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Thinking outside the box, telling good stories, sparking the imagination, broadening horizons, or explaining the diversity of the world. Books can do all these things and many, many more. Because good books help us grow.

With nearly 70 new German-language titles for all age groups from very young children to young adults, the Frankfurter Buchmesse's *Rights List – Stories for Children and Young Adults* will be travelling the world again this year.

German-language children's and young adult books are very much in demand among international licensees and a real export hit for German, Austrian and Swiss publishers, being the top selling foreign rights category.

Arena



Because You Are The Way You Are A Story About Self-Confidence

Kashi Grobe
Illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier
pp. 32, 28.0 × 21.5 cm, Age 3+
€ 15.00, 978-3-401-72124-8
Rights sold for English (world)

Emma wants to wear her new yellow raincoat all the time – even though it’s stopped raining. At the playground in the afternoon, the parents of the other children give her funny looks. But Emma persists, and when the rain comes pelting down, the big drops simply trickle off her yellow raincoat. She laughs and dances, while all the other kids hurry home ...

Kashi Grobe was born in Jamaica and studied theatre production and playwriting at the Los Angeles Film School. Today she lives in Berlin with her husband and two children.

Andrea Stegmaier lives and works in Stuttgart. Her favourite occupation is illustrating picture books and children’s books. She finds new inspiration wherever she is – together with her family, or outside in her garden.

Charlie and the Fearless Hand (1) A Squad Gets Cracking!

Lisa-Marie Dickreiter, Andreas Götz
Illustrated by Barbara Scholz
SERIES, pp. 96, 20.5 × 15.3 cm, Age 7+
€ 12.00, 978-3-401-72106-4
Rights sold to DK, German audio rights

Emma-Lou, Henry, Maria and Briska – Charlie’s fellow members of the Fearless Hand gang – have been invited for a weekend at Charlie’s farm. After Grandpa says that a gang without enemies is not a gang, Charlie makes him their adversary and a great adventure begins.

Lisa-Marie Dickreiter has a degree in screenwriting. In 2012, the daily newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* nominated her as one of the 20 best German-speaking authors under the age of 40. She has won many scholarships and awards.

Andreas Götz studied German, Theatre and American Literature. In 2021 he won the Glauser YA crime award.

Barbara Scholz studied graphic design, focusing on illustration. Since 1999 she has worked as a freelance illustrator for many publishers.

Mi in the Middle A Cat Has Secrets (And So Does Everyone Else)

Isabel Abedi
Illustrated by Sabine Büchner
pp. 264, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 9+
€ 15.00, 978-3-401-60689-7
German audio book rights sold

Mi never lies – but today nobody believes her. Mum thinks she’s lying, and her teacher thinks she’s cheating. Mi ends up at Kafka’s, a mysterious shop where the owner gives her an even more mysterious coffee bag. What jumps out of it is simply incredible. Suddenly Mi finds herself plunged into a series of mysteries.

Isabel Abedi is one of Germany’s most successful writers of children’s and teen novels. Her books have been trans-

lated into numerous languages and won several awards.

Sabine Büchner studied communication design with a focus on illustration. Then she switched to the faculty of animation at the University of Film and Television in Babelsberg. Her first picture book was awarded the Troisdorf Picture Book Scholarship.

The Key Keepers (1) Lost Magic

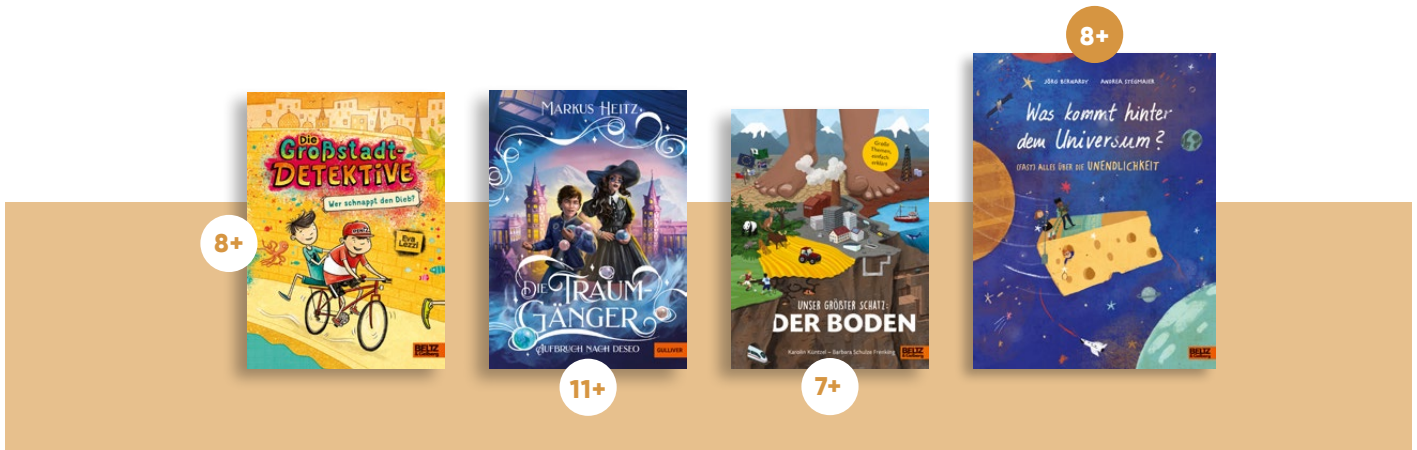
Tanja Voosen
Illustrated by Ulyana Regener
SERIES, pp. 376, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 10+
€ 16.00, 978-3-401-60751-1
Rights sold to Bulgaria, German audio book rights sold

Lenna Phips has managed to get a detention on her first day at her new school. During the detention, Lenna finds a magic key that helps her enter the Magitorium – a place full of magical wonders. For many years the Magitorium has been sealed off. Now the seal has been broken and the magical powers of the keys released. The battle rages once more over who will control these powers.

Tanja Voosen started writing after her final exams and has published several books for children and young adults. If she gets stuck while writing, her cat Tiger is always there for her.

Former opera singer Ulyana Regener eventually found herself following her true passion: art. With unwavering devotion, she turned her one-time hobby into a profession.

Beltz & Gelberg



Big City Detectives Who Will Catch the Thief?

Eva Lezzi
Illustrated by Daniela Kohl
SERIES, pp. 192, 21.2 × 14.9 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.00, 978-3-407-75934-4
All rights available

When he stands up in front of his new class, Jona wishes he could just disappear. To make it worse, he is seated next to loud-mouthed Deniz, who teases him for being a "baby". He mustn't cry now! But when a mobile phone disappears, and the whole class suspects the two boys, Jewish Jona and German-Turkish Deniz have to join forces. On the hunt for the elusive thief, they realise that despite all their differences, they are a great team – and the cleverest detectives in Berlin! With stylish illustrations by Daniela Kohl.

Eva Lezzi has published several books for children and young people on Jewish and transcultural themes and writes screenplays for children's films. She enjoys doing readings in schools and libraries and also runs writing workshops.

Even as a child, Daniela Kohl earned her pocket money with little drawings. The freelance illustrator and graphic designer lives in Munich with her husband, dog and tortoise.

The Dream Walkers Departure for Deseo

Markus Heitz
Illustrated by Isabeau Backhaus
SERIES, pp. 143, 20.7 × 14.6 cm, Age 11+
€ 12.00, 978-3-407-81358-9
All rights available

Finn has a special gift: he can influence his dreams. But one night a strange girl appears in his dream: Sanja. She is looking for her parents, who are being held captive by the evil ruler of Nightmare Land. Their search leads Sanja and Finn to the dreamland of Deseo, where it turns out that Sanja is wanted for several thefts. Is she one of the evil ones? When Finn's gift fails in dreamland, he is stuck there and forced to trust Sanja.

