

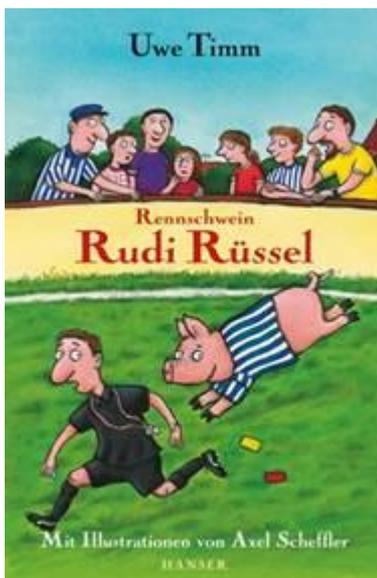
Dear colleagues, dear friends,

We now hold the rights to four exiting children's books of the famous German author Uwe Timm, who has been awarded the German Children's Literature Award!

Uwe Timm was born in Hamburg in 1940. After apprenticing as a furrier and completing an academic degree in philosophy in Munich and Paris, Timm published his first poems in 1971. Since that time, he has become one of Germany's most successful contemporary authors. He established himself as a children's book author with the publication of **Rudi, the Racing Pig**.

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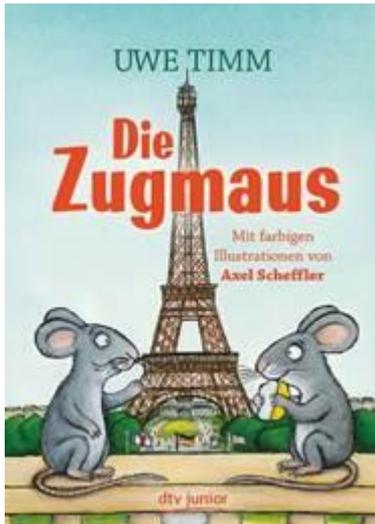
Rudi, the Racing Pig

- **With illustrations by Axel Scheffler, creator of "The Gruffalo"**
- **Over 1.3 mio. copies sold**
- **Special anniversary edition to be published in September 2019**

It all begins with a raffle. Little Zuppi wins the first prize – a piglet. Daddy makes a grim face, and the landlord, Mr Buselmeier, is even less pleased. "Out!", he screams, and throws out the entire family, including the pig. They move to a house next to a football field. Daddy becomes groundsman and Rudy, the pig, a successful mascot until the referee shows him the red card.

Zuppi's cute piglet has turned into a huge good-luck pig charm because thanks to Rudy, the local team wins one match after the other. During practice, Rudy races the players until their socks smoke. The only people he doesn't like are referees. When he pulls the trousers off the bottom of one of them, he's had it – he is banned from the pitch for life. A hard blow for Zuppi and her family, for the club managers demand proof that the pig is needed for artistic reasons. Then, and only then, is Rudy allowed to stay. But nothing in the world can make Rudy perform tricks. Rudy wants to run. And then, on a sunny Sunday, he wins not only a mountain of sausages but also the heart of a very fast pig lady.

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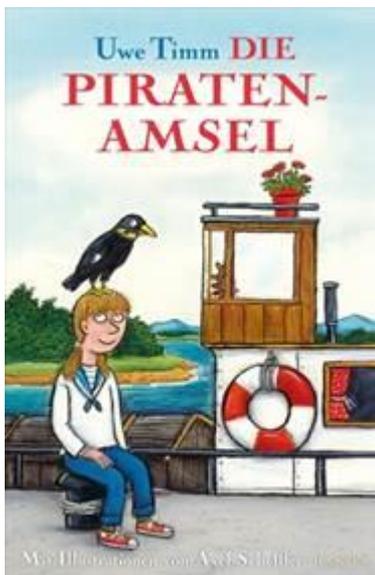


The Travelling Mouse

- With 4c illustrations by Axel Scheffler, creator of “The Gruffalo”
- Over 175,000 copies sold
- For lovers of Michael Bond (Paddington) and Jill Tomlinson’s favourite animal tales

While searching for crumbs in the Munich train station, a little mouse named Steven slips into a train car. This is the start of an exciting adventure that takes him much farther than just Switzerland, a cheese lover’s paradise, and Paris, the world’s baguette capital. Onboard a circus-train Steven makes it to England, too. But even those most fond of travelling eventually grow homesick. Which is why Steven embarks on the adventurous way back home.

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The Blackbird Pirate

- With 4c illustrations by Axel Scheffler, creator of “The Gruffalo”

»I’m not a crow, and I’m no rook either. I’m a mynah bird and my name is Padde.«
 He’s witty and clever; he can roar like a tiger and swear like a sailor. The wily bird has travelled all the way from the Indian jungle to Hamburg. In Schulte’s pet shop, a little girl names him the Blackbird Pirate because of the yellow stripe on his head—but she’s not allowed to keep him and he scares off any lady who might want to buy him with his obscene language and offensive behaviour. Before he turns into a permanent fixture in the pet shop, Padde is donated to the zoo along with Störtebecker the parrot and a vain cockatoo. But the wily mynah escapes, only to wind up in the clutches of an animal ventriloquist – and his voracious tomcat. Padde escapes once more – and then he meets the little girl who named him on a river barge and finally finds a new home with her.

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Pirate Stoertebeker's Treasure

As Benno, George, Jan and Jutta go on a secret sailing trip to find a hidden treasure on one of the many unoccupied islands in the River Elbe, they get involved in more and more adventurous events. With a special task and numerous maps, they get across some shady crooks. On top of it all, they shipwreck at their destination and now, suddenly all on their own, they have to fight for their survival. In this very moment they make a serious discovery...

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