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Stephanie Schneider Grimm & Carotto – All my Friends

96 pages

September 2023

With 4c-illustrations by Stefanie Scharnberg

Age 5 and up

Making the zonkeyest memories around

There's nothing better in life than having friends, as Grimm and Carotto know only too well. And that's why they now have their very own friendship book, with plenty of space for all your kindergarten friends, too. Little fans can learn a few more fascinating facts about Grimm and Carotto, for example, when is the little zonkey's birthday, what is Feline's favourite colour, and what bookseller Grimm dreams of every now and then?

- A slice of the popular duo Grimm & Carotto for everyday life
- Lovingly designed pages to fill in, with lots of fun information about the little zonkey and his friends





32 pages
September 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Stefanie Scharnberg
Age 4 and up

Stephanie Schneider Grimm & Carotto – Carotto in a Vegetable Bed



© Martin Bühler

STEPHANIE SCHNEIDER, born in 1972, studied education and art at the Fine Arts Academy in Braunschweig. Since 2004 she has been pursuing her childhood dream to work primarily as an author. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Hanover.

Even booksellers need to sleep

It should be bedtime at the house with the crooked number seven at the gate. But the little zonkey can't get to sleep! Bookseller Grimm tries all the tricks and games he can think of: singing, a wild rumpus, and finally – of course – a zonkey snuggle. Because it's that warm feeling inside that helps us all sleep well.

- The popular duo Grimm & Carotto, finally in a picture book format
- Over 98,000 copies of the read-aloud books sold
- 'Carotto Moves In' was awarded the 'Deutscher Kinderbuchpreis' in 2022



STEFANIE SCHARNBERG was born in Hamburg in 1967 and completed a bookseller's apprenticeship in her home town. She then travelled to Florence to study painting. On her return to Germany in 1992, she resumed her work as a bookseller and illustrator. She now lives with her family in Freiburg.

IN THE SAME SERIES



Carotto Moves In (vol. I)

128 Pages
February 2022



Spring, Summer, Autumn and Carotto (vol. II)

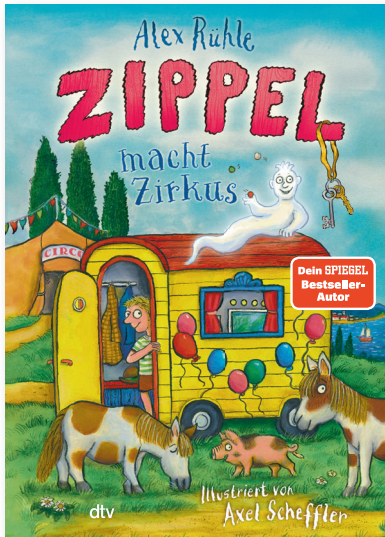
144 Pages
July 2022



Grimm & Carotto Take a Break (vol. III)

98 Pages
April 2023

Rights sold (vol. I + II): Czech Republik, Russia



144 pages
August 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Axel Scheffler
Age 6 and up

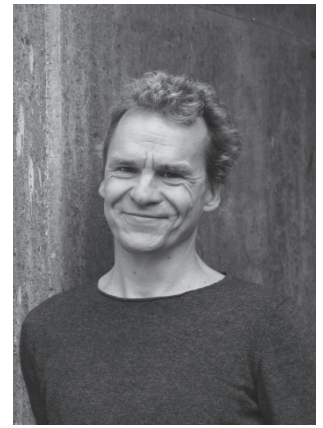
Zippel, the circus, and magic – what a blast!

Since Zippel, the little keyhole ghost, came to live in Paul's room, every day is an adventure. Now Zippel wants to go on holiday, so the two of them head out into the big wide world! A road movie that takes the 'ghost train' all the way to Italy and the sea, and to Giacometti's magical circus. This could be paradise, if only it weren't for the strange wizard Burlesconi ...

Heart-warming, charming and witty: Zippel makes everyone smile – even 'grow-nups'!

- Zippel has achieved cult status: over 200,000 copies sold in total

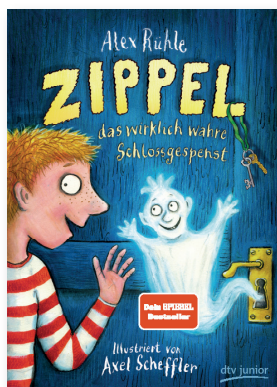
Alex Rühle Zippel Goes to the Circus (vol. III)



© Heike Bogenberger

ALEX RÜHLE, born in 1969, studied literature, philosophy and French in Munich, Berlin and Paris. Since 2001 he worked as cultural editor for Süddeutsche Zeitung, since 2022 as correspondent for Scandinavia. Rühle writes Non-Fiction and childrens books, he lives with his family in Munich and Stockholm.

AXEL SCHEFFLER is one of the world's most successful children's book illustrators. He was born in Hamburg in 1957, and has worked as a freelance illustrator in London since completing his studies at the Bath Academy of Arts. His unmistakable, humorous drawings are loved around the world. With *The Gruffalo*, published with author Julia Donaldson, he created a work now acknowledged as a modern children's classic. Axel Scheffler lives in London with his family.



Alex Rühle Zippel, the Little Keyhole Ghost (vol. I)

144 pages
August 2018
With 4c-illustrations by Alex Scheffler
Age 6 and up

COMPLETE
ENGLISH
TEXT
AVAILABLE

Zippelzefix – there has never been a ghost like this one!

