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“The picture books from Annette Betz are warm-hearted, funny and poetic. These award-winning books, full of beautiful illustrations and playful texts, are perfect for parents and kids – from pre-school all the way to primary school.

And we are delighted to present our brand new range of **picture board books** – great stories for the youngest book fans!”

Georg Glöckler, Publisher

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## Tipps from the last programme



Michael Engler /  
Joëlle Tourlonias  
**Strange Bird plucks up  
his courage**

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**“No means no”, says the  
mouse**

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Elisa Vavouri  
**20,000 leagues under the sea**

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# Immerse yourself in a world of music

## Scheherazade – Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov’s symphonic suite to One Thousand and One Nights

As stories go, it is hard to beat the tale of Scheherazade, the young bride and one of the greatest story-tellers in history, who enchanted her husband, the Sultan, and saved her own life by telling 1,001 incredible stories.

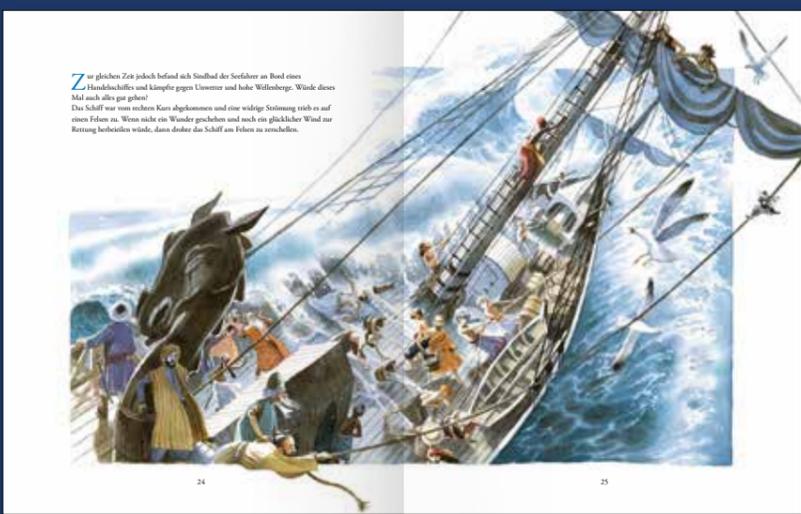
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was just as fascinated by Scheherazade’s tales and composed this symphonic suite to accompany them. In this stunning musical picture book, Doris Eisenburger seamlessly weaves three elements together: the legendary tales of Scheherazade, the story of Rimsky-Korsakov’s music and atmospheric, breathtaking illustrations.

**This magical, musical picture book will whisk you away to the world of One Thousand and One Nights.**



In langer vergangener Zeit lebte im fernen Samarkand ein mächtiger König, König Schahriar. Er war vornehm, weil ihn eine eigene Frau betrogen hatte. Oft nahm er ein junges Mädchen zur Frau und ließ sie nach der ersten Nacht töten, denn er wollte nie mehr von seiner Ehefrau betrogen werden.  
Die ging so lange, bis es keine betraglichen Mädchen mehr in seinem Land gab, denn viele waren auch vor dem gramlosen König geflohen.  
Der Waise des Königs hatte aber noch zwei bildhäßliche Fischer. Die illustriert Scheherazade und wie nicht nur schick, sondern auch sehr klug. Sie sprach zu ihrem verweifelten Vater: «Lieber Vater, führe mich subversiv zum König und da wirst du sehen, alles wird gut.» Und ihre kleinen Schwester Dunjassa illustrierte sie noch etwas zu Ohn.

So kam es, dass Scheherazade den König betratte. In ihrer ersten Nacht sprach sie zu dem großen König. Ich habe meine Schwester Dunjassa über alles und nichts noch gerne noch einmal von ihr verabschiedet. Der König hatte nichts dagegen. Und als die kleine Schwester vor ihnen stand, hat sie Scheherazade, die doch keine eine Geschichte zu erzählen, dass diese dunkle, lang-Nachts kleine wurde. Der König sollte lieber Geschichten über alles und so gab er mit Freude seine Erlaubnis. Scheherazade begann eifrig zu erzählen. Sie erzählte von Fischern und Dinnern, von Pizzen und Pizzenmännern, von verwunschener Sitten und unbedachten Reichen, die die Mägen dämmerte und die Nacht vorbei war, hörte sie an der spannendsten Stelle auf. König Schahriar wollte aber unbedingt wissen, wie die Geschichte weiterging, und verschonte Scheherazade. Und so erzählte sie ihm ihre Geschichten Nacht für Nacht ...



Zur gleichen Zeit jedoch befand sich Südbahd der Nordsee an Bord eines Handelschiffes und kämpfte gegen Unwetter und hohe Wellenberge. Wäre dieses Mal auch alles gut gelaufen?  
Das Schiff war vom reichen Kees abgekommen und eine wildige Stürmung trieb es auf einem Felsen zu. Wenn nicht ein Wunder geschah und nach ein glücklicher Wind zur Rettung befehlen würde, dann drohte das Schiff am Felsen zu zerbrechen.



Doris Eisenburger visited the Advanced Technical College for Communication Design in Munich to study Illustration. For over 20 years, she has devoted herself to watercolor painting and has already illustrated 15 musical picture books.  
[www.eisenburger-illus.de](http://www.eisenburger-illus.de)



Music and text on the accompanying CD

Composer: Nikolai Rimski-Korsakow  
Orchestra: TSWR Sinfonieorchester, Baden-Baden und Freiburg  
Violin: Jermolaj Albiker  
Conductor: Alejo Pérez

- **The treasure trove of tales from One Thousand and One Nights have enchanted generations**
- **Each movement of the symphonic suite tells one of Scheherazade’s tales – building to the 4th movement’s grand finale!**
- **Doris Eisenburger’s expressive illustrations will fascinate and inspire readers of all ages**

Doris Eisenburger  
**Scheherazade**  
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov’s symphonic suite to One Thousand and One Nights

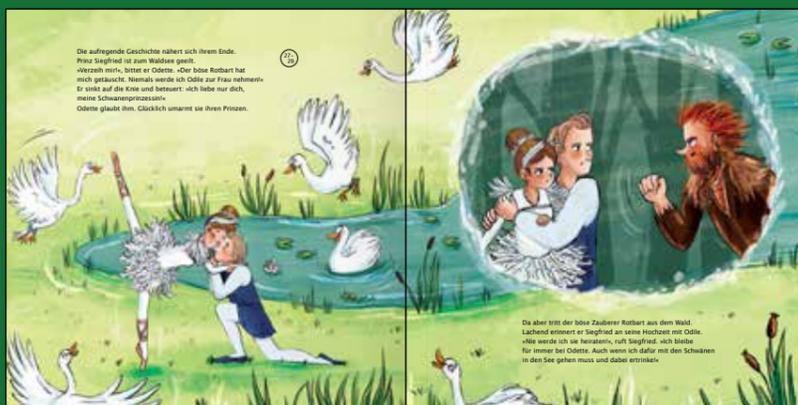
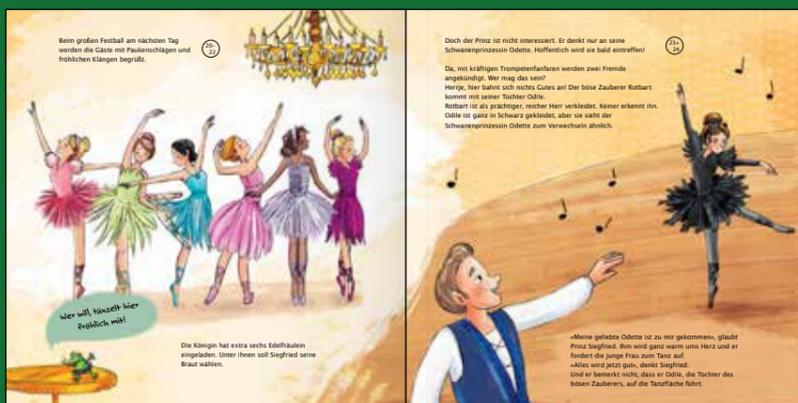
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## Swan Lake – The fairy-tale ballet composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

The story of Prince Siegfried and Princess Odette, who has been transformed into a swan by the evil sorcerer, Rothbart, is one of the best-loved folk tales of all time. And Swan Lake, with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's playful melodies, is the most famous ballet in the world. In this wonderful book, Marko Simsa immerses young readers in the sensational worlds of ballet and classical music. Accompanied by enchanting illustrations from Anna-Lena Kühler, this is a book that will make ballet fans' hearts skip a beat.

Fairy-tale music and the best of ballet combine in the My First Music Picture Book series.



Marko Simsa has brought concerts and plays for kids to the stage for 25 years. His venues include the Vienna Concert hall, the Salzburg Music Festival, and the Wiesbaden Theater. His award-winning books have been translated into 12 languages.  
[www.markosimsa.at](http://www.markosimsa.at)



Anna-Lena Kühler studied communications design in Wiesbaden with a focus on illustration. She has worked on a free-lance basis for agents and publishers in Germany and abroad since graduating.

My first musical picture book  
3+



Music and text on the accompanying CD

Composer: Peter Iljitsch Tschaikowsky  
Orchestra: TSWR Sinfonieorchester, Baden-Baden und Freiburg  
Conductor: Ondrej Lenárd

- Tschaikovsky's world-famous melodies transport readers to a fairy-tale world
- Immersive book with search-and-find games and hands-on ideas
- Marko Simsa introduces young readers to the joys of classical music

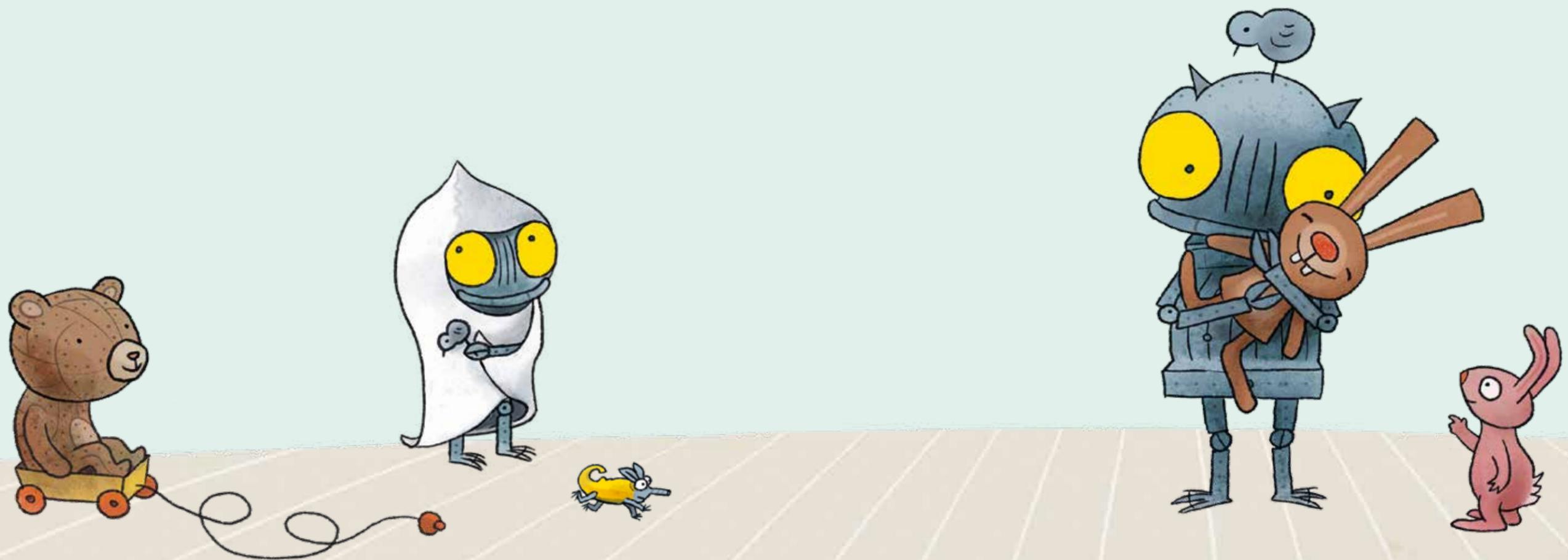
Marko Simsa / Anna-Lena Kühler  
**Swan Lake**  
The fairy-tale ballet composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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# The new addition to the world of Knight Rusty:

## BOY RUST

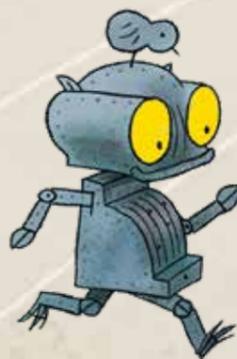


### Knight Rusty on TV

**14.000** viewers<sup>1</sup> follow the adventures of Knight Rusty every Monday to Friday morning at 09:45<sup>2</sup>.

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von ARD und ZDF

**ZDF tivi**



### Knight Rusty's Magic Park

One of the longest established and best-loved theme parks in Germany.



### Ritter Rost im Kino

**800.000**

film fans

saw *Knight Rusty* and *Knight Rusty 2 – Full Metal Racket* in cinemas.



## Boy Rusty – Help Me Find My Cuddly Toy

A funny story about the love between Boy Rusty and his favourite cuddly toy



Jörg Hilbert  
Boy Rusty –  
Help Me Find My Cuddly Toy

22 pages

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Jörg Hilbert studied communication design and lives as a freelance author and illustrator in Ruhr district. The books of his famous “Rusty Knight” – musicals (music Felix Janosa) have been sold more than 1 Million copies.

Felix Janosa has been composing since he is twelve years old. After having been studied school music, he became cabaret artist, jazz pianist, producer, author and composer of the famous “Rusty Knight”-musicals (with Jörg Hilbert).

## Boy Rusty – Bath Time for Boy Rusty!

Discover the joys of bath time with Boy Rusty



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- Knight Rusty board books for toddlers
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Jörg Hilbert  
Boy Rusty –  
Bath Time for Boy Rusty!

