage plays and short stories – while at university, before authoring the teenage fantasy novel *Under the Spell of the Curse Carrier*, which was awarded the 2003 Wolfgang Hohlbein Prize. Her romantic fantasy *Faun Blood* is a big success.

Read more at [www.ninablazon.de](http://www.ninablazon.de)



### **Nina Blazon | Silfur** **The Night of the Silver Eyes**

480 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | hardcover  
illustrated in b/w | March 2016

**Target group: 10+**

#### **World Rights available**

- **Over 170,000 copies sold of the author**

## Speedy journey in a human body

Boys' book at its best! In the second volume of the series our three heroes have a splendid, loopy adventure in the most fascinating of settings – the human body.

Once again the three superspecs Kiste, Chip and Noodle get a call on their shadow phone: the pack of lies dished up by secret agent Müller-Piep is of course immediately decoded by the shadow phone. And what comes out is ... shocking! The arch-villain Rupert Greedhead has abducted Chip's father Johann Nepomuk von Seidel, a brilliant inventor, to a secret place. Above all, the villain has stolen his invention, the thermoparticulator. And now Greedhead is blackmailing the government for a huge sum of money.

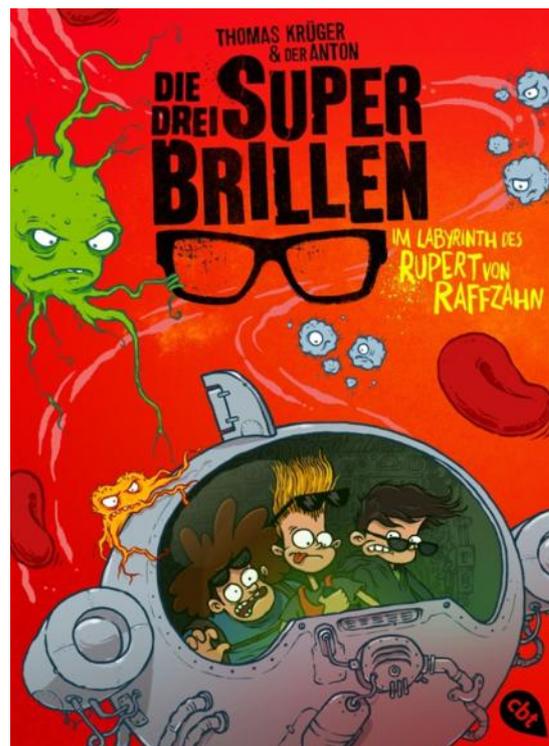
- Hilarious and with illustrations that are as nutty as a fruitcake
- With info boxes about the human body

*"I laughed till I cried, was in stitches and rolling in the aisles. [...] What a feast!"*

COGITOS BÜCHERKISTE on "The Three Superspecs", vol. 1

**Thomas Krüger** was born in 1962 and initially worked as a journalist for daily newspapers and magazines. He now publishes audio and children's books.

**Anton Riedel**, or *Der Anton* was born in Hartford/Connecticut (USA) in 1970. He came to Germany at the age of four and always enjoyed painting on anything that stays still. In 1999 he and some friends set up the FEEDME Design GmbH.

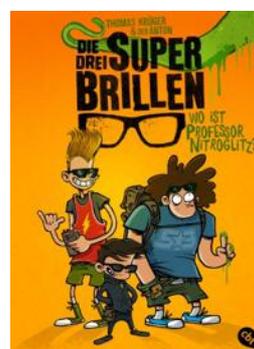
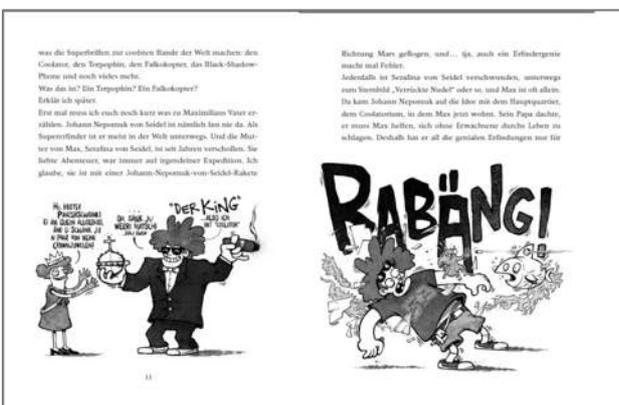


