

Foreign Rights Spring 2026



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.



Feminist Fiction, Historical Novel Nature Writing, Upmarket

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.



„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.”

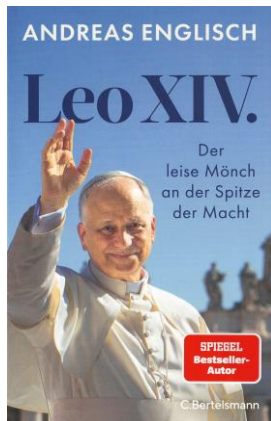
Süddeutsche Zeitung

„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**



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 at # 10 on the Spiegel Bestseller list.

Pope Leo XIV. The quiet monk at the top of the power structure

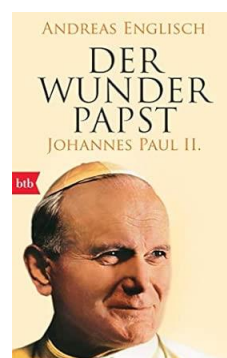
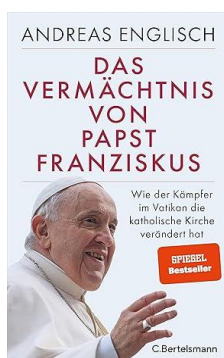
"I have come to this office without merit." The new Pope Leo XIV uttered these humble and unusual words when he took office. When Robert Francis Prevost was elected Francis' successor on 8 May 2025, he was at least as surprised as the rest of the world. He was not among the top candidates, and hardly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

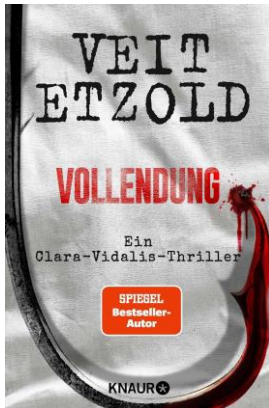




Veit Etzold

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.



Female Lead Character, Bestselling Thriller Series, High Octane Suspense, Bestselling writer

Veit Etzold

Completion

Volume 10 of the Clara Vidalis Series

Knaur, July 2026
400 p.

Completion

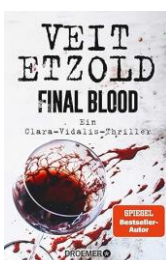
With the tenth volume of his thriller series about patho-psychologist Clara Vidalis, Veit Etzold has once again succeeded in creating a hard-hitting page-turner: a chilling thrill ride exploring the depths of the human psyche, the power of peer pressure and the fine line between perfection and perversion.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

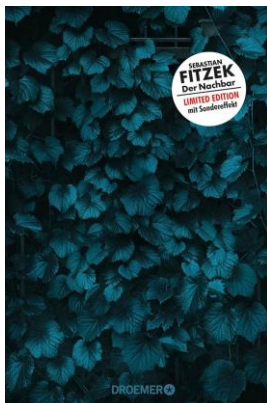
„Thrillers like those usually only found in the works of Mo Hayder or Cody McFadyen.“ **NDR**





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 38 countries. 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. Since more than 14 years, Sebastian Fitzek has been the most successful German author of the year. 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. 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



Germany most successful writer Bestselling Thriller

Sebastian Fitzek

The Neighbour

Droemer Knauer, October 2025

368 p.

Direct entry at #1 with publication (12 weeks #1), 19 weeks in the list (to date)

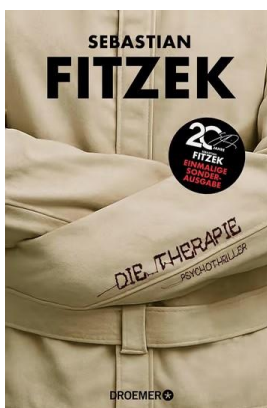
Sold in: Lithuania (Jotema), Hungary (General Press), Finland (Bazar Kustannus), Slovenia (Učila), Greece (Dioptra), Slovakia (Tatran)

The Neighbour

She thought her greatest fear was being alone. Until she discovered that she never was...

