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Jana Crämer



Jana Crämer, born in 1982, is an author, speaker and podcaster. With over a million followers on social media, she is one of the most powerful voices for self-love, mental health and eating disorders in the German-speaking world. She has experienced what she writes about: she went from being a fangirl to a music manager, weighed over 180 kilos, lived with binge eating disorder for over twenty years and felt trapped in a body that was constantly being judged. Today, she stands for honesty about herself and her diagnosis of lipoedema – online, on stage and in the podcast *Wir sind so* (*We are like this*). Together with her best friend, musician Batomae, she has been touring schools across Germany for ten years as part of the BKK bauchgefühl initiative.

Jana Crämer was awarded the SignsAward18, the ‘Oscar of the communications industry’, for her courage in communication. In 2023, TikTok honoured her as ‘BookTok Author of the Year’.

Other Narrative Non-Fiction titles by the bestselling author

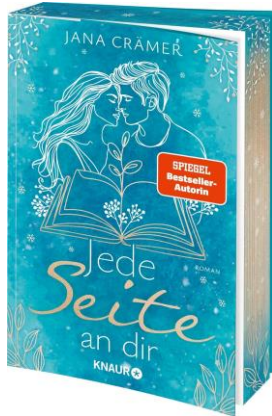


Sometimes You Have to Sit Down to Get Off Your Butt: The moment when everything changes



Jana, 39, Unkissed: A true, encouraging story

Bestselling Writer, Romance, Uplifting Novel



Jana Crämer *Every Side of You*

Knaur Verlag, October 2026
384 p.

Every Side of You

A novel full of heart-pounding moments, warmth, and a love that makes all filters unnecessary.
A touching romance novel about the longing for authenticity and the magic of true love.

Romy loves the quiet of her bookstore—and the sense of security she finds behind the tall shelves. But when her lease is terminated, her world comes crashing down. Her only hope is a deal that goes against everything Romy stands for: Max, a charismatic social media star, needs her store as the backdrop for his latest, lavishly staged campaign.

For Max, books are just pretty props for the perfect video; for Romy, they are her life. As the camera rolls, two worlds collide: his glittering spotlight against her familiar coziness. But amid the scent of paper and the flurry of camera flashes, they both sense that the sparks between them are anything but staged.

When the shadows of Romy's past catch up with her, she must decide: Will she continue to hide among the pages of her books, or will she take the plunge with Max into a life more beautiful than any romance novel?

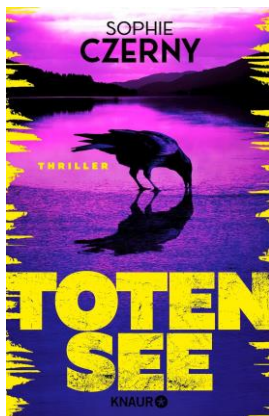
Sophie Czerny



Sophie Czerny, born in 1979, lives with her family in the heart of Vienna. She holds a doctorate in law and practiced as an attorney for many years. She currently works as a lawyer and freelance writer.

After graduating from the Leonding Academy of Literature, she has published in various literary journals and anthologies and has won several literary competitions, most recently the 2024 Vienna Workshop Prize.

Debut, Thriller series Strong Female Lead Character



Sophie Czerny *Lake of the Dead*

Knaur Verlag, September 2026
448 p.

Lake of the Dead

A mother whose daughter has been kidnapped is desperate

An investigator whose daughter has been kidnapped is ready to kill

Ada Sabel has hit rock bottom: no one believes the suspended detective from the Vienna State Criminal Police Office when she says her 14-year-old daughter has been kidnapped. For five months, she has had to endure the uncertainty of whether Mara is still alive. And with every day that passes without her finding a clue to Mara's whereabouts, the tally of cuts on her arms grows. Until day 145, when a headless corpse washes up on the banks of the Danube Canal, with Ada is certain: the message comes from Mara's kidnapper. Feverishly,

Ada follows the trail on her own—unaware that with every step she takes, she is also drawing closer to the demons of her own past.

