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# Long Covid: causes, treatments, and your chance of recovery – based on the latest research findings

English sample translation available

**Prof. Dr. Martin Korte** is one of Germany's foremost neuroscientists. He is Professor of Neurobiology at Braunschweig Technical University, and specialises in the cellular basis of learning and memory, and the interaction between the immune and nervous systems in the context of Alzheimer's. He and his research group were among the first to show that viral respiratory diseases can cause the immune system to overreact, causing long-term damage to the brain. He is currently involved in research into long Covid. His other books published by DVA include *Jung im Kopf* ('A young mind', 2012) and *Wir sind Gedächtnis* ('We are memory', 2017).



Prof. Dr. Martin Korte  
[Long Covid: When the Fog Won't Lift](#)

[Long Covid – wenn der Gehirnebel bleibt]  
Covid's serious neurological after-effects

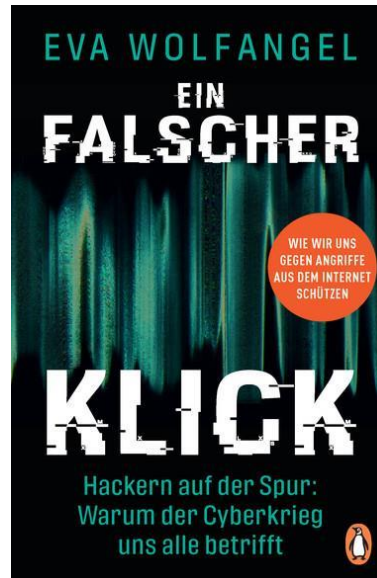
DVA  
224 pages  
15 b/w illustrations  
October 2022

Exhaustion, breathlessness, loss of taste, brain fog, problems concentrating: about ten percent of Covid patients report these and other similar symptoms, months after first catching the virus. It doesn't matter if their original symptoms were mild, and even the young and usually fit and healthy are affected. The latest studies also show that Covid can accelerate brain ageing, meaning that the number of people suffering from dementia could rise sharply in the next few years. This alarming discovery suggests that long Covid really is the new endemic disease, and doctors and scientists have issued warnings about the long-term consequences for both individual patients and society at large.

In his new book, Martin Korte, who is researching long Covid at the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research and Braunschweig Technical University, reveals how viral infections can damage our brains and cause lifelong conditions affecting people of all ages. He also explains how we can minimise the risk of long Covid, what treatments are available, and what we can do to regain our physical and mental fitness.

- **Korte is one of Germany's best-known brain researchers. For further information on the author and his research, please go to [TU Braunschweig/ Cellular Neurobiology](#)**

## Thrilling reports from the world of hackers show how we can protect ourselves against attacks on the internet



Eva Wolfangel

One Wrong Click

[Ein falscher Klick]

On the trail of hackers: Why the cyber war affects us all

Penguin Verlag

352 pages

November 2022

**Eva Wolfangel** is an award-winning science journalist, speaker and presenter. In 2019 and 2020, she was a Knight Science Journalism Fellow at MIT and Harvard, where she studied cybersecurity under Barack Obama's former security advisor. She works freelance for *Die Zeit*, *GEO* and *Spiegel Online*, among others. In 2018, she was awarded the European Science Writer of the Year award, and she also received the Reporter Prize in 2020. She researches future threats from hacking attacks by frequently conducting investigative work in the scene.

Hacked power plants, failed satellite communications, shutdown hospitals: the cyber war is getting out of control. This book explains in a gripping, comprehensible way and with many concrete examples the dangers of online crime to which we are currently exposed.

Eva Wolfangel brings us to the scene of the action: we are up close and personal when hackers attack companies and individuals, accompany investigators on their search for clues and those affected as they try to limit the damage. The hacks are as exciting as a thriller. Except: they are not fictional. They happened for real and can affect any one of us - at any time. However, we are not as powerless as we think. Those who know and understand the typical attack patterns of hackers can circumvent many dangers and thus regain their own power to act. "*One Wrong Click*" is a vivid book for everyone who previously thought cybersecurity was only something for nerds.

