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# Ursula Kirchenmayer

## The Ground under Our Feet



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URSULA KIRCHENMAYER, born in Lugoj, Romania in 1984, lives near Munich with her family. She studied creative writing in Leipzig, where she won numerous literary competitions. Her texts have appeared in magazines and anthologies as well as on the radio. *'The Ground under Our Feet'* is her first novel.

### *When danger enters 'home sweet home'*

After a very long search, Laura and Nils finally find a home – just in time before their son is born. The flat is in a beautiful old building, and they seem blissfully happy. There is just one thing preventing them from properly relaxing: the mentally ill neighbour Peggy living on the ground floor and haunting the premises and its inhabitants.

Things take a turn for the worse when the neighbour kicks in the entrance door to their flat. Casting about for help, Laura and Nils have to discover that the social safety net has big loop-holes.

A battle begins – one fought over values, as well as the ghosts of the past.

- A self-critical look at the ideals and façades of the middle class
- For readers of Leila Slimani and Kristine Bilkau
- Based on real events

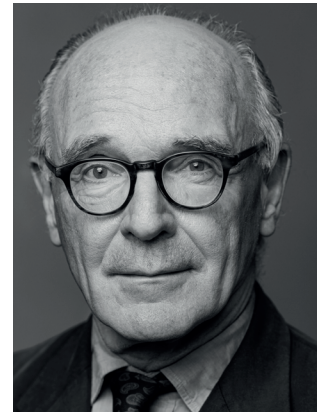
**'Never too straightforward – Ursula Kirchenmayer captivates her readers with a sensitivity for the fears and demands of the young middle class, addressing with this novel many painful subjects at once.'**

**Alina Herbing**





## Martin Mosebach Dove and Mallard



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### *A blazing novel about art, love and treason*

As always, the Dalandt family spend their summer vacation in southern France. The heat makes everyone sluggish, the cicadas are serenading in the cypresses, and every morning the lady of the house, negligently dressed in her night-gown, crosses the grounds on her way to the gatehouse, already expected by the steward. Her husband is distracted by a fateful affair of his own. But then a marital row is ignited by a painting called “Dove and Mallard”, a still-life from the 19th century. Why is there a vermillion spot right in the centre of the painting? This would make it a modern masterpiece, wouldn't it? However, the wife wants to sell the painting and thus the tension between the spouses is growing.

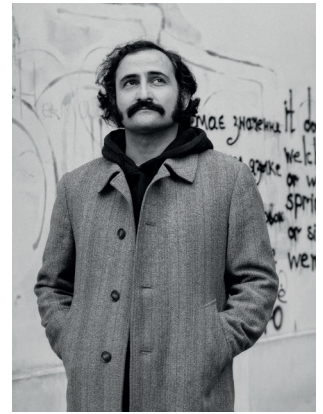
- Martin Mosebach, a painter with words, depicts human failings like no other
- Books by the author have been translated into 12 languages

**MARTIN MOSEBACH**, born in Frankfurt on the Main in 1951, has been making his living as a freelance author after obtaining a law degree. His output includes novels, short stories, poetry, essays and librettos, for which he has received many awards including the *Heimito von Doderer Prize for Literature* (1999), the *Heinrich von Kleist Prize* (2002) and the *Georg Büchner Prize* (2007).



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## Amir Gudarzi *The End Is Nigh*



© Jürgen Pletterbuer

**AMIR GUDARZI** was born in Tehran in 1986, where he studied at the theatre school. Due to censorship, his plays could only be shown in private circles. Amir Gudarzi has been living in involuntarily exile in Vienna since 2009, where he works as a multi-award-winning playwright, author, and interpreter.

### *How can you express the inexpressible?*

When the protests in Iran reach their peak in 2009, A., an author and dissident voice, is forced to leave his country. He takes the memories of a boyhood full of violence with him. He goes from being an artist to a refugee, despised both openly and covertly.

In Vienna, A. meets Sarah, who falls head over heels in love with him. A. becomes both an object of study – on anti-Semitism in Iran, among other things – and an object of adoration. But how can A. tell his story? His hatred of the language of his motherland, where thousands of people were systematically tortured, makes the German language a salvation. That is, until he loses this as well.