**Thomas Krüger, Der Anton | The Three Superspecs In the Labyrinth of Rupert Greedhead**

208 pages | 15.5 x 21 cm | hardcover  
illustrated by Anton Riedel  
February 2016 | **Target group: 10+**

**Volume 2**

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**The Three Superspecs – Where is Professor Nitrogliss? Vol. 1**

## How to accidentally become a heroine ...

Suki Wassermann is bored. She has to go on holiday with her parents. To Sardinia. Without her best friend but with her sister Cora and her bitchy friend, Emily, instead. And while the two older girls are relaxing on the beach, fourteen-year-old Suki has to go hiking with Mum and Dad. Holidays can't get any duller than that, can they?

At least the owners of the holiday cottage, an elderly couple, are terribly nice. "Nonna" and "Nonno" run a small restaurant and welcome the holiday makers as if they belonged to the family. Which is more than can be said of their grandson, Paolo. Putting it mildly, he and Suki don't hit it off.

- Summer, sun and in love for the first time!
- Witty, cheeky and told with a lot of feeling

**Lucinde Hutzenlaub** was born in 1970 and after leaving school spent several years studying abroad. She is an author, columnist, communications designer and non-medical practitioner. She is married, has four children and two cats, but unfortunately no dogs, loves travelling and lived with her family in Japan between 2009 and 2012. It was here that her first book, *Hello Japan*, was published.

Read more at [www.lucinde-hutzenlaub.de](http://www.lucinde-hutzenlaub.de)



### Lucinde Hutzenlaub | Summer of Melon Ice Cream

224 pages | 12.5 x 18.3 cm | paperback  
June 2016 | Target group: 11+

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# Foreign Rights Guide

Spring 2016

Young Adults

*Gott, du kannst  
ein Arsch sein*  
Stefanies letzte 296 Tage

  
VERLAGSGRUPPE  
RANDOM HOUSE





## When dream and reality clash

YOUNG ADULTS

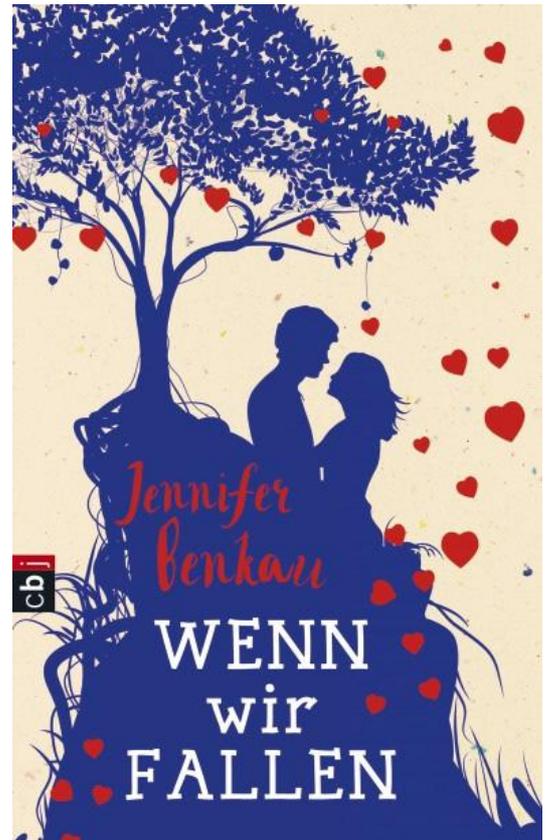
Liz keeps dreaming of a good-looking boy she has never seen. He is standing on the cliffs and in the dream Liz is very happy. The dream is so realistic that she is afraid of losing her mind. How can you fall in love with a boy who isn't even real?

When in a hold-up she suddenly finds herself facing this very boy, she is gobsmacked. Not so much because he really does exist – although there is that to it as well – but because he is so completely different from what she had expected: not a gentle boy but the member of a dangerous gang. Liz is completely shocked. How come that the boy she thought was her soul mate is a petty criminal raiding a filling station?

Against all reason, she wants to find out who he is and why he has been haunting her dreams. She does not realise that she has long since attracted his attention, for only she saw him in the raid and can therefore be a danger for him.