This irresistible and magical story, set in fascinating dream worlds, will appeal even to children who are not yet fluent readers.

Markus Heitz, born in 1971, has published over 50 novels in the genres of fantasy, horror and science fiction. His books regularly feature in the top 10 and top 20 of the *Spiegel* bestseller list. Heitz is Germany's best-known fantasy author.

Our Greatest Treasure: The Soil

Karolin Küntzel
Illustrated by Barbara Schulze Frenking
pp. 78, 22.5 × 16.8 cm, Age 7+
€ 16.00, 978-3-407-75946-7
All rights available

The soil under our feet is always there. We can jump on it, skip across it, stamp on it in anger or lie down comfortably on it to watch the clouds. We rarely think about it. Yet it is the basis of our lives: it filters and stores water and is home to raw materials and countless creatures – there are even wars fought over it. This comprehensive and vividly illustrated book explains to children why the soil is so important for climate protection and biodiversity, and shows that we need it to survive.

Karolin Küntzel has written numerous non-fiction books for adults and children.

She also writes narrative children's books and runs a blog about nature.

Barbara Schulze Frenking lives and works in Munich. After studying design with a focus on illustration and infographics, she became a freelance illustrator in 2022. She wants her illustrations to make people smile and think, and to make the world a little bit more colourful.

What Lies Beyond the Universe? (Almost) Everything About Infinity

Jörg Bernardy
Illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier
pp. 62, 28.0 × 21.3 cm, Age 8+
€ 18.00, 978-3-407-75947-4
All rights available

Is infinity a number, a formula, an idea ... or just nonsense?

Infinity is a bit like time: if nobody asks what it is, you know what it is. If you have to explain it, you can't really put it into words. However, this book does a pretty good job. Which is lucky, because after all, we have to deal with infinity everywhere! We encounter it not only when we look at the stars in the night sky, but also when we look at time, number sequences, sourdough, quantities, the immortality of the soul, snowflakes... and cheese!

A book with lots of answers and new questions for further reflection.

Jörg Bernardy, born in 1982, has a doctorate in philosophy and is now a freelance author.

Andrea Stegmaier is an illustrator and architect with a great love of children's and picture books. She is passionate about drawing. The rest of the time, you'll find her conquering the world with her family or enjoying the garden.

Carlsen



Ahmadjan and the Hoopoe

Maren Amini
 Illustrated by Maren Amini
 pp. 240, 26.0 × 19.5 cm, Age 12+
 € 26.00, 978-3-551-79971-5
 All rights available

In 1972, young Ahmadjan Amini travels from Afghanistan to Germany. He wants to be an artist, and almost ten years later he becomes the author's father.

What follows is a profoundly moving story of a colourful and eventful life, of art and war, homeland and new beginnings, flight from conflict and responsibility for family members left behind in Afghanistan. Through it all, he never stops searching for happiness. Based on the 800-year-old Persian saga *The Conference of the Birds* by Farududdin Attar, the author also explores the confrontation with one's own identity.

Maren Amini is an internationally known illustrator, comics artist and cartoonist (e.g. for the *Washington Post*) and won an important prize for *Ahmadjan* even before its publication.

Awarded the Berthold Leibinger Comic Book Prize 2023

LOW David Bowie's Berlin Years

Reinhard Kleist
 Illustrated by Reinhard Kleist
 pp. 176, 26.6 × 20.1 cm, Age 10+
 € 25.00, 978-3-551-79363-8
 Rights sold to Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Hungary, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Serbia, Turkey, English (worldwide)

In no time at all, rights to *Starman*, the first book on David Bowie's early years, were sold into 10 languages, and German critics couldn't praise it enough: "Indeed, this text feels like a concert." (*Welt am Sonntag Kompakt*); "The story is superbly drawn, the colours pop. [...] Outstanding!" (*Hamburger Morgenpost*).

Now, the long-awaited sequel is being released.

LOW looks at David Bowie's years in West Berlin, during his search for inspiration and the start of work on his album *Low*.

Since 1996 Reinhard Kleist has been living in Berlin where he shares his studio with other comic book artists. His comic books have won several awards, including the most prestigious one for German comic publications, the Max und Moritz Award.

Hats and Other Headware From All Over the World

Karen Exner
 Illustrated by Karen Exner
 pp. 88, 33.0 × 21.0 cm, Age 4+
 € 18.00, 978-3-551-52291-7
 Rights sold to Italy

This masterfully illustrated picture book is a unique cultural history of hats. Using hats as examples, it shows how diverse our world is. Because not only are hats and head coverings attractive and eye-catching, but they can also achieve the exact opposite by making their wearers invisible, in a sense, protecting them from stares.

The book's subject is vibrantly portrayed: one hat is presented across from

the next in single-page layouts, followed by double-paged, and so alternate throughout. Numerous detailed close-ups help the focus and flow. Hats off!

Hats is Karen Exner's first (and hopefully not last) picture book with Carlsen.

Winner of the Hamburg Picture Book Prize 2023

School of Beastly Island (1) Stranded

Christian Tielmann
 Illustrated by Belén Culebras
 SERIES, pp. 256, 20.5 × 14.5 cm, Age 10+
 € 12.00, 978-3-551-65657-5
 Rights sold to Greece, Russia, Turkey

Stranded on a remote island, Tapio and his sister soon discover that it's home to a school for magically gifted children. Lots of magic, excitement, crazy monsters, and a school that's out of control – this promises to be a jumbo portion of adventure!

Beastly Island is aimed at manga-loving girls and boys who want to read novels featuring plenty of manga.

Book 2 is due in May 2025, Book 3 is due in September 2025.

Christian Tielmann studied philosophy and German literature. Since 1999 he has been writing novels for children and young adults. Many of his books have been translated into other languages.

Belén Culebras lives in Madrid and has long been publishing her own manga stories – including several chapters of the series UDUMBARA, DAY, and ENTREMUNDOS.

Coppenrath



Pee and Poo Book The Optimal Potty Reading

Joëlle Turlonias
Illustrated by Joëlle Turlonias
pp. 14, 16.0 × 16.0 cm, Age 1.5+
€ 12.00, 978-3-649-67230-2
Rights sold to Croatia, Czech Republic,
Estonia, France, Hungary, Israel,
the Netherlands, Slovenia

Thanks to lots of sliders and flaps, this is the liveliest potty read in the world! The food goes in at the top and comes out at the bottom. Wee-wee, clean up, wash up.

- Over 100,000 copies sold worldwide
- A fun board book to be read again and again
- The perfect book when potty training

Joëlle Turlonias is an internationally successful illustrator. She set up her business in 2009 and has since illustrated over 250 children's books. She is now creating her own toddler world at Coppenrath.

Lenny Hunter (3) The Wandering Island

THiLO
Illustrated by Silvio Neuendorf
SERIES, pp. 40, 30.0 × 25.4 cm, Age 3+
€ 16.00, 978-3-649-67207-4
Rights sold to (series) China (Simplified),
Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Serbia

The Mystery Crew are on their way back from the Himalayas when their aeroplane Rusty discovers an island that is not on any map. Grandpa Romulus, the old adventurer, knows the ancient legend of

an island that wanders across the oceans. Why it doesn't stand still is one of the world's greatest mysteries. A new case for Lenny Hunter and his two friends! But someone has secretly been hot on their heels for a while now: the crooks from the Red Paw.