- A novel about what makes us human
- With enormous force and linguistic artistry, Amir Gudarzi tells of two parallel lives, of homesickness and a yearning for the future
- The multi-award-winning playwright's first novel



## Leona Stahlmann *All These Petty Miracles*

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*'Love is a soft fabric, but it isn't a stretchy concept.'*

Zeno lives with his mother Leda in an old, abandoned saltworks, surrounded by a river and salt marshes. He knows what to do here. He is acquainted with the bleak, hot summers and the river mists of the clammy winters. However, above all, he knows the birds – buzzards, golden eagles, falcons, northern goshawks, Eurasian eagle-owls, and owls – that they rent out in the saltworks to sensation-hungry day-trippers. But one day, his mother vanishes. And as if miraculously summoned, other people find their way to Zeno in the saltworks – people from the big city who long for the last remnants of raw nature, who no longer perceive any meaning in their working world.

A dazzling, poetic novel about the destructive but all-too-human longing for nature, the lifesaving quality of the relationships we choose to have, and the hope that rests in the tides.

- An urgently critical, literary exploration of the climate crisis
- The extraordinary story of a lifesaving friendship
- A poetic fable about THE topic of our time: people's interaction with nature

*'All These Petty Miracles' is a post-decadent statement about new open spaces. Its skilful combination of nature writing, climate fiction and social politics creates a poetic Stoicism. With its calming, non-judgmental observational style, this story allows its messianically intelligent child to progress towards a melancholy hope. Only after the last tree has been cut down, only after the last river has been poisoned, only after the last fish has been caught, humanity will not only realise that money cannot be eaten – they may also look back at Leona Stahlmann's 'All These Petty Miracles' to discover a catechism for a new era.'*

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**LEONA STAHLMANN**, born in 1988, lives in Hamburg and works as an author, journalist and event organizer. In 2017, she won the *Hamburg Advancement Award for Literature*, and the following year, she was a fellow at the Novel Workshop of the *Brecht House Literature Forum* in Berlin, and won the first *Wortmeldung Advancement Prize*. Her debut novel *'Der Defekt'* (*'The Defect'*) was released in 2020 and received major critical acclaim. It was also awarded the *Mark State Grant* and was included on the shortlist for the 2021 *Text & Sprache Literature Prize*. Among other awards, she received the *German Literary Fund Work Grant* for *'All These Petty Miracles'*.



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## Julia Karnick **Let's All Sit in the Kitchen**



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JULIA KARNICK lives and writes in Hamburg. 'Let's All Sit in the Kitchen' is her debut novel.

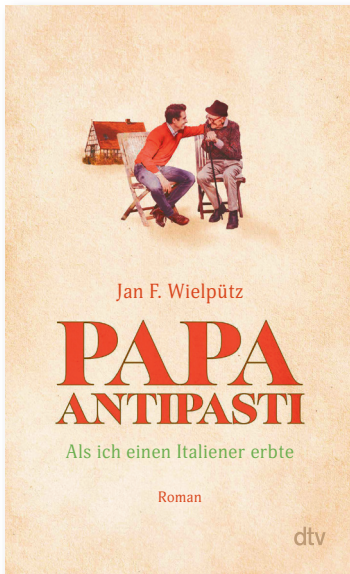
### ***You'll want to befriend these women in no time***

Three women in their 50s who, at first glance, have vastly different pasts, lives, and experiences, soon realise that they may have more in common than they initially thought. Tille: single mother of a hormonal adolescent boy and doctor with her own private practice. Almut: recently divorced housewife and mother of four. Yeliz: Turkish woman who works in advertising, is very successful, and has a Danish partner.

These dissimilar women befriend each other and together they come up with a cunning plan to get their revenge on a man who constantly undermines them. Their friendship is heavily tested but, in the end, the truth prevails: With the right friends, the second half of your life is nothing to be feared!

- A worldly-wise and witty debut for readers over 40
- For readers of Gaby Hauptmann and Cecilia Ahern





384 pages  
July 2022

### *What makes a famiglia? And how do you cook pasta properly?*

'I was seven when I first met Giovanni. He stomped into my life – literally – stepping through the igloo I was building...' Mr Jivobandi – at least that's what seven-year-old Frederic thinks he's called – lives in a tiny, half-timbered house, reads Mickey Mouse, and owns a sizeable collection of VHS tapes as well as a typewriter. Frederic does not yet know that, many years later, Giovanni will become his stepfather and inherit everything from Frederic's mother. While this inheritance is initially unwanted, when a manuscript falls into Frederic's hands, the story of the immigrant worker Giovanni in the 60s is slowly uncovered. And, slowly but surely, Frederic opens up to this small man with the biggest heart.

