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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



3+



7+



10+



12+

Linda Ladybird (1)

Best Friends Are Wonderful

Stefanie Dahle

Illustrated by Stefanie Dahle

SERIES, pp. 32, 28.0 x 21.5 cm, Age 3+

€ 16.00, 978-3-401-72168-2

Rights sold to DK

Linda Ladybird and her best friend Kaja love being together. But today they simply cannot decide what game to play. Suddenly they start quarrelling, and Kaja flies away. Linda sets out to play seesaw on a bluebell with the neighbour's children, and to go racing madly round Albert the butterfly. Suddenly, she gets a strong feeling that something isn't right: she only really enjoys playing with Kaja. Does Kaja perhaps feel the same way?

Stefanie Dahle was born in Schwerin, and as a child she spent countless hours looking at picture books and painting the walls of her room. She studied illustration in Hamburg – and today she creates her own imaginative and beautiful picture book worlds. Since 2007 she has worked exclusively for Arena.

Owl Magic Junior (1)

Goldwing and the Moonlight Pony

Ina Brandt

Illustrated by Nadine Reitz

SERIES, pp. 96, 20.5 x 15.3 cm, Age 7+

€ 12.00, 978-3-401-72022-7

All rights available

Flora is enjoying her secret time with her magic owl Goldwing. One night, they hear a strange rustling which leads them to a pony standing alone and frightened in the moonlight. Will Goldwing's magic

powers and Flora's loving care enable them to help the pony?

Ina Brandt studied German literature and worked as an editor before she became a freelance author. In writing *Owl Magic* she has fulfilled a long-held dream inspired by a little tawny owl in her garden. Ina lives near Stuttgart with her husband and her two daughters.

Nadine Reitz has always been fascinated by paper, paint and pens. She has been working as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer since 2011. Today she, her family and their two fluffy tomcats live in the Lower Rhine Area.

Diary of a Vampire (1)

My Terrible Story!!!

Sina Flammang

Illustrated by Kathrin Rödl

SERIES, pp. 248, 20.5 x 13.5 cm, Age 10+

€ 15.00, 978-3-401-60778-8

German audio book rights sold

Hester was recently bitten by a vampire and became one of the undead. Now her skin has become even paler, she's allergic to the sun, and she has to wear a diving suit to go swimming outdoors! And she can't even tell her best friend Stella who thinks vampires are beautiful and romantic. She most certainly can't tell her family because they are VAMPIRE HUNTERS! Aaaaaaargh!

Sina Flammang likes writing stories for children and teenagers featuring weird characters. Sina doesn't believe in the supernatural, but she always looks under the bed before going to sleep. You never know.

Kathrin Rödl is an author and an illustrator of books and comics. She studied information design and has since

worked on her own books and with other authors. Kathrin lives in Nuremberg with two supernatural cats.

Timeless Love Ruby Red

Kerstin Gier

SERIES, pp. 352, 21.0 x 14.8 cm, Age 12+

€ 24.00, 978-3-401-60774-0

Rights sold to 36 languages

It can be a real burden to live with a family full of secrets. At least that's 16-year-old Gwendolyn's opinion – until the day she finds herself in London at the turn of the last century and realises that *she* is in fact her family's greatest secret. But what doesn't occur to her is the fact that you should refrain from falling in love when you're stuck between two time zones... Because that can make the matter even more complicated!

Kerstin Gier has worked as a freelance writer since 1995 and enjoyed huge success with her first books. Her *Timeless Love* trilogy has become a global bestseller and has been turned into films featuring renowned actors. The DeLIA Award winner lives near Bergisch Gladbach with her family.

Beltz & Gelberg



Island Days with Rosa

Mareike Krügel
Illustrated by Anna Schilling
pp. 144, 21.2 x 14.9 cm, Age 9+
€ 14.00, 978-3-407-75285-7
All rights available

After a storm, Lila and her grandmother Mu are stranded on an archipelago island. Days go by. What if no one comes? In the woods, Lila meets her recently deceased friend Rosa, who becomes very real to her. Mu also helps by painting, writing poetry and playing with Lila. They look after one another and comfort each other until help finally arrives and it is time to let Rosa go.