Zippel is a little keyhole ghost. Who ever said that ghosts had to haunt spooky old castles? No, Zippel lives with Paul and his parents – in one of the keyholes in their old apartment. Paul discovers him there the day after his summer vacation, and this is how the most hilarious time of his life gets started. After all, Zippel is a very young keyhole ghost, one who keeps coming up with the most ridiculous nonsense. Spending time with Zippel is so hectic and exciting that Paul quickly grows very fond of his new little friend. But what will happen when the door's entire locking mechanism needs to be replaced – and Zippel's home is suddenly jeopardized?

Rights sold: English language (UK & Commonwealth),
Greece, Italy, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine



Alex Rühle Zippel, the Little Keyhole Ghost Takes a Wrong Turn (vol. II)

160 pages
August 2021
With 4c-illustrations by Alex Scheffler
Age 6 and up

Warm-hearted, witty and achingly lovely

Ever since Zippel, the real-life keyhole ghost, moved into Paul's bedroom, every day has been a barrel of laughs. This time, Zippel has decided that he would like to celebrate his birthday for the first time – that's when you get presents, after all! He chooses the 51st of Kalember as his new birthday, which just happens to be the very next day. The little ghost's biggest birthday wish is to ride on the ghost train ... But soon disaster strikes: Zippel suddenly disappears into the darkness of the ghost train, nowhere to be found. It must be the fault of one of those pesky 'addaults'! Paul has to do everything he can to save his beloved Zippel, and his mission will lead to a tremendous adventure.

Rights sold: Ukraine



176 pages
 July 2023
 With b/w-illustrations by Susanne Göhlich
 Age 7 and up

Nora Hoch Flight Lessons with a Guinea Pig



© Hannah Schuh

NORA HOCH, born in Bochum in 1983, pursued degrees in Cultural Studies and Aesthetic Practice in Hildesheim, and now works as a dramatic advisor and drama teacher at GRIPS Theater in Berlin, where she leads one of the largest theater studies departments in Germany. Her debut novel *'The Saltwater Year'* (*'Das Salzwasserjahr'*) was nominated for the *Oldenburg Children's and Youth Book Prize* and the *Protestant Book Prize*.

Guinea pigs can't fly!

Lu is about to get a baby sister or brother – which means her family moves into a bigger place and she has to leave her apartment and her best friend behind. Lu thinks this is a terrible idea and decides she's going back home. Fortunately, she's not alone on this adventure: The neighbours' guinea pig, Dill, turns out to be a real live guinea pig fairy! It's not very good at flying (due to poor aerodynamics) and not much better at doing magic, but it's an expert at boosting courage. And that's exactly what Lu needs for her adventure.

Dill turns out to be the most surprising hero ever – this chubby little magic fairy will steal your heart!

- Tackling the topics of moving to a new home and new siblings with humour and realism
- Warm-hearted family story for reading aloud or independently

SUSANNE GÖHLICH, born in 1972, is a freelance illustrator. She took up drawing while studying history of art in Leipzig, and has never put down her pencil since, producing illustrations for posters, textbooks, and children's fiction.



96 pages
August 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Csilla Bandi
Age 7 and up

Kathrin Lena Orso Sealilly – The Vexing, Perplexing Merwitch Test (vol. II)



© Lena Tiefel

KATHRIN LENA ORSO has previously published a number of popular children's books, as well as picture books.

CSILLA BANDI works as a graphic designer and illustrator in Graz, Austria.

Dive into Sealilly's magical underwater world!

Sealilly is a very special kind of mermaid: She can do magic! That's right, she's a merwitch! She and her talking wand Tintbert are so excited: For the first time ever, they are both allowed to go to the Whale-fest: a celebration that takes place every year on the back of a whale. But before they can do that, all merwitches have to pass the big merwitch test. Suddenly everything goes wrong for Sealilly and she is swimming from one mishap to the next ...

Witty, original and heart-warming – who could resist some cheeky fish, and above all, a beautiful merwitch?

- With bright, colourful illustrations and short text – ideal for first, second and reluctant readers
- Encourages children to read aloud and independently

IN THE SAME SERIES



Sealilly – Mermaid? Witch? Merwitch! (vol. I)

96 Pages
April 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Csilla Bandi
Age 7 and up



128 pages
October 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Alexandra Helm
Age 7 and up

Lotte Schweizer Vampdog and the Tomatoe-Case



© Pauline Ruther

LOTTE SCHWEIZER worked in a real office with a coffeemaker and file folders for many years. However, because she prefers having adventures, she closed her files and set off to travel the world. Since her return, she has devoted herself to writing children's books, and every day she sets off on a new adventure at her desk.

ALEXANDRA HELM was born in Offenbach in 1986, the city she once again calls home. After successfully concluding her studies at the Academy of Design in Offenbach, she decided to make her way in the world as a freelance graphic designer and illustrator. Since 2016 she prefers to illustrate children's books, a task that inspires her to literally bounce out of bed every morning.

Emma wants one thing and one thing only: a dog

'Absolutely not!' is all her single father has to say on the matter. But, with her dad trying to impress his new girlfriend, Emma notices a chink in his armour. With the help of her new stepbrothers, Lenny and Paul, she convinces the grown-ups that all they need to complete their family is a sweet, well-behaved, fluffy friend. But when Brutus arrives from Romania, they soon discover that he is neither sweet, well-behaved, nor fluffy. In fact, he both looks and acts weird, sleeping soundly during the day and prowling non-stop at night. Things begin to get even weirder when their ketchup repeatedly goes missing and they notice bitemarks in all of their tomatoes. Not to mention that Lenny swears he saw Brutus flying around the living room ... Until one night Count Dracula himself shows up on their doorstep, demanding his dog back. Let the chaos commence!