- A tongue-in-cheek and deeply human family novel
- Based on a true story

## Jan F. Wielpütz **Papa Antipasti** How I inherited an Italian



© Jan Wielpütz

**JAN F. WIELPÜTZ**, born in 1975, worked as a journalist, literary translator, and editor for a publishing company before devoting himself entirely to writing.



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## Caroline Brinkmann Room Wanted, Love Found



© Becca Braun

**CAROLINE BRINKMANN** born in 1987, published her first novel in 2013. When she isn't writing fantastical or humorous novels, she works as a medical doctor.

### *Where is a happy ending when you need one?*

Picture this: You get dumped via Facebook by your boyfriend of two years and 148 people like the post announcing it. This is what happened to Emma. Leon, the man who she thought was the love of her life, abandoned her for hot influencer Larissa. Not only that – he left her on the day they were supposed to move in together, leaving Emma in search of a home, too. Luckily, Dirk, a friend of a friend, is looking for a new flatmate. But the arrangement isn't ideal: He's a stubborn computer nerd who seems to struggle with in-person human interaction. And he'll certainly be no help with lovesickness. But, for lack of any better options, Emma moves in with him. This is surely a recipe for disaster.

- A humorous novel about love and how to get there
- New Girl meets Big Bang Theory
- For readers of Jenny Colgan and Anna Bell



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## Rena Fischer *Dead Stars Still Shine*



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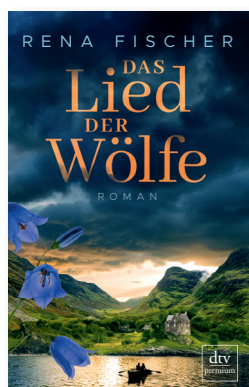
**RENA FISCHER** spent several years living in wildly romantic Ireland and Spain before she started writing books. Her best writing ideas come whenever she is traveling, and her heart beats especially fast for the endless expanses of the Scottish Highlands. The author now lives with her family in Munich.

### *Life can be dangerous – and sometimes so can love*

It is spring in Andalusia. An unusual assignment leads Nina Winter, a successful young management consultant, from Munich to Seville. She has been sent to check on an archaeological excavation for a major client. As it turns out, the lead archaeologist, Dr Taran Sternberg, is as attractive as he is headstrong. Is he really on the trail of a sensational Phoenician gold treasure? And what is the dangerous role that the shady archaeologist Orlando Torres plays in all this? Nina gets caught between these men, two rivals who are prepared to fight with all that they have for their goal – and for Nina's heart.

- For readers of Jojo Moyes and Lucinda Riley

#### BY THE SAME AUTHOR



### *The Song of the Wolves*

512 pages  
May 2021



560 pages  
June 2022

## Susanne Abel

### What I Never Said

The fate of Gretchen's family



© Anja Schlamann

**SUSANNE ABEL** worked as a teacher and puppeteer before ending up in television after a detour through theatre. She completed her studies at the German Film and Television Academy in Berlin, and since then, has been involved with numerous documentary programs for television as both an author and director. The author now lives and works in Cologne.

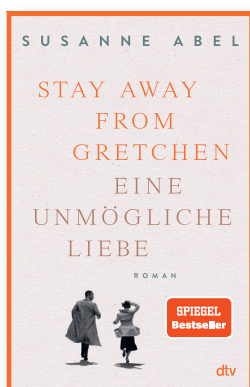
### *The story of Tom and Gretchen continues...*

Tom Monderath is newly in love. He is having the happiest time of his life with Jenny and her little baby boy, Carl. That is until by accident, he comes across Henk, his elder half-brother, who wants to know everything about their mutual father. However, Konrad died a long time ago, and Tom's mother Greta is suffering from dementia. When more and more half-siblings come forward, it is too much for Tom. Jenny and Henk are not daunted, though, and are following the traces of Konrad's life, thereby unearthing a terrible secret. A shadow from the Third Reich that has been looming over Tom's family ever since...