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## My Granny's Bigger Than Your Granny

Granny Grete is tall – really tall. She's the tallest granny in the world. Just think of all the fun you can have with her. How about picking cherries without a ladder, crossing the lake without a boat or plucking stars from the sky? But why is Granny Grete so tall? Isn't it obvious? Granny Grete has got such a big heart, which means she needs such a big body to keep it in ...

**The perfect story for big-hearted grannies and little grand-kids.**



Franziska Höllbacher studied Multimedial Art in Salzburg. While she was still at university, she embarked on a career as a freelance illustrator for a number of English-language publishers.

Picture Book

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- An enchanting love-letter to grannies everywhere
- The perfect gift for (Grand)Mothers' Day
- Plays with children's perspectives on the "gigantic" adult world

Franziska Höllbacher  
My Granny's Bigger Than Your Granny

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# The perfect present for Mothers' Day!

## My Mom, The Super-Hero

"My mom can do so many things", said Marta. "Is that right? What can she do?", asked Paul. That was how it all started. Busy at the nursery's arts and crafts table, Marta and Paul start talking about their mothers and how amazing they are at everything. As their boasting becomes more and more outlandish, the two kids get louder and louder – until both shout out: "My mom is a SUPER-HERO!"



Katharina Grossmann-Hensel studied Illustration in Hamburg. She lived for three years in Paris, where she published her first picture book. She currently lives in Berlin and works as a freelance author and illustrator for several publishers.

Picture Book  
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gift-book  
format

- This popular bestseller is now available in gift-book format
- Full of wonderfully bizarre things kids say about why their mom is the best
- With striking illustrations from the award-winning author and illustrator of *Eltern Richtig Erziehen* (*How to Train Your Parents*)

Katharina Grossmann-Hensel  
*My Mom, The Super-Hero*

32 pages

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## There's A Cat In My Cot!

Friedemann the dog wants to take a nap but there's one small problem. The little kitten

Rosine has curled up in his bed and no matter what he tries, from offering Rosine her favourite treats to banging saucepan lids together, she refuses to wake from her slumber. What is the world coming to when Friedemann can't get a tiny ball of fluff like Rosine off his bed! But Friedemann has no idea just how stubborn a tiny kitten can be – or that sharing can feel so good.

**The rivalry between cats and dogs has never been cuter!**



Friedemann traute seinen Augen nicht. Da hatte doch die Katze Rosine seinen Lieblingsplatz in Beschlag genommen!  
Freundliches Drängeln hilft bestimmt, den kleinen Störenfried zu vertreiben.  
Doch Rosine tat so, als schliefe sie tief und fest.



Dann musste eben der Kanarienvogel Igor die Katze zum Spielen herausfordern.  
Rosine zuckte noch nicht einmal mit ihrem Schwanzhaare, als der Vogel dicht über ihrem Kopf entlangflog.



Ulla Mersmeyer completed an apprenticeship at Bremer Theater and studied illustration in Münster. Her illustrations have breathed life into countless children's and picture books. She lives and works in her dream city, Hamburg.



- A charming picture book about two pets and the joy of sharing
- Perfect for dog and cat lovers
- Ulla Mersmeyer's latest book is full of heart and humour

Ulla Mersmeyer  
There's A Cat In My Cot!

32 pages

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# Books from Annette Betz that explore big feelings

“Reading is fun, it incites the imagination and encourages creativity. It nurtures empathy, inspires us to reflect and to dream, it cheers us up, provides comfort and helps us to grow. Reading helps us learn about the world and the people around us.

Picture books are no different: They allow even the youngest readers to experience the joys and sorrows of stories and pictures.”

Christine Knödler, »Eltern« (4/2020)



## Tipps

Defiant phase



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**Princess Bossyboots**  
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To be different



Engler / Turlonias  
**Strange Bird – It is good to be different**  
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Environmentalism



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**Mr. Octopus cleans up the sea**  
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Courage

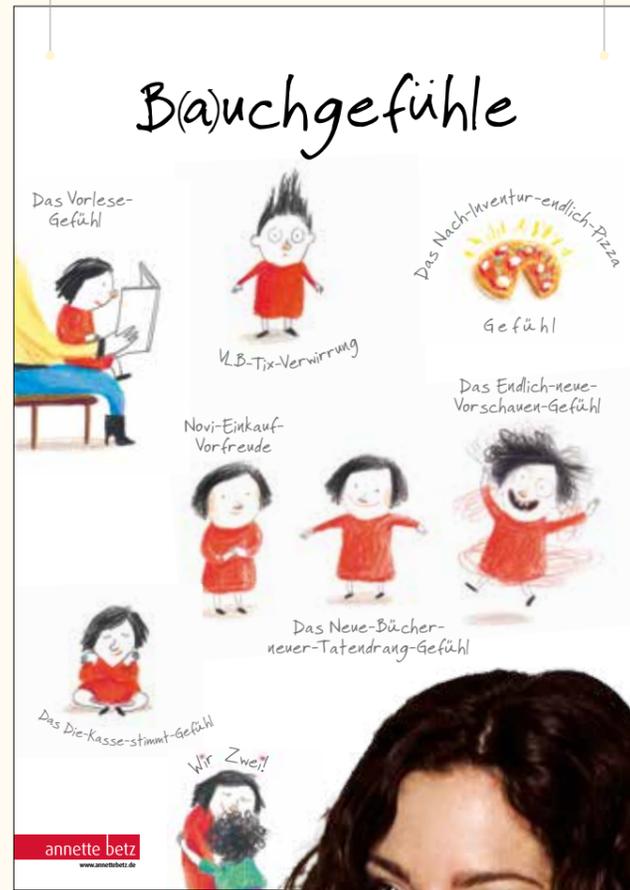


Fuchs / Müller  
**“No means no”, says the mouse**  
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## “I feel ...” – A Book About Giggles, Glee, Tears and Temper Tantrums

“So, how are you feeling?” Sometimes there’s no easy answer. There are simply so many feelings and emotions. Every day can be a rollercoaster of emotions, from anger to sadness, from jealousy to stubbornness, from fear to happiness. Every now and then you even discover a feeling you never had before, such as the “fresh bed linen feeling” or the “sitting next to you feeling”. When it comes to feelings, you need to take them seriously, but not always too seriously!

**A book that explores feelings and emotions – and how to deal with them.**



Katharina Grossmann-Hensel studied Illustration in Hamburg. She lived for three years in Paris, where she published her first picture book. She currently lives in Berlin and works as a freelance author and illustrator for several publishers.

Picture Book  
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Big  
Feelings

- **The greatest emotions packaged for the smallest of readers**
- **Emotional development is a major topic in pre- and primary school**
- **Tackled with heart and humour by Katharina Grossmann-Hensel**

Katharina Grossmann-Hensel  
“I feel ...” –  
A Book About Giggles, Glee, Tears  
and Temper Tantrums

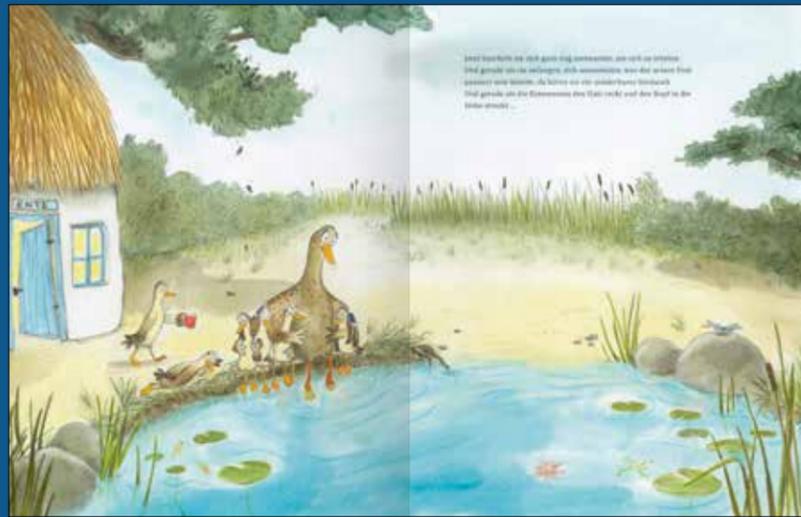
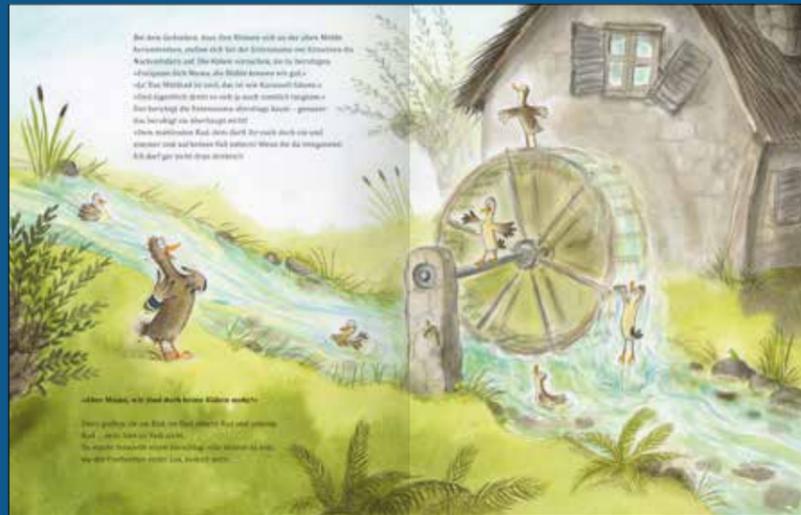
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## We're not little ducklings any more

Mother Duck is all of a flutter. One of her seven ducklings has disappeared! "Maybe Fedi headed over to the waterfall?", suggests Plitsch. Mother Duck's heart skips a beat. The waterfall isn't safe for little ducklings! The family heads off to look for Fedi. The world is full of dangerous places, but Mother Duck looks on as her little ducklings take everything in their stride! Everywhere they go, Mother Duck looks on anxiously, but her confidence in her little ducklings grows every time they quack: "We're not little ducklings anymore!"

**A story about growing up and gaining self-confidence.**



Martin Fuchs studied German and Theatre Studies. Since 2006, he has been working as a freelance copywriter. He has published three picture books with Annette Betz. He lives and works in Hamburg.



Anke Hennings-Huep was born in 1974 in Norden (East Friesland) and studied Interdisciplinary Art in Edinburgh, Paris and Groningen. She is a freelance illustrator and lives with her family in Hamburg.

Picture Book  
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- A story about courage and caution
- For confident kids and those who want to be more self-reliant
- Martin Fuchs takes a wry look at the art of letting go

Martin Fuchs / Anke Hennings-Huep  
We're not little ducklings any more

32 pages

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## A Present For The King

Some time ago, the great and glorious one came to the land to be king. But there was something he needed to be happy. Whoever could bring him what he needed, could share his throne. People from all over the kingdom brought him the most incredible things, but none of their gifts were what he was looking for. Then a little girl approached the king and asked for a ladder. Everyone at the court held their breath. Little Marie climbed up to the king, threw her arms around his neck and hugged him with all her strength. Her hug was exactly what the king had been longing for.

**A modern fairy-tale about the greatest joy of all.**



“There are so many different presents we can give – expensive, golden, shiny. But the greatest gift of all is being close to someone else. Affection is the most valuable gift we can give, especially with everything that is happening in the world around us right now!”

Heinz Janisch



Heinz Janisch studied German and journalism. He works as a freelancer for ORF radio, where he has been designing and presenting radio programmes since 1982. He also writes books for children and adults and has received numerous literary awards. Heinz Janisch lives in Vienna.



Silke Leffler was born in 1970 in Austria. After the school she went on to study for an apprenticeship in dressmaking and studied textile design. Since 1998 she has been illustrating for paper items and children's books. Her books are translated to many languages and she won important awards for her work. She lives with her family near Bodensee.

### Picture Book

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Congratulations to **Heinz Janisch** for winning the Grand Prize of the German Academy for Children and Youth Literature 2020!

- A hug in the age of social distancing
- A poetic tale about the importance of physical affection
- An incredible picture book from a renowned artistic duo, Heinz Janisch and Silke Leffler

Heinz Janisch / Silke Leffler  
A Present For The King

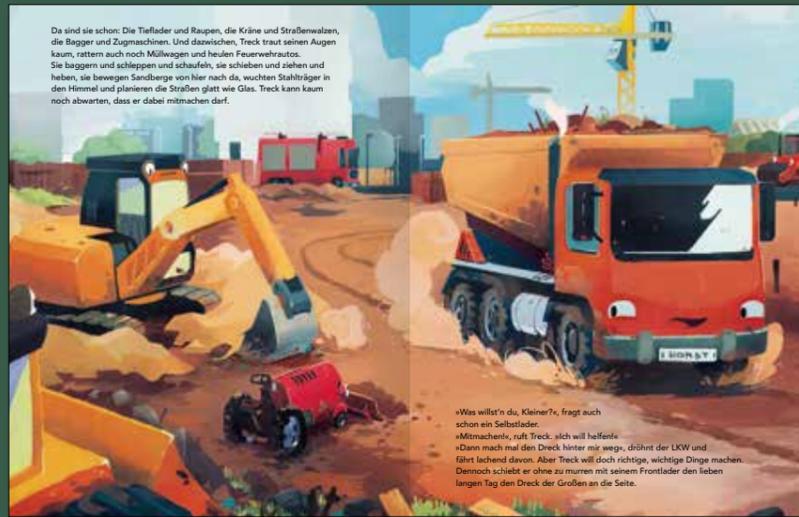
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## Treck, The Tiny Tractor

Treck, the Tiny Tractor, has been working on Farmer Schnuckenack's farm for ages, towing the harrow, plough and hay cart. Then one day, a big new tractor arrives on the farm and Treck isn't needed anymore. Treck gazes longingly at the far-off city, full of building sites. Wouldn't it be amazing to work with the giant cranes, powerful diggers and other construction machines? His mind made up, Treck sets off to the city to find happiness ...