## Eat or be eaten: twenty-first century capitalism shows its teeth



English sample translation available

**Hans-Jürgen Jakobs**, born in 1956, is an economist and one of Germany's most renowned economic journalists. He has worked for the *Spiegel* and been in charge of the online edition of the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* city desk. Since 2013 he has been active in various functions for the *Handelsblatt* publishing group. He was the *Handelsblatt's* editor-in-chief until 2015, and in 2016 became its senior editor. In 2018, he was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Handelsblatt Morning Briefing*, which has a circulation of more than 130,000 readers. His most recent book "*Wem gehört die Welt?*" ("Who Owns the World?") was a bestseller.

Hans-Jürgen Jakobs  
**Twenty-First Century Monopolies**

[Das Monopol im 21. Jahrhundert]

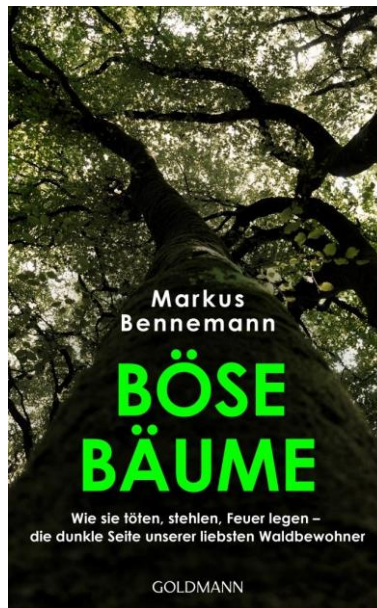
How state-run and privately owned corporations are destroying our wealth

DVA  
432 pages  
25 colour illustrations  
September 2022

Google, Gazprom, Blackrock, USA, China and Russia: some corporations and states are controlling the markets, and profoundly affecting our lives. Monopolies – with the power they exert over everything from raw materials, capital and energy resources, to food and data – are threatening to erase competition. This results in less innovation and higher prices, and not least economic and political dependency. Our wealth – yes, even our freedom – is under threat, as our reliance on Russian gas has proved in recent months.

In this highly topical, brilliantly researched and handsomely illustrated book, Hans-Jürgen Jakobs explores this dangerous "mega trend" – examining its causes, projecting what our markets will look like in future and who will control them, and exploring the economic and political consequences for all of us.

## The evil life of trees: the truth about our beloved woodland friends



English sample translation available

**Markus Bennemann** couldn't decide whether to major in literature or biology. In the end, he chose literature, and now writes books about... well, biology. He is the author of several adult non-fiction and children's books, which have been translated into numerous languages.

Markus Bennemann

### **Bad Trees**

[Böse Bäume]

They kill, steal and commit arson – the dark side of our beloved woodland friends

Goldmann

272 pages

20 b/w illustrations

November 2022

No wonder we love trees so much. Even just a short stroll through a park or woodland helps us breathe easier and replenish our energy resources, and looking up into the leafy canopy above your head can help clear your mind. But beeches, yews, etc. also have a darker side: they commit all sorts of nefarious deeds, and are willing to poison, mutilate and kill to gain the advantage over their neighbours. In *"Bad Trees"*, the science editor Markus Bennemann – who loves nothing more than taking a stroll in the woods – uncovers the unpleasant truth about their darker side. He tells readers about the tropical strangler fig, which insidiously chokes its victims; about the domestic walnut, which turns out to be a nasty poisoner; and about eucalyptus trees, who are actually pyromaniacs – and many other such unpalatable fellows in the world of trees.