- The sequel to the *SPIEGEL* Bestseller '*Stay away from Gretchen*'
- A novel spanning the decades, encompassing loss, love, second chances and family secrets
- *SPIEGEL* bestseller: 80,000 copies sold



#### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *Stay away from Gretchen*

528 pages  
March 2021



- Over 300,000 copies sold

Rights sold: France, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland  
Under option: English World Rights





608 pages  
January 2023

## Dora Heldt Three Women and the Wrong Kind of Life (vol. III)



© Gunter Glücklich

***What will you do when your biggest hopes and dreams have gone down the drain?***

While working at the care home where her demented mother is living, Friederike is forced to engage with the lives of its residents for the first time. And, suddenly, many things appear to her in a completely different light...

Alex, meanwhile, is doing some research for a book on a family of industrial magnates whose involvement with the Nazi regime comes to light.

Jule, on the other hand, must learn that now, in her mid-fifties, she is being given what is perhaps her last chance to turn her life around.

Three women learn that only the power of memory can help find the path to a better future.

- The Sequel to the hugely successful '*Three Women at the Lake*' & '*Three Women, Four Lives*'

**DORA HELDT**, was born in 1961 on Sylt, and has written herself to the top of the bestseller list and into the hearts of millions of readers. She knows the book market better than almost any other author in Germany. As a trained bookseller, she worked for over thirty years as a representative for a large trade publisher. In her consistently sold-out readings, she delights readers of all ages.

### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *Three Women at the Lake (vol. I)*

576 pages  
August 2018



### *Three Women, Four Lives (vol. II)*

608 pages  
August 2021

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Italy



## Nora Engel The Wine-Grower Greta's Secret (vol. II)

432 pages  
August 2022

### *From half-orphan to successful wine grower*

Greta does what she was told to do in the will of her late father Fritz Freudberg and marries the cellar master Bruno Bachstern and inherits – at only 20 – the largest vineyard in the Palatinate. She can finally create a real home and build a family of her own after her difficult youth as a foster child of the winegrowing Hellerts. Greta and Bruno are united by their love of vineyards and the art of wine production. And when little Leo is born, they seem to be on cloud nine. Yet the more successful Greta becomes as a wine-grower, the more Bruno distances himself from her. When the fun-loving South African student Henry van Buren comes to help with the harvesting on the estate, Greta makes a fateful decision...

- Fabulous insights into a wine-grower's life in the 80ies and 90ies in Germany
- Gripping story of a woman who is trapped between tradition and emancipation
- Volume III of the trilogy will be published in summer 2023

#### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *The Wine-Grower – Greta's Inheritance (vol. I)*

416 pages  
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**NORA ENGEL** is a pseudonym – this novel was actually written by two authors.

**DANELA PIETREK** studied French, theatre studies, and comparative literature, among other things, in Munich. During her studies she discovered her love of film. After long stays in California and Spain, she worked as a producer on various TV projects. She writes screenplays and has published three novels and a memoir.

**TANIA KRÄTSCHMAR** is a native Berliner and a trained bookseller. She studied German in the USA and worked as a literary scout in Manhattan. Since 2009 she has made a name for herself as an author of a number of successful novels. She also works as a copywriter, translator, and reviewer.



## Indra Maria Janos In Search of Home Mascha Kaléko's luminous years

INDRA MARIA JANOS is a pseudonym. She writes successful, commercial fiction, and, aside from writing, her great passions are theatre, England, and her four-legged friends. She has already written a play about Mascha Kaléko.

320 pages  
November 2022

### *Expelled from her homeland, she loses her heart to Berlin...*

Mascha Engel, from Galicia, Poland, finally feels at home in Berlin. There, in the Romanisches Café and in the artists' cabaret, she finds friends – people interested not in her origins but in her art. And she lives this all out in her 'Großstadtlyrik', her big-city poetry. By the time she marries Hebrew teacher Saul Kaléko in 1928, she has already made a name for herself as a young poet. Her poems appear in newspapers and, for the first time, in book form in the *Lyrisches Stenogrammheft*.

But in 1933 Mascha is suddenly neither Galician nor a Berliner: She is Jewish. More and more friends and fellow writers leave Berlin, but Mascha refuses to leave her beloved home. And things get even more complicated when she falls in love with musician Chemjo Vinaver...

- The poet Mascha Kaléko appears here for the first time as a character in a novel
- An artist's life in Berlin in the twenties and thirties
- Over 750,000 copies of Mascha Kaléko's books sold by dtv alone



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## Helene Sommerfeld

### The Doctor's Daughters

#### The age of desire



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**HELENE SOMMERFELD** is the pseudonym of a married couple. Their trilogy about Dr. Ricarda Thomasius has won the hearts of thousands of readers, landing them at the very top of the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list.