**A wonderful story packed with characters kids will love: tractors, diggers, cranes and more.**

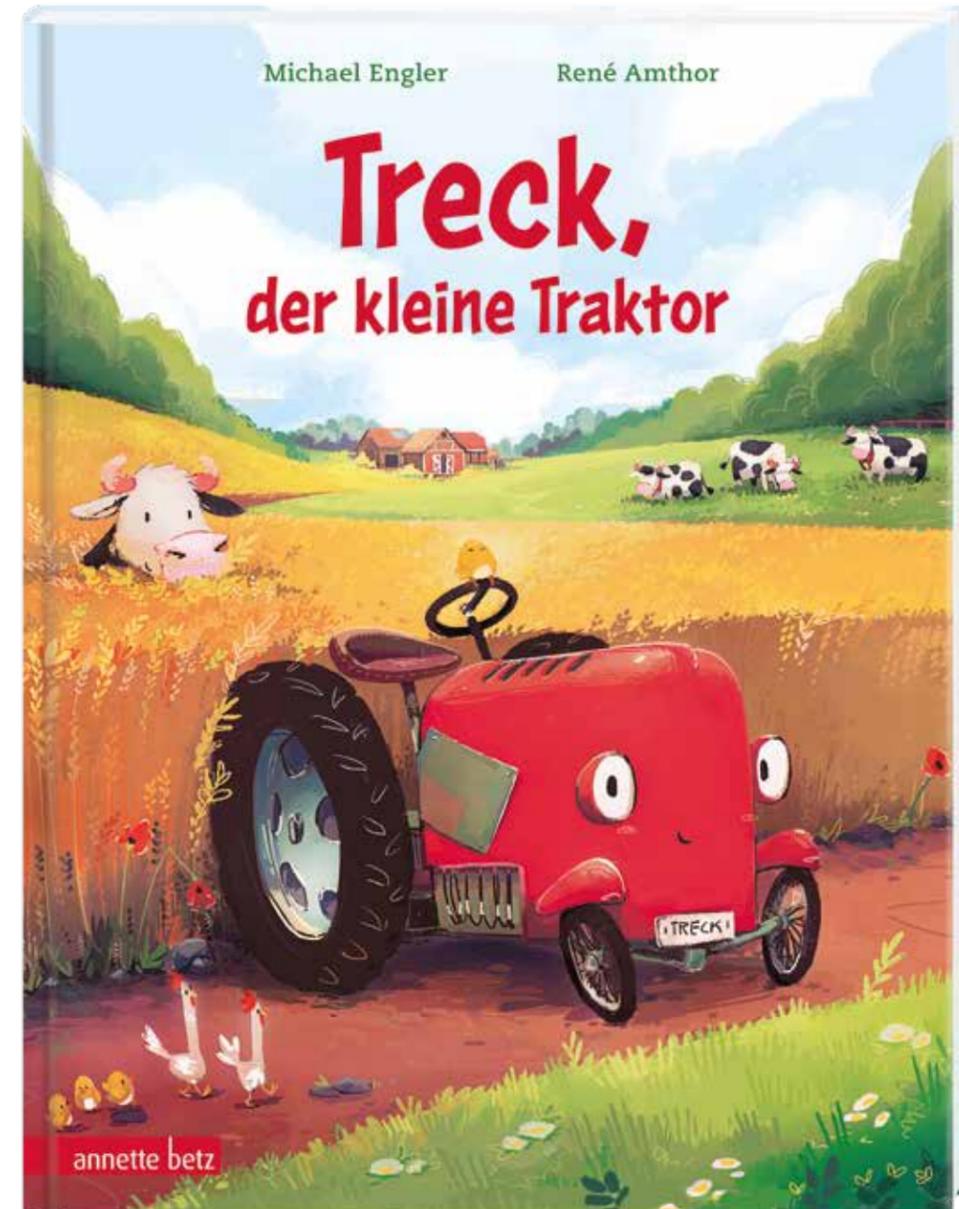


Michael Engler writes stage plays, audiobooks and children's books. His picture books as f.e. the "Elephantastic"-series or "A strange bird" are very popular and have been translated to many languages.



René Amthor studied Game Design at the School of Media Design in Düsseldorf. In late 2015, he founded a creative office, Studio Vieleck, with his wife. He illustrates children's and family games, colouring books, computer games – and now Treck, his very first picture book. He lives with his family in Hilden.

Picture Book  
4+



- A little tractor searches for happiness
- So many of kid's favourite vehicles in a single book: tractors, diggers and more 🚧🚛🚧🚛🚧🚛🚧🚛
- Huge construction machines and a beautiful story – the perfect recipe for a great picture book!

Michael Engler / René Amthor  
**Treck, The Tiny Tractor**

32 pages

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# Let's Explore The Water: Aquatic Animals And Plants – From Freshwater Streams To Salt-water Oceans

Susanne Riha takes readers on an exciting voyage of discovery through the aquatic world – from cool springs, streams and rivers all the way out into the open sea. Full of interesting facts and detailed illustrations, this marvellous book also includes short stories to help children learn all about the animals and plants that have found their home between mountain lakes and sandy coasts.

**A gorgeous non-fiction book with evocative illustrations about the animals and plants that live in and around water.**

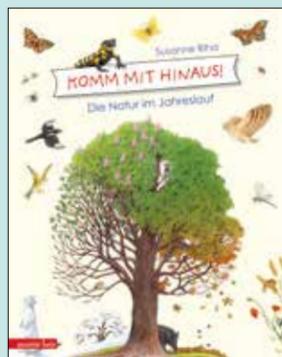
## Tipps



Christopher Ross  
**Let's have a walk through the Forest**

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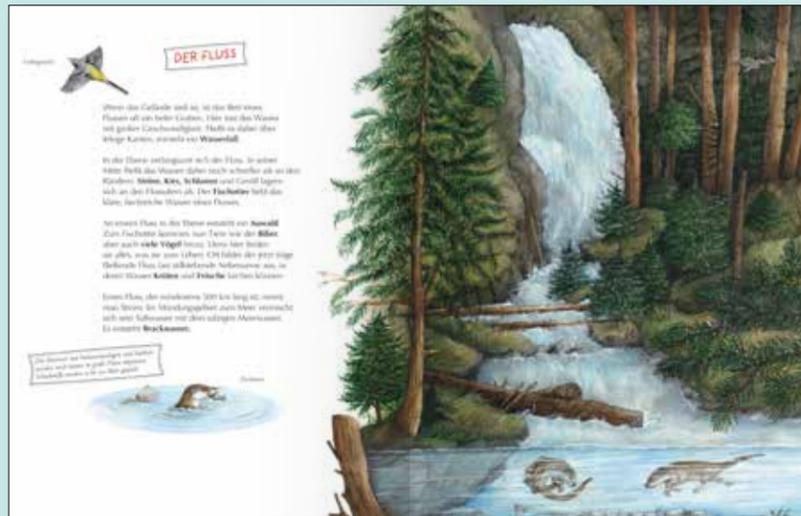
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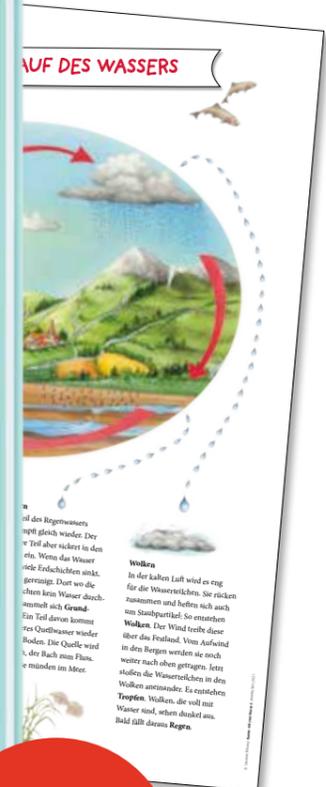
Susanne Riha has been illustrating and writing children's book since 1980. Her books have been published in several languages and have received awards in Austria and abroad.



**Factual Picture Book**  
5+



double-sided poster



- Exploring the world of water – with art, science and stories
- Detailed, naturalistic illustrations from the acclaimed Susanne Riha
- Oversized, double-sided water-cycle poster!

Susanne Riha  
**Let's Explore The Water: Aquatic Animals And Plants – From Freshwater Streams To Saltwater Oceans**

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## School For Beginners – From Breaktimes And Playgrounds To Homework and Holidays

Getting ready for their first day at school marks the start of an exciting new phase in every child's life. There are so many questions and so many new experiences:

- What is school like? What is a typical day at school?
- What was school like when my parents went? What is school like in other countries?
- When are the holidays and just what are you supposed to do at breaktime?

Thankfully, *School For Beginners* has the answers to these and many other questions. The book also includes a treasure trove of curious facts. Such as what kids in Japan eat for lunch, or what life is like for the 50,000 students at the world's biggest school.

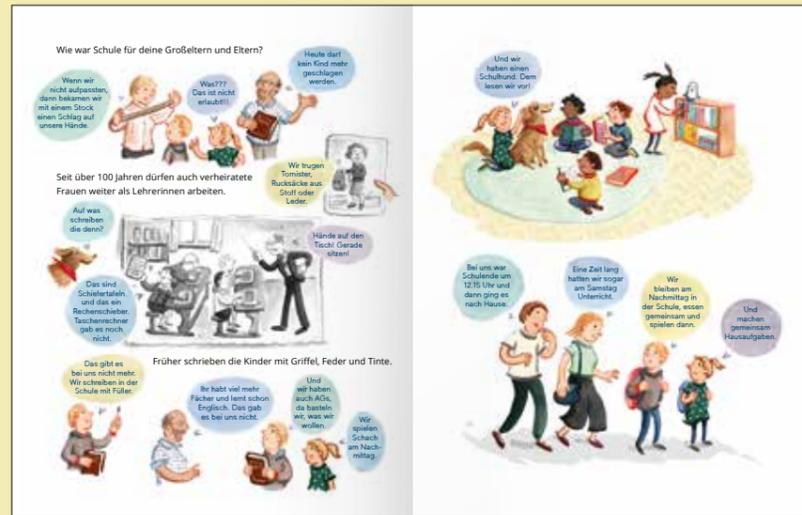
**Simply read this book to find out everything you need to know for your first day at school!**



Kristina Dumas is an author and journalist. She has written numerous stories and articles for children. She is widely recognized for her Musical Picture Book series previously published and available from Annette Betz.



Ina Worms Worms is a professional freelance artist for various agencies and publishers.



### Tipps



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**Manners for Beginners**

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- An exciting and educational book for the last year of pre-school
- Surprising facts and tidbits all about school
- Helps pre-schoolers get ready for their new life as schoolkids

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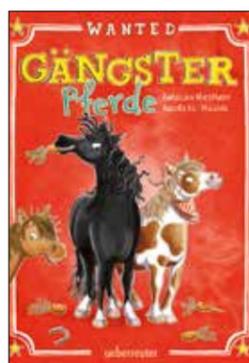


“Funny reading promotion, tricky crime stories for children, fantastic phantasy and YA literature on the highest level: Ueberreuter publishing house’s books offer bigger and new worlds to our little readers – and this is more important today than ever.”

Georg Glöckler, Verleger

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## Tipps from the last programme



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**Rory Shy**  
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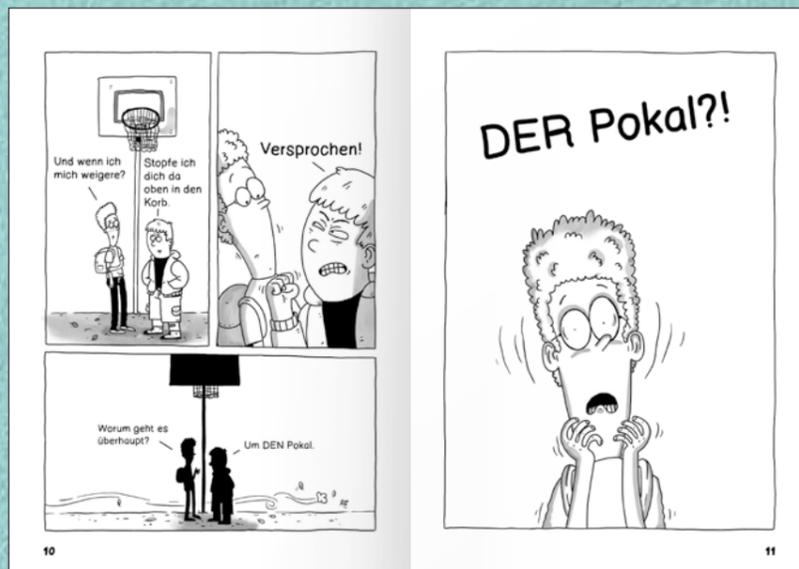
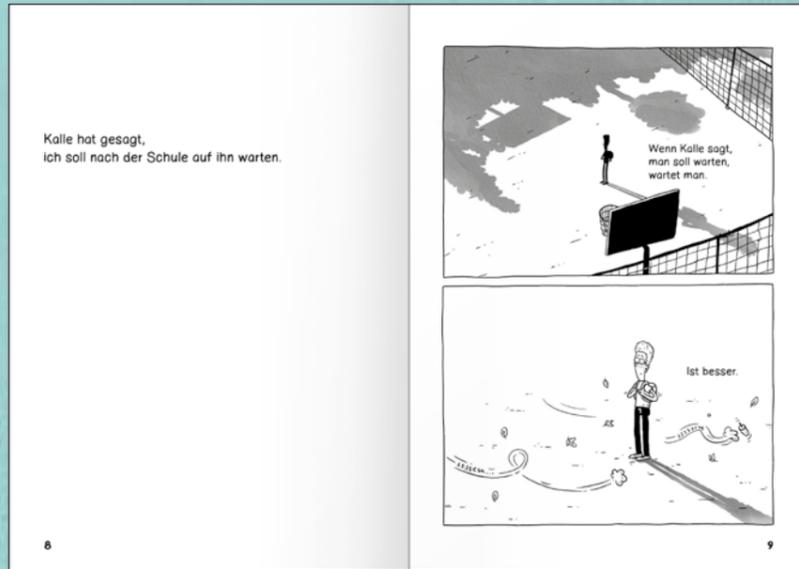


Christian Handel  
**Rowan & Ash**  
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416 pages

## What A Mega-Disaster

Kalle is strong and everyone at school does what he says. Alexander is smart and usually keeps his mouth shut. At least, that's how it's always been. Until Kalle needs Alexander's help. Urgently. They have 24 hours to replace the precious school trophy. Together, this mismatched duo come up with one plan after another. How can they raise the money they need? Everything goes wrong – until lady luck lends a helping hand.