- With transformation flap, fold-out page and book-within-a-book
- Also available: activity books

THiLO has been putting his heart and soul into writing children's and YA books since he was 15. With over 4 million copies sold and translations into 20 languages, his work reaches a global audience.

Hunting Souls (2) Our Cursed Hearts

Tina Köpke
Illustrated by Frauke Schneider
SERIES, pp. 432, 21.0 × 14.0 cm, Age 14+
€ 20.00, 978-3-649-64708-9
Rights sold to Hungary, Poland,
Slovakia, Ukraine

18-year old Katrina is undead – and deeply in love with Tate, a hunter of supernaturals and thus her archenemy. It's a challenging situation, because Tate has had to follow her wherever she goes since the failed soul curse.

Meanwhile, a series of missing-persons cases is keeping New Arcadia on edge: someone seems to be deliberately creating the undead.

Katrina has an agreement with Death himself: she must stop the undead or someone she loves will die by the end of the year.

Tina Köpke's passion for obscure and macabre urban fantasy with dark romance

was shaped in her childhood. As a fan of Tim Burton, she draws inspiration from quirky everyday things.

Sense and Sensibility

Illustrated Literary Classics
Jane Austen
Illustrated by Marjolein Bastin
SERIES, pp. 320, 24.0 × 17.0 cm, Age 14+
€ 30.00, 978-3-649-63146-0
Rights sold to (series) Spain (Spanish World), USA (English World)

Elinor and Marianne Dashwood's childhood ends abruptly when their father dies. Now the two young ladies can only hope for a good marriage. When they move into the cottage of a distant relative, the spirited Marianne falls in love far too quickly, and clever Elinor discovers that the man of her choice is already engaged. This is the story of two sisters fighting for their happiness within the narrow social confines of 19th-century England.

The series has sold over 350,000 copies worldwide.

Marjolein Bastin initially worked for advertising agencies and publishers. For over 30 years she has been publishing a weekly section featuring nature motifs, inspiring people worldwide through cards, calendars, tableware and more.

Finken



LOGICO PRIMO – Learning Board Game

Richard Schneider
pp. 2, 28.4 × 23.2 cm, Age 3+
€ 21.00, Art-no. 3201

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

LOGICO PRIMO is a learning game with self-checking for children aged 3 to 6 years for learning in kindergarten, at preschool and at home. Using the LOGICO PRIMO learning cards, children practise concentration & perception, logical thinking, colours & shapes, numeracy, reading readiness, sequencing, sorting & classifying and language development.

1994 Worlddidac Award, 2006 Teachers' Choice Award (USA), 2006 Innovative Product ECWN (Poland).

LOGICO PRIMO – Aesthetic Education

Julia Hiller, Lisa Neunzerling
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17.0 cm, Age 5+
€ 20.00, Art-no. 3264

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands,

North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

Aesthetics is a quality that fundamentally influences all human activity, perception and thinking. Aesthetic education expands perception in all areas of life and helps children to become close observers and listeners. It stimulates creativity and imagination.

This set offers children first aesthetic experiences focused on visual perception. When solving the assignments, children look closely at and engage with visual works of art, colour scales and various painting and writing tools. This requires concentration, logical thinking and combining. In this way, the set also promotes thinking skills.

LOGICO PRIMO – First Maths in Pictures

Britta Vorbach
Illustrated by Nadine Bougie
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17.0 cm, Age 5+
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3256

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – preschool children solve these tasks through play. With the learning cards, children practise basic

mathematical operations and learn to solve mathematical questions in their everyday lives. All tasks and solutions are shown in pictures. This allows for an early introduction to basic arithmetic, even before children have learned to read numbers.

LOGICO PRIMO – Learn About Shapes

SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17.0 cm, Age 3+
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3268

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

Learn About Shapes promotes the understanding of basic geometry in a fun and engaging way. As children grow and become more aware of their surroundings, the concept of geometry is vital to help them organize visual information. This set introduces children to the fascinating world of geometry, covering different exercises that will help them to recognize, classify and analyze shapes, differentiate between two- and three-dimensional shapes and develop spatial reasoning through logical thinking.

Fischer Sauerländer



Freedom

A Wondrous Journey

Sybille Hein
 Illustrated by Sybille Hein
 pp. 48, 22.0 × 22.0 cm, Age 4+
 € 15.90, 978-3-7373-7345-6
 Rights sold to South Korea, Switzerland
 (French World Rights)

Freedom shapes our lives. It is a fundamental right, but it is not experienced by everyone at all times. Freedom has had to be fought for long and hard, and for many people it remains unattainable.

Sybille Hein's book helps children to understand what this big word means and feels like: why freedom can mean being allowed to be different. Why being free means being able to know and ask everything. And also why it can become complicated sometimes ...

Sybille Hein studied philosophy (half-way), illustration (to the end) and toured for many years with her cabaret programmes. Today she lives in Berlin with her family and showcases various talents. She writes books for young and old, radio plays, satirical texts and many songs. Her illustrations can be found in books, on fabric collections and regularly in children's television programmes.

Enough Roaring, Lion!

Now We Decide

Günther Jakobs
 Illustrated by Günther Jakobs
 pp. 32, 30.0 × 23.0 cm, Age 4+
 € 14.90, 978-3-7373-7226-8
 Rights sold to Denmark, the Netherlands, Romania, South Korea, Sweden, Turkey

The lion is the boss. With his mighty roar he keeps order in the savannah. But one day he is so hoarse that he can no longer make a sound. Chaos breaks out! Everyone does what they want, many argue. Eventually the animals agree that things can't go on like this. They need rules. Not so easy when there is no one in charge. But together they come up with lots of great ideas and find really fair rules for EVERYONE!

Günther Jakobs, born in 1978, studied philosophy and design majoring in illustration. Since then he has worked in a shared studio in Münster as an illustrator for both children's and adult books.

Why You Remain Silent

Martin Schäuble
 pp. 240, 20.5 × 12.5 cm, Age 14+
 € 14.90, 978-3-7373-4361-9
 Rights sold to Spain (Catalan & Spanish)

Lena loves football. And she thinks her new coach Charly is great: finally someone who gets her, finally some exciting training sessions, finally the opportunity to achieve something in sport. And he makes Lena his new captain! But then he holds her hand as the team celebrate their first victory at the pizzeria. For far too long. It makes Lena uncomfortable, but she doesn't dare to pull her hand away. Maybe this is all completely normal? For a long time, Lena doesn't dare to speak up ...

Lena's story is fictional but true-to-life. Martin Schäuble, born in 1978, studied politics in Berlin, Israel and Palestine and completed his doctorate after three years researching two jihadists. As an author he is known for his critical YA books, which often feature on school syllabuses.

Ada and AS

A Robot On the Run

Franziska Gehm
 Illustrated by Stefanie Jeschke
 SERIES, pp. 240, 21.5 × 14.0 cm, Age 10+
 € 14.90, 978-3-7571-0018-6
 Rights sold to Turkey

Finally, the day has arrived: Ada's Artificial Learning Friend is due to be delivered today! (An ALF is a life-like robot that offers children support in school: with her ALF, Ada can get even better grades and score more social points with her classmates.) But instead of the sophisticated ALF Ada's parents paid for, a robot storms into Ada's home telling her it has escaped from the AI factory. It soon transpires that this robot is not an ALF, but rather an "Artificial Stupidity", AS. What is Ada supposed to do with this dumb thing? Ada's granddad, however, thinks AS is hilarious. He teaches it all sorts of silly sayings from the '80s, which AS then utters in the most inappropriate situations. And even Ada finally realises that her robot may not have much intelligence, but it does have something of a heart. Together, the three of them set out to uncover the secrets of AS's origins ...