Criminal defense attorney Sarah Wolff suffers from monophobia, the fear of loneliness. What she doesn't know is: that after moving to the outskirts of Berlin with her daughter, she has an invisible neighbor who won't leave her alone for a second...

The uncanny lurks in the closest surroundings—the new nerve-wracking psychological thriller from #1 bestselling author Sebastian Fitzek is guaranteed to give you restless nights!



Germany most successful writer, bestselling thriller, 20 years anniversary special edition

Sebastian Fitzek

Therapy

Droemer Knauer,

336 p.

Sold to: Denmark (Husets Forlag), Netherlands (Uitgeverij de Fontein), China (Feel House Ltd.), GB (Mc Millan), USA (St. Martins Press), Italy (Elliot Edizioni s.r.l.), Serbia (Zlatni zmaj), Taiwan (Business Weekly Publisher), France (Editions L'Archipel), Portugal (Difel, S.A.), Bulgaria (Uniscorp Publishers), Japan (Kashiwa Shobo), Greece (Diigisi Publishing), Spain (Ediciones B. SA), Hungary (Könyvmolyképző Kiadó Ltd.), Czech Republic (D-Consult s.r.o.), Croatia (V.B.Z. d.o.o.), Indonesia (Ufuk Publishing), GB (Atlantic Books – Corvus), (Macmillan Pub), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Vietnam (The Ho Chi Minh City General Publisher), Korea (Hainaim Publishing Co.), Poland (G + J Gruner + Jahr), Turkey (Yurt Kitap-Yayın), Russia (Mir Knigi), Turkey (Pegasus), The Netherlands (Dutch Media – Imprint Mistral), Slovenia (Učila Int), Macedonia (Sakam Knijigi), Greece (Dioptra Publishing), Slovakia (Tatran), Ukraine (Vivat Publishing), Poland (Amber), Estonia (Eesti Raamat), Spain (Penguin Randomhouse), Czech Republic (Anag), Finland (Bazar Kustannus), Denmark (Gutkind Forlag), Sweden (Bokförlaget Ester Bonnier), Bulgaria (Benitorial), Brazil (Editora Nacional), UK (Head of Zeus), Egypt (Bayt elkotob Publishing)

Some foreign rights have already reverted

Therapy

No witnesses, no clues and no corpse. Josy, the twelve-year-old daughter of leading psychiatrist Viktor Larenz, has disappeared without trace. The case remains unsolved. Four years later her father, still in mourning for his missing daughter, retreats to an isolated country house where he comes across a beautiful woman. The stranger is haunted by odd visions of a young girl who mysteriously disappeared in much the same way as Josy. Viktor begins her treatment but the sessions turn into a dramatic interrogation..



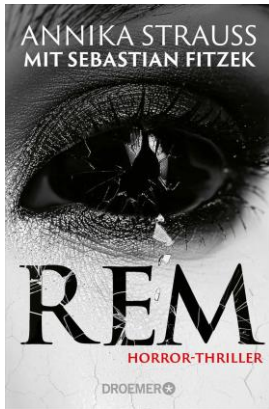
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Annika Strauss

Annika Strauss, born in 1984, studied general rhetoric and German language and literature in Tübingen. As an actress, she has appeared in around 40 film productions to date—many of which are in the horror genre, earning her the nickname ‘German Scream Queen,’ among other things. Rather cautious in her private life, she explores the dark sides of the world and human nature in her work. In 2024, she published her debut thriller, *Nachtfahrt*.



Germany's most successful writer, female co-writer, strong female character, High Concept Horror-Thriller

Annika Strauss & Sebastian Fitzek
REM

Droemer Verlag, March 2026
350 p.

REM

REM – Sleep. Dream. Die.