**A fast-paced adventure – short text, lots of pictures!**

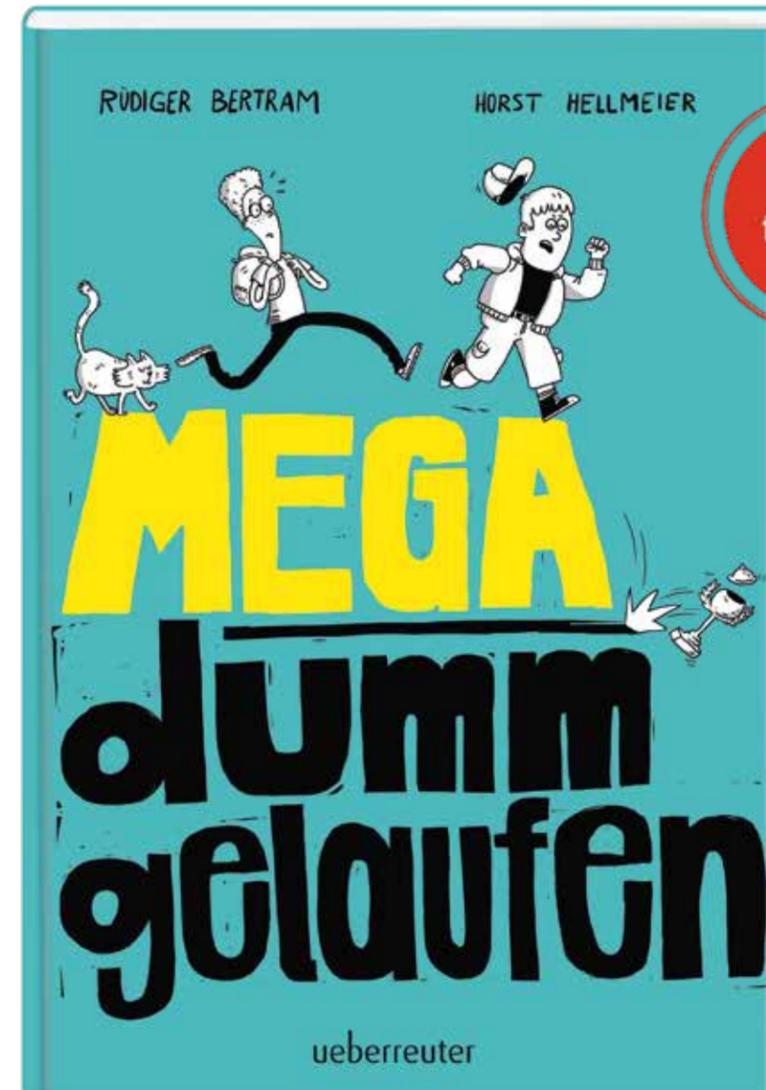


Rüdiger Bertram was born in Ratingen on the last day of May 1967 and has been writing light-hearted and serious books for children and young readers for more than fifteen years. He lives in Cologne with his wife and daughter and what feels like a million books.



Horst Hellmeier grew up surrounded by mountains and trees in the beautiful wild Alps of Styria. After a detour to the north of Germany to study illustration at HAW Hamburg, he now lives and works in Vienna and has been illustrating many children's books.

Children's Books  
7+



Rüdiger Bertram / Horst Hellmeier  
*What A Mega-Disaster*

128 pages

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- **Graphic novel encourages independent reading: Lots of pictures add to the fun**
- **Bullying flipped on its head: This time, it's the strong kid who needs help from the weaker one**
- **Illustrated by Horst Hellmeier**

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- Sold to 17 countries
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## The Little Bad Book 1-3, 8+

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## Edgar, Ellen & Poe – The Ravens And The Very Brave Witch

Ellen thought the most exciting thing to happen on Walpurgis Night would be her test to join the witches' coven. But then, the seething tensions between two rival groups of witches bubble over. With her test cancelled, Ellen joins Edgar, her raven friend, on a delicate mission for her coven! At the same time, the chief witch is holding the defenceless raven Poe captive ... Thank goodness Edgar, Ellen and Poe make such a great team. They not only have to rescue a lovestruck giant, they also need to find a way to make peace between the rival factions of witches.

**A whirlwind adventure full of witches and stubborn ravens.**

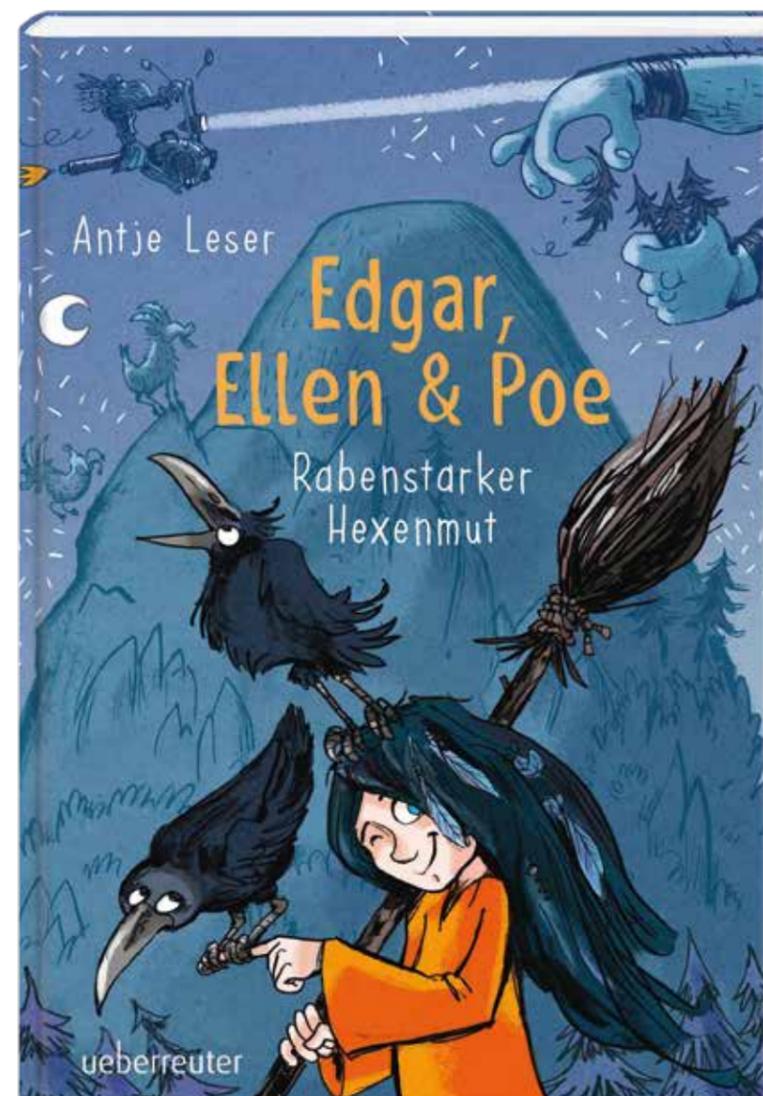


Antje Leser lives with her family in Bonn and writes Children's Books.



Alexander von Knorre was born in Magdeburg in 1982. After stints in Florida and Romania, he studied Visual Communication in Weimar, where he lives happily with his wife, daughters, cat, chickens and guinea pigs. He was awarded his master's in Design in 2010 and works as a comic artist, author and illustrator.

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- A fast-paced adventure story full of witches, with a strong girl at its heart
- A fantastical tale brimming with humour and inventiveness
- Full of ravenous illustrations from Alexander von Knorre

## The Bodacious Books Are Back

It's time for a new adventure for the bold and daring book agents! A Roman scroll has disappeared from the ancient book exhibition. But it hasn't been stolen – it has escaped! The scroll is the nefarious Liber Veneficiorum and it has a diabolical plan: to steal the Feather of Thot and rule over all books. Can the bodacious book agents stop this dastardly plot?

**Hot on the heels of their first adventure: our beloved book agents are back!**

### Vol. 1



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Hendrik Lambertus lives with his family in Bremen and is well known for his fantasy literature.



Alica Räth was born in 1999 in the very north of Germany. After studying at the Design Academy in Rostock, she said goodbye to the seagulls and hello to the pigeons in a small Bavarian town. Now, high up in her attic studio in Abensberg, she creates her loving, darkly colourful illustrations.



»Was soll der Unsinn?«, rief Mel mit gerunzelter Stirn. Und wich erschrocken einen Schritt zurück. Denn plötzlich waren Bewegungen in der dunklen Papierkorb-Öffnung zu sehen. Und eine Horde schwankender Gestalten kam aus der Dunkelheit herangeschlurft!

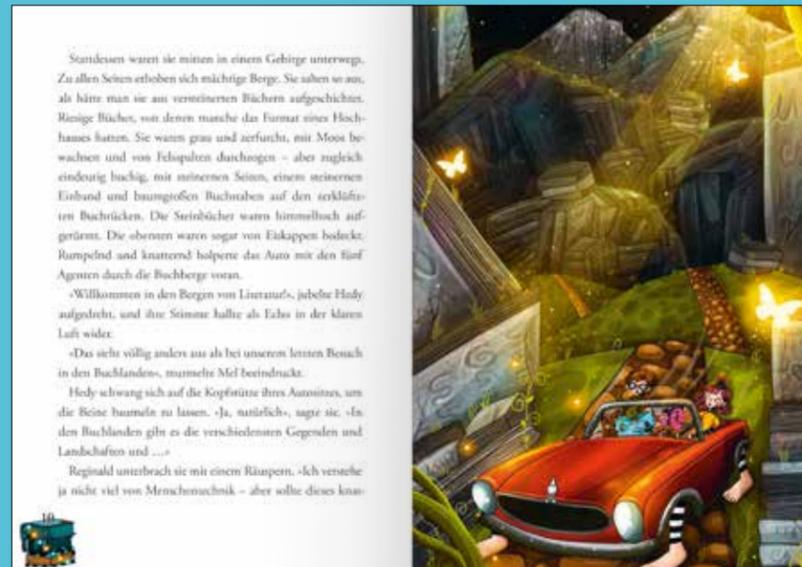
Es waren viele, richtig viele, und sie sahen irgendwie aus wie Buchagenten – laufende Bücher mit Armen und Beinen. Ihre Einbände waren jedoch angeschlagen und eingerissen, ihre Seiten zerknittert. Bei manchen von ihnen war das Papier durch Wasserschäden aufgequollen, andere hatten gelbliche Altersflecken oder gar keinen Einband mehr. Sie sahen aus, als würden sie jeden Moment auseinanderfallen.

Mit schlurfenden Schritten bewegten sie sich vorwärts, wobei sie die kurzen Ärmchen tastend ausstreckten. Ständig stießen sie beim Gehen aneinander oder purzelten über ihre eigenen Füße, als würden sie ihre Beine zum ersten Mal be-

nutzen. Ihre Gesichter hatten grobe, schiefe Züge, wie von einem Kleinkind gemalt. Ihre grau verschleierte Augen starrten stur geradeaus.

»Alarm!«, brüllte Paulchen Piratenkind und schwang den Säbel durch die Luft. »Wir werden geentert! Alle Mann, Frau, Buch und sonstige auf ihre Posten!«

»Was sind das für Wesen?«, fragte Hedy besorgt. »Zombücher!«, rief der Buchagent Dracula von seinem Regal herunter. »Finstere Finsterlinge. Ungeschick, aber kaum aufzuhalten. Nehmt euch in Acht!«



Ständeszenen waren sie mitten in einem Gebirge unterwegs. Zu allen Seiten erhoben sich mächtige Berge. Sie sahen so aus, als hätte man sie aus versteinerten Büchern aufgeschichtet. Riesige Bücher, von denen manche das Format eines Hochhauses hatten. Sie waren grau und zerfurcht, mit Moos bewachsen und von Felspalten durchzogen – aber zugleich eindeutig buchig, mit unregelmäßigen Seiten, einem meisteilen Einband und bunten Buchstaben auf den zerklüfteten Buchrücken. Die Steilbühnen waren himmelhoch aufgeräumt. Die obersten waren sogar von Eiskappen bedeckt. Rumpelnd und knatternd holperte das Auto mit den fünf Agnieten durch die Buchberge voran.