A touching story about family, friendship and having faith in one's own strength.

Mareike Krügel studied at the German Literature Institute in Leipzig. She works as a freelance author and lives with her family and their chickens near Schleswig. She has already published many novels for adults and, with Beltz & Gelberg, the children's book *Camping with Guineapig*.

Anna Schilling lives and works as an illustrator and graphic designer in Bremen. She has previously illustrated Will Gmehling's story *Why do You Howl, Howling Dog?* for Beltz & Gelberg.

The Boy Who Climbed Onto a House

Salah Naoura
pp. 112, 21.2 x 13.7 cm, Age 12+
€ 13.00, 978-3-407-75283-3
All rights available

After he locks himself out, Viktor sits on the roof and looks out over the city. He remembers the last few years: first his parents' separation, then the move, and now his best friend is gone. Will things ever be okay again? Of course they will. Up here, he suddenly gets an overview not only of Berlin, but also of his life.

Salah Naoura studied German and Scandinavian literature in Berlin and Stockholm. He lives and works as a freelance author and translator in Berlin (for Julia Donaldson and Frank Cottrell Boyce, among others). His work has won numerous awards. *Matti and Sami and the Greatest Mistakes of the Universe* was awarded the Peter Härtling Prize and the annual LUCHS (Lynx) by *Die Zeit*, and was also nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize.

Our Greatest Treasure: The Soil

Karolin Küntzel
Illustrated by Barbara Schulze Frenking
pp. 78, 22.5 x 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 x 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 think about 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



Minecraft Comics (1)

Creepers – And Then Kaboom!

Heiko Wolz

Illustrated by André Sedlaczek

SERIES, pp. 80, 21.6 x 15.3 cm, Age 8+

€ 10.00, 978-3-551-80150-0

Rights sold to Denmark, Hungary, Sweden

The successful first-reader series is now also available as a comic book.

The first comic adventure involves gunpowder supplies – intended for the village's fireworks display – that have disappeared. And it looks like the creepers, dangerous creatures from a nearby valley, have stolen the gunpowder – with evil intentions, no doubt!

Heiko Wolz used to be a bookseller and caregiver for people with mental disabilities. These days he manages a household with four kids, a wife, a dog and a cat. In his spare time he writes novels and stories.

André Sedlaczek was born in 1967 – on the 6th December, earlier than planned, just to be sure to be in time for Christmas. He studied Visual Communications, and works as a freelance illustrator.

LOW

David Bowie's Berlin Years

Reinhard Kleist

Illustrated by Reinhard Kleist

pp. 176, 26.6 x 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, the 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 here.

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 Max and Moritz Award, the most prestigious prize for German comic books.

Hats and Other Headwear From All Over the World

Karen Exner

Illustrated by Karen Exner

pp. 88, 33.0 x 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 hats and head coverings can be 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, alternating 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.

The best 7 books for young readers (February 2025), Winner: The most beautiful German book (June 2025)

"One can only take one's hat off to this impressive collection of headgear across human history and cultures."

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Jugendliteratur und Medien (AjuM)

School of Beastly Island (1)

Stranded

Christian Tielmann

Illustrated by Belén Culebras

SERIES, pp. 256, 20.5 x 14.5 cm, Age 10+

€ 12.00, 978-3-551-65657-5

Rights sold to Denmark, Greece, Russia, Turkey

Stranded on a remote island, Tapio and his sister find it's home to a school for magically gifted children. Magic, monsters, and a school that's out of control – this promises to be an epic adventure!

Beastly Island is aimed at manga-loving girls and boys who want to read novels featuring lots of manga. Book 2 is due out in August 2025, Book 3 in June 2026.

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.

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



Good Night Book The Perfect Bedtime Story

Joëlle Tournonias

Illustrated by Joëlle Tournonias

pp. 14, 16 x 16 cm, Age 1.5+

€ 12.00, 978-3-649-65093-5

Rights sold to (series): Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Israel, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia

Each page features familiar scenes from everyday life, with sliders and flaps that encourage little hands to touch, try out and play along. Perfect for reading aloud and discovering together! And if Mum or Dad are too tired to read, young readers can still join in the fun by searching for their cuddly toy Bunny on every page.