Psychological thriller meets horror: Thriller king Sebastian Fitzek and ‘German scream queen’ Annika Strauss present their first psychological horror thriller, REM.
‘You mustn’t fall asleep!’

Alysee is four years old when her father pleads with her in panic to stay awake, for heaven's sake. But the girl's eyes close. When she wakes up again, her father is dead. Brutally murdered. That is Alysee's last and only memory of him. She never knew her mother, who also died years ago. As an orphan, Alysee grows up with her best friend Nico in a foster family; her fear of falling asleep never leaves her.

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

Stone Gladiolus

Earth Never Forgets

Volume 3 of the Books of Power series

Knaur, March 2026

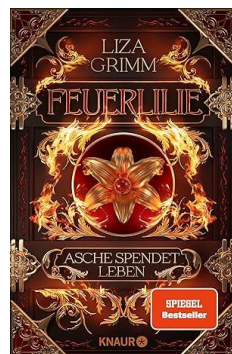
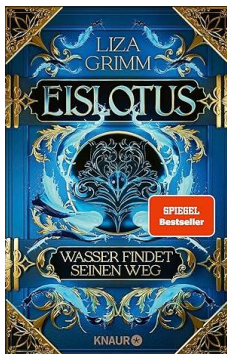
400 p.

Direct entry at #15 in the Spiegel bestseller list with publication

Stone Gladiolus. Earth Never Forgets

Only the truth can shed light on the darkness—but what if it is deadly?

As an elemental envoy of water, Nara competes in the academy's grand competition to bring the bookbinders to her homeland. She has already made it far in the selection process, but the competition is no longer her only concern. Someone is after her and her soul book. When Nara is then confronted with an incredible revelation, she questions everything she ever thought she knew. Her search for the truth takes her back to the past and leads her on a journey to her roots. Meanwhile, the selection process at the academy continues relentlessly, and Nara is torn between loyalty to her people and the search for the truth.



“The Hunger Games” meets “Avatar: The Last Airbender” in this epic high fantasy bestseller series featuring deadly competition, political intrigue, and magical soul books.

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

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Bestselling Mysterythriller, Alternate Historical Fiction

Markus Heitz

Ripper's Daughters

Volume 1 - 3

Knaur, March 2026
976 p.

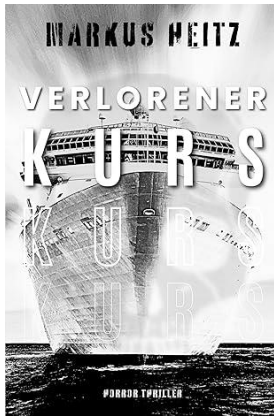
Ripper's Daughters

Mystery meets history. The successful audio drama series by the grand master of dark fantasy is finally available as a book: three novels about the Ripper's Daughters in one volume!

Ripper's Daughters begins in London in 1904. Reporter Beth and Lady Cassandra are—without knowing it—the daughters of Jack the Ripper. And surprisingly, there are more half-sisters. They all have supernatural abilities, but they pay a high price for them. Together, they uncover an incredible conspiracy, and soon all their skills are needed to survive.

In the present day, Ella, a young woman from Hamburg, learns of her special origins and is sent to undergo a strange training program with her aunt. As Ella gradually unravels the mystery of her ancestry, she must prevent a catastrophe—an immense task that Jack the Ripper failed to accomplish in 1888.

For he did not murder without reason back then...



Bestselling Horror-Thriller, Alternate Historical Fiction

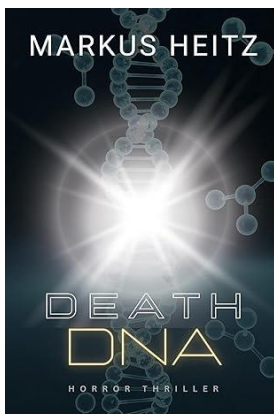
Markus Heitz

Lost Course

December 2025
268 p.