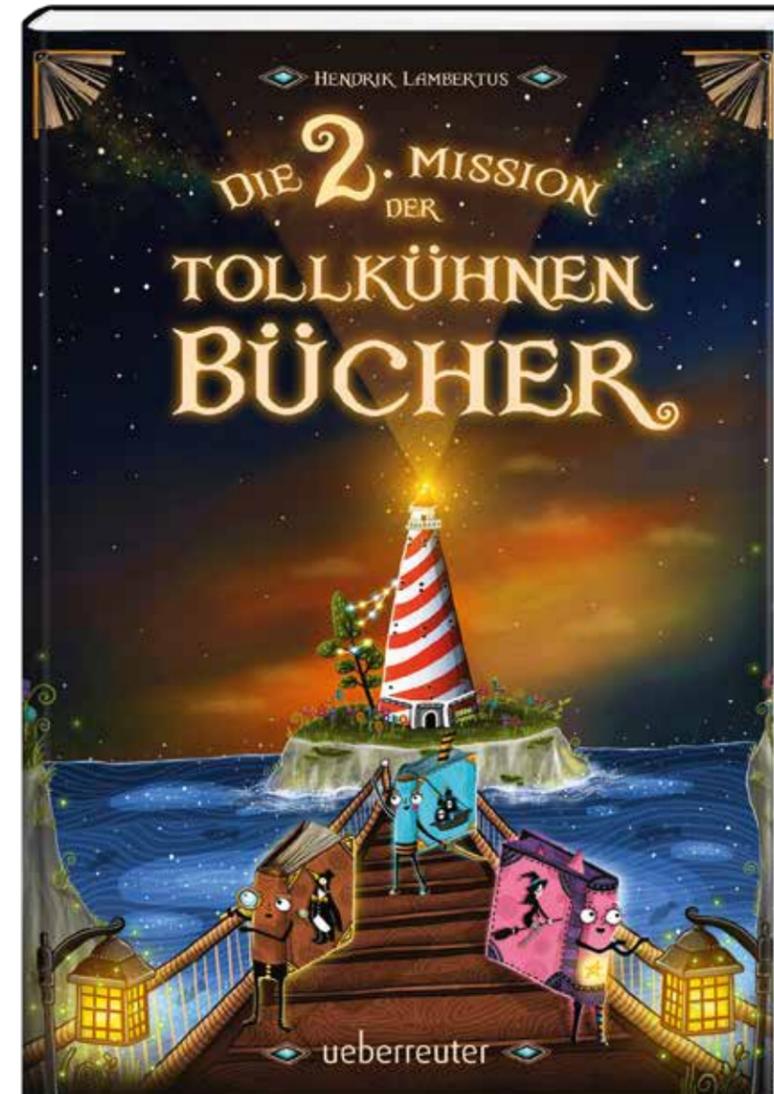
»Willkommen in den Bergen von Literatur!«, jubelte Hedy aufgeregt, und ihre Stimme hallte als Echo in der klaren Luft wider.

»Das sieht völlig anders aus als bei unserem letzten Besuch in den Buchländern!«, murmelte Mel beeindruckt.

Hedy schlang sich auf die Kopfstütze ihres Autositzes, um die Beine baumeln zu lassen. »Ja, natürlich!«, sagte sie. »In den Buchländern gibt es die verschiedensten Gegenden und Landschaften und ...«

Reginald unterbrach sie mit einem Rülpfen. »Ich verstehe ja nicht viel von Menschenmacht – aber sollte dieses knau-

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- **These incredible heroes have taken the world by storm: living books!**
- **A page-turning adventure that takes in the Ocean of Ink, skirts past the Typo Gremlins and heads over the Literature Mountains**
- **With hilarious full-colour illustrations and a book agent test**

# The Fantabulous Rosalie

## Wishes Live On The Rooftops!

**Andrea Schütze on the fantabulous Rosalie**

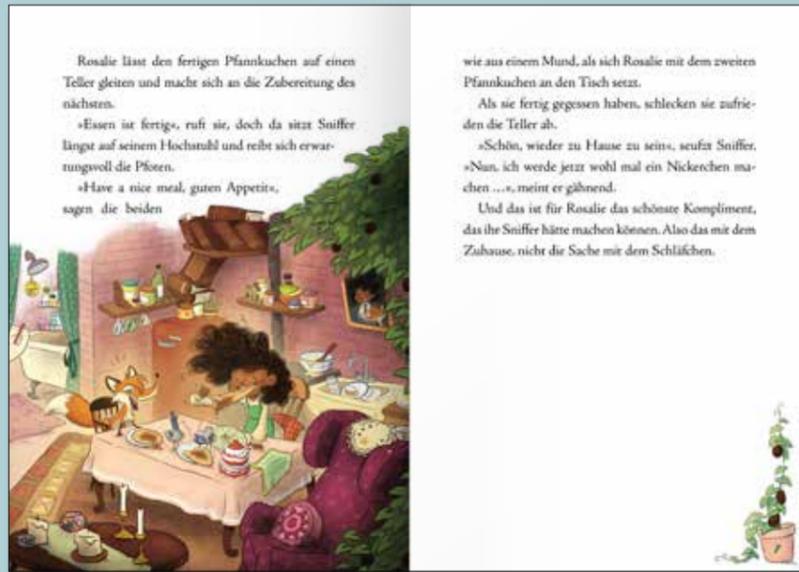
*"I wish my little town had its own Rosalie, because we all need someone in our lives to make our wishes come true! I love that she's so curious and jolly and will do absolutely anything to fulfil other people's wishes. Sometimes she thinks too much about other people and not enough about herself, but she's always got her friends Sniffer, William and Harry by her side."*



## The Fantabulous Rosalie – Wishes Live On The Rooftops!

Rosalie is a magical being with a very special gift: She is a wish-fulfiller. She's 112-years old, which makes her quite young, and she is perfectly at home on the roof of a magnificent house at Number 5, Lord-Moppster-Lane high above London. Together with her fox Sniffer and the daft doves Harry and William, she waits every day for her magic telescope to light up again. Because then it is finally time: There's a child with a heartfelt wish that she can fulfil!

**The fantabulous wish-fulfiller Rosalie is guaranteed to get kids reading!**



As a child, Andrea Schütze tried out just about every hobby you can imagine. One day, she discovered the joys of reading and a passion for writing books. She is the author of the successful "Maluna Moonlight" series.



Märiam Ben-Arab studied Arts and Illustration in Barcelona and Llotja. She has illustrated numerous children's books as well as comics and books for adults.

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- **Fantabulous Rosalie grants children's most heartfelt wishes**
- **The first book in a magically funny new series from Andrea Schütze**
- **Full-colour illustrations throughout**

## The Whispering Wood – The Lost Professor

Lukas is thrilled: The secret staircase in his room takes him to the Whispering Wood, which comes alive at night and is home to the most incredible creatures! Lukas visits the forest and makes amazing new friends. But he isn't happy when a girl from his class follows him. She's Ella and she has a plan of her own: She is looking for her grandfather, who is lost in the forest. The only clue is a strange puzzle he left behind. Lukas and his friends agree to help her. But this will be more dangerous than they thought.

**The addictive fantasy series is back!**



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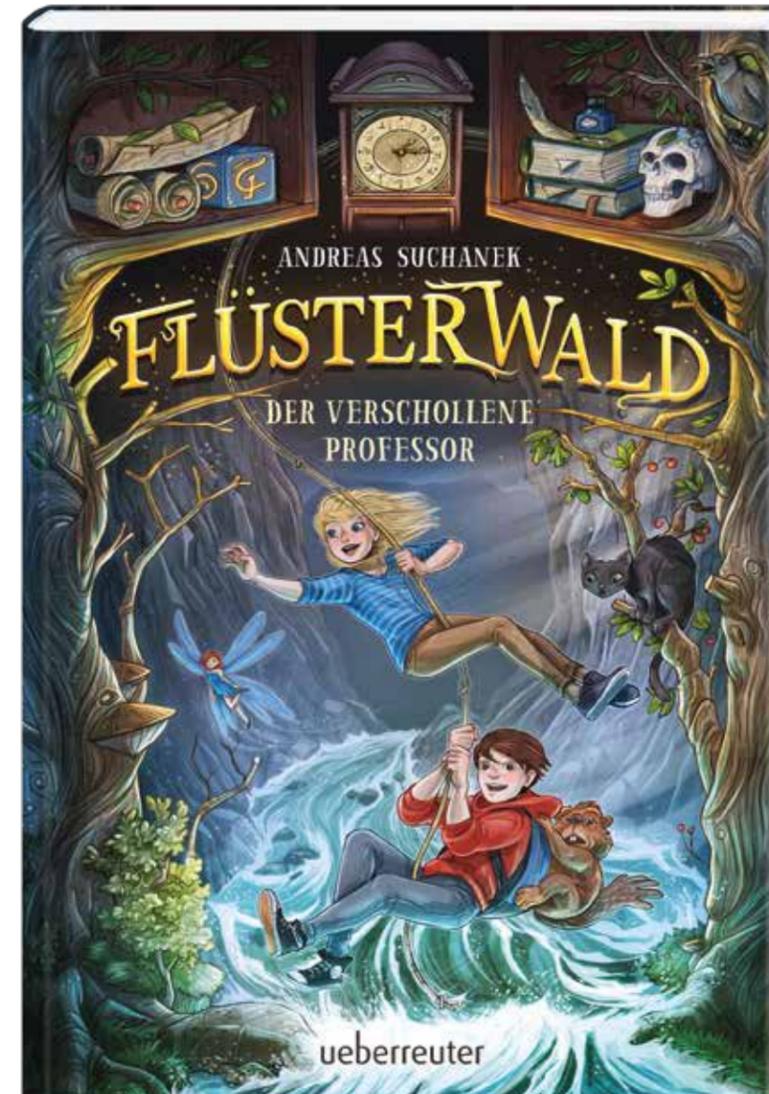
Born in Landau in the Palatinate in 1982, Andreas Suchanek studied computer science, although his heart was always set on books. So, he began to write. His books have won numerous awards, including the German Fantasy Prize and the LovelyBooks Reader's Prize. "The Whispering Forest" is his first book for children.



Timo Grubing, born in 1981, studied illustration at the University of Applied Sciences in Münster and returned to his hometown of Bochum after he graduated in 2007. As a freelance illustrator, his work is incredibly varied. He illustrates books for children and young adults, games, comics and anything else that comes his way.

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- **The fantastically successful adventure continues!**
- **Perfect for fans of *Narnia* and the *Spiderwick Chronicles***
- **A real page-turner with short chapters, unexpected twists and a welcome dose of humour**

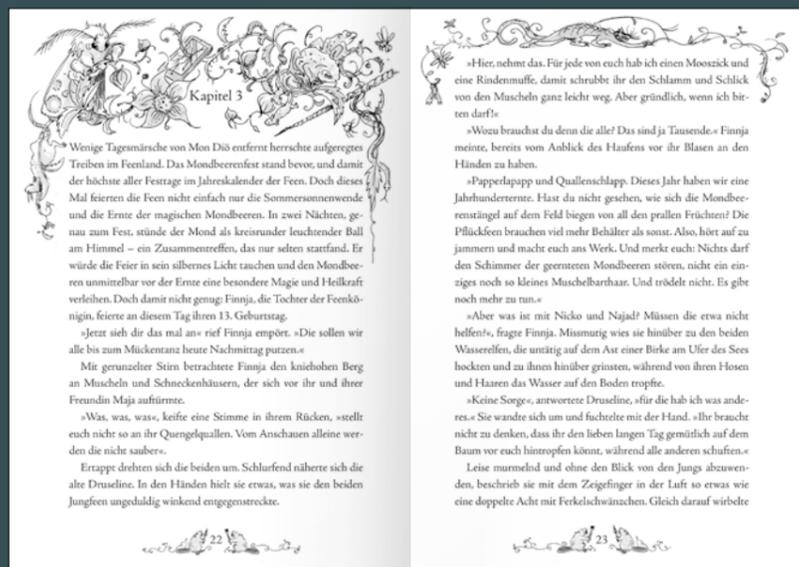
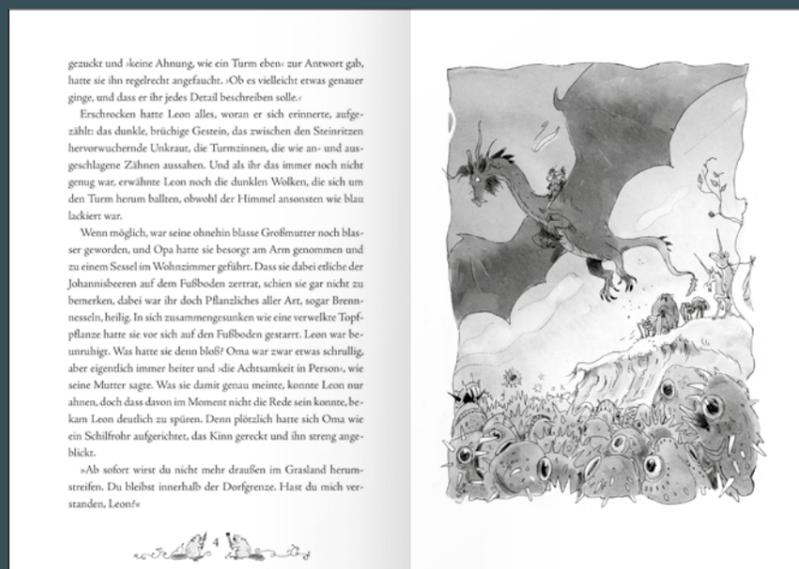
### An awarded author:

- **German phantasy price 2019**
- **LovelyBooks Reader price 2018**

## The Seven Companions Of Finnja The Fairy Princess

Finnja is 13-years old and dumb-struck: The Dragon prince and cruel swamp witch have kidnapped her mother – the Queen of Fairyland. Courageously, Finnja chooses seven companions for the arduous journey into the land of the swamp witch. Her band of fellow adventurers includes her best friend Maja, the troll Wuhuu, a snivelling dragon and Leon, a human boy. Leon, who has ended up in Fairyland in search of his lost smartphone can't believe that Finnja considers his "smatfo magic" to be her greatest trump card.