Franziska Gehm, born in 1974, is an author and translator. Her books have been bestsellers in Germany and have been translated into many other languages all over the world.

"Quirky, endearing characters, a plot with a 'future' perspective in the truest sense of the word, lots of wit and slapstick moments."

Stiftung Lesen

Hanser



Bedtime Stories for Celeste

A Very Scary Picture Book

Nikolaus Heidelbach
 Illustrated by Ole Könnecke
 pp. 32, 20.0 × 30.0 cm, Age 4+
 € 18.00, 978-3-446-28077-9
 Rights sold to Denmark, France, Italy, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam

Bedtime stories for the brave. Tonight, Boris and his little sister Celeste are home alone and Celeste wants him to tell her a bedtime story – a really spooky one! Boris loves making up stories about scary ghosts lying in wait in the dark for little girls ... Bor-ring, says Celeste. Or about giant toads that creep up on you. Aw, how sweet! says Celeste. She makes fun of dragons, man-eating lizards and monsters with several heads. There's nothing that spooks her. Until she thinks up a story that has Boris quaking in his boots.

Nikolaus Heidelbach was born in 1955 and is regarded as one of Germany's best contemporary illustrators. His picture books have won many awards, including the Special Prize of the German Youth Literature Award.

Ole Könnecke, born in 1961, lives in Hamburg. He has designed 30 books, for which he has won several national and international awards.

Grownups are Wimps

Illustrated by Sybille Hein
 pp. 48, 27.7 × 21.0 cm, Age 4+
 € 16.00, 978-3-446-28261-2
 All rights available

An extraordinary book that will dispel kids' fears, and have both children and adults in stitches – because adults can be chicken too sometimes.

Of course, little kids are afraid of some things. In Nele, Adam and Zaima's case, it's hearing aids and loud snoring. But would they run away during a thunderstorm or when they see a black cat? That only makes fear bigger, they think. And so they decide to creep up on fear and pinch its tummy instead. That way they don't just get rid of their own fright but also that of some of the adults.

Sybille Hein, born in 1970, studied philosophy (halfway through) and illustration (to the end) and has toured throughout Germany as a revue performer. Now she lives with her family in Berlin. She is an author and writes radio plays, satire and subversive songs.

Home Is the Nicest Place to Be, Said the Left Hand, and Held On Tight to the Radiator

Navid Kermani
 Illustrated by Mehrdad Zaeri
 pp. 48, 18.6 × 11.3 cm, for all ages
 € 17.00, 978-3-446-28260-5
 Rights sold to Iran

A man wants to go to Africa. How nice! say his eyes, ears, nose, neck, tummy, head, heart – and his right hand. But his left hand wants to stay at home and holds on tight to the radiator.

A madcap, poetic and very funny story about the love of staying at home and

the love of travelling, the contradictions in us all and the mystery of being human.

Navid Kermani has won multiple awards for his work. His first children's book to be published by Hanser was *Ayda, Bär und Hase* (2017) followed in 2022 by *Jeder soll von da, wo er ist, einen Schritt näher kommen*.

Mehrdad Zaeri was born in 1970 in Iran. When he was 14 he fled with his family to Germany. Since 2006 he has worked as a book illustrator, live performance illustrator and storyteller in German-speaking countries.

What Makes Winter Fun

An Activity Book

Pe Grigo
 pp. 20, 18.8 × 18.8 cm, Age 2+
 € 12.00, 978-3-446-28112-7
 All rights available

An interactive, cheery, colourful board book full of pictures for children.

In winter, Cat and Owl go sledding. But first Cat has to be woken up by tickling because she's still fast asleep. Then it's on with their hats and scarves and off they go. They do a little snow dance before pulling their sledge uphill, blowing away the snow and or seeing it fall off the pine trees when the book's turned upside down. Over a bowl of warm soup, Cat and Owl wave to the children. Go on, you can wave back!

Pe Grigo, born in 1972, has been an illustrator of children's and adult books for over 20 years. Pe Grigo lives with her children in an old yellow house with an apple orchard in Bielefeld.

Kosmos



The Time Travelling Detectives (6)

The Ninja's Revenge

Fabian Lenk
 Illustrated by Timo Grubing
 SERIES, pp. 176, 21.6 × 15.0 cm, Age 9+
 € 12.00, 978-3-440-18045-7
 All rights available

Edo in the year 1700: who is behind the samurai conspiracy? What are the ninjas up to? The time detectives Kim, Julian, Leon and Kija the cat embark on a dangerous investigation. An exciting criminal case in 14 chapters. With extensive factual information and cool comic-style illustrations. Ongoing series.

Fabian Lenk has written about 150 books, among them the well-known children's book series *Crime Scene History* and *The Time Detectives*. His books have been translated into 12 languages and have sold well over 2 million copies.

Devil Kickers

All for One

Early Readers (3)
 Frauke Nahrgang
 Illustrated by Michael Böhm
 SERIES, pp. 48, 21.5 × 15.2 cm, Age 6+
 € 10.00, 978-3-440-18050-1
 All rights available

The football match is in danger! Niko's teacher has threatened him with a pink slip. Can Niko intercept the letter before his parents find out? *The Devil Kickers* can help! Another footballing adventure in six chapters and with pictures.

Frauke Nahrgang, a primary school teacher, devoted many years to teaching children to read. She has also made a name for herself as an author of children's books, publishing numerous picture books and books for children learning to read.

The Three!!!

The Baroness's Ball

Time Travel (1)
 Maja von Vogel
 Illustrated by Milla Kerwien
 SERIES, pp. 208, 21.7 × 15.0 cm, Age 12+
 € 15.00, 978-3-440-17836-2
 All rights available

An all-girl detective team called *The Three!!!*, made up of Kim, Franzi and Marie, travel through time and investigate in the 19th century. By chance they end up visiting a moated castle in the past. Their mission: to prevent a marriage. How did people live back then? An exciting journey through time and a great thriller in a historical setting.

Maja von Vogel studied German and French and worked as a children's book editor before becoming a very successful freelance author and translator.

Smart as a Fox, Space

Sven Melchert
 SERIES, pp. 140, 27.0 × 21.5 cm, Age 8+
 € 14.00, 978-3-440-17815-7
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Start of a new series of non-fiction titles. Starting with four titles.

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Sven Melchert, astronomy editor at KOSMOS, runs his own observatory and contributes to scientific research by making measurements.

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Petrichor

A Bike Ride Through the City

Illustrated by Inga Krause
pp. 52, 23.8 × 32.0 cm, Age 5+
€ 26.00, 978-3-948743-17-8
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Prick up your ears, open your eyes and nostrils, and dive into the mysterious, colourful world of the city! A frightening thunderstorm? Feel how beautifully the rain hits your skin, how the thunder roars in your ears! An annoying traffic jam? Cycle right past it! Where others see nothing but everyday grey, you get to enjoy what makes the city special. Like "petrichor", the smell of rain on dry earth.

Inga Krause is a freelance artist based in Bremen. These days, she mostly paints facades, walls and canvases. She also translates her characters into the three-dimensional world using her very own ceramic furnace.

Nominated for the Hamburger Bilderbuchpreis 2019 and the Hans-Meid-Förderpreis

"Petrichor! – I didn't even know this fabulous word existed until Inga introduced it to me with her wonderful picture book. There's so many discoveries to make on every single one of its pages: tiny and gigantic ones, sometimes drawn in fine lines, sometimes in quiet ones, sometimes dressed in garish colours. I promise you, every time you join Inga's heroes on their journey, you'll be delighted to discover something new."