Lost Course

Murphy and his 15-year-old daughter Stella's relaxed father-daughter road trip takes a dramatic turn on the ferry from Holyhead to Dublin: a wanted terrorist, whom Murphy recognizes as an Irish investigator, is on board! An imminent attack? A planned kidnapping? Or just a coincidence? Suddenly, several passengers lose their lives under mysterious circumstances. Then titanic shadows swim beneath the surface with the ship—and they're not whales. The mood on the ferry takes a turn for the worse. Fear of the omnipresent horror and the brutal killer creeps through the corridors. Everyone senses betrayal and dark secrets, and the delusional passengers threaten to completely lose their minds. When a storm approaches and the captain changes course, Murphy knows he must act to protect his daughter from the worst. Even if it means going against his own principles. But he never expected this kind of enemy...



Bestselling Horrorthriller, Alternate Historical Fiction

Markus Heitz

Death DNA

October 2025
284 p.

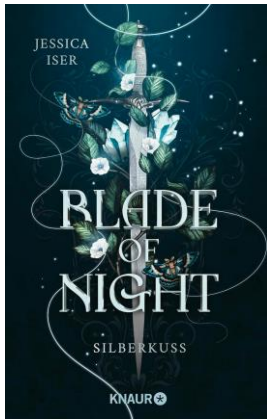
Death DNA

“Those who cross a river must leave one side behind,” say mourning cards. But what happens to people who constantly switch between the ultimate shores of death and life? Alex, who lost his legs and an arm in an accident, signs up out of desperation for the secret research ship ‘Cheiron.’ For illegal experiments to relieve pain. His last hope. But even the trip on the shuttle boat turns into a horror trip for him and test subject Lilou, who lost her eyesight years ago: screams, twitching body bags, and inexplicable events in the middle of a storm make Alex and Lilou doubt their sanity. And that's not all. On board the ‘Cheiron,’ they learn that the research has a serious catch: in order to make progress, they must die. Again and again. What's more, the experiments don't always trigger controllable forces. Then eerie incidents and deaths begin to pile up on board... Before Lilou and Alex can investigate, the ‘Cheiron’ is captured by unknown assailants. At the last second, the two manage to escape ashore. But for Lilou and Alex, one thing is clear: they must find and free the kidnapped scientific team and the test subjects. Their very survival depends on it. But how? Fortunately, unexpected allies appear—but can they be trusted? Meanwhile, the kidnappers secretly continue their horrific Death DNA experiments in a fjord in Norway. Haphazard. Brutal and ruthless. With fatal consequences...



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. The kickoff of her fantasy duology will be published by the Droemer Knaur publishing group in spring 2026.



Romantic Fantasy, New Adult Fantasy, Debut Novel

Jessica Yasmin Iser

Blade of Night

Silver Kiss

Make Me Your Villain, Vol. 1

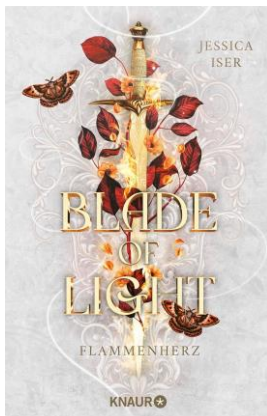
Knaur, April 2026
400 p.

Blade of Night. Silver Kiss

Love, war, magic and betrayal between humans and night elves. *Blade of Night* is the first instalment 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...

Secret lovers and bitter rivals

The centuries-old enmity between humans and night elves runs as deep as the dark Star Gorge that separates their lands. When an ancient power rises from the gorge, threatening the very existence of the land, human warrior and military leader Zelig is forced to investigate. In doing so, she repeatedly encounters the night elf Aries, who is pursuing his own trail. Even though they are on opposite sides, they are united by a common goal. Reluctantly, they agree to a truce in order to work together. Soon, they can no longer resist their forbidden attraction. But how much can they trust each other?



Romantic Fantasy, New Adult Fantasy, Debut Novel

Jessica Yasmin Iser

Blade of Light

Flameheart

Make Me Your Villain, Vol 2

Knaur, July 2026
400 p.