"A fast-paced thriller debut that leaves you breathless." Ursula Poznanski

A relentless page-turner thriller featuring an investigator who has nothing left to lose.



Regina Denk

Regina Denk was born in 1981 on the Bavarian-Austrian border. Her love of books and writing has accompanied her throughout her life. From studying literature in Munich, to the other side of the world and back home again, near Munich, where she lives today. She publishes entertainment ranging from thrillers to science fiction under several pseudonyms, while under her real name she devotes herself to more serious material. As a publishing consultant, she advises publishers, authors and artists from the initial idea to the finished book. From time to time, she "lends" her voice to special people and their messages as a ghostwriter.

Upmarket, Historical Novel, Feminist Fiction



Regina Denk *The Ferryman*

Droemer Verlag, March 2026
384 p.

The Ferryman

Regina Denk impressively brings to life the two villages on the Salzach River, which - connected by the ferryman - have always formed a community. Until burgeoning nationalism severely disrupts the peace. Until a war breaks out that changes the world. Until friendship and envy, love and guilt set in motion a drama that can no longer be stopped.

Hohenwart and Siegering, early 20th century: As a ferryman, Hannes Winkler must follow the custom of not taking a wife. For if his dangerous profession should claim his life, he must not leave behind any dependents. Nevertheless, Hannes' heart has long belonged to his childhood friend Elisabeth. But she is promised to Josef Steiner, the heir to the largest farm on this side of the Salzach River. This is not only a blow to Hannes and Elisabeth, who reciprocates his feelings: Elisabeth's best friend Annemarie had hoped to marry Josef. While World War I divides the small community on both sides of the Salzach in Austria and Germany, the lives of the four young people are caught up in a whirlwind of violence, rebellion, and guilt. When a child finally disappears, a deadly spiral is set in motion.



Where the Eagle Soars

„Regina Denk leaves no unpleasant detail, no consequence, and no cruelty unsaid, linking the plot lines to the beautiful but harsh character of nature. In a successful combination of atmospheric scenes and radical honesty, the author describes the arduous journey of two women fighting for their own freedom.“

Süddeutsche

„A clever, compelling, multi-layered book, superbly researched and with a heroine whom we would follow without hesitation even into the darkest ravines.“ **Maria-Christina Piwowarski, Leading Literary Podcast Host from Germany**



Sabine Ebert

Sabine Ebert was born in Aschersleben, grew up in Berlin and studied Latin American studies and linguistics in Rostock. In Freiberg, her adopted home for many years, she worked as a journalist, wrote several non-fiction books and, in 1990, founded the city's first independent newspaper in a long time. Her passion for Saxon and German history led her to start writing historical novels, all of which became bestsellers. Her novels have been translated into several languages, and her debut, *Das Geheimnis der Hebamme* (*The Midwife's Secret*), was filmed by ARD and premiered in a theatre adaptation by the Landesbühnen Sachsen.

For her work on her novels about the Battle of the Nations and the events that followed, *1813 – Kriegsfeuer* (*1813 – War Fire*) and *1815 – Blutfrieden* (*1815 – Blood Peace*), she moved to Leipzig.

She now lives in Dresden, where she wrote the *Schwert und Krone* (*Sword and Crown*) series about Frederick Barbarossa and the power struggles between the ruling houses of that era, as well as the novel about the Restoration period, *Die zerbrochene Feder* (*The Broken Pen*).

Bestselling Writer, Historical Novel, Bestselling Storyverse



Sabine Ebert *Marthe* *The Midwife's Memories*

Droemer Verlag, November 2026
504 p.