Cornelia Funke

Lone Child

Corinna Schmelter-Pourian
Illustrated by Corinna Schmelter-Pourian
pp. 44, 29.7 × 21.0 cm, Age 4+
€ 22.00, 978-3-948743-39-0
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This question is asked by every only child who sometimes feels a little alone, and finds it unfair that their friends have brothers and sisters while they have only a sausage dog for company. But then sometimes the only child is happy to have Mum and Dad and the sausage dog to themselves, and to be able to choose their own playmates.

Corinna Schmelter-Pourian is an illustrator, art mediator and theatre pedagogue. She grew up in Gütersloh and studied art education in Hildesheim. She lives near Bremen with her family.

Emma and the Sad Dog

Sabine Rufener
Illustrated by Sabine Rufener
pp. 36, 29.0 × 21.0 cm, Age 8+
€ 24.00, 978-3-948743-35-2
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The big shaggy dog that Emma encounters at the edge of the meadow is sad. So sad that he can no longer see any meaning in life. Emma can't just stand by and do nothing! And so the little girl decides to help the dog to see that life is worth living, day by day. The dog is never won around by Emma's suggestions but, being generous, he always gives her another chance to find the one good reason that will finally convince him.

A conversation develops between these two very different characters about the meaning of life, friendship and – last but not least – strawberry ice cream.

Sabine Rufener was born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1972. She studied illustration at the Zurich School for Art and Design and now works as a freelance illustrator in Basel.

Floundering?!

Daniela Leidig
Illustrated by Daniela Leidig
pp. 40, 24.4 × 26.5cm, Age 5+
€ 22.00, 978-3-948743-45-1
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Moritz writes "school" in tiny scribbles and "BLUE" in giant letters because that's what they look like to him from his spot in the tree. In art class, he draws flowers growing out of the black lines on his colouring pictures because he knows they're headed for the light. "That's no good," his teachers say. Luckily, a girl named Lana helps him tie his shoelaces and becomes his best friend. As does the little flounder that has no room to dance in its tiny fish tank. When the science teacher asks Moritz to make an accurate drawing of the flounder, a miracle happens ...

Daniela Leidig was born in Düsseldorf and studied product design in Munich.

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Adventure Academy of Europe

The Fire Tiger of Batavia

THiLO Petry-Lassak
 Illustrated by Maximilian Meinzold
 SERIES, pp. 176, 21.5 × 15 cm, Age 8+
 € 15.00, 978-3-649-64346-3
 Rights sold to France, Italy

Belle, Oni and Oliver are in training to become real-life adventurers! The syllabus includes travelling the world, discovering magic objects and researching mysterious creatures. The adventure begins on their very first day of school, when a famous magic dagger called the Fire Tiger is stolen. The young thief, Connor Blaze, is a real artful dodger and therefore a perfect candidate for the school of adventurers! Thanks to him, the first excursion soon becomes a perilous trip into the fantastical world of pirates.

THiLO is somewhere between 18 and 65 – though he looks younger. He has been putting his heart and soul into writing children's and YA books since he was 15. THiLO's books have sold over 4 million copies and been translated into 20 languages.

Madame Freudenreich Dinosaurs on the Farm

Dominik Hochwald, Jörg Ihle
 Illustrated by Petra Fritz
 SERIES, pp. 40, 30.0 × 25.4 cm, Age 3+
 € 15.00, 978-3-649-64157-5
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Another adventure awaits Sophie and Leon: a storm has destroyed the farm that feeds Granny's dinosaurs. Now the dinosaurs' stomachs are rumbling! Luckily, Leon and Sophie are spending the holidays with their grandmother, and they have an idea: can the dinosaurs get the farm back on its feet?

An entertaining, exciting picture book story with wonderfully colourful pictures for all dinosaur fans, young and old.

Dominik Hochwald has worked as an author and dramaturge for film, television, transmedia and children's books. His clients include Pantaleon Films, Coppenrath Verlag and Europa-Park.

Jörg Ihle develops transmedia brands and story worlds for film and television productions, broadcasters, game developers, theme parks and agencies.

Petra Fritz has worked at various companies in the theme park and film industry and has been a designer in various areas of Europa-Park since 2009.

Rulantica The Hidden Island

Michaela Hanauer
 Illustrated by Helge Vogt
 SERIES, pp. 336, 21 × 14.2 cm, Age 10+
 € 18.00, 978-3-649-62722-7
 Rights sold to Coppenrath, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Russia

Aquina is a mermaid. She has always felt different from the other merpeople. One day she finds out that she has a twin brother: Mats, a human boy! And he is in danger. Ever since he was found on the beach as a baby, Mats has been living in a children's home. He has always been afraid of the sea. By coming together, Aquina and Mats are fulfilling a centuries-old prophecy made by the Nordic gods –

and it's up to them to save the island world of Rulantica.

Michaela Hanauer is the owner of Literatur Agentur Hanauer. She set up her own business in 2003 and looks after authors and their texts as well as working closely with publishers.

Helge Vogt works as an illustrator and comic book artist for numerous publishers including Disney, Le Lombard and Carlsen.

Fina and the Yomis The Secret of the Magical Gemstones

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber
 Illustrated by Anja Grote
 SERIES, pp. 40, 30 × 25.4 cm, Age 4+
 € 16.00, 978-3-649-64498-9
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Fina can't believe her eyes when a little dragon tumbles through her window! Riding on his back is an adorable little Yomi girl named Rubi – and she is in great danger! She has lost her magical Yomi gemstone that gives her the ability to speak to dragons. And even more pressing: her home is in danger!

Can Fina help her new friends, the Yomis, to find the missing magical stone and save the Yomi village?

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber has worked for several years for big opera houses, and is an author and translator. Her books have won several awards. She loves diving into different topics and creating fantastical worlds.

After a few years of working as a graphic designer, Anja Grote decided to switch to illustrating. Since then, cheeky astronauts and smart animals have been her companions: she loves to spark curiosity about the world with her pictures.

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PhänoMINT The Body Experiment Book

Nicola Berger, Sabine Spiritus,
Achim Spiritus
Illustrated by Lucie Göpfert
SERIES, pp. 64, 30.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-319-5
Series rights sold to Belgium, Estonia,
France, the Netherlands

Have you ever wondered how humans breathe, eat and think? Discover the secrets of your body in a whole new way!

In this book you will find a fascinating collection of experiments that show you how your organs, bones, cells and other body parts work. Build your own lung model from a bottle and a balloon, create a ball and socket joint with two balls and rods, or extract the DNA of a strawberry – and reveal the amazing capabilities of your body. Each experiment is expertly designed and explained by a general practitioner, a dentist and an experienced children's book author. Open your eyes to the world of science, and discover what lies hidden under your skin!

The Soil Discover the Life Beneath Our Feet

Anita van Saan
pp. 96, 22.6 × 17.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-258-7
All rights available

An essential guide and DIY book recommended by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature.

From floodplains and forest floors to meadows and moors, the soil beneath our feet is vital to life on Earth. Soils store water, capture CO₂, filter pollutants, and transform dead matter into new life, providing sustenance for plants, animals and humans alike. This captivating book unveils the secrets of soil, offering clear and engaging explanations through hands-on experiments, vivid photos and detailed illustrations. Dive in to discover everything about the incredible world beneath our feet!

Officially recommended by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature in the listing of Climate, Environment and Nature Books 2024.