#### *Two young doctors, two continents, one great love affair*

Berlin and Africa, 1928. Henny and Antonia are the daughters of famous doctor Ricarda Thomasius. Although they could not be any more different, they are united by their love of medicine. While Henny is busy setting up an extremely successful oncology practice in Berlin, the younger Toni wants nothing more than to return to where she grew up – East Africa. Now, at 27, she is on a ship that brings her closer to this dream, though against the wishes of her mother, who lived in Africa for a very long time. Arriving in Dar es Salaam, Toni immediately feels at home. But soon her love for a mysterious man as well as her unconventional ways of helping the locals put her in great danger. When news arrives from Africa that Toni has disappeared, the Thomasius family must make a decision...

- Authentic and without folklore kitsch, Helene Sommerfeld brings the Africa of the late 1920s to life
- From Berlin to Africa in the late 1920s, Helene Sommerfeld transports her readers to a fascinating world
- Over 500,000 books sold in the '*Ärztin- trilogy*' about Ricarda Thomasius





## Bettina Seidl The Village Teacher – Silence and Storm (vol. II)

BETTINA SEIDL studied art history and now works in the field of adult education. She lives at the foot of the Alps with her family, and loves to be out and about in the local mountains around the Königssee. This is where she also finds inspiration for her stories.

384 pages  
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### *One teacher's fateful year*

It is the end of the First World War, in Tannau. The village teacher, Antonie Weber, is highly valued and respected, the glue that holds this small mountain village together. Her peace is broken only by the new priest who seems intent on making her life difficult. And soon Sebastian, Antonie's great, unrequited love, returns home from war unscathed.

But the tranquillity of Tannau life is suddenly ripped to shreds when the Munich November Revolution breaks out in 1918, dividing the village population into those loyal to the monarchy and those loyal to the revolutionaries. In these times of political upheaval, Antonie finally allows herself to fall properly for Sebastian. But is she prepared to sacrifice everything she has achieved so far for her love?

- The sequel to vol. I of '*The Village Teacher*'
- Big feelings and a breathtaking scenery in the mountains
- For readers of Anne Jacobs ('*The Cloth Villa*') and Carmen Korn

#### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *The Village Teacher – Love and Vocation (vol. I)*

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## Antonia Brauer The Geistbeck Farm Girls Harvest Season (vol. II)

ANTONIA BRAUER is a pseudonym. As her family originally comes from the Hallertau, she experienced a lot of rural life as a child: helping with the hopping, seeing the men coming back from hunting and accompanying the women on their mushroom foray. During her visits she also mucked out the stalls and played with the barn cats. Much of the inspiration for the heroine Wally stems from the author's grandmother. The author now lives with her family in Munich.

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### *On hope, longing, hard times, and the will to live*

Hallertau, 1936. After the Geistbeck estate is auctioned off, there is no future in Deimhausen for the formerly prosperous farmer's three daughters. Zenzi, the eldest, makes it out by finally marrying Peter, whom she has loved since she was a girl. Resi has married into the neighbouring village and is now a farmer's wife and landlady. Only the youngest, Wally, is still searching for her place in life, working as a housekeeper in Munich. Will she find it with Michael, a man who makes her laugh in even the darkest of times and a political opponent to the ruling National Socialists? Soon the war breaks out, and everything changes yet again...

- Three sisters of a fallen farmer's dynasty caught between tradition and their dreams
- Inspired by the life of the author's grandmother
- A breathtaking and realistic portrait of rural life in the 30ies and 40ies

#### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *The Geistbeck Farm Girls – Sowing Season (vol. I)*

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## Rosalie Schmidt *The Scent of Cherry Blossoms*

448 pages  
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### *Mr Akeno and the Secret of Green Tea*

It is the 1870s, and 24-year-old Clara Winterfeld wants to support her family's tea house in Berlin after her father's death. In order to secure the business financially, she is preparing to marry her rich childhood friend Franz. But her heart actually belongs to the Japanese tea merchant Akeno, who deals in green tea, a delicacy still unknown in Europe. After one passionate night, Akeno leaves for Japan. Clara is left with little more than a pile of secret letters and a precious tea caddy. When, a few months later, she finds out that she is pregnant, she can't work out whose child she is carrying... Desperate – but courageous – she wants nothing more than to follow her heart and leave Franz. But will she ever see Akeno again?