- The most wonderful bedtime story in the world
- With lots of flaps and sliders to explore
- Over 100,000 copies sold worldwide of the bestselling previous title *Pee and Poo Book*

Joëlle Tournonias 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.

The Big Tree Book Series

The Big Fir Tree Book

Holger Haag

Illustrated by Lars Baus

SERIES, pp. 56, 34.7 x 24.8 cm, Age 7+

€ 22.00, 978-3-649-64797-3

Rights sold to (series): China (simplified), Estonia, Turkey

How does the fir tree change over the course of a year? What animals live on and around it? And why is it so valuable to us humans? This book takes young and old on a fascinating journey into the wonderful world of a magnificent tree. The fairy tale *The Fir Tree* by Hans Christian Andersen rounds off this first-class illustrated book.

- Strong themes: seasons, the wonders of nature, and native wildlife
- Follow-up to our bestselling title *The Big Apple Tree Book*

Holger Haag has inspired children with a love of the local flora and fauna through his work at a care centre and by writing numerous books for young naturalists.

Lars Baus illustrates children's books and non-fiction books and draws for children's museums and nature conservation associations.

Lulu the Loopy Bus (1) On a Mission to Rescue Grandpa

Sibylle Wenzel

Illustrated by Phine Wolff

SERIES, pp. 176, 14 x 21 cm, Age 8+

€ 14.00, 978-3-649-65127-7

All rights available

Nelli thinks life in the sleepy town of "Dullsville" couldn't be more boring until she discovers that Lulu, her grandma's old camper van, has a wild secret. When Nelli pulls a forbidden lever, Lulu starts talking – and takes off with Nelli and her friends on board.

Along the way, Nelli realizes that Lulu is more than just a machine – and that true friendship often begins where you least expect it.

- Perfect for independent readers and shared storytime
- Hilarious illustrations

Sibylle Wenzel worked as a non-fiction editor before turning to writing. She now writes for television and creates children's books.

Phine Wolff studied communication design. She illustrates characters and fantastical worlds for comics, animation and children's books.

Fartypops (6) Fartypops and Lulu Lavatongue

Kai Lüftner

Illustrated by Wiebke Rauters

SERIES, pp. 32, 21 x 28 cm, Age 3+

€ 18.00, 978-3-649-64848-2

Rights sold to (series): China (Simplified), Czech Republic, Denmark, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Ukraine

Being a big brother isn't easy – especially when your little sister starts breathing fire and everyone loves her for it. Everyone except one: Furzipups! A hilarious dragon tale full of heart, humour and cheeky fart jokes – exploring sibling rivalry, jealousy and the power of family.

- Over 1 million books sold worldwide!
- Featuring fun sounds

Kai Lüftner was born in Berlin in 1975 and has been writing ever since – books, songs and radio plays.

Wiebke Rauters studied communication design in Düsseldorf and worked as a character designer before becoming a freelance illustrator in 2015. She now illustrates children's books, films and TV series.

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+
€ 20.00, 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+
€ 20.00, 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 analyse 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 x 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 x 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.

If Everybody Did That?!

Manuela Olten

Illustrated by Manuela Olten

pp. 32, 28.0 x 21.0 cm, Age 4+

€ 15.00, 978-3-7571-0204-3

Rights sold to Denmark

What would happen if everyone just threw their rubbish on the ground? Or broke things without thinking? If everyone was always mean to others and in a bad mood?

And on the other hand, what would happen if everyone was always considerate of each other, and helpful?

In a series of amusing little pictures, Manuela Olten shows the meaning of unspoken rules of social interaction.

A picture book with lots to discover and discuss.

Manuela Olten, born in 1970, studied visual communication with a focus on children's book illustration at the University of Art and Design in Offenbach. Her first picture book, *Echte Kerle* ("Real Guys"),

won the Oldenburg Children's and Youth Book Prize and was nominated for the German Youth Literature Award.