Expedition Nature 50 Animals on the Farm

Carola von Kessel
Illustrated by Arno Kolb etc.
SERIES, 50 cards in a box, 13.3 × 9.4 cm,
Age 6+
€ 9.95, Art-no. 9886
Series sold to Argentina, Belgium, Brazil,
Chile, Czech Republic, Hungary, Mexico,
the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Slovak
Republic, Spain

50 illustrated cards present a wide variety of animals on the farm. Many of them live in the barn and on the pasture, others in the meadows and fields around the farm. The cards offer lots of interesting facts about animals large and small, fluffy and feathered, timid and tame.

50 Animals on the Farm is the youngest member of the Expedition Nature card-set family. These beautifully designed boxes, each containing 50 cards and a detailed leporello, are the perfect companions for an outing or a family walk!

The card decks are now available on 22 exciting topics. Each deck combines informative facts with playful quiz questions and true-to-life illustrations. This line has sold more than 1 million copies in Germany alone.

The Ultimately Nonsense DIY Book

Nicola Berger
Illustrated by Juliana Kralik
pp. 48, 28.0 × 21.0 cm, Age 6+
€ 9.95, 978-3-96455-334-8
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A creative activity book with monstrously good puzzles and games.

Welcome to Monsterham! Would you like to join Curly Carl, Bumpy Bobbie, Munchy Maxi, Potty Pauli and Inky Ikki on their adventures? The monsters love all kinds of puzzles and games and enjoy their life to the fullest. Can you spot all the monsters in the big picture puzzle? How will Ikki, Pauli, Bobbie and Carl get through the labyrinth to Maxi's teatime? If you love colouring in pictures and patterns like Pauli, you'll love this book. An interactive book full of imagination and heartwarming characters for children aged 6+.

- Children are invited to join this wild illustrated adventure full of puzzles and fun games with the monsters
- What does each of the monsters like to do? What are they good at? Discover the uniqueness of each monster species!
- Including labyrinths, colouring, comparing, memory games, dice games, quizzes and more

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Peter Wohlleben's School of the Woods What We Can Learn About Life From the Forest

Peter Wohlleben
Illustrated by Isabel Große Holtforth
pp. 80, 27.8 × 22.2 cm, Age 4+
€ 18.00, 978-3-7512-0653-2
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What if the forest were your classroom and the lessons so exciting that they felt like little adventures? Welcome to the School of the Woods! Take a seat on a tree trunk and see what's on the schedule today. Let the plants of the forest tell you what the weather will be like, find out who is friends with who in the forest, and how beech trees meet. 30 exciting adventures for the whole family!

Peter Wohlleben worked for a state forestry commission before giving up his job to run an environmentally-friendly municipal woodland area in the Eifel. His work centres around the preservation of old forests, for which he offers courses and camps. He's been a guest on various TV shows, gives talks and seminars, and is an internationally acclaimed best-selling author.

The Mouflon Who Wants to Stink

Carsten Henn
Illustrated by Erica J. Chen
pp. 32, 28.8 × 22.3 cm, Age 4+
€ 15.00, 978-3-7512-0465-1
All rights available

Mouflon Ülf has a dream: he wants nothing more than to stink nicely, just like the other Mouflons. Every morning when Ülf wakes up, he sniffs at himself. At his feet, his knees, his belly. But every morning he smells like a stupid flower meadow. One day he sets out on an olfactory journey to the largest mud puddle in the world, and encounters skunks, dung beetles, smelly plants, smelly fruit, and the big poop. Eventually he realises: he doesn't have to become a smelly kid. It's enough to be a little Ülf.

Carsten Henn was born in Cologne in 1973. He lives in the Rhineland with his wife, two children and two cats. He is the author of numerous successful crime novels and romantic comedies. His novel *The Door-to-Door Bookstore* was on the SPIEGEL bestseller list for over two years. His first book for children, entitled *The Golden Typewriter*, was published in 2024 and became an instant success.

King Kong (1) Guinea Pig Undercover

Kirsten Boie
Illustrated by Christian Jeremies,
Fabian Jeremies
SERIES, pp. 64, 21.7 × 15.2 cm, Age 8+
€ 10.00, 978-3-7512-0640-2
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Adrian cannot believe his luck when his friend Fred offers him a guinea pig. The baby animal feels warm and soft, and when he holds it in his hand it lets out a gentle, quiet squeak. Fred says it's a female, but Adrian decides to name her King Kong. Why? Because she's destined to grow up big, strong and wild – just like her namesake. Provided his mother lets him keep her ...

Kirsten Boie is one of Germany's most acclaimed and beloved authors of children's and Young Adult literature. She holds a doctorate in literary studies and has been awarded the prestigious German Youth Literature Award as well as the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, among many other accolades. More than 60 of her books have been translated into other languages.

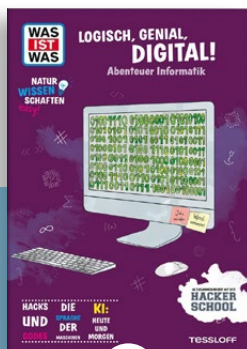
The Signalings (1) Ready, Set, Glow!

Anna Böhm
Illustrated by Sandy Thißen
SERIES, pp. 160, 21.7 × 15.0 cm, Age 7+
€ 10.00, 978-3-7512-0448-4
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Nine-year old Clara has just become a latchkey kid and is determined to prove to her mother that she can manage on her own. However, on the very first day of school things get chaotic: Clara meets Emre at the crossroads, and the two accidentally bring a few traffic lights to life! With the whirling creatures turning things upside down, Clara's life becomes a fun-filled catastrophe!

Anna Böhm was born in Berlin, where she still lives today. She worked in theatre, studied screenwriting, and has since worked as an author. She has written numerous radio plays and children's stories. Her *Emmi & Unipig* and *Animal Polices* series have cemented her success as an author of particular linguistic wit and flair for original characters.

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**WAS IST WAS
Natural Sciences
Made Easy!
Computer Science.
Logical, Ingenious,
Digital!
Computer Science Adventures**

Dr Julia Freudenberg,
Matthias Feldmann
SERIES, pp. 64, 27.7 × 20.4 cm, Age 11+
€ 14.95, 978-3-7886-7738-1
Rights sold to China

Without IT there would be no apps, no online games, no streaming services. Our daily lives are shaped by it. But how do hardware and software work together? What is an algorithm? What programming languages are there and how do you learn them? Dr Julia Freudenberg and Matthias Feldmann are involved in the Hacker School and now share their knowledge in this book. They guide you through the world of computer science from its beginnings to the present day, and even take a look at the future. How will AI and robots develop? An exciting non-fiction book for young people aged 11 and up.

**WAS IST WAS
My World (18)
Sparkling Clean
Teeth!**

Alexandra Fabisch
Illustrated by Jutta Berend
SERIES, pp. 16, 19.7 × 17.4 cm, Age 2+
€ 11.95, 978-3-7886-4395-9
Rights sold to Croatia, Hungary

Smile please! You can see lots of teeth in this family photo. Baby Lia's are growing. Till has a wobbly tooth, a gold tooth glistens in Grandpa's mouth and the family dog has really sharp teeth. Siblings Ada and Till want to know all about different teeth and find out what happens at the dentist. The two main characters learn how to brush their teeth and how to look after them properly. An exciting and entertaining flap book. Suitable for children aged 2 and up.

**WAS IST WAS
Dinosaurs
Superlizards of
Prehistoric Times**

Dr Manfred Baur
SERIES, pp. 48, 29.8 × 23.2 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-7886-7710-7
Rights sold to China, Hungary

Are dinosaurs extinct? Far from it! They are everywhere. But where? With cool facts and pictures, children immerse themselves in the life of the superlizards. Readers go in search of clues from the past to explore

the lives of these gigantic lizards. An entertaining and impressive non-fiction book about children's favourite animals.