- Who needs a fluffy lapdog, when you can have a vampire pet called Brutus?
- For fans of the 'Little Vampire' and 'Hui Buh'
- A book for reading aloud, with the perfect mix of wit, charm, and a tiny pinch of cosy horror



144 pages
October 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Caroline Opheys
Age 7 and up

The Mushroom Gang returns on the trail of a new case!

The Wild Mushrooms' Treehouse Centre of Operations is ready – all they need now is a new case! But there doesn't seem to be any opportunity to save the world right now. At least Silvi, the kiosk owner, has a small task for them: An old lady has lost her turtle. The Mushrooms immediately set off in search of the missing animal, but it's nowhere to be found! They ask everyone they meet, including the owner of a store selling exotic leather goods. The children are horrified to find bags made of crocodile leather on sale – and the lady isn't especially kind to the gang, either. Suddenly, they have a real case!

- An original and non-moralizing take on topics such as the environment and sustainability
- For fans of Cornelia Funke and Enid Blyton

Judith Allert The Wild Mushrooms – Turtle Alarm (vol. II)



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JUDITH ALLERT was born in 1982. She published her first children's books while she was still studying modern German literature. Today, Judith Allert lives with her husband, dogs, cats, horses, chicken, and woolly pigs on an old farm in the wilds of Bavaria, where pulling up weeds gives her plenty of time to invent new stories.

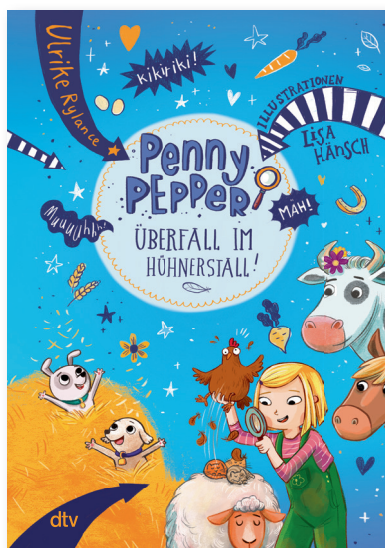
CAROLINE OPHEYS has lived in Düsseldorf since graduating in 2016 with a degree in communication design from Aachen University of Applied Sciences. She worked in the creative departments of various advertising agencies before finally finding her way to illustrating books. She likes to go out into nature or to a café to soak up inspiration from the life around her.

IN THE SAME SERIES



The Wild Mushrooms – Let's Go Save the World (vol. I)

160 pages
May 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Caroline Opheys
Age 7 and up



160 pages
 December 2023
 With b/w-illustrations by Lisa Hänsch
 Age 8 and up

Ulrike Rylance Penny Pepper – Raid in the Chicken Coop (vol. XI)



© Mary Grace Long

Moody cows and miniature goats

Penny and her friends are over the moon: there's a new farm park near their home, with lots of cute animals. Unfortunately, the entrance fee is five euros. That's quite expensive! But Penny and her detectives are in luck: At their extracurricular school activities, they are put into Farm Club. Helping on the farm is exhausting, but the cute miniature goats more than make up for it. Then suddenly, animals begin to disappear. Coincidence or theft? Penny and her friends begin to investigate, but is it too late? All the cute miniature goats have already gone missing.

Baby animals and an exciting mystery – who could resist? Certainly NOT Penny Pepper – this is her 11th mystery, and she's on the case!

- Over 300,000 copies sold in the series
- Combines popular themes: school, friendship, animals, and farm life

Rights sold: Greece

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LISA HÄNSCH was born in 1988. She studied design and illustration in Münster and now lives in Brühl. As well as illustrating children's books, she works as a cartoon illustrator and animator.



Rights sold: Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Hungary, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain (cast., cat.), Ukraine



160 pages
October 2023
With b/w-illustrations by Barbara Fisinger
Age 8 and up

Will Black Tooth Ghost Academy pull through the big finals?

At last, the day has come: The day of the finals of the highly-coveted Mud Cup is almost here! Of course, Freddy wants to make his class proud, but this time it seems a powerful opponent is meddling with the game. Could it be Count Blacktooth himself is pulling the strings? In addition, OFGHASt, the Office for Ghostly Academy Standards, has sent an inspector to examine the human pupils. Freddy and his ghostly friends will have to muster all their wit and resourcefulness if they're to get out of this unscathed – and win the trophy.

- Fast-paced and witty, this tale of weird monsters and a super-villain makes a suitably exciting finale to the trilogy

Barbara Rose Black Tooth Ghost Academy Sharp-toothed conspiracy (vol. III)



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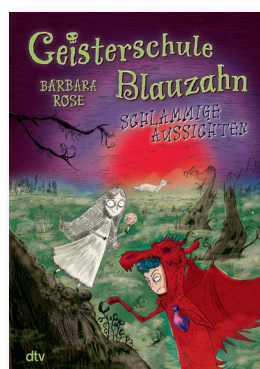
BARBARA FISINGER studied art pedagogy in Ljubljana and film animation in Luxembourg. Today she lives in Trier, illustrates children's books, and collaborates on animated film and TV productions.

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Teachers with an Edge (vol. I)

176 Pages
February 2021
With b/w-illustrations by Barbara Fisinger
Age 8 and up



Muddy Prospects (vol. II)

192 pages
May 2022
with b/w-illustrations by Barbara Fisinger
Age 8 and up



336 pages
September 2023
With b/w-illustrations by Florentine Prechtel
Age 9 and up

Discover the magic in you!