Fluffy & Robocat (1)

Beware of the Kung Fu Chick

Markus Grolik

Illustrated by Markus Grolik

SERIES, pp. 160, 21.5 x 14.0 cm, Age 9+

€ 12.90, 978-3-7571-0201-2

All rights available

The first installment in an interplanetary comic book series with a great hero! Evil Mr Money has sinister plans: he wants to shoot all the Earth's livestock into space and leave them on a distant planet. He will be able to sell the food they produce for so much more money! But he didn't reckon with Fluffy, the Super Chick with kung fu powers. Together with Baa the sheep and his friends, Fluffy wants to stop Mr Money's plans. But Mr Money's helper, the creepy feline robot Robocat, is already on their trail...

Markus Grolik, born in 1965, is a qualified graphic designer and created cinema posters before studying art in Munich. Since 1995 he has been writing and illustrating children's books for well-known publishers. He has won numerous national and international awards for his comics and cartoons. He lives in Munich with his wife and two children.

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 sledging. But first Cat has to be tickled to wake her up 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 seeing it fall off the pine trees when the book is 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.

Early Readers (3)

Devil Kickers All for One

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.

Time Travel (1)

The Three!!! The Baroness's Ball

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 with 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
Rights sold to Russia, USA

Start of a new series of non-fiction titles. Starting with four titles.

Discover space and find out lots of information about the sun, planets and moons. How did the universe and its galaxies come into being? How do probes and satellites work? When did the first people travel to the moon? The non-fiction book with a playful and interactive concept: choose your own page and acquire knowledge.

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

One of the 100 Outstanding Picture Books 2025

"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 of Art and Design and now works as a freelance illustrator in Basel.

One of the 100 Outstanding Picture Books 2025

Nominated for the German Children's Literature Award 2025

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.

MACK Magic



Adventure Academy of Europe

The Fire Tiger of Batavia

THiLO Petry-Lassak

Illustrated by Maximilian Meinzold
SERIES, pp. 176, 21.5 x 15 cm, Age 8+

€ 15.00, 978-3-649-64346-3

Trademark: MACK Magic / Mack Media & Brands GmbH & Co. KG

Rights sold to France, Italy

Book rights: Coppenrath

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. His books have sold over 4 million copies and been translated into 20 languages.

Madame Freudenreich

Dinosaurs at Grandma's Birthday

Dominik Hochwald, Jörg Ihle

Illustrated by Vesselin Kashev

SERIES, pp. 40, 30.0 x 25.4 cm, Age 3+

€ 15.00, 978-3-649-64878-9

Trademark: MACK Magic / Mack Media & Brands GmbH & Co. KG

Book rights: Coppenrath

Grandma's birthday is here! Leon and Sophie are planning a fantastic party with the dinosaurs. On the morning of the birthday a new dinosaur hatches, and they are thrilled: now they can celebrate a double birthday! But the little one looks very strange – even Grandma has never seen a dinosaur like this before. And at the party in her garden, he clearly feels uncomfortable. Will the kids manage to keep the party going anyway...?

Dominik Hochwald has worked as an author and dramaturge for film, television, transmedia and children's books.

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

Veselin Kashev is an animator and illustrator who has worked on television and film productions.

Rulantica

The Hidden Island

Michaela Hanauer

Illustrated by Helge Vogt

SERIES, pp. 336, 21 x 14.2 cm, Age 10+

€ 18.00, 978-3-649-62722-7

Trademark: MACK Magic / Mack Media & Brands GmbH & Co. KG

Rights sold to Czech Republic, France, Italy, Russia

Book rights: Coppenrath

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 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.

Snorri and the Unbirthday

Michael Engler

Illustrated by Alexandra Langenbeck

pp. 32, 30.7 x 25.8 cm, Age 3+

€ 16.00, 978-3-649-64683-9

Trademark: MACK Magic / Mack Media & Brands GmbH & Co. KG

Book rights: Coppenrath

It's Aquarian's birthday – and he's throwing a party! With seaweed cake and coral juice, helmet-bashing and starfish Snap, family, friends and lots of presents.

Snorri is thrilled and wishes he could have a birthday too – if only he knew when he'd been born.