- A perfect picture of first love and growing up
- "Good girl meets bad boy" – unputdownable

**Jennifer Benkau** was born in 1980. After she had been writing stories on her antique typewriter in her childhood, she fell into a literary slumber during her teenager years. But in December 2008 she finally awoke after being kissed by her first novel. She was awarded the *DeLiA* literature prize for her dystopian novel *Dark Canopy* in 2013.



### Jennifer Benkau | When We Fall

448 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | softcover  
April 2016 | **Target group: 12+**

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## Absolutely normal but unique for each one of us

YOUNG ADULTS

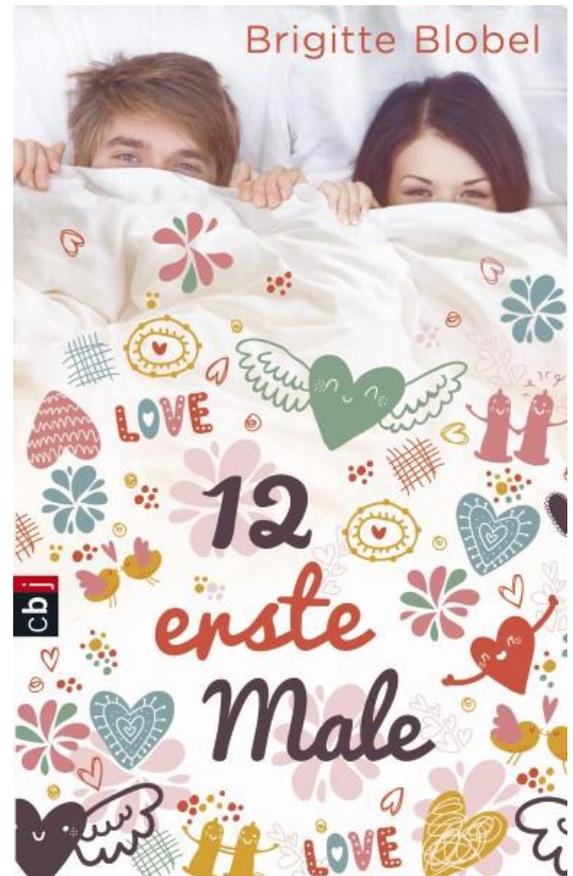
One of the most exciting steps on the path to adulthood which is frequently loaded with extremely high expectations is the "first time". Doubts and fears are also part of it – is what I want really normal or am I a freak?

For her final graduation project, student Sheeva wants to film a report about the first time and records interviews with twelve teenagers. They come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have very different attitudes to the first time. Some are in wait-and-see mode, while others reflect on what they have already been through was like. But it is never too explicit or tactless.

The experience for some was "wonderful" or at the other extreme, "an absolute catastrophe", which proves one thing more than anything else: there is no such thing as a "normal" first time. For each person it is a unique experience and talking about it no reason to rush from the room blushing.

- Unusual approach, special narrative perspective: twelve different ways of seeing the first time
- Realistic accounts of flying high and small disasters, told with understanding and sensitivity

**Brigitte Blobel**, born in 1942, studied theatre science and politics and worked as an editor for Associate Press in Frankfurt. Alongside her activities as a freelance journalist and screenplay writer, she has also authored a considerable number of novels for teenagers and adults, many of them award-winning and translated into 22 languages.



### Brigitte Blobel | 12 First Times

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## Why superpowers are not always necessary

YOUNG ADULTS

Jess has one big passion: films. She believes in the magic of the cinema. And so it would seem there'd be nothing to it, setting up a blog about her favourite topic, film and television, as part of a school project. But the blog causes Jess more problems than she would ever have thought possible. There is a snag with the design and contents disappear if by magic. And if this wasn't bad enough, her school mates post negative comments on her blog.

Hurt and confused, Jess goes for support and comfort to Marvin, who suddenly kisses her. This plunges her into even greater emotional confusion. How should she act towards Marvin? He is a friend, and a good one, but that's it. Or is there perhaps more to it? But nothing goes as in a film – nothing sizzles, no lovey-dovey, no violins playing. So how is Jess to know when Mr Right comes along? So many questions she can't answer, and neither is her imagination of any help ...

- An endearing and delightful story of a friendship featuring a group of offbeat nerds
- For all readers of Melissa Keil

**Cornelia Franke** was born in 1989. After leaving school, she moved to Berlin, studied cultural sciences and freelanced as an editor in the field of young-adult literature and fantasy. Since 2011 she has been involved in writing workshops in schools.