Ever since her parents' mysterious disappearance, Ginger has lived with her strict foster parents and has no memory of her past. It doesn't take long for her to realise that something is wrong. Why are her foster parents doing everything they can to keep Ginger away from the natural world? It turns out that she has a very special connection to plants! By the time Alva, the talking squirrel, appears on the scene, Ginger has well and truly worked out that there must be a huge secret behind all the mysterious things that have been happening to her. Alva helps her escape and together they embark on a magical, exciting and dangerous journey to the last remaining magical places in the world!

- An Amelie-like heroine for readers of children's books
- An adventurous journey with the strong message for our times that everyone can make their own small contribution to saving the world



Judith Allert **Ginger and the Library of Magic Plants**

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FLORENTINE PRECHTEL has been painting since she was a child. She studied painting and sculpture and has since lived in Rome and Barcelona. The renowned children's book illustrator now lives and works in sunny Freiburg.



288 pages
September 2023
Age 10 and up

Christian Linker

Boy from Mars

Quest for the truth



© Barbara Dunkelmann

CHRISTIAN LINKER, born in 1975, studied theology in Bonn and worked in politics before dedicating himself fully to writing. His novels, which always grapple with controversial themes, have received numerous awards.

Return to a strange world

When his grandfather dies, thirteen-year-old Jonto is reluctantly forced to leave his home in a colony on Mars. He must now live on earth, a place he only knows from stories, with a mother he has not seen in 12 years. In his luggage, he has his grandfather's diary – a book full of cryptic hints at a spectacular invention: an alleged super-weapon to protect the climate. Curiously, he sets off in search of this device and meets Gülcan and her gang. But he's not the only person taking an interest in this invention ...

- An exciting, warm and heartfelt adventure novel on the hot topic of climate crisis!

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Scriptkid – Blackmailed on the Darknet

144 Pages
August 2018
Age 12 and up



Y-Game – They're All in it Together

256 pages
January 2022
Age 14 and up

Rights sold: Denmark



Frank Schwiieger I, Aladdin, and the Heroes of the 1001 Nights (vol. VIII)



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256 pages
November 2023
With b/w-illustrations by Ramona Wultschner
Age 10 and up

Aladdin tells all!

The story of Aladdin's adventures in the Orient, told by the boy from the alleys of Baghdad himself: the magical miracle lamp and its mighty inhabitant, the genie, who can grant any wish, and his discovery of a legendary treasure. Joining Aladdin are Sindbad, the daring sailor who knows the world's oceans like the back of his hand and has never been known to run from adventure, and Ali Baba, the poor wood collector, who takes on 40 wicked thieves. Not forgetting Samira, the young princess, who loves to fly over the houses of Baghdad on a jewel-coloured carpet.

- Exciting knowledge + humor + fresh, friendly illustrations
- Timeless stories told for a contemporary audience – for all fans of the literary classic, or those who have never yet heard of Aladdin.
- History & Mythology series: over 300,000 copies sold

FRANK SCHWIEGER was born in 1968 and grew up in Holstein, in the northernmost region of Germany. He studied Latin and history and has been working as a grammar school teacher since 1999.

RAMONA WULTSCHNER was born in Heilbronn in 1987. She studied design in Pforzheim and works on animated cartoon productions, children's books and game development.

Previous titles sold to: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, PR China, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey

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vol. I

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vol. VII



240 pages

September 2024

With b/w illustrations by Constanze von Kitzing

Age 10 and up

Holidays, at last!

Ruby is looking forward to relaxing with her friends and celebrating Ben's birthday in style. But, of course, her weird family has other plans ... And so, instead, they're off to a coffin market in the provinces. The castle-complete-with-a-pool that her dad promised her turns out to be nothing more than a dump – a haunted dump at that. Ruby just wants to go home and, more than anything else, to see Ben.

But when, in the hotel, Ruby finds an old diary that belonged to a girl her age, she realises that she has to take her fate into her own hands. She fakes an injury – surely now her parents will let her go home?

- A different kind of holiday – coffins instead of deckchairs
- Ruby is lovably quirky and wonderfully funny

Cally Stronk Eerily Spooky Holiday chaos with Ruby Black (vol. IV)



© Julia Sinnhöfer

CALLY STRONK, born in 1977, studied social and economic communication at the Berlin University of the Arts. Since 2010 after working as an independent consultant in the areas of editing, film and music, Cally Stronk has worked primarily as a children's book author.

CONSTANZE VON KITZING's early passion for pen and paper began with hundreds of princesses and horses. These days, she prefers quirky characters in rich, saturated colours. Von Kitzing's books have been honoured with international prizes and have been released in fourteen countries.

IN THE SAME SERIES



Eerily Embarrassing (vol. I)

224 pages

June 2020

With b/w-illustrations by

Constanze von Kitzing

Age 10 and up



Eerily Dangerous (vol. II)

224 pages

August 2021

With b/w-illustrations by

Constanze von Kitzing

Age 10 and up



Eerily Unfair (vol. III)

240 pages

August 2022

With b/w-illustrations by

Constanze von Kitzing

Age 10 and up



112 pages
October 2023
With b/w-illustrations by Mareikje Vogler
Age 11 and up

Johanna Klement Cathy's Catastrophes – My Life, from Friendship Bubble to Parent Trouble



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JOHANNA KLEMENT spent twelve years researching the brain and hormones as a medical doctor. In addition to writing scientific texts, she now also writes humorous books for children. She lives in Lübeck with her family.

I'm a teenager, get me out of here

Twelve-year-old friends Cathy and Lisi stumble from one disaster to the next. There's always something happening, it just always manages to be the wrong thing. How can a bowl of goulash cause so much harm? And how can a fake tattoo be so embarrassing? And then there's the class environmental project that's currently running – completely out of control ...