"Well," grins the merman Aquintos, "no birthday – no cake, no games, no presents, no party! It's as simple as that."

Just like that, the fun is over for Snorri.

But luckily he has two true friends in Aquina and Aquarian – and they've got a very special surprise planned just for him...

Michael Engler writes stage plays, radio plays and picture books. His books have been translated into nineteen languages.

Alexandra Langenbeck is a freelance illustrator and animation designer. She has been working on books, films and TV shows in Europe and America for almost 20 years.

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PhänoMINT Ingenious Robots

Nicola Berger, Marc Schumann
Illustrated by Peter Zickermann
SERIES, pp. 64, 30.5 x 21.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-338-6
Series rights sold to Belgium, Estonia,
France, the Netherlands

Build your own robots and machines that make life easier!

- Featuring 10 robot models for everyday scenarios: timer, rain sensor, coin sorting robot, mini drone, and even a lion repeller!
- With simple instructions, models can be completed using household objects. Dive into the world of robotic science with hands-on activities, factual texts, riddles and quizzes.
- By award-winning duo Nicola Berger and Marc Schumann, who won the German Youth Non-Fiction Award 2021 in STEM category

How do robots work – and can you build them on your own? Find out in this book!

The Night Starry Sky, Animals & Nature

Anita van Saan
pp. 96, 22.6 x 17.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-362-1
All rights available

Discover the vibrant world after dark!

- From understanding what the universe is to learning about the flora and fauna of the hidden world of the night

- Includes hands-on experiments and accessible explanations
- Offers various tips on safe and enriching ways to explore the night

This exciting book for curious kids aged 8 and up takes you on a journey through the dark to discover what really happens when the sun goes down. What is the universe, anyway? Which constellations are twinkling above your head? Which animals come out to play at night – and are there really flowers that only bloom in the dark?

Packed with fun experiments, surprising facts and hands-on activities, this book helps you understand the amazing things that happen while most of the world is asleep.

Investigate Nature! Solve 50 Animal Criminal Cases

Bärbel Oftring
SERIES, 50 cards in a box,
18.5 x 13.8 cm, Age 8+
€ 16.95, 978-3-96455-336-2
All rights available

Investigate 50 whodunit cases in nature!

- 50 mysterious cases with descriptions of the course of events and factual clues
- With solutions and details of the “victim-culprit” (prey-predator) relationships, offering readers new perspectives on the ecosystem
- Animal behaviour, habitats and appearance are explained through storytelling

This card set invites readers to solve 50 cases from the natural world. Whether fraud, deception or envious malice – animal perpetrators and their cunning

strategies are carefully inspected, detective-style. Each solution unveils fascinating facts and scientific insights into the animal world.

50 Ideas for Shared Family Time

Nicola Berger, Christel Org, Anita van Saan
Illustrated by Lucie Göpfert, Isabel Große Holtforth, Nastja Holtfreter,
Yayo Kawamura, Michael Schober,
Eleanor Sommer, Christine Thau
SERIES, 50 cards in a slipcase,
18.1 x 13.5 cm, Age 3+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-364-5
Series sold to Belgium, France,
the Netherlands

50 simple ways to make precious memories together

- 50 fun-filled ideas for quality time with children aged 3 to 8
- Crafting, building, discovering nature, recipes & games
- In a compact case with XXL-sized cards

This card set is packed with 50 creative, screen-free ideas to help families enjoy meaningful time together. From hands-on crafts and easy building projects through to nature activities, travel-friendly games and kid-approved recipes, there's something for every kind of day – whether you're indoors, outdoors or on the move. Perfect for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, these cards offer fun, low-prep inspiration that brings all ages together. Just pick a card and start making memories!

Oetinger



Look At Me, Isn't It Grand? I Can Dress Without a Hand!

Henrike Lippa
Illustrated by Katharina Staar
pp. 14, 19.6 x 19.5 cm, Age 2+
€ 14.00, 978-3-7512-0697-6
All rights available

Getting dressed in the morning can be so much fun! In a playful way, this board picture book helps young children follow the correct sequence for getting dressed. First the pants go on the bare bottom. But where on the rotating wheel are they? Next come the vest, socks and all the other favourite clothes. Memorable rhymes help children who already want to do a lot, but don't yet know how to do everything, make the getting-dressed process a success.