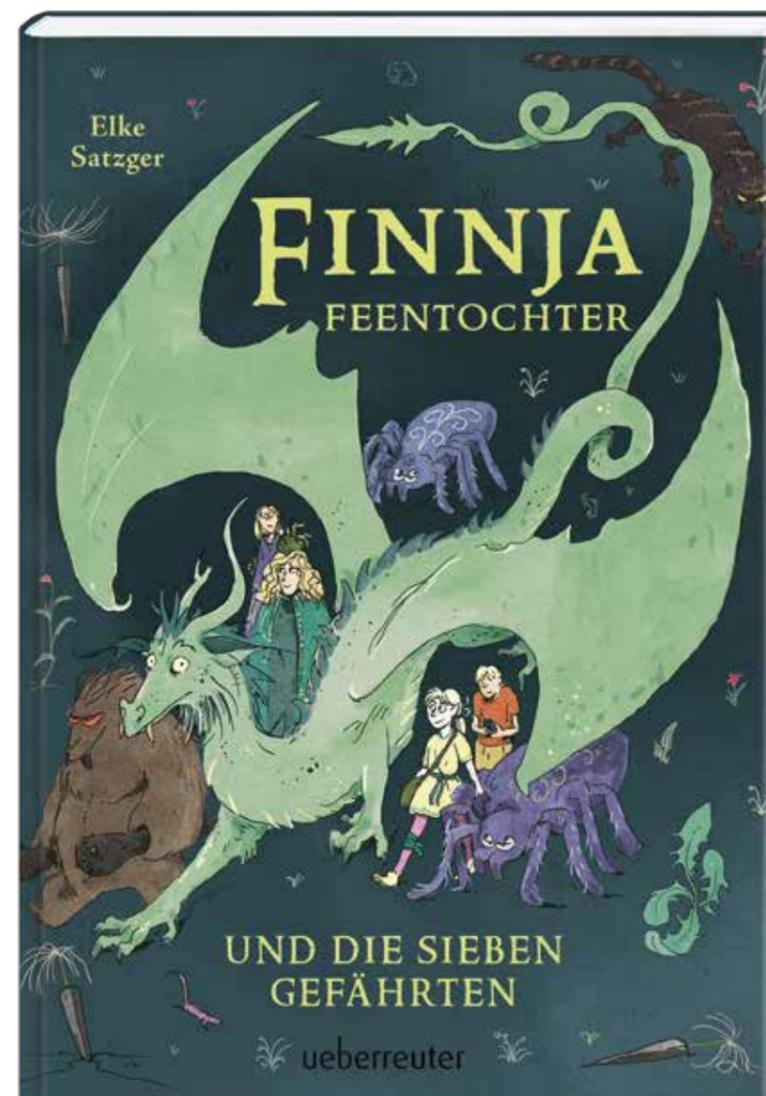
**A vivid and atmospheric adventure that captivates readers from the first page to the last.**



Elke Satzger studied journalism in Munich and works as a journalist until today.



Lena Winkel was born in Betzdorf (Sieg) in 1993 and always dreamt of becoming a Pokémon creator. She studied illustration in Hamburg and Paris before her life took a major detour! Now she makes children's books and comics and of course prefers to draw imaginary creatures.



- **Fairies are anything but sweet; they are brave, proud and cunning**
- **A thrill-a-minute adventure, playful text and extraordinary characters**
- **Beautiful black-and-white illustrations and a foil embossed cover**

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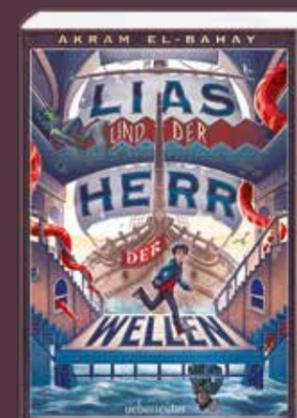
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When Lias steps inside his great aunt Hermine's house, he immediately senses that something is different. The house seems to be calling out to him. Through each of the rooms in the house, Lias enters a different and fantastical world. These are the worlds he's read about in his great aunt's books, such as the perilous seas ruled by the Lord of the Waves. And before he knows it, Lias is caught up in an unforgettable adventure that will push him to his limits.

**A firework of a fantasy packed with unforgettable characters!**

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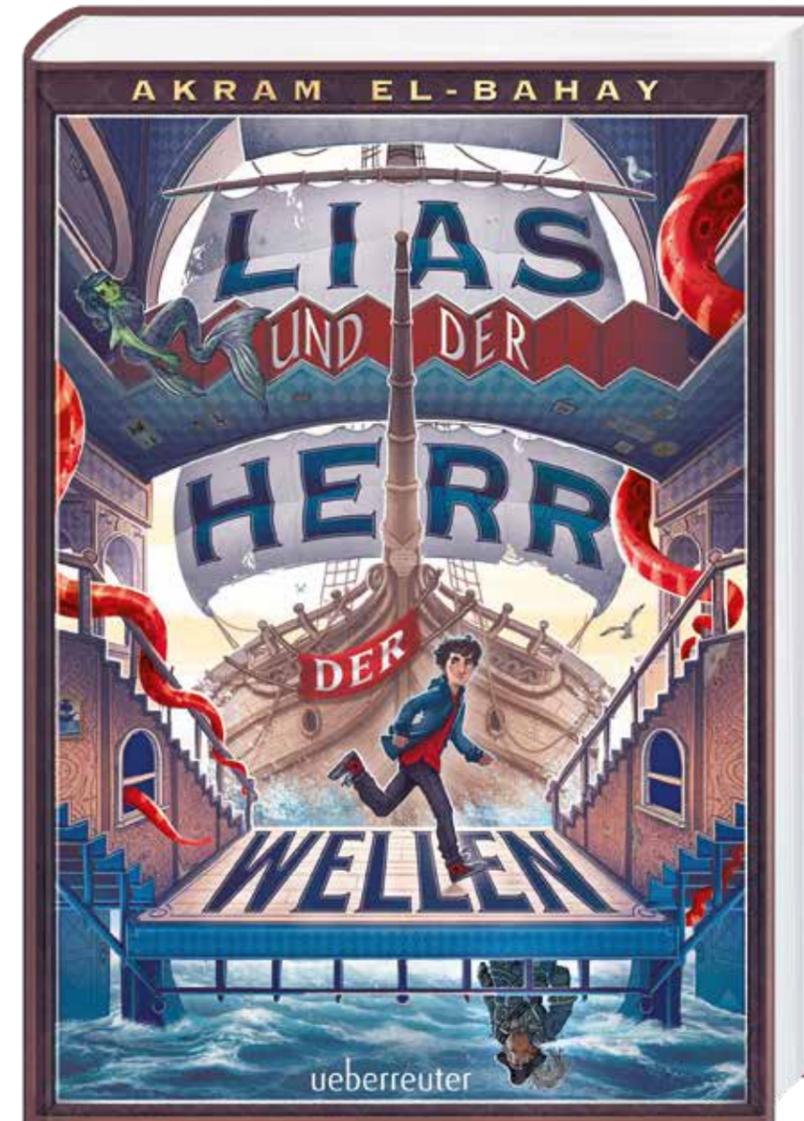
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*“Reminiscent of Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan and Gulliver’s Travels. If it were film, it would be a blockbuster with a plethora of special effects and bombastic scenery.”*

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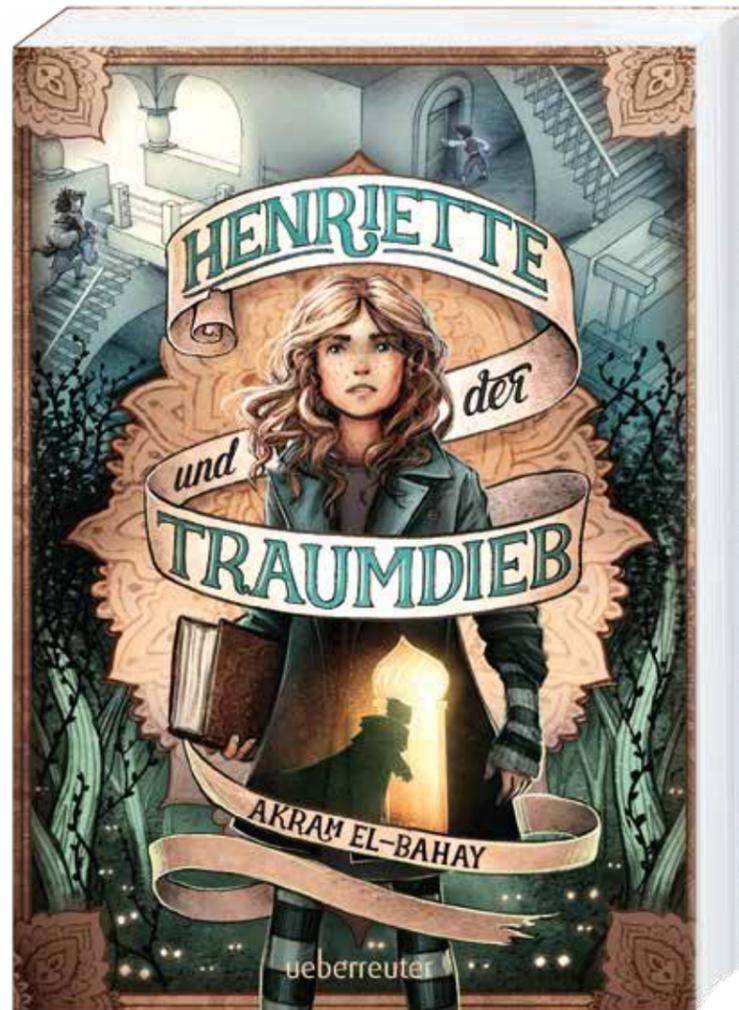
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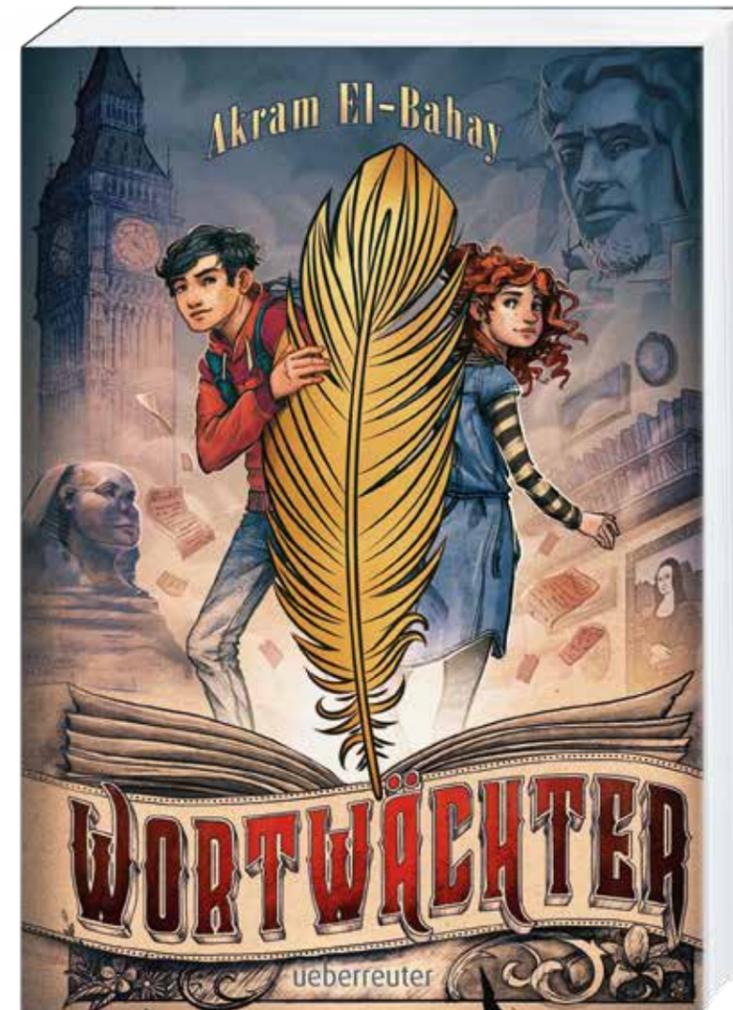
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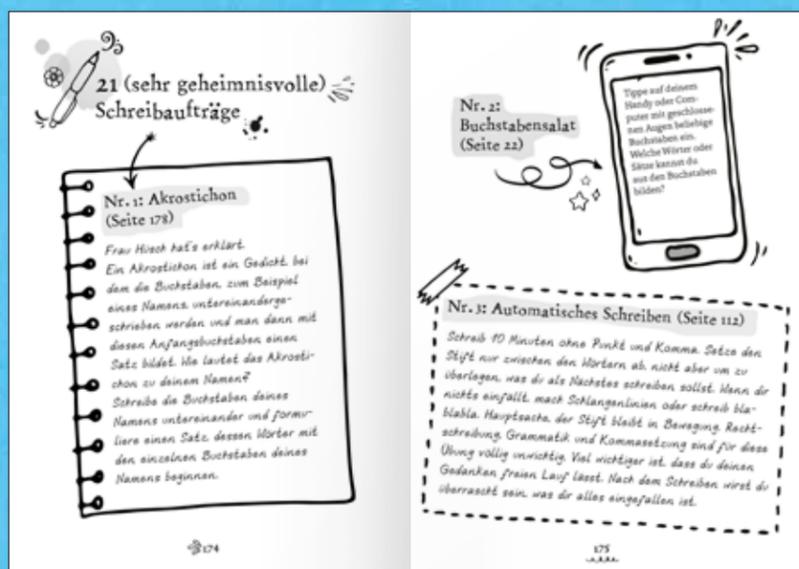
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- Akram El-Bahay writes fantasy full of flair

## As Yellow As The Sun & As Blue As Ink, or The Summer I Started To Write

Edith is 13 years old and is spending the summer at her grandmother's hotel in the country. Thankfully, it's nowhere near as bad or boring as she thought it would be. Shortly after she arrives, Edith starts receiving strange writing assignments. Who are they coming from? No one knows! The whole thing's a total mystery ... but Edith soon gets down to writing and, in no time at all, has written her first poem and short story! She is really looking forward to her next assignments. At least until she is asked to write a love letter to herself. Talk about writer's block!