- A comic novel about amusing everyday disasters like unicorn pimples, parental advice, surveillance app and stealthy tattoo attempts
- Perfect for all readers of Liz Pichon ('Tom Gates')
- Second volume in preparation

MAREIKJE VOGLER comes from the beautiful Münsterland region, where she trained as a media designer and then worked in advertising for a few years. She later studied cartoons at the Animation School in Hamburg and has been working as a freelance illustrator. She lives with her family in Hamburg.





Antje Bones Next Door Is Still So Far

304 pages
October 2023
With b/w-illustrations by Michael Szyszka
Age 11 and up

‘Witamy’ means welcome!

Moving from Berlin to Krakow has certainly been a lot for Edith to take in ... She and her little brother have known about their parents’ plans to move for ages – she has even been taking Polish lessons. But still, it’s been quite the adjustment, losing her city, her friends and her language all in one go. Although a bit cautious at first, Edith quickly throws herself headfirst into her new life. She begins to explore Krakow with her new friends, Milena and Antek. Soon they stumble upon a mysterious pile of letters in a hidden room. What could they possibly contain? Let the adventure begin! And as the mysteries unfold, Edith is brought closer to Krakow, to the city at once foreign and close.

A warm-hearted and heart-warming story about language barriers, missing best friends, the courage to try something new, and the adventure that comes with it.

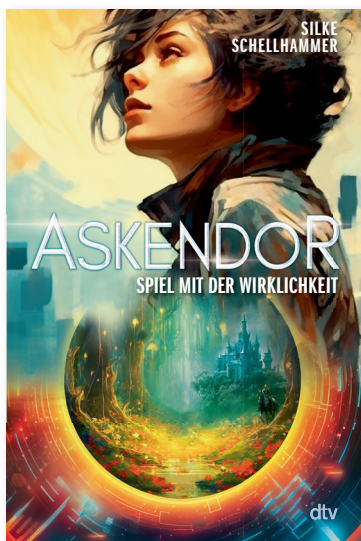
- A story of doors opening as others close, of adjusting to change



© Zora Jurenkova

ANTJE BONES, born in 1970, studied Philosophy and English in Cologne. She has been writing for children and young adults since 2003. In 2017, she won a scholarship to the Villa Decius, in Krakow. She lives in Kreuzberg, Berlin.

MICHAEL SZYSZKA, born in 1984, studied Communication Design in Düsseldorf, Krakow, and Münster. He works as an illustrator as well as a lecturer. He has lived in Cologne since 2015.



480 pages
August 2023
Age 12 and up

Silke Schellhammer

Askendor

Playing with Reality

ENGLISH
SAMPLE
TRANSLATION
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Come with me to Askendor!

Fifteen-year-old Florentine has no interest in online role-playing games – until she suddenly becomes immersed in the virtual world of Askendor, where she meets a terrifying warrior named Thosse von Baar. The more time she spends with him, the greater the feeling grows that there is something human about him. Not to mention that his green eyes make her heart skip a beat. When the proud heir to the throne is suddenly pulled into the real world through a double portal, Florentine disguises him as a harmless-looking exchange student. But his charismatic opponent has already got a foothold in the real world, too.

- An irresistible, must-read combination of medieval-style online game and a terrifying – yet extremely attractive – main character
- Great combination of everyday teenage life and epic fantasy
- For fans of *'Keeper of the Lost Cities'* and Kerstin Gier



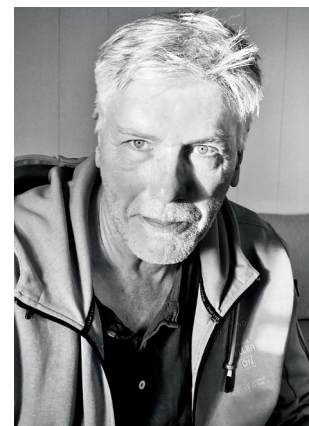
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SILKE SCHELLHAMMER grew up in a large family, in which many tales were told. They weren't necessarily true, but they were always good. Her astonishment at the magnificent way in which real and invented events can both coexist prompted her to take up writing. Following on from the success of her bestselling *'School of Talents'* series, she has now begun writing for an older age range.



336 pages
June 2023
Age 13 and up

Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus Crazy Schmidt ... and the Sickest Road Trip of My Life



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HANS-JÜRGEN FELDHAUS, born in 1966, studied graphics design in Münster and works as a freelance illustrator for various firms and publishers. He has written and illustrated numerous books in the dtv junior imprint.

A group of lovable rogues and a madcap road trip

Henk (15) has moved with his family from Cologne to some kind of Losersville in the back of beyond in the north. There's absolutely nothing here – no river, no friends ... only a cemetery. Here, he meets the old but surprisingly lively Mr. Schmidt, at the grave of his great love Leslie, promising to find an old box. Inside is a list of all the things they wanted to do together, but never got around to – there was always something else to be done, and finally death got in the way. The old man asks Henk if he'd like to help him find the box, and – surprise – Henk says yes! A crazy odyssey across Europe begins – together with an ever-expanding group of amazing travelling companions.