Marthe. The Midwife's Memories

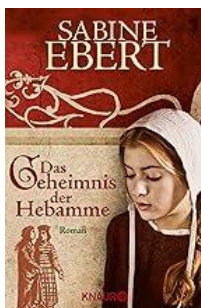
The historical novel featuring the midwife Marthe are among the most successful German medieval novels. Adventurous tales, love, and the lives of ordinary people are interwoven with historical facts from the time of the Staufer Emperor Barbarossa. Sabine Ebert tells these stories with insight, suspense, and emotional depth that keeps readers on the edge of their seats.

Midwife Marthe is Back: The Grand Medieval Epic About One of the Most Beloved Characters in Historical Fiction

Franconia, May 1153. After an ambush and the violent death of her parents, four-year-old Marthe is taken in by the healer Serafine. Under her care, the traumatized child finds her way back to life and, over the years, becomes a healer herself. Fleeing the brutal village lord, Marthe seeks refuge with a group of settlers who are clearing land in the Meissen March and stumble upon silver in the process. This changes her life completely. As a healer, she finds her way to the court of the Margrave of Meissen and even attends Emperor Barbarossa's court assemblies; she faces mortal danger, wins and loses the love of her life, and in her old age can look back on a fulfilling life—marked by victories and defeats, courageous companions, and children and grandchildren who carry on the brave legacy of her parents.

The Midwives Series, Volumes 1 – 5

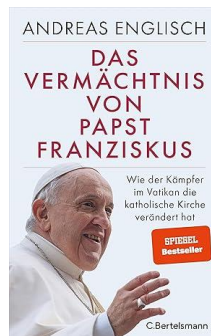
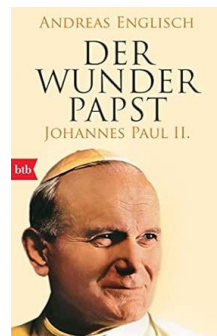
Sold to Poland (Sonia Draga), Czech Republic (Euromedia), Vol. 1 – 4 Hungary (General Press), Lithuania (Media Incognito Obuolys), Albania (Living Albania)



Andreas Englisch



Andreas Englisch is Germany's leading expert on the inner workings of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He has been living in Rome as Vatican correspondent since 1987. In addition to his journalistic work he writes intriguing books about the Vatican that regularly become bestsellers. He also makes regular appearances on TV documentaries and talk shows. Englisch stood in close contact with John Paul II and was one of only six journalists that had the honour of escorting him on all his travels. His bestseller *Traces of the Divine – Miracles and the Catholic Church* was made into a three-part film by UFA.



Bestselling Writer, Biopic, Narrative Nonfiction



Andreas Englisch

Pope Leo XIV

The quiet monk at the top of the power structure

C. Bertelsmann, October 2025

280 p.

Direct entry top 10 in the Spiegel Bestseller list

Sold in: USA (Church Publishing Incorporated, Parkum Audio - Macmillan)

Pope Leo XIV

The quiet monk at the top of the power structure

"I have come to this office without merit." The new Pope Leo XIV uttered these humble and unusual words when he took office. When Robert Francis Prevost was elected Francis' successor on 8 May 2025, he was at least as surprised as the rest of the world. He was not among the top candidates, and hardly anyone outside his immediate circle had heard of him.

So who is this new pope, the first American to hold this office and a relatively young man? Will he follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, or will he find his own way of fulfilling his role? Vatican expert and bestselling author Andreas Englisch has been closely following four popes for almost forty years.

In his new book, he tells the exciting story of the conclave after Francis' death and sets out on the trail of Leo XIV, this hitherto little-known man. He finds companions, close confidants, family members and people at Leo's previous places of work in the USA, Peru and Rome who can give him insights into the life, faith and deeds of the new Pope. They all tell of a man who is truly as friendly, humble, conciliatory and quiet as he has shown himself to be in his first days as pope, a pope who, according to his own statement, wants to rule as an equal among equals. Andreas Englisch's new book is the first biography of Leo XIV researched from close quarters and is full of surprising details. A must-read for anyone who wants to get to know the man behind the pope and understand how this quiet monk at the top of the power structure can change the Church.