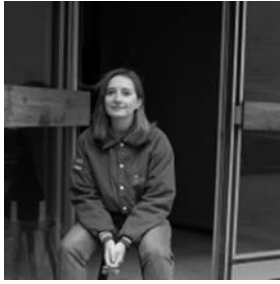
Blade of Light. Flameheart

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

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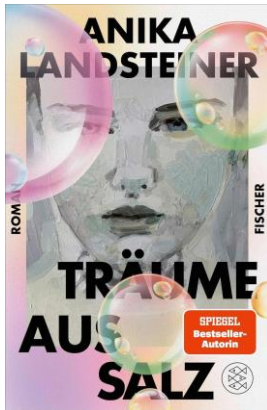


Anika Landsteiner

Anika Landsteiner was born in Lower Franconia in 1987. She is a trained actress and works as an author, journalist, and podcaster. Her journalistic writing focuses on social injustice, interpersonal relationships, and pop culture. Her texts have been published in Qiio, ze.tt<http://ze.tt>>, Tagesspiegel, Iconist, emotion, and others.

In her Spiegel bestselling novels *So wie du mich kennst* and *Nachts erzähle ich dir alles*, she deals with the topics of sexualized violence and female self-determination. Her essay collection *Sorry not sorry – über weibliche Scham* closes this circle with personal texts.

In 2016, she was awarded the ISARNETZ Blog Award for the best blog in Munich (now discontinued). In 2022, she received the “Junge Kunst und neue Wege” work scholarship.



Female literature, bestselling writer, strong female character, strong authors voice

Anika Landsteiner

Dreams Made of Salt

Fischer Verlag, March, 2026
350 p.

Dreams Made of Salt

In *Träume aus Salz* bestselling author Anika Landsteiner tells the story of a woman who vacillates between intuition and illusion—through the shimmering heat of Greece, where everything threatens to merge together. Flo is actually happy. She is spending a week on a small Greek island with her boyfriend Matty. The water is azure blue, the nights shimmer in the moonlight. And yet Flo can't find peace. Because there's something she's not telling Matty. Can't tell him. When she meets the mysterious Sofia and has her read her cards, Flo is caught up in a whirlwind of memories that urge her to find a way to the truth.



Movie rights optioned



„Special, because Anika Landsteiner confronts her readers with the toughest topics and yet is wonderfully gentle in doing so.“ **Mona Ameziane,** leading german literature critic

„For people who like books that give their minds a little nudge, that make them think.“ **ZDF**

Ursula Poznanski



Ursula Poznanski was born in Vienna and spent ten years studying all sorts of subjects at the university there, before abandoning all hope of getting a degree and getting to grips with real life as a medical journalist. After her son was born, she started writing books for young readers. Her first book, *Erebos*, won numerous awards (including the German Children's Literature Award awarded by the Youth Jury), and made her famous around the world. Since then, her name can be found on the bestseller list without interruption. In the meantime she has become one of Germany's most successful authors, Rights to Ursula Poznanski books have been sold to more than 33 countries. She and her family live to the south of Vienna.

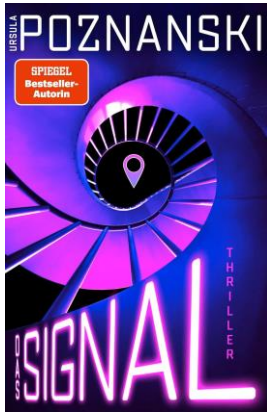
„Ursula Poznanski takes you on a terrifying journey.“ **Karin Slaughter**

„Ursula Poznanski's specialty is her ability to shift between literary worlds.“ **Denis Scheck Germany's most wellknown literary critic**

„A bit like Hitchcock's 'Rear Window' of our tech era.“ **Kronen Zeitung**

„Ursula Poznanski masterfully manages to develop creative and exciting scenarios from current topics!“ **NDR**

„Poznanski reaches young readers like no one else.“ **NZZ am Sonntag**



Female Character, Bestselling Thriller writer, High Concept Thriller, Rank 1 Bestselling List

Ursula Poznanski

The Signal

Droemer Verlag, February 2026

400 p.