Dr Manfred Baur has been fascinated by prehistoric creatures ever since he was a child. Nobody knows these prehistoric giants better than he does. He grew up with WAS IST WAS and wants to share his enthusiasm with children.

**WAS IST WAS
Mission in Space**

Matthias Maurer, Sarah Konrad
Illustrated by Noa Sauer
pp. 112, 24.7 × 17.8 cm, Age 8+
€ 16.95, 978-3-7886-8655-0
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Matthias Maurer spent 175 days aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Every single day was an adventure! In this book the ESA astronaut talks more personally than ever before about his experiences during this incredible time: what it feels like to be launched on a rocket into space, and how you can wash your hands without a sink. He also talks about dangerous space junk, and a very exciting spacewalk where not everything went according to plan. A story of courage, friendship and true teamwork – with comic-style illustrations from another planet!

Matthias Maurer always saw astronauts as superheroes. He later realised that space travel combines all his interests. As a result, he applied to the European Space Agency (ESA) and completed his astronaut training.

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I See Something You Don't See

Katharina Grossmann-Hensel
pp. 32, 27.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 4+
€ 16.00, 978-3-219-12025-7
Rights sold to Belgium (French, Dutch)

An excursion is on the agenda: while the children keep their eyes open, the adults are constantly looking at their phones. After all, how else are you supposed to know what the weather is like, where to go... But along the way, even they start looking around, so things get more and more colourful!

Katharina Grossmann-Hensel was born in Mülheim and studied illustration in Hamburg. She lived for three years in Paris, where she also published her first picture book. She now works as a freelance author and illustrator in Berlin, collaborating with various publishers across different genres ranging from caricatures for adults to illustrated children's books.

Global Illustration Excellence Award in 2016, nominated for the German Picture Book Prize in 2021

Rufus is Angry

Robert Scheffner
pp. 32, 30.0 × 24.0 cm, Age 4+
€ 16.00, 978-3-219-11999-2
Rights sold to Denmark

Rufus has a problem: the little pumpkin looks – oh horror – just too CUTE! He is doing everything he can to become terribly creepy. At least as scary as the headless horseman! But all his attempts are in vain. No wonder he's starting to

get really angry. But just as he's about to give up, the headless horseman himself runs into Rufus and the two decide that they can scare the world as a creepy duo. After all, two is better than one.

Robert Scheffner was born in 1985. He studied creepy communication with a focus on illustration and animation. At the beginning of the century, he became self-employed. To this day he draws, crafts, writes, carves pumpkins, lies in coffins and haunts his house near Frankfurt am Main.

"And anyone still looking for read-aloud fun with lots of heart and a little bit of spookiness will love this partly rhyming picture book!"

Stiftung Lesen

Whispering Forest The Adventure Begins

Andreas Suchanek
Illustrated by Timo Grubing
SERIES, pp. 256, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 9+
€ 14.95, 978-3-7641-5175-1
Rights sold to Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Russia, United Arab Emirates

A secret staircase to a hidden attic, records of magical beings and vials of a mysterious blue "whispering powder": there are all sorts of secrets to discover in Luke's new home. And when a creepy figure breaks into his room in the middle of the night and flees with a sack full of stolen goods, Luke is hot on the trail. It leads him to the Whispering Forest, where a hidden world awaits – and an adventure Luke will never forget.

A fantasy series with eight books already published – and more to come!

Andreas Suchanek, born in 1982, studied computer science but pursued writing, winning awards including the German Fantasy Prize. *The Whispering Forest* is his first children's book created with Timo Grubing – a freelance illustrator who works in a variety of genres from books to games.

German Fantasy Prize 2019, Lovely Books Reader Prize 2018, Lovely Books Reader Prize 2021, Lovely Books Community Award 2022

All Safe A Comic Adventure

Rüdiger Bertram
Illustrated by Horst Hellmeier
pp. 128, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 7+
€ 13.00, 978-3-7641-5286-4
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Flo is cautious. Very cautious. Riding a bike without a helmet? Never! Favourite word: "Safe." This summer, Flo is heading to the mountains with her parents. So many things could go wrong, so she has a massive emergency bag packed – just in case.

Then there's Kaja. Kaja is the complete opposite of Flo: brave, spontaneous. Flo is fascinated. She feels a new emotion bubbling up... Is Flo falling in love?

Rüdiger Bertram has been writing children's books for over 15 years and lives in Cologne with his family. Austrian illustrator Horst Hellmeier enjoys tea, music and walks in the woods. He lives in the countryside with his girlfriend. As a duo, they have created several other successful illustrated series.

2023 Preuschhof Prize for the Comic *Mega fette Beute* together with Horst Hellmeier

Children's Books from Austria (ARGE)



4+



4+



5+



7+

Patti Goes For It I Can Do It!

ACHSE Verlag

Edith Schachinger

Illustrated by Dani Remen

pp. 32, 28.0 × 22.0 cm, Age 4+

€ 23.00, 978-3-903408-25-8

Rights sold to Spanish, Catalan

In the middle of the gymnasium stands the imposing climbing pole. So far, none of the children have made it to the top. Patti takes on the challenge, but with each attempt to pull herself up she lands back on the hard ground of reality. However, Patti doesn't give up. Despite her anger and frustration, she practices tirelessly week after week. Will she be able to conquer the pole?

Edith Schachinger is a trained journalist and actress. She currently works as a freelance (advertising) copywriter in Lower Austria. She is also a co-editor of the *Female* Book*, published in 2022.

Dani Remen finds her inspiration as an illustrator, storyteller and educator in the world of children, particularly her two sons. For her, the most thrilling experience is joining them in fantastical worlds, where every possibility feels within reach.

Leo the Little Scaredy-Cat

Sensory Journeys: A Trilogy

Bibliothek der Provinz

Isolde Fehringer, Klaus Ebenhöf

Illustrated by Daniel Spreitzer

SERIES, pp. 44, 20.5 × 20.5 cm, Age 4+

€ 20.00, 978-3-99126-114-8

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Little snow leopard Leo goes on a trip with his family. Since Leo easily loses his balance, he doesn't dare to take the difficult path. But with the help of Heidi the bumblebee, he eventually manages it.

This book encourages children to take on motoric challenges even if they are anxious. The story can be reenacted with swings and slides.

Isolde Fehringer works with children in her occupational therapy practice. She writes books on the subject of sensory integration.

Klaus Ebenhöf studied journalism and ethnology. He works as a freelance journalist, author and tour guide.

Daniel Spreitzer is an illustrator and designer from Vienna.

"The book is therefore perfect for use in therapy, education and children's everyday play."

Sophie Ulbrich-Ford

Butterfly, Make Troubles Fly!

**The Picture Book to the Song
by MiA.**

Edition5Haus

Magda Hassan

Illustrated by Sonja Stangl

pp. 40, 23.0 × 23.0 cm, Age 5+

€ 18.00, 978-3-99133-008-0

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What if worries were like sheets of paper? If you could fold them and let them fly away?

"Sorgenfalter" encourages us to embrace our worries, understand them, listen to them and talk about them.

Constant worries can then change, like

a sheet of paper when you fold it: they become softer, warmer, more colourful, lighter. Perhaps one of them will even turn out to be a guide, a companion.

Magda Hassan is an author specialising in children's books. As Mia Kirsch she is part of the ASAGAN artists' collective.

Sonja Stangl is an award-winning illustrator and visual communicator. She has always been interested in the interplay of different fields in the creative industries.