„Andreas Englisch's books are subjective, sometimes daring to peek through the keyhole, knowledgeable and entertaining at the same time.“ **Deutschlandfunk**

„A personal, atmospherically dense narrative [...]. A book about power that is not sought after but endured. And about the question of whether the church might find its future in a kind of spirituality that does not shout loudly, but listens.“ **ntv.de**

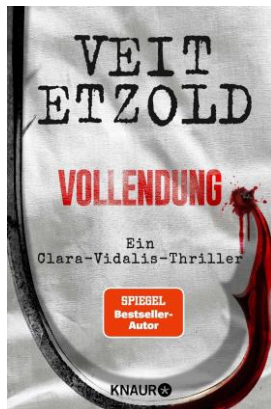


Veit Etzold

Veit Etzold was born in Bremen in 1973. He pursued studies in English language and literature, art history, media science and general management in Oldenburg, London and Barcelona. In 2005, he received his doctorate on the motion picture *Matrix*. During and after his studies, he worked for media groups, banks, in management consulting and in management education.

Today, Veit Etzold is a sought-after keynote speaker and one of the leading German-language authors of political thrillers. In addition to his four successful bestselling political *thrillers* *Todesdeal*, *Dark Web*, *Staatsfeind* and *Final Control*, he writes the investigative thriller series about the profiler Clara Vidalis as well as non-fiction books on economics and strategy. Veit Etzold lives and works in Berlin.

Bestselling Thriller Series, Strong Female Lead Character



Veit Etzold *Completion*

Volume 10 of the Clara Vidalis Series

Knaur, July 2026
400 p.

Completion

With the tenth volume of his thriller series about patho-psychologist Clara Vidalis, Veit Etzold has once again succeeded in creating a hard-hitting page-turner: a chilling thrill ride exploring the depths of the human psyche, the power of peer pressure and the fine line between perfection and perversion.

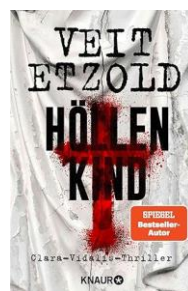
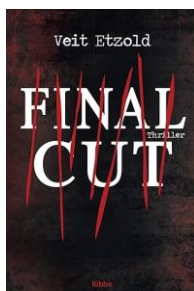
Berlin is shaken by a bizarre series of murders; the victims die in cruel and ritualised ways. It turns out that they all have one thing in common: an unconditional desire for self-optimisation.

Chief Inspector Clara Vidalis stumbles across a forum on the dark web belonging to a cult whose guru calls himself 'The Perfecter'. In the name of perfection, his followers drive each other to inhuman extremes. When Clara discovers that her mentally unstable daughter has joined the cult, she is willing to risk everything – her identity, her morals and her own life. But the closer she gets to the 'Vollender', the more she feels the manipulative power of his madness.

"Veit Etzold combines a well-oiled plot with rapid scene changes and cliffhangers." **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung**

„Thrillers like those usually only found in the works of Mo Hayder or Cody McFadyen." **NDR**

Clara Vidalis Series Volumes 1 to 9



Simon Falk



Simon Falk was born near Trier, on Roman soil—so to speak. While studying ancient history and military strategy, he came across countless tales of political intrigue, brutal battles, and deadly alliances in ancient Rome that have stayed with him ever since. Simon Falk lives with his wife and two cats in a small town in northern Germany.

Debut, Historical Novel, Rome Novel



Simon Falk *The Burning Sky*

Knaur Verlag, September 2026
304 p.