- A strong young woman fighting for love despite convention
- For readers of Anne Jacobs, Lucinda Riley, and Corinna Bomann
- Second title is in preparation



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**ROSALIE SCHMIDT** – actually Karla Schmidt writing under a pseudonym – works as an editor and a lecturer in dramaturgy. After having lived in Berlin for twenty-five years, she went back to Göttingen where she now lives with her two daughters and works for her parents' tea business.

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### *In the Land of Cherry Blossoms (vol. II)*

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## Jeanine Krock Darlington An enchanting Season

### *Here come the Darlington sisters!*

London, 1811. Tamira Darlington-Devi and her siblings, children of an English lady and an Indian nobleman, grew up in India. It is Tamira's first season – but the headstrong young woman doesn't seem the slightest bit interested in finding a husband. Instead, she spends her time trying to track down a missing Darlington heirloom, by illicit means if necessary...

One day, during an afternoon party, Julian Weston, the Duke of Asherton, witnesses Tamira steal something, and she immediately catches his attention. From that moment onwards, Tamira and the Duke keep bumping into each other – are the butterflies they are both starting to feel just in their imagination? A magical summer begins...

- Funny and glamorous: the London balls, the strong female characters, lots of diversity and a sparkling romance
- A wonderful regency romance with a touch of magic
- For fans of 'Bridgerton' and readers of Sophie Irwin



©Claudia Taylor

**JEANINE KROCK** knows how to enchant her readers. She has worked as a costume designer all over the world, from London to the West Indies, she has spent time chasing the blue waters of the Dead Sea, and she has served marzipan pastries on the Côte d'Azur.





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## Thilo Falk **Dark Clouds** Rain is your decline

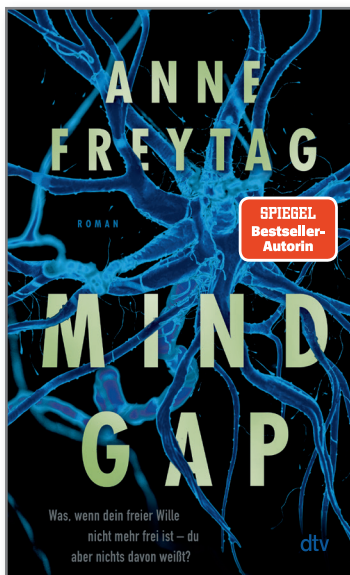


THILO FALK lives in a city in Northern Germany with his family. The author has always been passionate about protecting the environment and has published widely on the subject. 'Dark Clouds' is his first novel.

### ***Nature strikes back – and there is no escape...***

In the space of a few weeks, countless extreme weather events strike Germany, spreading across Europe – heavy rain, landslides, and storm surges abound. Drains overflow, pylons topple, coal and nuclear power plants are flooded. Enormous torrents of rain sweep more and more people to their deaths and destroy Germany's and Europe's infrastructure, while politicians stand by and do nothing. Cloud scientist Fjella Lange, IT specialist Arian Fischer, and damage assessor Philipp Graf take matters into their own hands, researching the disastrous weather events: They are faced with a race against time. How can they be the only ones to see that this is just the beginning of a much bigger catastrophe – one driven by greed for money and power?

- An outstandingly gripping and fact-filled climate thriller
- Thoroughly researched and scientifically accurate
- For fans of Wolf Harlander and Frank Schätzing



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January 2022

## Anne Freytag Mind Gap

What if your free will  
isn't free any more...?



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ANNE FREYTAG holds a degree in International Management, and worked as a graphic designer before she devoted herself fully to writing. She has received multiple awards for her Young Adult novels.

### *The world as we know it is long gone*

“We are on the cusp of a technological revolution that will change the way we live and think forever,” promises Erik Fallberg at the NINK launch. Originally developed by a military research group, the NINK chip was supposed to make it possible to erase traumatic memories of combat, to change a person’s reality for the better. But soon things take a turn for the worse. Journalist Silvie falls victim to these reality shifts and begins to believe that her brother murdered two people and then shot himself. But none of this makes any sense to her – surely this cannot be right? Silvie begins to investigate. It quickly becomes clear that any and all technological advances, no matter how ground-breaking, can be horribly perverted when they fall into the wrong hands...