- A moving story about friendship, love, and the joy of living; fast-paced and funny
- A humorous take on the serious topic of mortality
- »Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus has prove himself to be a sympathetic author with a deep understanding of the rollercoaster experience of youth.«
Albert Hoffmann, *Passauer Neue Presse*

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Crash Course for Five

272 Pages
May 2018
Age 12 and up



Leonie Lastella **Seaside Hideaway** **Unsafe (vol. I)**

448 pages
July 2023
Age 14 and up

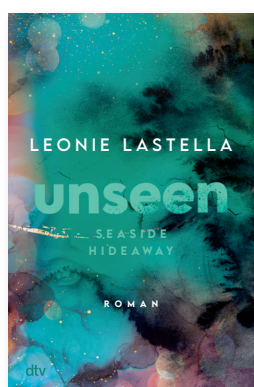
A dark past and powerful feelings

In one single night in New York, Nevah's life is destroyed. After she and her brother Miller witness a crime, Nevah must go into hiding with her family. Nobody is allowed know who they are or what they know. While her brother seems to be dealing with the situation effortlessly, Nevah struggles with panic attacks and homesickness. And then there is her good-looking neighbour Jackson, whose unique personality drives her crazy, but also brings her back to life. Soon she is powerless against her own feelings. But can she get closer to him without endangering her family?



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LEONIE LASTELLA was born in Lübeck and now lives with her family in a small village northwest of Hamburg. Since 2017 she has dedicated herself exclusively to writing. Among other accolades, she was honoured by DELIA (the society for German-language romance authors) for her books.



Leonie Lastella **Seaside Hideaway** **Unseen (vol. II)**

416 pages
October 2023
Age 14 and up

A deadly threat and a passionate love

Miller loves to distract himself with parties and alcohol – it helps him forget that terrible night in New York, if only for a short time. Young farmer Blake, on the other hand, is tough and likes to work hard. The two could hardly be more different. Nevertheless, whenever Miller meets Blake, she completely messes up his emotional life. Blake, too, is drawn to the belligerent Miller against her will. But anyone who gets too close to him is in danger. Nonetheless, Miller embarks on a relationship with Blake, enjoying the happiness it brings – until the past catches up with him.

- Leonie Lastella skilfully combines topics such as trust and mistrust, loss and new beginnings as well as questions of identity
- Two novels, two siblings, two perspectives
- For fans of Colleen Hoover



416 pages
August 2023
Age 14 and up

Tonia Krüger

Love Songs in London – It's Raining Love (vol. IV)



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TONIA KRÜGER grew up in the countryside, where she had plenty of time to invent stories. She works for a tour operator and likes to use inspiration from her travels in her books. She lives with her boisterous family near Hanover, surrounded by forests and meadows, peace and quiet for writing, and a train station just in case the wanderlust takes her again.

What if love catches you off guard?

Corie loves her job as a dancer. But since an unpleasant experience with a colleague, she shies away from touch. As if that weren't enough, she is increasingly suffering from the pressure to succeed. When musician Matt needs help with the choreography for his music video, it seems to offer the perfect break. During their rehearsals, sparks fly between the two. But Corie keeps pulling away from Matt because of her former bad experience. Matt, on the other hand, should be completely focused on his career and doesn't really have time for powerful feelings or a serious relationship. In any case, a man with his carefree personality wouldn't be the right guy to deal with Corie's fears. Or would he?

- The breathtaking final book of the 'Love Songs in London' series, set in different seasons
- Hugely addictive, told with humour and lightness

IN THE SAME SERIES



All I (Don't) Want for Christmas (vol. I)

416 pages
September 2022



Here Comes My Sun (vol. II)

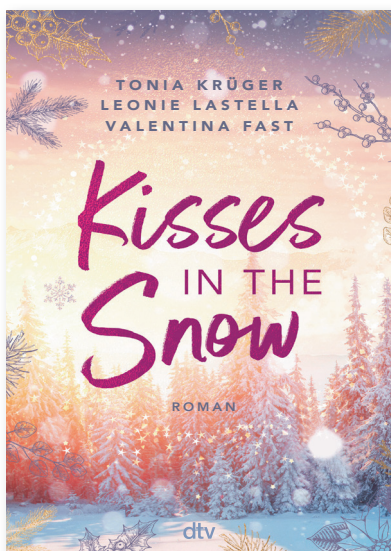
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Dancing On Sunshine (vol. III)

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416 pages
September 2023
Age 14 and up

Valentina Fast, Tonia Krüger, Leonie Lastella

Kisses in the Snow



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VALENTINA FAST was born in 1989 and lives in the Münster area. Her passion for writing began with the scary stories and the crazy ideas that only gave her peace when she wrote them down.

A cycle of romantic tales in the Rockies

An avalanche cuts off a village in the Rocky Mountains from the rest of the world just before Christmas – leaving six young people snowed in. Ava and Mason have been a couple for a long time – but their relationship is crumbling. Nolan from the village has everything Ava wishes Mason had. Hunter, Nolan's best friend, is visiting his hometown for the first time in a long while. Peyton, his high school sweetheart, runs the bed and breakfast where everyone is staying. Finally, there's Grace, Hunter's best friend, who he has brought with him for emotional support – and who feels a deeper connection to Mason. With Christmas approaching fast, suppressed longings, latent conflicts and forbidden feelings begin to surface.

- Three authors, three love stories, one novel
- A Christmas romance to make readers' hearts skip a beat
- For fans of 'Love Actually'



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72 pages
August 2023
Age 3 and up

Marie-Luisa Puttich

Daycare to Go: Leoli Meets Knights and Princesses



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MARIE-LUISA PUTTICH

grew up in Berlin and studied education and cultural studies after completing her training as a kindergarten teacher. Following her graduation, she moved to Munich, where she initially managed a large kindergarten. The idea behind the *Daycare-to-Go* series came to her during the pandemic. Marie wanted to help others and soon started sharing play, craft and learning ideas with parents. Over 50,000 families are now part of the community and are eagerly awaiting further adventures of Leoli Lion.

Explore the Middle Ages with Leoli

This time we're off to the Middle Ages to see knights and princesses! Together with Leoli, the lion, children will discover fun crafts and games and learn all about castles and dragons. The clever princess Clara Clever takes Leoli on an exciting adventure and wizard Simsa needs his help to find the lost pages of his magic book.