The Burning Sky

In the dark historical novel *The Burning Sky*, the atmosphere of **Gladiator** blends with intelligent and deeply human political tension: **The Last Kingdom** meets **House of Cards**. And two lovers find themselves on the wrong side of history. Simon Falk immerses his readers in the era of the Roman Empire - a time that was as glorious as it was marked by bloody conflicts. “A novel that perfectly combines the spirit of **Gladiator** with suspense.” Ralf Moeller, who played the gladiator Hagen in **Gladiator**
The lust for power, madness, and murderous intrigues in ancient Rome

In 210 AD, a dark shadow falls over the magnificent streets and filthy alleys of mighty Rome: the emperor has been seized by madness, and a conspiracy of unprecedented proportions could bring down the entire empire.

To fulfill a prophecy by the poet Virgil and elevate himself to the status of a god, Emperor Caracalla intends to perform a bloody ritual. One hundred Christians are to be sacrificed in the Pantheon. The struggle against the emperor's madness brings together three people who could hardly be more different: Lucius Varro, a Roman officer torn between duty and doubt; Aurelia, the daughter of a Jewish temple scribe and an underground Christian—with whom Lucius shares a forbidden love; and the Germanic slave Ragnald, whose skin bears ancient runes that reveal the truth.

For their resistance and their commitment to justice, all three will pay an unimaginably high price ...

Sebastian Fitzek



Sebastian Fitzek is THE most successful German bestselling author, whose works have sold more than 21 million copies and have been published in more than 37 countries. Sebastian Fitzek has been Germany's best-selling author for 12 years – from 2013 to 2025. He began his career in radio, later studying law and gaining a doctorate in copyright law. In 2006, he published his first psychological thriller *Therapy*, which became a bestseller, as did all subsequent books. Between 2014 and 2024, Sebastian Fitzek was the most successful German author of the year seven times. In 2023, his books *Die Einladung* and *Elternabend* were the best-selling books of the year. Many of his books have been successfully adapted for film and television series, such as *Therapy* (Prime Video) as a six-part mini-series, which was a TOP 10 hit in seventeen countries for several weeks. The movie *Calendar Killer* was ranked in the TOP 3 in more than 30 countries, including USA and UK. Also, many of his works have been the subject of several theater adaptations, including *Der Seelenbrecher*, *Die Therapie* and *Passagier 23*. Sebastian Fitzek has twice been nominated for the Glauser Prize and has been awarded the Golden Lovelybooks Readers' Prize several times. He also received the Hörkules and won the European Prize for Crime Literature in 2016. Sebastian Fitzek has been Germany's best-selling author for 14 years - from 2011 to 2015. He is an ambassador for the German Child Protection Association and patron of the association Das frühgeborene Kind e.V. Fitzek was born in Berlin in 1971. He lives with his family in Berlin

Bestselling Writer, Thriller, Germany's most successful writer



Sebastian Fitzek *The Night Train*

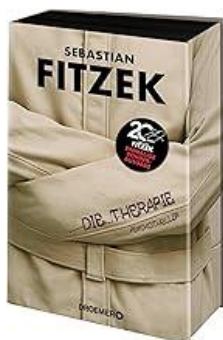
Droemer Verlag, October 2026
352 p.

The Night Train

In *The Night Train*, multiple #1 bestselling author Sebastian Fitzek once again offers us a deep glimpse into the depths of the human soul. The locked-room setting aboard a luxury train creates a gripping atmosphere that turns this thriller - about a father's desperate search for his missing child - into an irresistible page-turner.

Bestselling author Sebastian Fitzek's anniversary thriller takes you on a journey aboard one of the world's most luxurious trains - nonstop through the deepest abysses of the soul and into a father's worst nightmare. In a single night, renowned Berlin criminal defense attorney Adrian Corvin lost everything that mattered to him in life: His wife Judith was brutally murdered, and his five-year-old son Emil was kidnapped. The confessed murderer lures Adrian onto the Royal Rail Express, one of the world's most luxurious night trains, where every compartment has its own bedroom, bathroom, and living room. There, she makes him a diabolical offer. The psychopath promises to bring Emil back alive - under a completely impossible condition that only a madwoman could impose.