Henrike Lippa was born in Oelde in 1983. She has worked as a music teacher for ten years and runs a music school in her hometown.

Katharina Staar, born in 1983, studied illustration and art education. She lives and works as freelance illustrator and art school teacher in Melle. Her debut book, *Die grüne Kiste* ("The Green Box") won the Piepenbrock Art Promotion Award in 2013.

Even Dragons Have to Go...

Anne-Kristin zur Brügge
Illustrated by Stephan Pricken
pp. 32, 28.8 x 22.2 cm, Age 3+
€ 15.00, 978-3-7512-0645-7
All rights available

Uhhhhh! A loud groan can be heard in the enchanted forest. The dragon needs to wee – and it's urgent! Too bad there's no toilet in sight. The dragon sets out to find a suitable place. But the witch and the giant behind the tree only have one thing to say: occupied! And even at the end of the rainbow there's already a sweet unicorn on the potty. What a bummer! But then the dragon spots a small house on the horizon – this might just save the day!

When dragons go to take a dump, it lands with one gigantic thump!

Anne-Kristin zur Brügge was born in a small village near Oldenburg. She works as an editor at a children's book publisher. From time to time she enjoys rhyming a book herself.

Stephan Pricken was born in Moers in 1972 and studied design at the University of Applied Sciences in Münster, majoring in illustration. He has been a freelance illustrator since 2004.

King Kong Guinea Pig on the Pitch

Kirsten Boie
Illustrated by Christian Jeremies,
Fabian Jeremies
SERIES, pp. 64, 21.7 x 15.2 cm, Age 8+
€ 10.00, 978-3-7512-0576-4
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Adrian is bursting with excitement: his football team has been chosen to walk onto the pitch alongside his favourite Premier League team before a real match! Adrian and Leo have never been this close to their football heroes. King Kong can't be left out, of course, so Adrian sneaks him into the stadium in his sports bag.

But when the big moment arrives and Adrian gets to help kick off the match,

he completely forgets about King Kong. Suddenly the spectators notice a small, fluffy creature on the pitch – King Kong has slipped out of the bag and discovered the lush green grass! King Kong turns everything upside down but soon proves to be a true good-luck charm.

Kirsten Boie is one of Germany's most renowned authors of children's and young adult books. She has won numerous awards, including the German Youth Literature Prize and the Federal Cross of Merit.

Christian and Fabian Jeremies have already illustrated many children's books with their twin power. Character development is their passion.

Allow a Sunflower to Bloom

Mara Schnellbach
Illustrated by Sandy Thißen
pp. 416, 20.7 x 13.5 cm, Age 16+
€ 17.00, 978-3-96976-073-4
All rights available

Emmee had wanted to move to France, study art and search for her mother. Although she grew up in a loving foster family, she is curious about her roots. But when her dream of studying is dashed, Emmee ends up in a shared flat in Vienna instead. She slowly settles in, making new friends and getting to know her mysterious flatmate Casimir. But then she starts getting anonymous messages, her biological father unexpectedly contacts her – and Casimir asks her to be his girlfriend when he meets his rich parents...

Mara Schnellbach was born in 2003. Since 2023 she has been studying in Vienna, where her novel *Allow a Sunflower to Bloom* is set. The book draws on her own experiences as a foster child.

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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 x 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
First Reading
Planets

Christina Braun
 Illustrated by Marie Gerstner
 SERIES, pp. 64, 17.3 x 23.8 cm, Age 7+
 € 9.95, 978-3-7886-7743-5
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A glance at the clear, starry sky reveals around 5,000 stars. However, there is much more to discover, some of which is difficult to imagine. Our solar system is located in the Milky Way, which is just one of billions of galaxies. Beginner readers can embark on their own reading journey into space and explore our neighbouring planets. With short, clear texts and lots of great illustrations, this book promotes reading comprehension and sparks children's imaginations and their interest in astronomy. After each chapter, a reading quiz shows whether children have understood what they have read. This book provides lots of reading fun for primary school children at reading level 2.