**The ideal combination of novel and creative book!**



Barbara Zoschke was born in 1964 in Leverkusen. She studied Romance Languages and German Studies and has been working as a freelance author and translator since 1995. She lives with her family in Cologne.

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Barbara Zoschke  
**As Yellow As The Sun & As Blue As Ink,  
or The Summer I Started To Write**

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- **The perfect summer read for (aspiring) writers everywhere: it's all about finding the right words**
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- **The author has years of experience leading creative writing workshops for young people**

## Book Love – Whoops! I fell in love with a book

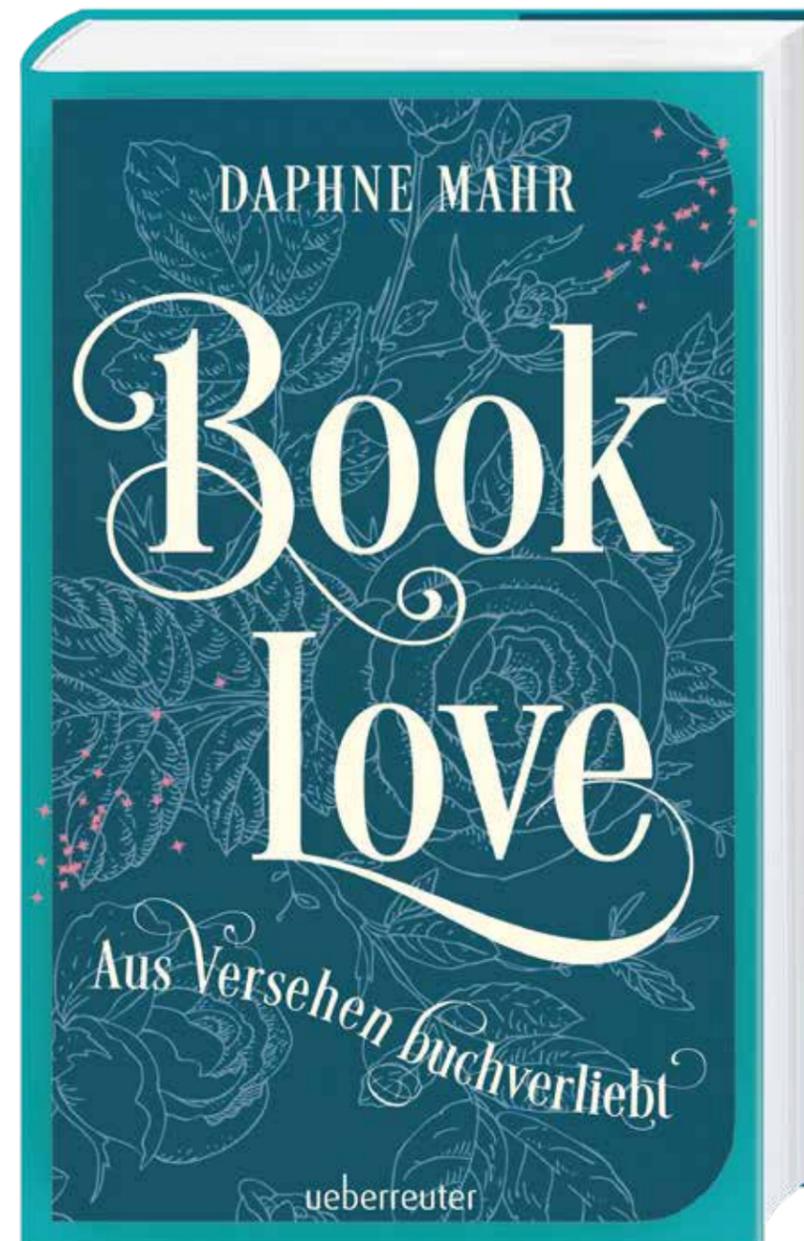
14-year-old Emma can't stand predictable, kitschy romantic fantasy books like *Twenty Minutes Before Midnight*. But then, one night in her father's bookshop, Emma comes face to face with the novel's bad boy hero, Vinzenz – who's come to life from the pages of the book – and nothing in her life will be predictable again! She needs to find a way to get rid of him or she'll be sucked into his book forever. If only she wasn't starting to fall in love with bad boy Vinzenz ...

**A laugh-out-loud, romantic page-turner for all fans of Kerstin Gier!**



Daphne Mahr was born in St. Pölten in Austria in 1990. After graduating with a degree in German Studies and History, she spent two years as a school-teacher, before becoming a bookseller. She lives with her husband just outside Vienna.

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- A funny and chaotic central character, who readers will take to their hearts

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*“How can someone tell  
you such an ice-cold lie?  
Especially the one person  
you trusted more than  
anyone else in this f\*\*ked  
up world?”*



About a class-trip that has  
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## No-one can come between us

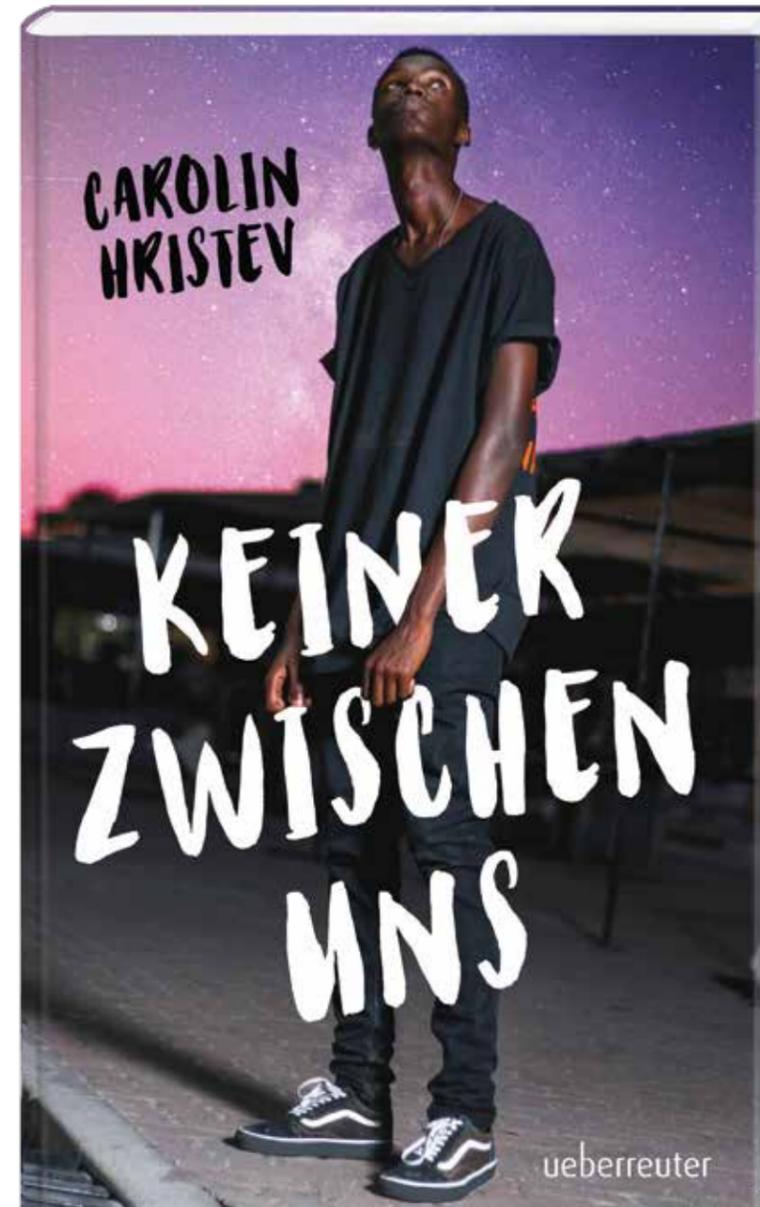
One moment 15-year-old Nelson is day-dreaming about how he can finally get together with Marie during their school trip. But his dream is destroyed when he sees Marie in a clinch with Hamza. Hamza, his blood brother and best friend! Nelson decides to confront Hamza, who shares a secret that turns Nelson's world upside down: Hamza is gay. If this gets out, not only Hamza's hard-won reputation will be destroyed, but Nelson's as well. And worst of all: the most dangerous guy in their class knows ....

**A gripping novel about a typical group of school kids and a melting pot of different backgrounds.**



Carolin Hristev was born in Chemnitz in 1980. She studied English and Russian at the Humboldt University in Berlin and in Leipzig. She lives in Hamburg and teaches English at an evening school.

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- **A stunning debut: narrated in a unique and unusually direct voice**

## I Am Elektra – Your Life Is Mine

Elektra wakes up and can't remember anything. Then she recognises the bed, her room, her family's holiday home. But a glance in the mirror jolts her to her very core: Why has she got long hair, skinny legs and a scar on her midriff? Slowly it dawns on her: she has woken up in someone else's body. And that's not all. Someone has trashed her room during the night. And left a disturbing message: "Do you regret it?"

**The breath-taking continuation of the near-future thriller *Becoming Elektra*.**

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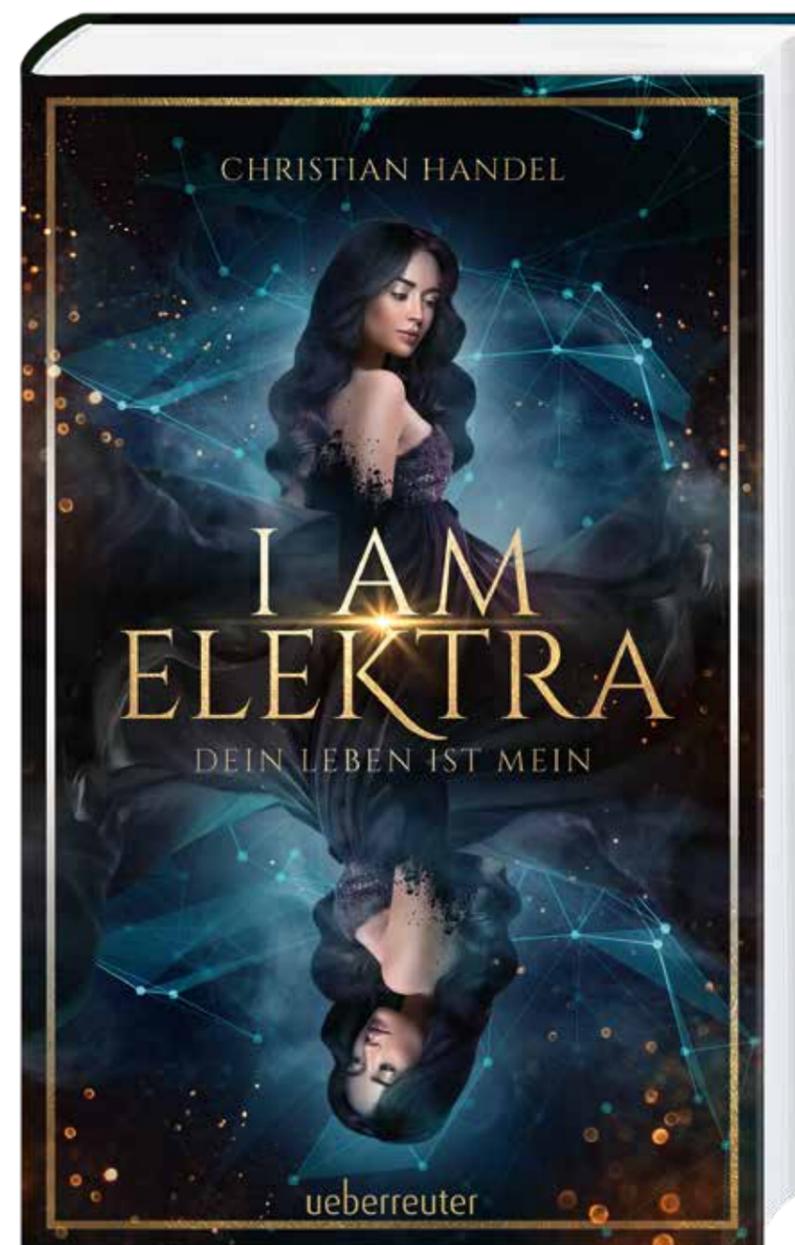
*“For me, this is one of the best soft-science-fiction novels of the year.”*

*Julia Döriges, Sci-Fi & Fantasy expert for BUCHSZENE.DE*



Christian Handel was born in the fairytale town of Lohr am Main. He is passionate about stories of strong women, fairy tale themes and queer topics – as a blogger, freelance journalist and author. His debut was nominated for the SERAPH science fiction literature prize in 2018. He lives in Berlin.

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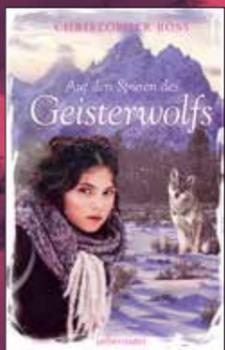
- **What readers have been clamouring for: the latest instalment in the Becoming Elektra series!**
- **A tense game involving false identities and hidden motives: As exciting as a Netflix series**
- ***Dynasty* meets *Orphan Black*: Can you take someone else's identity? And, if so, how far dare you go?**

## Husky Winter

Alaska, 1929: Josie has just proved to the post company that although she is a young woman, she's got what it takes to deliver the post with her husky sled. But then Jimmy the flying postman applies to run the same routes with his airplane! In order to decide who gets the routes, Jimmy and Josie agree to a race. But, when Jimmy disappears in a snow storm, saving his life becomes more important to Josie than winning the race. She heads off with her huskies, determined to rescue the pilot she has secretly fallen in love with.