A hands-on book with a story and a wide range of practical applications!

- With a variety of methods and approaches, appealing to all senses – from moving around to solving puzzles and crafting
- Based on established pedagogical insights

Daycare-to-Go helps parents through the “shared attention” concept so that they can be creative together with their children at any time of the year, thus keeping their little ones busy in an educationally valuable and funny way.

With **Daycare-to-Go**, all the senses are addressed. In this way, fine-motor skills, language, movement, and creativity can be developed in a playful way.

Discover Mindfulness with Leoli

Activity Book
112 pages
March 2023
Age 4 and up



With Leoli at the Farm

Activity Book
72 pages
January 2022
Age 3 and up

Leoli and the Dinosaurs

Activity Book
72 pages
January 2022
Age 3 and up



Leoli and the Fire Brigade

Activity Book
72 pages
July 2022
Age 3 and up



With Leoli throughout the Year

Activity Book
144 pages
January 2022
Age 3 and up



Discover Autumn with Leoli

Activity Book
72 pages
July 2022
Age 3 and up



Leoli's Colourful Advent Calendar

Activity Book
64 pages
October 2022
Age 3 and up



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- Schere und Kleber
- Krepppapier





Fiction
Non-Fiction



64 pages
September 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Horst Klein
Age 5 and up

A family-size pack of confidence

Yes, some truly terrible things are happening in the world: war and catastrophes everywhere, not to mention the climate crisis. These concerns don't altogether pass children by. We don't want to give them a false sense of security, so how do we talk to them about it? Rike Drust has the answer: Look at the people helping! This book introduces us to 25 people, who contribute to making the world a better place. From the paediatrician in a crisis-torn region to the rubbish bin collector and the hospital clown we learn what they like about their work, why they chose their profession and what sometimes bothers them. Using the same warmth and wit of his previous book 'Everyone's Disabled!', Horst Klein gives the people in this book faces and character.

- **Honest, funny, heart-warming** – a book about the many opportunities we have to make the world a little better
- **Authentic:** over 1,500 people contributed stories of their work for this book
- **Funny:** lots of little marginal scenes and heaps of insider knowledge
- **Inspiring:** an eye-opening source for lively discussions

Rike Drust, Horst Klein Everyone Helps 25 jobs, that make the world a better place



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RIKE DRUST writes whatever suits her and pops into her head, including columns, books, advertising copy, and articles. She lives in Hamburg with her family.

HORST KLEIN spent his formative years in East Frisia before moving to Krefeld to pursue his studies in visual communication. He still lives there with his family, where he works as an illustrator and graphic designer.





160 pages
September 2023
With 4c-illustrations by Anke Kuhl
Age 8 and up

Katharina von der Gathen, Anke Kuhl **Pushing Up the Daisies** All about Death – a colourful book for curious children



In the midst of life

Children are naturally unselfconscious about death. They want to know everything about it. What does dying feel like? What happens to the body? How does a crematorium work and what exactly does an undertaker do? Before, after, and in between: 'Pushing up the Daisies' takes a comprehensive look at everything that happens around someone's death. Factual and warm-hearted, with a wonderful mix of deep solemnity and tension-relieving wit, it presents exciting rituals, curious deaths, the experiences of a cemetery gardener, the grief of animals and much more. Following their popular books on sexuality and the body, Katharina von der Gathen and Anke Kuhl turn to another existential theme.

- Comforting, eye-opening and bursting with life
- Uniquely comprehensive: the children's book that tells you everything about death
- A new book from the seasoned duo Katharina von der Gathen & Anke Kuhl



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KATHARINA VON DER GATHEN was born in 1972. She studied special needs education and developed an interest in sex education as a student. Gathen works with children and adolescents from a wide range of educational backgrounds. She lives in Bonn with her husband and four children.

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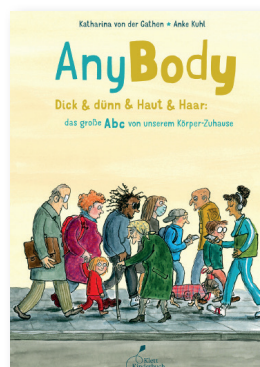
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The Love Lives of Animals

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September 2017

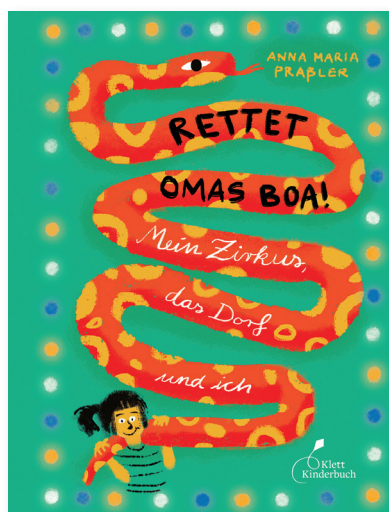
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Anybody

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224 pages
July 2023
Age 10 and up

Anna Maria Praßler **Save Grandma's Boa!** **My circus, my village and me**



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ANNA MARIA PRASSLER was born in 1983 in the Swabian region of Bavaria. She writes screenplays and prose, was nominated for the German Film Award, and gave a reading at the *Ingeborg Bachmann Prize* Competition in Klagenfurt. She lives in Berlin with her family.

We've run away from the circus!