WAS IST WAS
Slime
Yuck? Not at All!

Manfred Bauer
 SERIES, pp. 48, 29.6 x 22.8 cm, Age 8+
 € 14.95, 978-3-7886-8190-6
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Slime: yuck? Not at all! Without it there would be no life. It's found everywhere in nature, from the oceans and deserts to our own gardens and rivers. Sometimes it is slimy and slippery. Sometimes we find it

disgusting. However, slime fulfils important functions and is one of nature's best inventions. We can learn a lot from it, and one day we might even be able to create super glue based on it! Many animals also use slime to catch prey or protect themselves from predators. But what lies behind the fascination and disgust it inspires? In this book, we explore the science of slime and even make some ourselves.

WAS IST WAS
Dolphins
Always as a Team

Bärbel Oftring
 SERIES, pp. 48, 29.2 x 22.6 cm, Age 8+
 € 14.95, 978-3-7886-8181-4
 All rights available

Dolphins are among children's favourite animals. They are intelligent and agile, and always appear to be smiling. There are around 40 species of dolphin. Most live in the open ocean, but some inhabit rivers. However, they all have one thing in common: they do not like to be alone. Join us on an exciting journey through the oceans as we explore the lives of dolphins. We will watch them hunt, raise their young and play. Dolphins also have a few extraordinary senses. For example, they can sense the Earth's magnetic field and find their prey using echolocation. There's certainly a lot to discover! This is an exciting underwater adventure for children aged 8 and up.

Ueberreuter



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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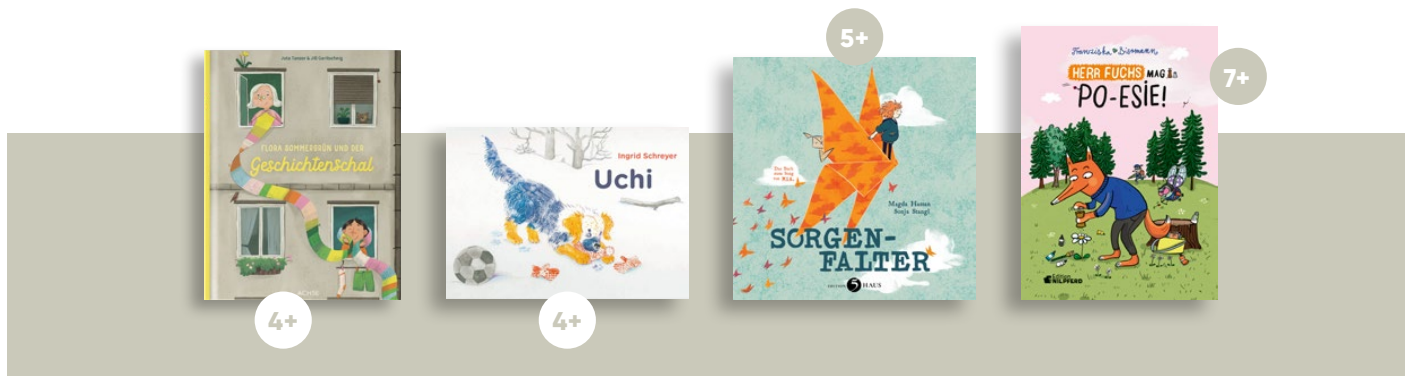
Flo is cautious. Very cautious. Riding a bike without a helmet? Never! Favourite word: "Safe." This summer, Flo is heading to the mountains with her parents. So many things could go wrong, so she has a massive emergency bag packed – just in case.

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)



Flora Sommergrün and the Story Scarf

ACHSE Verlag

Jutta Tanzer

Illustrated by Jill Goritschnig

pp. 32, 28.0 x 22.0 cm, Age 4+

€ 23.00, 978-3-903408-32-6

Rights sold to Spanish, Catalan

Flora Sommergrün may be old, but she is full of colour and stories! As the days grow shorter and the world seems quieter, she picks up her colourful yarns and knits her story scarf. Each thread holds a memory from Flora's past or a fairy tale she has invented. Flora shares these stories with her favourite neighbour, the curious boy Leo, who adds his own adventures to the scarf. And so the colourful masterpiece keeps growing – a scarf like the world has never seen before! In this heart-warming book knitting becomes a bridge between generations and shows how important it is to share stories.