### Cornelia Franke | If My Life Was a Film, I Would Demand Another Role

280 pages | 12.5 x 18.3 cm | softcover  
July 2016 | **Target group: 12+**

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## About the power of humanity

YOUNG ADULTS

14-year-old Basil has lost his parents and is fleeing. There are 7,000 kilometres separating the Iraqi boy with Palestinian roots from his destination: Europe. His flight is arduous and takes him through many different countries: Turkey, Greece, Italy and finally to Germany. He faces indifference and rejection, but also finds help and support. And he gets to know Abal, a refugee girl who is also fleeing.

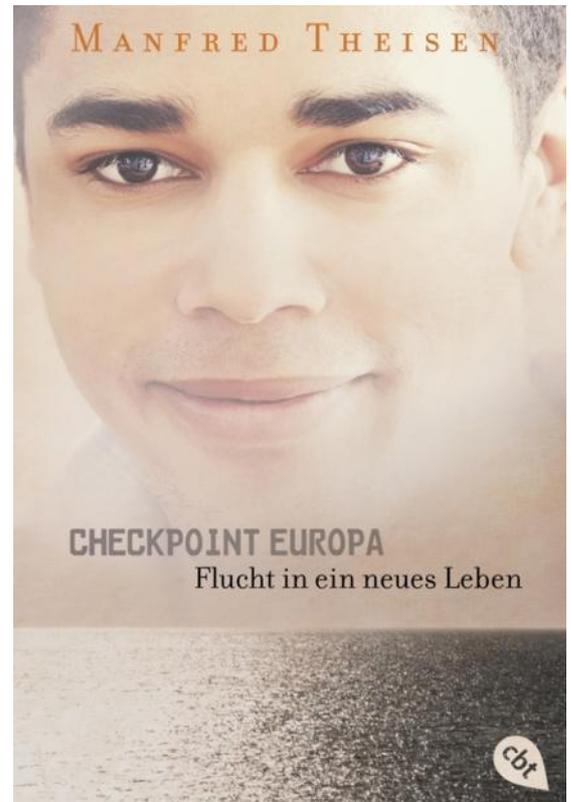
They meet locked on the car deck of the Patras-Ancona ferry and arrive hungry and half dying of thirst in Italy. But unfortunately the ferry staff and guards try to catch them after they had been revealed by passengers. In panic the children make off and Basil runs over the cars, leaves Abal behind him and makes it to the Italian mainland.

Here he is apprehended by a couple of policemen. Basil is terrified. They are sure to get him deported. But the officers tell him to make for the station and get on a train – for Rome. And then to travel to Germany or Sweden!

- Highly topical: refugees in Europe
- An excellently researched and sensitively narrated novel

*"No one picking this book up can remain unmoved by it."* FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU

**Manfred Theisen** was born in 1962. He studied German and English language and literature and politics. He spent two years in the Soviet Union doing research for the German home office, set up a development aid association in Ethiopia, worked as an editor and was the chief newspaper editor in Cologne. He now freelances as a writer.



### Manfred Theisen | Checkpoint Europe

Fleeing to a new life

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Checkpoint Jerusalem  
Love in the Time of Terror



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## Forbidden love

YOUNG ADULTS

Alexander loves his schoolmate Aysel. But it is a love that must not be: Aysel is a Muslim and Alexander Christian. There is no hope for the two of them. Aysel's brother, Ilhan, who goes to the same school, keeps a jealous watch over his sister's honour. But Alexander is not going to give up that easily. In the end there is an open conflict in the class in which more and more students take sides.