- A fast-paced, suspenseful novel that addresses current concerns about artificial intelligence
- For readers of Frank Schätzing and Dave Eggers

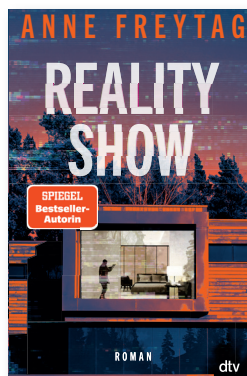
'Anne Freytag could be the female answer to Frank Schätzing.'  
*Buchmarkt*

#### BY THE SAME AUTHOR



### *Out of Black Water*

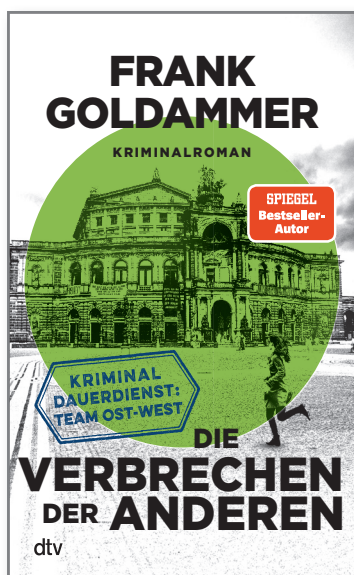
608 pages  
August 2020



### *Reality Show*

464 pages  
October 2021





400 pages  
December 2022

***'Murder is still murder – no matter which government is in power, right?'***

One cold, stormy February day in 1990, a young former border guard is reported missing in Dresden. At the same time, Tobias Falck's team is investigating a case of art theft: In Dresden's Old Masters Gallery, a valuable painting has been replaced by fake, and, shortly afterwards, the forger is murdered. The West German ex-commissioner Sybille Suderberg, now a private detective in the East, plays a complicated role in the case. Thanks to her, the Dresden police are sent on a business trip to the unknown West, a trip which sees them ending up in carnival-drunk Cologne – but also in a dangerous trap.

- East and West clash in this gripping crime novel
- Vol. II of the extraordinary crime series set in times after German reunification
- Over 280,000 copies of Frank Goldammer's books sold with dtv

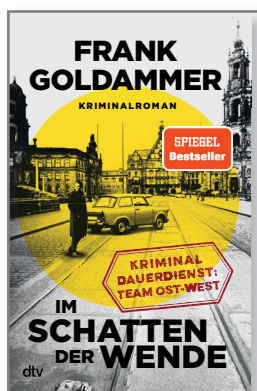
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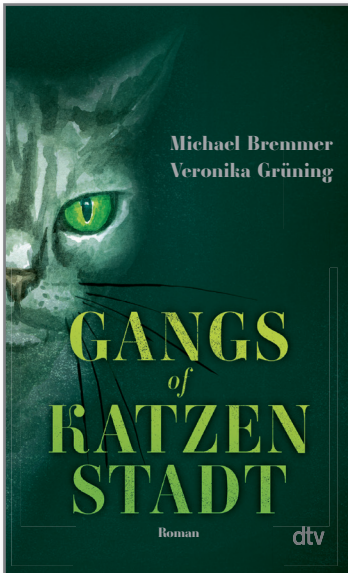
**FRANK GOLDAMMER** was born in Dresden in 1975. A painter and varnisher by trade, he began writing in his early twenties, self-publishing his first novels. For dtv he has written several successful historical crime thrillers set in Dresden and its surroundings. A single parent, he lives with his twin children in Dresden.

### IN THE SAME SERIES



### *In the Shadow of the Berlin Wall (vol. I)*

368 pages  
February 2022



288 pages  
August 202  
With b/w illustrations by Veronika Grüning

## Michael Bremmer, Veronika Grüning *Gangs of Catford*

### *When Bandini's cats arrive it's time for the tough dogs to pack up and go home*

A town devoid of human life, an abandoned factory, and empty street after empty street... Strange things keep happening in Catford. At first it's nothing more than a rumour that cats are apparently disappearing. But when Matula, everyone's favourite cat, disappears, things take a turn for the worse. And soon Bandini and her gang are driven out of the factory by a bald man and his vicious dogs. Fear is rising, unrest is spreading. Is there a connection between the murder of the old cat food factory owner years ago and recent events? Is there some dark plan linking all of these strange happenings?