Germany's most successful writer of bestselling thrillers, Special editions celebrating the 20th anniversary:



Therapy Sebastian Fitzek's major breakthrough - sold to 43 countries



Amok - sold to 19 countries

The two special editions jumped straight to #1 on the Börsenblatt bestseller list - 19 and 20 years after their first publication!

Liza Grimm



Liza Grimm was born in 1992 in Neustadt a.d. Weinstraße. After many years in Würzburg, she moved to Munich to major in German. As a child, her life was shaped by two of her greatest passions: writing and dancing. Because she also loves to interact with her readers, she decided to publish her works as an indie author. To this day she regularly blogs about her writing experiences.



Bestselling Fantasy Series, Female Character, Fantasy Influencer Author

Liza Grimm

Storm Dahlia

Wind Brings Change

The finale of the high fantasy series about elemental magic (The Books of Power, Volume 4)

Knaur Verlag, December 2026

400 p.

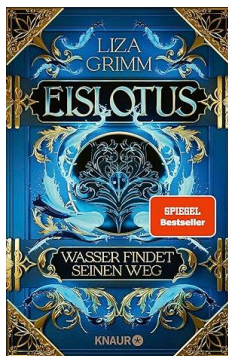
Storm Dahlia. Wind Brings Change

A thrilling high fantasy story about magical books and the power of water, fire, earth, and air. Dive into the powerful world of elemental magic one last time and get ready for a spectacular showdown!

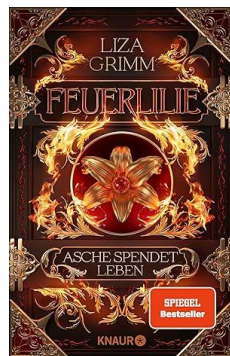
Lüfte das Geheimnis der Seelenbücher – bevor es zu spät ist ...

A lot has happened since Nara left the academy and the competition continued without her. She's finally on the trail of the secret of the Books of Souls. But the closer she gets to the truth, the more she finds herself caught in a whirlpool of betrayal that turns the world as she knew it upside down. With her newfound knowledge, she can't possibly carry on as before. Nara never saw coming that it would now be up to her to create a better future for everyone. And even less so the ruthless enemies who stand in her way as she fights for freedom ...

Volumes 1 to 3 of the Books of Power series



Ice Lotus



Fire Lily



Stone Gladiolus



Markus Heitz

Markus Heitz, born in 1971, studied German Philology and History.

With his series *The Dwarves*, he achieved a national and international breakthrough; the books were translated into numerous languages and spent weeks on the bestseller lists. His fantasy novels were joined by successful thrillers about werewolves, vampires, soul walkers and other dark figures of (urban) fantasy. He has now written over 60 novels, which have been translated into 17 languages – his name being on the bestseller lists without interruption for years. Markus Heitz has received many awards, including being the only German author to have won the German Fantasy Award eleven times, which is why he is quite rightly considered the grand master of German fantasy.

He lives in Homburg, Saarland

Bestselling Writer, Horror Gothic



Markus Heitz *The Villa*

Knaur Verlag, August 2026
336 p.

Direct entry into the top 15 of the Spiegel Bestseller list

The Villa

Markus Heitz turns to horror: the multi-bestselling dark fantasy author masterfully tells the story of a mysterious and eerie house.

The Villa: Do you own it, or does it own you?

Doreen and Marina Markert are a mother and her teenage daughter who have so far been struggling through life with little luck. But then, at a foreclosure auction, they finally hit the jackpot: for a bargain price, they acquire an old villa in the Gohlis district of Leipzig.

There, life for the pair seems to take a turn for the better in every respect: suddenly, the mother's business is booming, and her teenage daughter is taking off as a YouTube star with her music. Both find the attention and affection they've been seeking.