Princess is new in the village, new in school, new in Andi's house – in fact, new to houses altogether. Princess has travelled with the circus her entire life, but after an argument with Sergio, the circus director, she and her mother have made the snap decision to leave the circus and move into Andi's cluttered farm. Princess misses her alpacas, her life split between riding school and the caravan – and her grandmother. Fortunately, she meets Son and Emmi from the village, both of whom are determined to help her, because Sergio has sold Mr Orange, the old, beloved snake which belonged to Princess' grandmother. Now Princess wants to buy it back for her grandmother at any cost! But how do the children get the money for it? And how do they find Mr Orange?

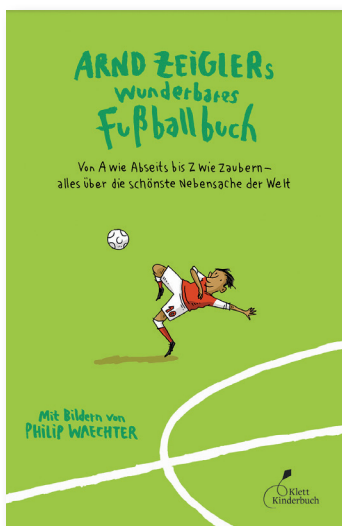
- A perceptive story of losing one home and finding another – and good friends besides
- Insights into the exciting world of a circus
- Action-packed and fast-paced

BY THE SAME AUTHOR



Backyard Days

256 pages
July 2021



112 pages
January 2024
With 4c-illustrations by Philip Waechter
Age 8 and up

The European football Championship 2024 is in Germany!

Popular presenter Arnd Zeigler explains the most important football terms for children, as clearly as if he were standing right there on the field. Back by popular demand, this is a comprehensively updated new edition of the book. With completely new illustrations from avowed football fan Philip Waechter.

- Finally, it's back: Arnd Zeigler's popular children's book

Arnd Zeigler **Arnd Zeigler's** **Fantastic Football** **Book** **Everything you've ever** **wanted to know about** **the beautiful game**



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ARND ZEIGLER is an author, columnist, presenter, podcaster, and stadium speaker at his favourite club SV Werder Bremen. Germany's football fans know him from watching or listening to his weekly TV and radio show 'Zeigler's Wonderful World of Football', following him on social media, listening to his podcasts, visiting his live show, or reading his books.

PHILIP WAECHTER, born in 1968, studied communication design with a focus on illustration in Mainz. He works as a freelance graphic designer and author in Frankfurt.





32 pages
August 2021
With 4c-illustration by Annabelle von Sperber
Age 8 and up

Andrea Paluch

The Best Ways for the World to End

What will become of us?

Twelve exciting visions of the future

How do we want our world to be?

The world as we know it will end; this development is already in process. And what will come after that? In concise texts and spectacular picture panels, this book presents several very different scenarios for our future. Will we only be able to survive in spaceships? Will there be a great drought or even a flood? Could the end turn into something beautiful, such as a time without wars and borders? What would life be like without cars or with freely roaming animals? In twelve bold visions, Andrea Paluch describes the possible endings and continuations of our current world, while keeping the concrete everyday life of families at the center of her descriptions. The accompanying luminous, large-format pictures that Annabelle von Sperber has created are impressive and enchanting, and will trigger a flood of further fantasies.

- Impressive, eerie and inspiring – a picture book full of material for discussions and dreams
- Magically beautiful, irresistible pictures for children and adults alike



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ANDREA PALUCH, born in 1970, studied literature and writes books for children and adults. She hopes for a green future but can also imagine darker scenarios. Andrea Paluch divides her time between Flensburg and Berlin.

ANNABELLE VON SPERBER was born in 1973. She holds a degree in design and studied book arts at the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg. She has been illustrating children's books for various publishers for years and has made a name for herself internationally with her hidden-object books. She also teaches at the Academy for Illustration and Design in Berlin and at the Faber Castell Academy. Annabelle von Sperber lives in Berlin and the Black Forest.



Tonia Krüger **Broken Heart Summer – Sunset Days**

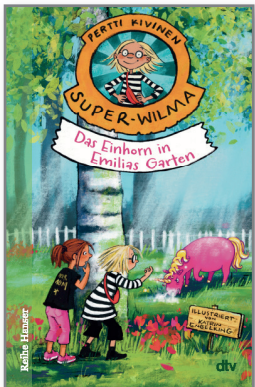
400 pages
Mai 2024
Age 14 and up

A fateful summer in Hawai

Sun, beach, sea! Rea and Maya are spending the summer in Hawaii, where Maya wants to find her dad. But when Rea meets Cam, everything suddenly changes: She blossoms, beginning to enjoy her newly discovered feelings. But is a relationship with Cam possible? And will their love survive the distance between Mau'i and San Francisco?

Then Maya makes an unexpected confession ... She wants her and Rea to be more than friends. Rea is sure that Cam is the one, and now she has to work out how to let Maya down, without irreparably ruining their friendship and hurting Maya's feelings. The end of the holiday is approaching – and with it Rea and Cam's final goodbye ...

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Pertti Kivinen **Super Wilma – A Unicorn in the Garden**

112 pages
March 2024
With 4c-illustrations by Katrin Engelking
Age 8 and up

Meanies beware ... here comes Wilma!

Is this a dream?! Out of the blue, a unicorn appears in Emilia's garden and begins to chat with her. She is kind and sweet and Emilia is happy as can be! But, this bliss does not last. Soon, the unicorn begins to make unreasonable demands, asking Emilia to make countless trips to the ice-cream parlour so that she can have her daily ice-cream fix. When the unicorn doesn't get what she wants, things can get nasty... What will happen next?

Well, it's a good thing that Emilia is in the same class as Wilma. Wilma is an expert when it comes to meanies – ghosts, monsters, and so much more. A horrid unicorn is no match for her!