- Series opener with cult potential
- Fast-paced scenes, a gritty setting, and heroes who aren't afraid to get their claws out
- For readers of Richard Adams and Leonie Swann



© Veronika Grüning



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384 pages  
September 2022

### ***A mobile phone used as a murder weapon? You'd better believe it!***

It's no skin off Vikki's nose when big business owner Adi Dietz sends his buddy Olaf a private message describing Vikki as a well-known statutory trans person. Until, well, until Olaf posts the message in a public forum (only with the best of intentions, of course!), drawing Vikki into the centre of a publicity storm. So when Vikki finds Olaf dead in his home-shopping-channel-bigshot-office, the police waste no time in putting her name in the frame as chief suspect. To prove her innocence, Vikki has to hunt for the real killer, and there's no shortage of possible suspects. Then to top it all, Erwin 'Steam Hammer' Faltermeyer, legend of the red light district, turns up to put his oar in. As if Vikki didn't have enough to contend with already...

- Readers of humorous, unusual crime novels, crime parodies, provincial and regional crime novels
- Fans of Rita Falk, Krischan Koch and Andreas Föhr
- Will also appeal to new and younger readers interested in topics of diversity, LGBTIQ+ and transidentity

#### IN THE SAME SERIES



### ***Back to Upper Overboard - Vikki Victoria's first incident (vol. I)***

352 pages  
March 2022



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**GLORIA GRAY**, born in 1965 in the Bavarian forest, was born male and has since transitioned. After 27 years in Munich, she returned to the province in 2006. She is an actress, singer, author, entrepreneur, model, and entertainer.

**ROBIN FELDER** lives and works in Munich as a composer, lyricist and author. He has had four novels published so far.



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## Karla Letterman A Murderous Ploy Henri and the Crochet Club's first case!



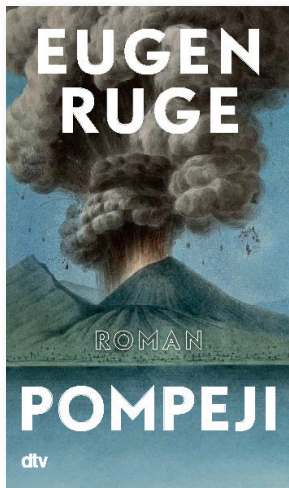
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**KARLA LETTERMAN**, born in 1964, lives with her husband in Lübeck. She began as a trainee journalist at a daily newspaper in Göttingen, and later studied computer science and philosophy in Hamburg. Over the years she has been a journalist, the managing director of a printing company, an advertising manager, and a software developer.

### *Fatal entanglements*

Henri is devastated after the death of his wife Maïke. What's more – he has no idea what to do with her needlework shop now that she is gone. Edda, a resolute employee, wants to stop it being sold at all costs. And so she begins dragging the young widower to Crochet Club meetings. Crochet Hook-Henri, as he is affectionately named by his regulars, is surprised to discover that the participants are not only on the trail of the latest wool trends, but also of some much more sinister machinations. Was Maïke's death somehow involved?

- Particular setting and charming characters
- The prelude to a witty and warm-hearted cosy crime series
- For readers of Richard Osman and Krischan Koch



## Eugen Ruge Pompeji. Or: Jowna's Five Speeches

420 pages  
April 2023

*A distant mirror, separated from us by time, in which we nonetheless recognise ourselves*

We are just below Vesuvius. More precisely – it is 79 AD, and we are in the rich, dissolute colonial city of Pompeii. Dead birds are found along the ridge of the volcano.

At a meeting with bird conservationists, the Pannonian immigrant Jowna tells them of his intuition that something bad is about to happen, that they should just pick up and run. Despite his lack of schooling, money, and influence, he somehow ends up at the head of a philosophically disreputable group of nonconformists.

And the nonconformists are successful; soon the town governor Fabius Rufus begins to believe that the volcano could indeed harm Pompeii. But when the nouveau riche Polybius takes an interest in the project, the powerful Livia Numistria intervenes, and Jowna is, bit by bit, forced to change his mind.

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## Alena Schröder This Unsettling Stillness at Home

ca. 400 pages  
June 2023

*A great mother-daughter tale of reconciliation and homecoming*

1989. 33-year-old Silvia is driving south from West Berlin in a stolen Polo. Her newborn daughter Hannah is lying on the passenger seat next to her. Silvia has had enough of her squatter's life in Kreuzberg. Her child's father wants nothing to do with her or his daughter. So she decides to return home to her mother. But will she or the newly born granddaughter manage to thaw the seemingly icy heart of Evelyn, a retired doctor with quite a few family secrets to hide?