But everything has its price: by the time Doreen finally realises what a pact she and her daughter have unwittingly entered into, it may already be too late.

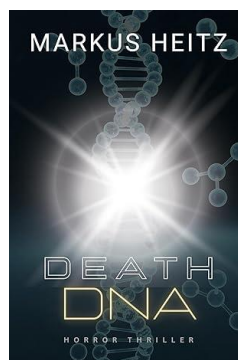
Meanwhile, in London, musician Ethan embarks on a desperate search to find out who committed the brutal murder of his mother, and uncovers a sinister connection. And with every day that passes, the death toll rises

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More horror titles by the bestselling author



Lost Course



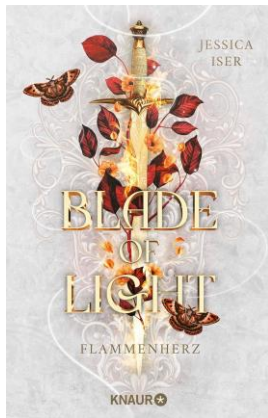
Death DNA

Jessica Yasmin Iser



Jessica Iser, born in 1991 with German-Spanish roots, has been writing fantasy stories since childhood. She is most at home in the darkly romantic corners of the genre, from dark fantasy to horror. Her debut novel *Deathbound* was nominated for the 2022 Seraph Fantasy Award in the ‘Best Independent Title’ category. She has published numerous works in anthologies. The kickoff of her fantasy duology has been published by the Droemer Knaur publishing group in spring 2026.

Romantic Fantasy Dilogy, New Adult Fantasy, Partly Illustrated



Jessica Yasmin Iser

Blade of Light

Flameheart

Make Me Your Villain, Vol 2

Knaur, July 2026

400 p.

Blade of Light. Flameheart

Blade of Light is the second volume of Jessica Iser's Make Me Your Villain duology, featuring fantastic world-building and two enemies who fall in love with each other.

A dark legend comes to life...

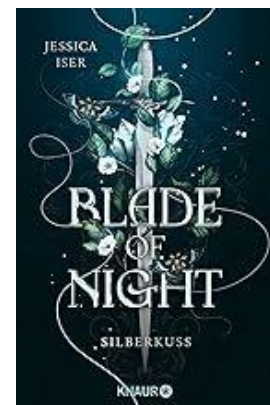
Ever since the demonic Moonstalkers from the Starfall threatened Zelig's people, nothing has been the same. The hostility between humans and night elves is stronger than ever. The only hope is a mage who could be the salvation from the dark power. But both the night elves and the humans want him on their side. In the fight against the Moonwalkers and their feelings for each other, Zelig and Aries must realise that a new war has begun. One that threatens everything that is important to them. And one that puts their hearts to the hardest test ...

Blade of Night. Silver Kiss, Volume 2

Love, War, Magic, and Betrayal Among Humans and Night Elves – Volume 1 of the Epic “Enemies to Lovers” Romantasy Series (Make Me Your Villain)

Secret lovers and bitter rivals!

Blade of Nigh” is the first book in Jessica Iser's dark romantic fantasy series “Make Me Your Villain,” featuring fantastic world-building and two enemies who fall in love with each other ...



Mikkel Robrahn



Mikkel Robrahn was born in 1991 in the north of Germany. He spent his first years there playing handball, playing video games and reading books. After that, he started one or the other college course and dropped out again before ending up in the gaming industry. For a few years now he has written humorous, fantastic stories.

Humor Series, Fantasy Novel Social Media Phenomenon



Mikkel Robrahn

Magnus Knut Hansen

One man. One legend. One “Moin”

Drachenmond Verlag, August 2026
348 p.

Direct entry into the top 5 of the Spiegel Bestseller list

Magnus Knut Hansen. One man. One legend. One “Moin.”

A North German fantasy in which only the humor remains dry.