Mr Fox Loves Poetry

Edition Nilpferd

Franziska Biermann

pp. 80, 24.5 × 17.5 cm, Age 7+

€ 15.00, 978-3-7074-5311-9

All rights available

Attention, book lovers! Mr Fox gets bitten by the love bug – literally! When the charming painter Mira crosses his path, he falls head over heels. But when will he see her again? And what might the painting she made of him look like? As Mr Fox awaits a sign from Mira, wandering the world and writing poetry, his publisher has had enough. Something must be done – it's time for an urgent de-love plan!

Franziska Biermann studied at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences for Design. She lives in Hamburg, working as an author and illustrator on her humorous book and film projects. Her most famous character is Mr Fox. *Mr Fox Loves Books* won second place in the Troisdorf Picture Book Award. Franziska Biermann is a recipient of the Baumhaus-Boje-Media Award and was honoured with the Young Literature House Award in 2021.

Children's Books from Austria (ARGE)



Rosa Famosa

Magical Fun in the Goldfish Bowl

G&G

Katharina Fohringer-Hackl
 Illustrated by Ulrike Halvax
 pp. 64, 24.5 × 17.5 cm, Age 7+
 € 13.50, 978-3-7074-2674-8
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Rosa Famosa lives on the fifth floor of the fifth house on Dachshund Alley and is convinced that a famous dachshund must have lived there once – maybe even one that could talk. That would be amazing! Just like her goldfish Robert. But shh – nobody can know that Rosa is a magician. However, when she takes a bite of a cheese sandwich, her magical powers suddenly vanish – right when her best friend Odi needs her help. A plan is needed, and fast!

Katharina Fohringer-Hackl, born in St. Pölten, lives with her family in the Vienna Woods and works as a secondary school teacher in Lower Austria having studied English and German at the University of Vienna.

Ulrike Halvax, an Austrian illustrator, is known for her cheerful style that humorously captures people, animals and nature. She studied graphic design and photography, worked in Vienna and Munich, and now lives near Graz.

DIXI Award, Austria's most important prize for emerging literature

And Then?

Jungbrunnen

Heinz Janisch
 Illustrated by Helga Bansch
 pp. 32, 28.0 × 21.0 cm, Age 3+
 € 18.00, 978-3-7026-6000-0
 All rights available

There are many reasons people get angry, we all know that, and sometimes you need to express that anger. Eventually the trouble fades away, and that's when it's really important to be soothed.

Heinz Janisch, born in 1960, has worked as a radio presenter and writes books for children and adults. He has been honoured with the Austrian Art Award for Children's and Youth Literature, the Christine Nöstlinger Award and the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Helga Bansch, born in 1957, trained to be a teacher. While working with children she discovered painting as a means of expression. Since then she has been an illustrator of children's books. She has received the Outstanding Artist Award and the Austrian Art Award.

Good News From All Around the World

From Sudan to Afghanistan

Leykam

Minitta Kandlbauer, Melanie Kandlbauer
 Illustrated by Yani Hamdy
 pp. 128, 27.5 × 20.5 cm, Age 6+
 € 24.00, 978-3-7011-8318-0
 All rights available

Goodbye stereotypes! A journey all around the world advocating for more respect and less prejudice! From Syria to China to

Somalia: an interactive children's non-fiction book that promotes respect and tolerance!

Sisters Minitta & Melanie Kandlbauer, born in 1995 and 1990, are antiracism trainers and have travelled to over 40 countries. They are the editors of *Has This Been Racist?*

Yani Hamdy (@y.illustrations) is known for her colourful and diverse illustrations.

"The title alone is golden: good news from all around the world – that's what we yearn for!"

Eselsohr

Tiger Dreams

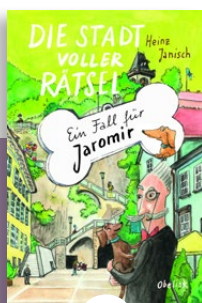
Luftschacht

Julian Tappich
 Illustrated by Julian Tappich
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Little yellow Leo was no ordinary bird. He found the chirping and singing of the other birds boring. The same old songs! He preferred to indulge in his daydreams, which unfortunately he couldn't tell anyone about, especially not the other birds. Because Leo dreamed of a wild cat friend. Leo loved cats. "I'll tell the cat about my dreams," Leo decided excitedly, "she'll love them!" But when his friendship with the neighbour's cat didn't work out so well, Leo set off on a long journey into the jungle. Surely there must be really big, wild cats, for really big, wild dreams. Tiger-dreams!

Julian Tappich, born in 1982 in Zurich, studied comparative literature and photography in Vienna. He works as an illustrator and cartoonist.

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Jaromir Cases A City Full of Mysteries

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Heinz Janisch

Illustrated by Verena Braun

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Suspicious figures are on the loose in Graz, a city full of riddles, and they seem to be preparing a major coup. Lord Huber, the experienced special investigator from Scotland Yard, will not be fooled! He and his four-legged assistant Mr Jaromir figure out that the mysterious theft of small golden collector's items is just a diversion. Will our intrepid investigators succeed in unmasking the cunning gangsters and thwarting their plans?

Heinz Janisch has published numerous literary works since 1989, including many books for children and young people. He has been translated into more than 25 languages and won numerous prizes, including the international Hans Christian Andersen Prize 2024.

Jen the Hen

Picus

Cornelia Travnicek

Illustrated by Raffaella Schöbitz

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One day Mother Duck finds a strange egg in her nest. Once it hatches, she names it Jen. But Jen doesn't quite fit in with the rest of the ducks: they even make fun of

her. As it turns out, Jen is actually a hen and not a duck!

Mother Duck decides to take Jen to a farm to find out more about her heritage, and while walking through the portrait gallery Jen learns that her ancestors were dinosaurs! How cool! But Mother Duck's heart is heavy: will she have to let go of Jen and leave her with the other hens?

A touching story about a mother's unconditional love and searching for your origins.

Cornelia Travnicek, born in 1987, is a researcher at a centre for virtual reality and visualisation. Picus published her children's books *Zwei dabei* and *Before the Alarm Goes Off*, as well as her novel *Fairy Dust*.

Raffaella Schöbitz, born in 1987, is a freelance illustrator and author. She was shortlisted for the World Illustration Award in 2021. For Picus she has previously illustrated *Gute Reise, Eierspeise!*, *Planetenspatzen* and *Before the Alarm Goes Off*.

When Wind Tells of the Sea

Tyrolia

Sonja Stangl

Illustrated by Sonja Stangl

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About open ears and new friends.

One day an old bear sits on the hill. He is peculiar and doesn't react when you talk to him. "Perhaps he has difficulty hearing?" Without further ado, a girl makes a mouthpiece to give her own voice more power. It works – and that's not all. Because the speaking tube also works in

reverse: as a hearing tube. And now we're off on an exciting journey of discovery together into the world of sounds and all their stories.

Sonja Stangl, born in 1989, lives in Vienna. Since studying multimedia art, she has worked in various fields in the creative industry, bringing her own visual language to children's books, advertising, animation and packaging.

Two Red Fireflies

Vermes

Oliver Weiss

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Will the firefly find me?

Maximiliane, the brightest glowing firefly, flies through the night in search of a friend. Thousands of lights glow and sparkle everywhere – but is there another firefly in the world that glows as beautifully red as she does?

In this extraordinary picture book by Oliver Weiss, the fireflies deliver a universal message: miracles are everywhere, you just have to discover them!

Oliver Weiss draws for *The New York Times* and *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, as well as for many different publishers in Germany and around the world. He is an internationally active illustrator, author and designer. His picture book *Die Öblings kommen!* was awarded the Meefisch Prize for the best German-language children's book in 2023. He lives in Berlin and New York.

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