Direct entry at #1 in the Spiegel bestseller list

The Signal

A psychological thriller with a gripping Hitchcock-style plot, a realistic heroine, and sophisticated digital twists. Like no other thriller author, Ursula Poznanski consistently uses new technological advances to create spine-tingling endings. Her heroine Viola is trapped in a claustrophobic atmosphere. But is she just slowly becoming paranoid—or is she in mortal danger?

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Ursula Poznanski

The Castle

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Peter Prange

Bestselling author Peter Prange is the great storyteller of German history.

He is an internationally successful author of novels (including the Weltenbauer-Dekalogie series) and non-fiction books (including *WERTE*). After studying Romance languages and literature, German language and literature, and philosophy, and completing his doctorate (*Das Paradies im Boudoir*), he made his breakthrough with *Das Bernstein-Amulett* (also filmed as a two-part series by ARD). His bestseller *Unsere wunderbaren Jahre* (*Our Wonderful Years*) was very successfully adapted for television as a multi-part series and has been repeated numerous times.

He also gained a large readership with his historical novels (including *Die Philosophin*, *Die Principessa* and *Die Rose der Welt*).

His works have a total international circulation of well over three million copies. The author lives with his wife in Tübingen.



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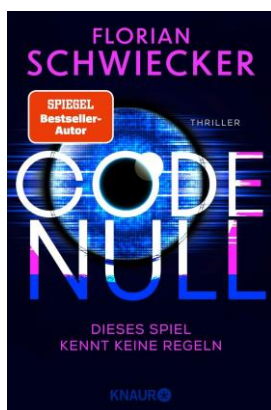
Carlsbad, 1871: the time of war seems to be over forever, guests from all over Europe meet in the Bohemian spa town. They include Vicky, the daughter of a London industrialist family who wants to tunnel under the English Channel to connect England with the continent; Paul, a Berlin engineer who hopes to be involved in the construction of a boulevard called Kurfürstendamm; and Auguste Escoffier, a budding master chef from Paris whose name is to become the epitome of French cookery.

United in the belief that glorious times are dawning, the three throw themselves into life and love. Inspired by big dreams, they have no idea that Europe will soon be hit by upheavals that threaten not only peace, but also their personal happiness.



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, New Series

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Charlie & Kim series, Vol. 1

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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?

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Nicole Staudinger

Nicole Staudinger was 32-years-old when she decided to become self-employed with her seminar idea for „Quick-Wittedness for Women.“ A few weeks after a successful start, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. An enormous blow for the mother of two. In the midst of her chemotherapy, she started writing and landed on the Spiegel bestseller list with her debut book, *Brüste umständehalber abzugeben*. Just one year later her second book, *Schlagfertigkeitsqueen*, appeared. At the same time she started doing her seminars again, showing women in a humorous way that they need never been speechless again.



**Bestselling female writer, Life design,
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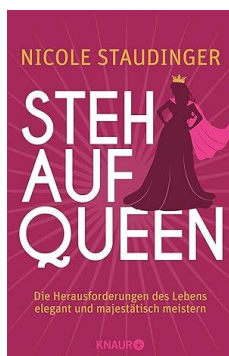
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Quick-witted and confident in the face of social regression: bestselling author Nicole Staudinger explains how we can stand up for ourselves and our interests—and help shape the world in our own image.

Do you also ask yourself: ‘Weren’t we actually much further along than this?’

Patriarchy is back (and yes, it never really went away) – women have to worry about the role they fought so hard to achieve. And not just them, but everyone who wants to live in a tolerant, diverse and equal world. What seemed to have been overcome must be renegotiated. And some people are happy that ‘the truth’ can finally be told again.



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