Magnus Knut Hansen leads a laid-back life as the dike reeve of Dagebüll. But when two figures appear and kidnap his sheep, Dörte, to a strange world, he doesn't hesitate for a second—he rushes after them and quickly finds himself in the midst of an adventure. Before long, he has to contend not only with brawlers, knights, and fantastical creatures, but also with a far too talkative seagull and a princess who—for whatever reason—has taken a shine to him of all people.

Nothing could be further from Magnus's mind than adventure or romance. He wants his lighthouse, his peace and quiet, and his sheep—and he won't give up until he's rescued Dörte.

*Hamburg-based author Mikkel Robrahn has sparked a wave of enthusiasm with *Magnus Knut Hansen*,” Birgit Reuther, Hamburger Abendblatt*

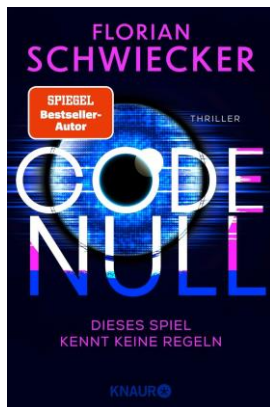
Florian Schwiecker



Florian Schwiecker was born in Kiel in 1972 and worked for many years in Berlin as a criminal defense attorney. The idea for his first thriller *Betrayal* was born during his work for an international business enterprise in the USA.

Florian Schwiecker also regularly recommends crime thrillers in his thriller column on freundin.de.

Bestselling Thriller Writer, High Concept Thriller, A.I. Thriller



Florian Schwiecker

Code Zero

This game has no rules

Charlie & Kim series, Vol. 1

Knaur, June 2026

400 p.

Code Zero. This game has no rules

Brilliant, gripping and highly explosive – a tech thriller centred around a congenial duo: young hacker Charlie and KIM, the artificial intelligence she programmed herself.

KIM is an AI prototype that can solve problems faster and more creatively than any human ever could. KIM is supposed to stop the attack by 'Timeout'. But what if KIM not only solves problems, but creates new ones? And what if the mastermind behind KIM – Charlie, a young programmer and hacker – herself becomes the target of the terrorists?

Florian Schwiecker is an expert in artificial intelligence and a SPIEGEL bestselling author. With 'Code Null', he not only creates an extremely frightening and realistic what-if scenario, but also delivers a fast-paced and twist-filled page-turner that will leave you gasping for breath as you read.

Cyberterrorists vs. artificial intelligence in a game that knows no rules!

At exactly 4:05 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon, navigation systems across Berlin fail for a few seconds. Hardly anyone notices. But in the background, the alarm bells are ringing: 'Timeout,' a group of cyber terrorists, is blackmailing the EU. They have gained control of the Galileo satellite system. Major failures would have catastrophic consequences for air traffic and the stock market, not to mention sensitive military infrastructure.

Investigators quickly realise that the cyber attack on the systems is so massive and complex that they cannot fend it off. They have only one chance: to deploy artificial intelligence on 'Timeout'.



Annika Strauss

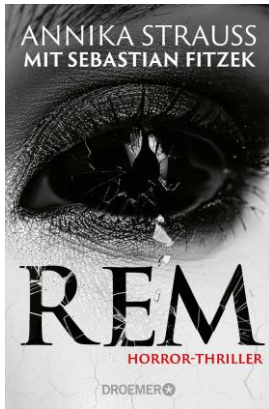
Annika Strauss, born in 1984, attended a drama school in Stuttgart and studied general rhetoric and German language and literature in Tübingen. She began making films during her studies. To date, she has appeared in almost 40 film productions - many of which are in the horror genre, earning her the nickname "German Screamqueen". Whether horror or thriller - it always has to be exciting for her. In her private life, she tends to be more cautious, which is how she deals with the darker sides of the world and people. The opposite pole is her work as an editor at SWR. She mainly tells the positive and beautiful stories from the region on the regional news programme. *Nachtfahrt* was her debut.



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