**A brave woman, her huskies and a dangerous adventure: the latest gripping Alaskan novel from Christopher Ross!**

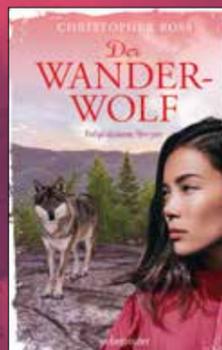
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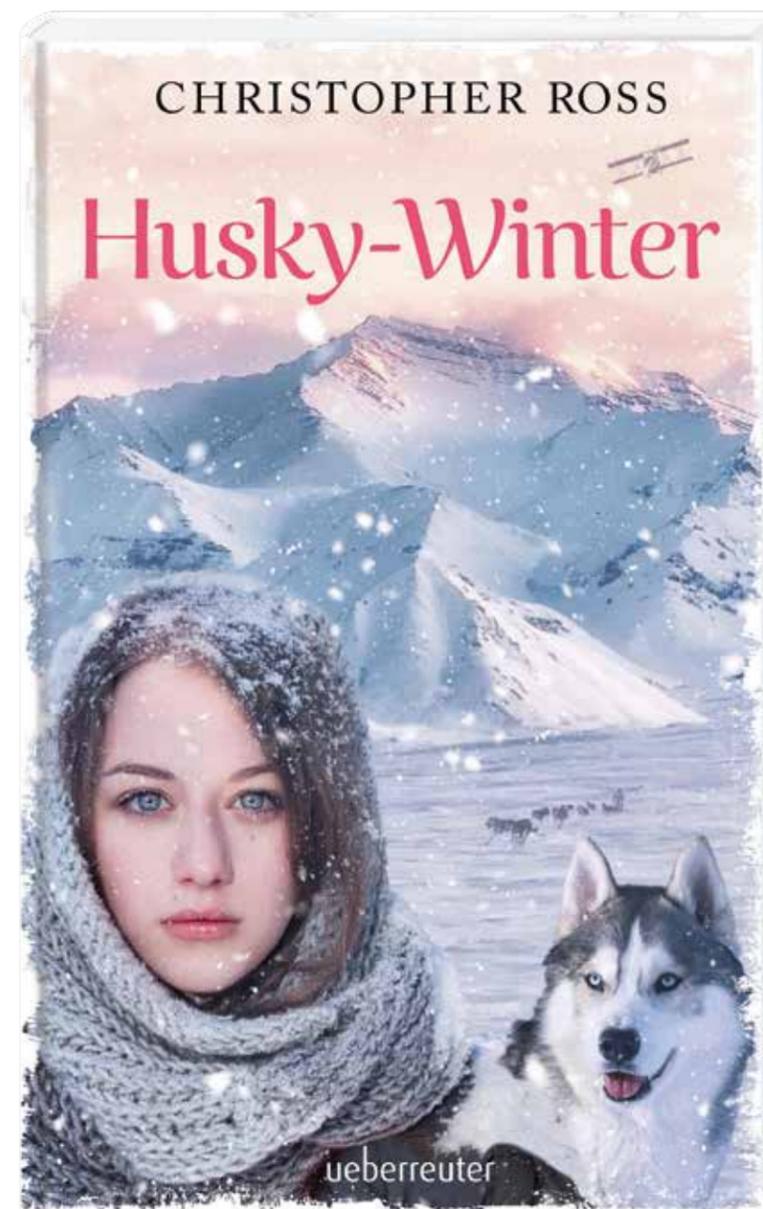
Christopher Ross has sold more than 550,000 copies of his adventure romance novels!



Christopher Ross writes romantic adventures with tension and emotion. With bestsellers such as the "Alaska Wilderness"-series, he has become a well-known writer.

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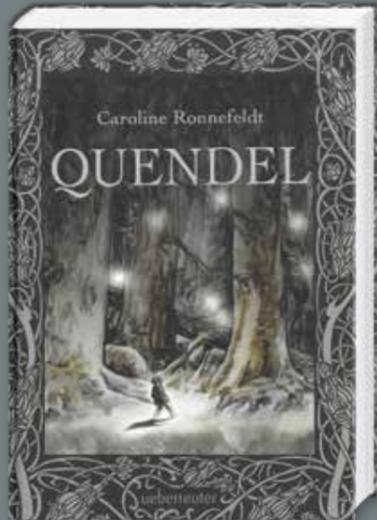
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- **Based on true events: Huskies were vital in delivering the winter post**
- **From the best-selling author Christopher Ross**

## Quendel – Across the Shadow Border

Since the terrible events on the Bäumelburger mask party any reasonable Quendel does not put his food out of the door. Just in between the own four walls seem to exist protection and cosiness; Because who actually knows, when the awful nightmare and the wolves will fall down to the earth again? Will they be able to free them from the otherworld and lead them back?

**Even more thrilling, darker and more brilliant: The Quendel-tale continuous.**

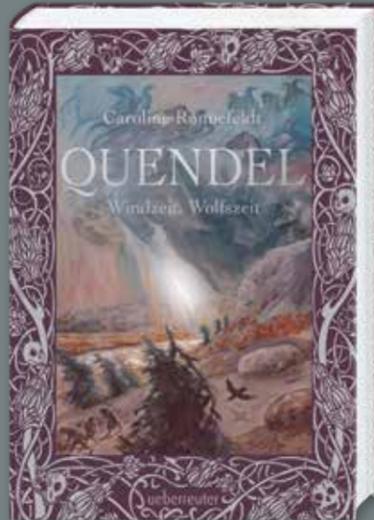
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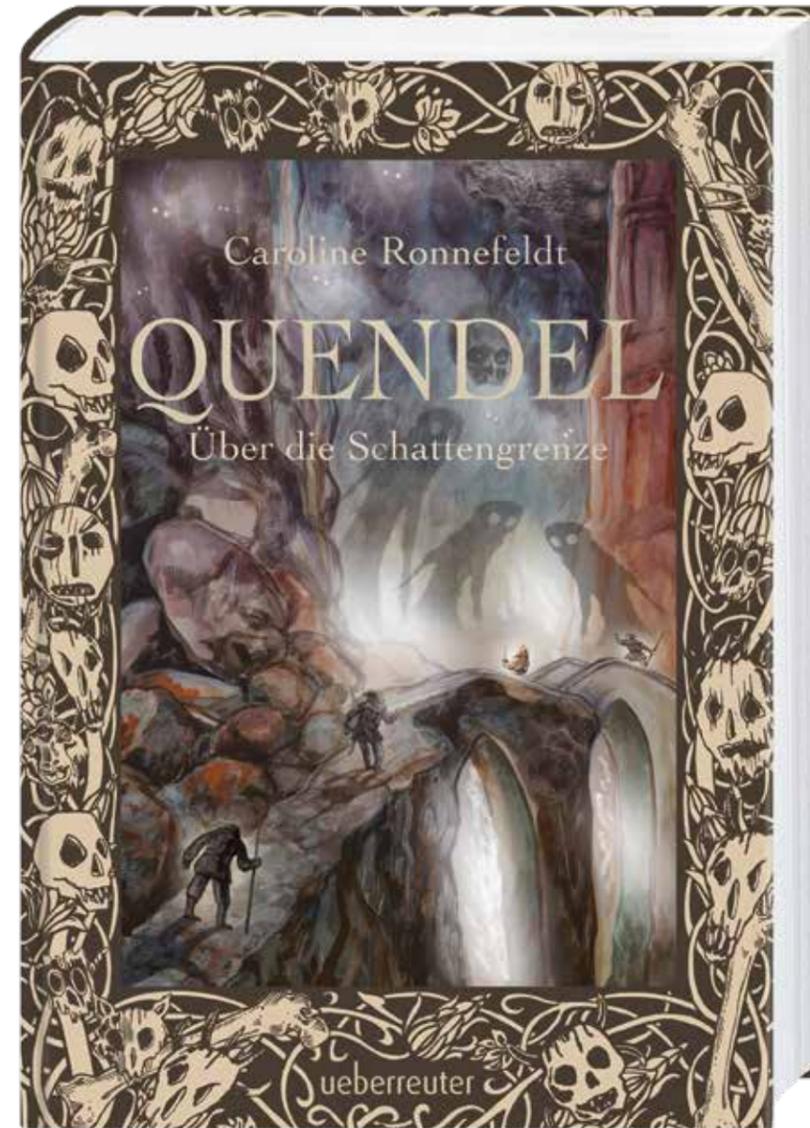
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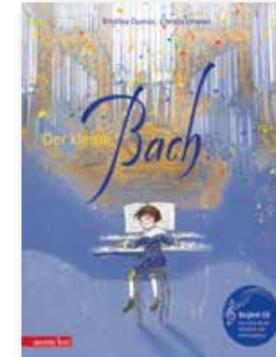
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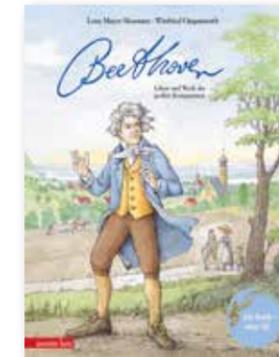
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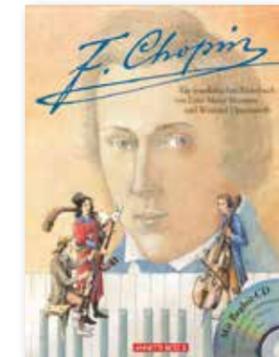
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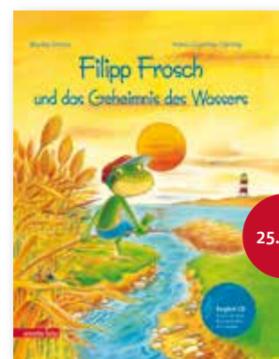


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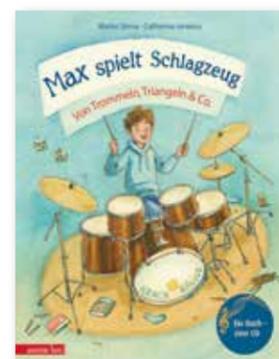
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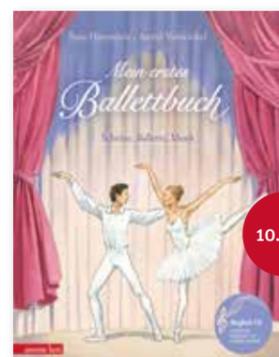
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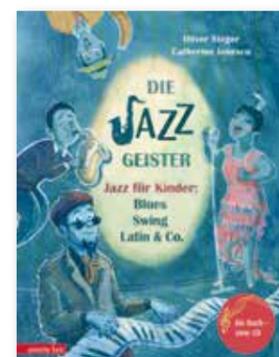
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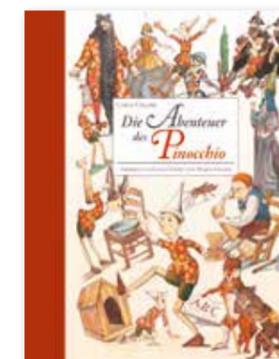


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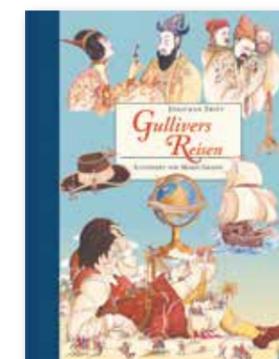


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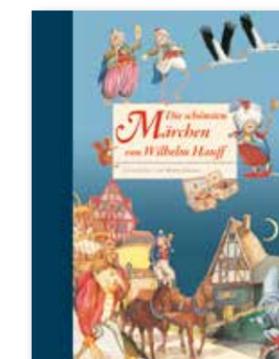
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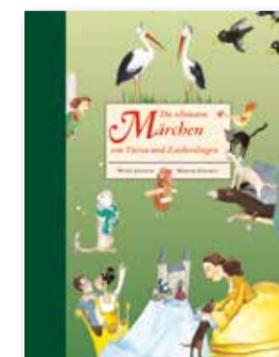
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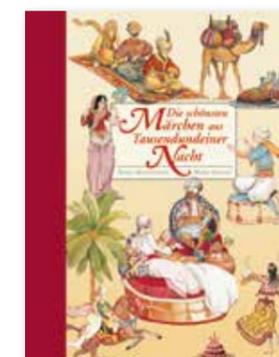
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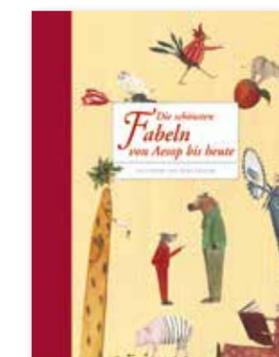
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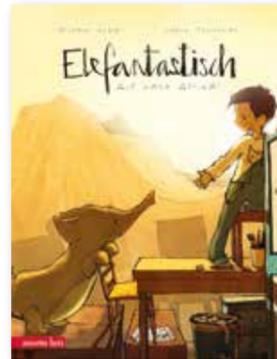


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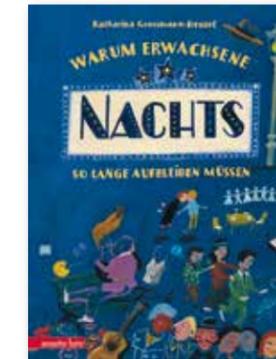
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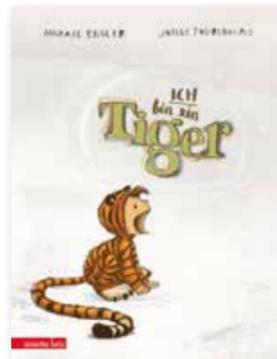
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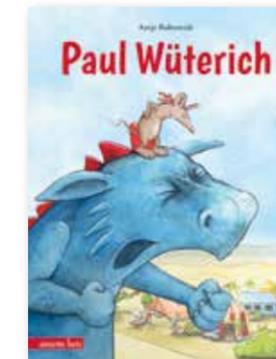
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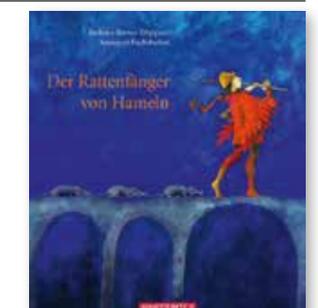
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