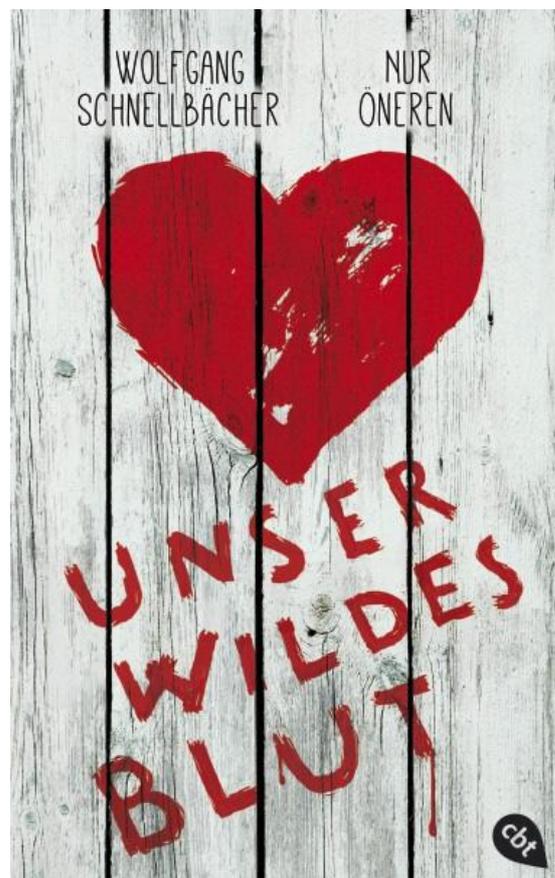
Wild Blood = "delikanı" in Turkish is a synonym for "young man" and also refers to the hot-headed, fearless behaviour of young people.

- Coming of age in the field of tension between two cultures
- Delightfully told by two young authors

*"A convincing book about the culture clash in the middle of our society and a really cute love story."*  
Adnan Maral, author and actor

**Wolfgang Schnellbächer**, born in 1983, has always been an enthusiastic reader and has a great passion for literature since he was a teenager. As a school student he published his first article in the FAZ and in 2011 his debut *Abigail* was released. He has lived in many places in Germany and abroad.

**Nur Öneren**, born in 1988, lives and works in Stuttgart. She has studied economics. Because of her family background she is very interested in the cultural diversity of our society. This curiosity determines her writing. Along with literature she is very fond of fencing, travelling and photography.



### Wolfgang Schnellbächer, Nur Öneren | Our Wild Blood

288 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | hardcover  
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## A touching view of dying

YOUNG ADULTS

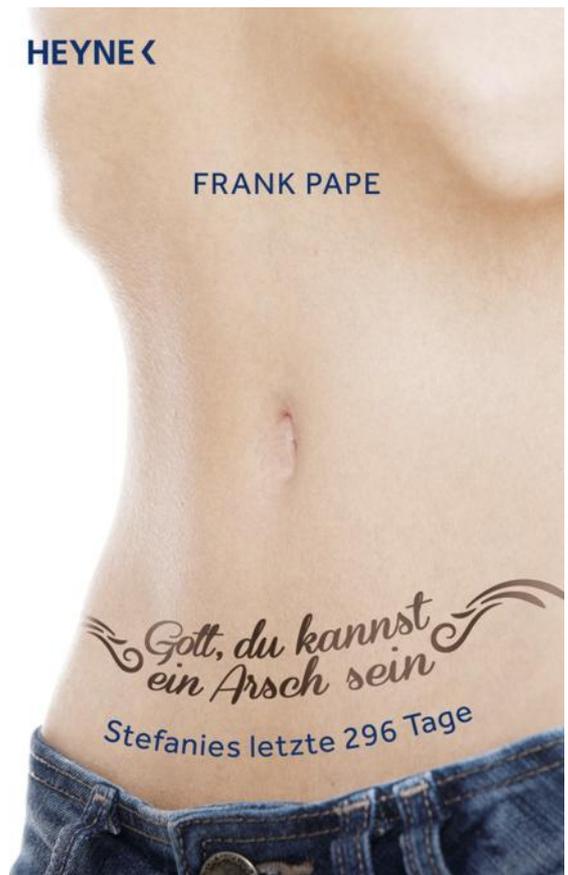
Stefanie has just turned 15 when she discovers that she has cancer and will die in six to twelve months. She starts a countdown of the time left to her without knowing when day zero will be. In her diary she describes what now really matters to her, the dreams she still has and how she says goodbye to her family. At the very top of the list the ten things she most wants to do is riding her beloved mare, Luna. She spends the final weeks of her short life at the horse riding center. This is a highly emotional journey through 296 days packed with love, disappointments, hopes, anger and rebellion.

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Stefanie's last 296 days

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## Good friends sometimes fall from heaven

YOUNG ADULTS

Nell, Leo, Chris, Anton and Valeska are as different as day and night. Then a terrible storm keeps them shut up inside the school building. Nothing wrong with that, thinks Nell – after all, she has been crazy about Leo for ages. Super, is Chris's view – after all, he has had a crush on Nell since time immemorial.