- An educational and highly entertaining journey into the depths of the forest – for readers of Peter Wohlleben

## The secret life of foxes – surprising and inspiring



Dag Frommhold, Daniel Peller

### The Wisdom of Foxes

[Die Weisheit der Füchse]

Clever, playful and caring – what these shrewd survival artists can teach us

Ludwig

400 pages

September 2022

Photos throughout & insert

**Dag Frommhold** has loved foxes ever since he was a child. As an author, co-founder of wildlife conservation initiatives and spokesperson for various wildlife and nature conservation organisations, he has spent many years championing foxes.

When a serious illness forced him to give up his job, **Daniel Peller** decided to dedicate his life to foxes. After more than twenty years of observing them, corresponding with international fox specialists and closely working with wildlife shelters, he founded the organisation "Fox Aid", running its online aid network, and campaigning for wildlife conservation.

Red fur, amber eyes, a bushy tail: foxes are incredibly beautiful animals. We also think of them as intelligent, shrewd and playful. Yet foxes are not just smart: they have an extraordinary gift for empathy and are excellent communicators. They have a capacity for altruism and self-sacrifice, foster close emotional relationships, and are affectionate partners and loving parents. Foxes prove that you can achieve more through constructive debate than aggression, that smarts and flexibility can get us what we want, and that selflessness benefits everyone in the end.

In "*The Wisdom of Foxes*", fox experts Dag Frommhold and Daniel Peller tell astonishing stories showing just how fascinating foxes are – not only are they much more like us than we think, but we can learn a lot from these unsung heroes.

#### Praise

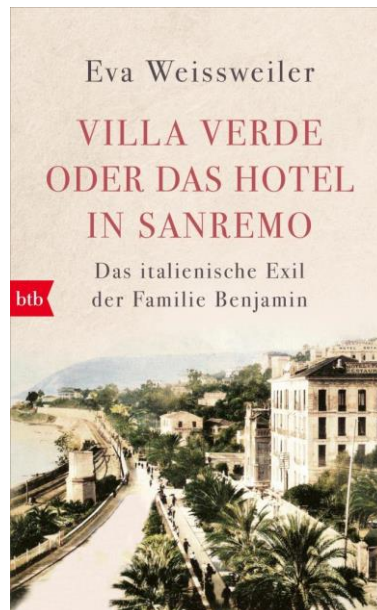
"Dag Frommhold and Daniel Peller have spent years studying foxes and campaigning for their protection. You can tell from every line of this touching and intelligent book just how intimately they know these fascinating creatures." *Elli H. Radinger, author of The Wisdom of Wolves*



English reader report available

**Eva Weissweiler** is a highly regarded musicologist and biographer. Among her most famous books are "*Clara Schumann*", "*Die Freuds*" ("The Freuds"), "*Tussy Marx. Das Drama der Vattertochter*" ("Tussy Marx: the Drama of the Daddy's Girl"), "*Otto Klemperer*" and many more.

## A small hotel on the Riviera dei Fiori becomes a meeting point for exiles and literary figures



Eva Weissweiler  
**Villa Verde, or: the Hotel in San Remo**

[Villa Verde oder das Hotel in Sanremo]  
The Benjamin family's exile in Italy

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288 pages  
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With 25 b/w photographs

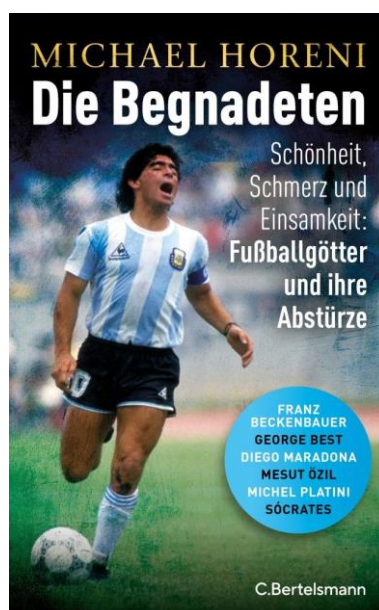
This is the history of the Villa Verde, the little hotel in San Remo once owned by Dora Sophie Kellner, Walter Benjamin's ex-wife. Dora was an ambitious author, translator and journalist; she was also Jewish, and left Berlin when Hitler came to power. A practical woman with a head for business, she built a new life for herself and her son Stefan in San Remo – and this hotel high above the sea, which she owned from 1934 to 1940, turned out a great success. It was frequented by authors, artists and journalists, as well as aristocrats, profiteers, refugees and speculators, and her guests included everyone from the Adornos to the dramatist Richard Beer-Hofmann. Walter Benjamin himself returned again and again, calling it his "oasis of calm" during those itinerant years. Yet the hotel also witnessed dramatic events – jealousy, intrigues, love affairs, and all the major and minor tragedies of life in exile. In 1940, two years after Dora managed to flee to London, the Italian race laws forced it to close.