Jutta Tanzer from Linz is a teacher and author. After working for many years as a German teacher, she now focuses on writing children's literature, contemporary poetry and short prose.

Jill Goritschnig from Salzburg is a freelance illustrator who works in various illustration styles. She has devoted herself passionately to her creative work, illustrating books, magazines and more.

Uchi

Bibliothek der Provinz

Ingrid Schreyer

Illustrated by Ingrid Schreyer

pp. 56, 17.0 x 24.5 cm, Age 4+

€ 24.00, 978-3-99126-304-3

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"I've always wished for a dog!" the girl says.

After the sudden death of her father, a dog truly becomes part of the family – Uchi, with her golden ears.

Uchi sniffs and scurries through the illustrations just as she does through the lives of the people around her. This tender story invites readers to follow her through the everyday moments of a dog's life – and the quiet ways she brings comfort and connection.

Born in 1973, Ingrid Schreyer studied art education and now teaches painting at the Mozarteum University in Salzburg. As a painter and illustrator, she consistently explores the fragile beauty of sensitive ecosystems. Her own life experiences inform her work: for several summers, she worked with livestock on alpine pastures and is always accompanied by a loyal dog.

"Ingrid Schreyer's art leaves a quiet imprint on our minds, lasting well beyond the final page."

Teresa Präauer

Butterfly, Make Troubles Fly!

The Picture Book to the Song by MiA.

Edition5Haus

Magda Hassan

Illustrated by Sonja Stangl

pp. 40, 23.0 x 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 x 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 x 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. 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.

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

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

Colour, Owl, Pen and Cat

Jungbrunnen

Claudia Gürtler
Illustrated by Renate Habinger
pp. 32, 28.0 x 21.0 cm, Age 4+
€ 18.00, 978-3-7026-6005-5
All rights available

Mina is given a book with lots of blank pages, pens and paintbrushes. She fills page after page, and soon a cat and an owl are her constant companions – and not only on paper. Over time, Mina grows critical: are her owl beaks too crooked, are her cats' paws too small? Drawing can be easy, but her own self-critical attitude stands in the way. As good friends, Cat and Owl help her to rediscover the essentials.

Claudia Gürtler, born in 1954, has worked in the book industry for a long time, and experienced the magic of books from an early age.

Renate Habinger, born in 1957, is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. She has been running a paper workshop since 1997 and a summer school focusing on children's book illustration since 2008. She has been awarded the Austrian Children's Youth Book Award, the Children's Book Prize of Vienna and the IBBY Honour List.

Amazing Wales

Giants of our Time

Leykam

Michael Stavaric
Illustrated by Michèle Ganser
pp. 144, 29.5 x 19.5 cm, Age 6+
€ 26.00, 978-3-7011-8383-8
All rights available

Gigantic bodies, huge hearts and colossal brains – a journey of discovery into the mysterious world of whales!

Did you know that whales once lived on land before returning to the sea? That they can not only sing, but even have their own dialects? Dive into the infinite vastness of the oceans and discover the biggest, smartest and most amazing creatures on our planet. Learn how they

communicate, travel and have become the rulers of the seas over millions of years.

The fact that you will learn lots of other things while reading this book is almost secondary. Morse code? Sailor language? Tricky puzzles? And don't forget: dolphins are whales too!

Michael Stavaric, born in 1972 in Brno, works as a freelance writer, translator and lecturer in Vienna. He used to want to be a marine biologist, but now he writes children's books, novels and poetry.

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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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.

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Cornelia Travnicek, born in 1987, is a researcher at a centre for virtual reality and visualisation. Picus has 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*.

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Heinz Janisch, born in 1960, works for Austrian radio. He is the author of many books for children and young adults, and has won numerous awards including the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Michael Roher, born in 1980, works at a circus for children and teenagers and supervises project weeks. He has been writing and illustrating children's books since 2010.

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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 of 2023. He lives in Berlin and New York.

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