I don't feel like playing nanny, thinks Anton the nerd. They haven't a clue who I really am, thinks school beauty Valeska. And Leo? He is just too cool for this world. Or is he? By the next morning, the night has not only produced one loving couple but five friends who weren't friends yesterday but are today ... and perhaps might even stay friends forever.

The five teenagers, who before had nothing in common with each other except that they were all in grade eleven at school, suddenly find themselves having fun with one another.

- For all fans of the *Breakfast Club*
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**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. *Today We Are Friends* is her sixth novel.



### Patrycja Spychalski | Today We Are Friends

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## Awaken. See who you are. Use your skills. Fight!

YOUNG ADULTS

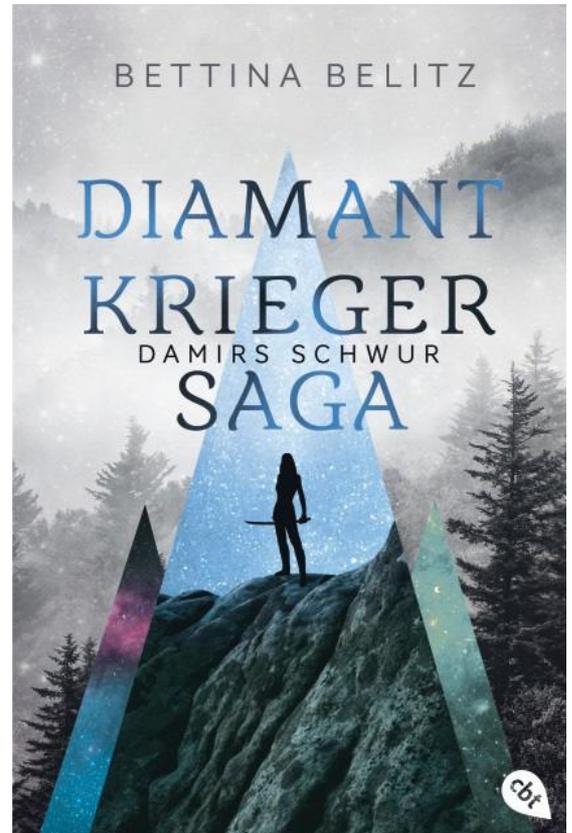
17-year-old Sara has sold her soul to the Hydra – that sinister underworld she works for as a highly talented master thief and, thanks to her unique instincts, steals valuable diamonds one night after the other. Sara is not interested in what happens to the diamonds – until the enigmatic Damir appears in the catacombs of the underworld. Everything about him suggests that he, too, is acting on behalf of the Hydra.

The more often Damir and Sara meet up, the more intensive the almost magic power of attraction between the two of them becomes, and in Sara's human body it awakens superhuman gifts that are slumbering deep within her: the skills of a diamond warrior. Damir is not a master thief. He belongs to the secret lodge of the diamond warriors that declared war on the Hydra centuries ago and has been given the task of "awakening" Sara as one of the lodge. Not on any account, however, must he fall in love with Sara, nor she with him.

- A magnificent saga about the eternal struggle between dark and light, love and hate
- For all readers of Cassandra Clare

**Bettina Belitz**, born in 1973, has started writing stories when she was still a child. After graduating from university she first worked freelance as a journalist and copywriter. She now lives as a freelance author amidst horses, sheep, cats and chickens in a tiny village.

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### **Bettina Belitz | The Diamond Warrior Saga Damir's Oath**

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## Mirror, mirror on the wall ...

YOUNG ADULTS

Before starting her graduation course, Annik, the youngest daughter of an Antwerp antiquarian and book magician, has to take an entrance examination – just like any young witch. She has been given the task of getting to the bottom of the secret of the van Leuwen family and to this end goes to work in the household as a nanny.

But no sooner has she arrived at the majestic estate than its residences start making explicit advances at her. Gabriel, the lord of the manor, is a cold, forbidding, sarcastic man. His arrogance makes Annik furious. She makes one sinister discovery after the other. Once she thinks she sees a mirror hanging in the dining room bursting into a thousand pieces and badly cutting Gabriel. Is she the one to release Gabriel from mirror witch Miranda's spell?

- A sinister secret, a young witch and two fascinating men
- Magical and just too romantic for words

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