- Selected by *New Books in German* – read their review [here](#)
- With an afterword by Dora and Walter Benjamin's granddaughter, Mona Benjamin

## The beautiful and damned: the rise and fall of footballing legends

English sample translation available

**Michael Horeni**, born in 1965, is the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung's* sports correspondent, and is the author of, among others, *"Klinsmann"* (2005), *"Die Brüder Boateng"* ("The Boateng Brothers", 2012), and, together with Hans-Joachim Watzke, the bestseller *"Wahre Liebe"* ("True Love", 2019). Horeni has spent more than twenty years as correspondent-in-chief on matters regarding the German national football team, and has reported on 15 World Cups and Euros. He is the winner of the German Fair Play Award.



Michael Horeni

### The Blessed

[Die Begnadeten]

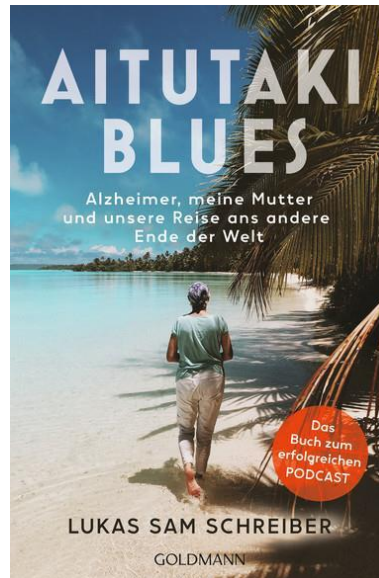
Beauty, pain and loneliness: the rise and fall of the gods of football

C. Bertelsmann  
320 pages  
30 colour illustrations  
October 2022

Franz Beckenbauer, George Best, Diego Maradona, Mesut Özil, Michel Platini and Sócrates are international footballing legends. Yet they were also artists – some of them were even survival artists. They once, each in his own way, embodied the beautiful game, but their easy skill on the pitch – which they ruled, and which protected them – was followed by catastrophe away from it. They fell hard, and paid dearly, losing their honour, their home, their lives.

Bestselling author Michael Horeni's portraits of these footballing gods bring them back to life in all their brilliance and anguish.

## How it feels when a brilliant mind slowly fades: a moving story about a mother and son and their very special journey



Lukas Sam Schreiber

**Aitutaki Blues**

[Aitutaki-Blues]

Alzheimer's, my mother and our journey halfway round the world

Goldmann Paperback

224 pages

November 2022

**Lukas Sam Schreiber**, born in 1991, is a podcast producer. He has travelled to all corners of the world, but the long journey to the Aitutaki atoll is the one that has affected him most, not least because of his two travelling companions – his mother Claudia and her Alzheimer's. Ever since then, Lukas sees things very differently – particularly life and death.

Claudia Schreiber is ill. When she collapsed three years ago, it took weeks before she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Ever since, she has been losing a little bit of herself every day – and her sons are losing their mother, a retired journalist and author whose mind once meant everything to her.

Lukas Sam Schreiber, Claudia's youngest son, now tells her story in "*Aitutaki Blues*". Shortly after his mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, he helped her fulfil a long-held dream of seeing the tiny Pacific island of Aitutaki. It was on their travels that Lukas's Audible podcast "*Aitutaki Blues*" was born, as he got to know his mother afresh while also learning more about her illness. Claudia and Lukas's story is heart-warming and moving – and reveals what a diagnosis of Alzheimer's really means.

## From our backlist:



Siedler, 336 pages  
May 2022

English sample translation  
available

### Armin Falk:

#### *Why It's So Hard to Be Good*

*... and how we can change: a behavioural economist offers solutions*

#### **Why we want to do the right thing, but do the wrong thing instead – and how to become a better person**

Would you save a life for 100 euros? The answer has to be yes – doesn't everyone want to do the right thing? But Armin Falk, Germany's leading behavioural economist, shows that we often do bad things despite wanting to be good, and are far from being as good as we like to think.

Why is it that we don't do the right thing day in and day out: help others, give to those in need, protect our climate or care for the well-being of animals? Using many concrete examples and the insights he has gained from years of research, the Leibniz Prize-winner reveals under what circumstances people are likely to act morally – or immorally – and the role that personality, gender, education and culture play. Once we have understood this, we'll find it easier to change – not only ourselves, but the very fabric of our economy and society.

- **Rights sold to:** China (CITIC), Korea (Gimm-Young), US/World English (Yale UP), Taiwan (Crown)
- **Shortlisted for the German Business Book Prize 2022**
- **No. 1 on the "Best of Non-Fiction" list compiled by ZDF, Deutschlandfunk Kultur and ZEIT**
- **For readers of Daniel Kahneman**

**Armin Falk**, born in 1968, is the director of the Institute for Behavioural Economics and Inequality (BRIQ) and of the Laboratory for Experimental Economic Research, as well as Professor of economics at the University of Bonn. He is one of the world's most highly regarded economic scientists. His work has won him the 2009 Leibniz Prize (the 'German Nobel') and a 2013 Advanced Grant from the European Research Council, the world's highest prize for economists.

## Upcoming highlight:



Siedler, ca. 300 pages  
History  
January 2023

**English sample translation  
available**

Oliver Hilmes

### *Days of Darkness*

*Germany, 1943: Everyday life on the abyss*

The catastrophe happens over coffee and cake: on a visit to his mother's childhood friend in March 1943, Karlrobert Kreiten, a consummate 26-year-old pianist with a promising future ahead of him, claims that Germany has lost the war, and the Führer his mind. Six months after making these unguarded comments, he dies on the gallows.

Kreiten's tragic fate is at the centre of *Days of Darkness*, Oliver Hilmes's superb account of life in Germany in 1943. That year, an entire army is wiped out at Stalingrad, and Goebbels calls for a 'total war'; children are moved to the countryside for their safety, while millions of Germans crowd into cinemas to see the movie star Hans Albers as Baron Munchausen; the cities are already lying in ruins, yet people keep dancing; and while the Nazis' 'machinery of destruction' is firing on all cylinders, some fantasise about the 'final victory' even as others try to stand up to the dictatorship. In this brilliantly devised and meticulously researched kaleidoscope of stories and character portraits, Hilmes brings the dramatic events of 1943 back to life.

- **Lead title Siedler Spring 2023**
- **Hilmes' book on the Olympic Games, „Berlin 1936“, was a #4 Spiegel bestseller, has sold over 65,000 copies and translation rights have been sold to 9 countries**

**Oliver Hilmes**, born in 1971, has a PhD in modern history and is curator at the Berlin Philharmonic foundation. He is the author of bestselling biographies of Alma Mahler-Werfel, Cosima Wagner, Franz Liszt and Ludwig II. His award-winning bestseller *Berlin 1936: Sixteen Days in August* was translated into several languages. His last book, *Das Verschwinden des Dr. Mühe. Eine Kriminalgeschichte aus dem Berlin der 30er Jahre* ('The disappearance of Dr Mühe: a crime story from 1930s Berlin'), was published in 2019.

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