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Highlights

Spring 2024

Sabine Ebert

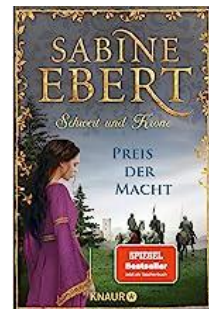
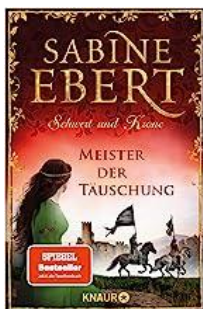


Sabine Ebert, born in Aschersleben and raised in Berlin, is the most successful German-language author in the field of "historical novels". She studied Latin American studies and linguistics in Rostock and now lives as a freelance author in Freiberg, where her novels are set.

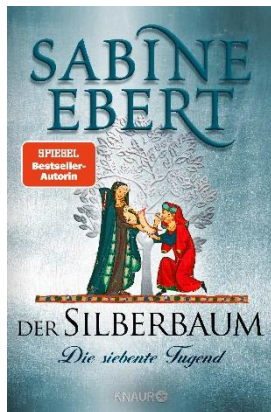
Her successful debut *Das Geheimnis der Hebamme* (*The Midwife's Secret*) was filmed for ARD in 2016; four more highly successful midwife novels followed. The series has also been adapted for the theatre/musical stage in German-speaking countries. Sabine Ebert's books, written out of passion for Saxon and German history, have all become bestsellers and have been translated into several languages.

- More than 22.500 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,4 stars
- More than 2.700 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 3.850 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,1 stars
- *"Sabine Ebert succeeds in opening up the big historical picture and, despite all the creative freedom she has taken, in correctly presenting and categorising the facts."* **MDR Kultur**
- *"Sabine Ebert really has a talent for focussing on the crucial, the typical and, above all, for showing how events affect the protagonists. Reliably and purposefully, the author guides her readers through the political moves of the nobles."* **German regional daily newspaper (Freie Presse Chemnitz)**

Bestseller series *Sword and Crown* – sold to Czech Republic, Poland - rights through AVA



Upmarket historical Novel Novel



Sabine Ebert *The Silver Tree* *The Seventh Virtue*

Droemer Knaur, November 2023

496 p.

Direct entry in the Spiegel bestseller list on # 8, 8 weeks on the list

394 reviews on Amazon with an average of 4,5 stars

The Silver Tree - The Seventh Virtue

The heirs of the midwife - and perhaps the most extraordinary prince of the German High Middle Ages:
With her historical novel *Silver Tree*, bestselling author Sabine Ebert launches her new series about an exciting chapter in German history

He was perhaps the most radiant prince of his time, a patron of cities, a minnes poet and organiser of brilliant tournaments: Henry the Illustrious, Margrave of Meissen and Landgrave of Thuringia. But at the beginning of the story it is uncertain whether he will ever take up the reign. His father dies when Henry is three years old. His uncle Ludwig of Thuringia, who has just married the Hungarian king's daughter Elisabeth, becomes his guardian. Will he preserve the nephew's inheritance or does he want to seize it for himself? In her distress, the margravine's widow Jutta calls Lukas from Freiberg to her. She had once sent him away from court because his stepdaughter Clara was her husband's great love. Lukas gathers loyal followers around him and summons Marthe's eldest son Thomas from the Holy Land to Meissen. Meanwhile, Marthe's granddaughter Anne moves to Thuringia, where she has disturbing encounters with Elisabeth, later canonised, and her merciless confessor, the fanatical crusader preacher and persecutor of heretics Conrad of Marburg...

The healer Marthe is the title character of Sabine Ebert's historical bestsellers of the five-volume *Midwife Saga*.

From the point of view of Marthe's children and grandchildren, Sabine Ebert lets us experience a fascinating century in the historical novel series: the great time of the Minne and the conflicts of Emperor Frederick II with the Pope.

Sabine Fitzek



After studying medicine, Dr. Sabine Fitzek worked at the universities of Berlin, Erlangen, Mainz and Jena, where she habilitated in the field of neurology. She then worked as chief physician for more than ten years. She has been working as a freelance doctor for the past year and has begun writing about health policy grievances that she has repeatedly experienced during her career. In addition, she occasionally advises her brother-in-law Sebastian Fitzek on the subject of extreme mental states.

- More than 900 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,3 stars
- “An explosive and highly topical story that provides an interesting insight into our healthcare system wrapped up in an exciting criminal case.” **Book Blog (Das Echo vom Alpenrand)**
- “Exciting, explosive, frighteningly realistic, easy to read, great realistic characters, likeable and emphatic main characters you want to be friends with.” **Amazon reader testimonial**



Crime Crime Series

Sabine Fitzek *Ephemeral* Kammowski investigates - Vol. 5

Knaur Verlag, December 2023
352 p.

Ephemeral

Commissioner Kammowski from Berlin is called to a death by an employee of a nursing service. At first glance, everything looks like an assisted suicide with the help of a Swiss association for euthanasia - 72-year-old Theodor von Hausmann was terminally ill with ALS and left a suicide note.

But his daughter is stunned: her father absolutely wanted her to be by his side when he died; a flat by the sea had already been booked. Several other clues also suggest that von Hausmann did not take his own life.

But who would murder a man who had already planned his own death?

Disturbing, emotional and highly suspenseful, Sabine Fitzek explores in the 5th volume of her crime series how susceptible to abuse euthanasia is - and how dubious "healers" play with the health and feelings of sick people.

Investigator Kammowski Vol. 1, 2, 3: und 4 – movie rights under option:



Sebastian Fitzek



Sebastian Fitzek comes from radio, studied law and wrote his doctoral thesis in copyright law. In 2006 he published his first psychological thriller: *Die Therapie* (*Therapy*) became a bestseller, as did all subsequent books. His works have been published in 16 million copies and translated into more than 36 languages. Fitzek is also published in England and the USA. Many of his titles have been the subject of several theatre adaptations, including *The Soulbreaker*, *Therapy* and *Passenger 23*. Sebastian Fitzek has twice been nominated for the Glauser Prize and has won the Golden Lovelybooks Readers' Award several times. He also received the Hörkules and is the winner of the European Prize for Crime Literature 2016. He is involved as an ambassador for the German Children's Association and as a patron of the association Das frühgeborene Kind e.V.. Fitzek was born in Berlin in 1971. He lives with his family in Berlin.

- More than 375.000 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4.1 stars
- More than 48.600 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 263.000 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
- “Fitzek is a past master at ramping up the paranoia ...” **British daily newspaper (The Guardian)**
- “...Fitzek has a reputation for stories with multiple twists ... gripping and spine-chilling.” **British daily newspaper (Daily Mail)**

Selection of Fitzek Bestseller:





Thriller Psychological Thriller

Sebastian Fitzek *The Invitation*

Droemer Knauer, 25.10.2023

384 p.

Direct entry rank #1 in the Spiegel bestseller list for 11 weeks, 18 weeks top 4 (to date February 6th, 2024)

5.676 ratings on Amazon with an average of 4,3 stars

English translation available

Sold in: Slovenia (Učila), Greece (Dioptra) Czech Republic (Tatran), Slovakia (Tatran), Taiwan (Business Weekly)

The Invitation

Pure tension - thriller meets horror

In anticipation of a long weekend in the Alps, Marla Lindberg accepts an invitation to a class reunion. But shortly after arriving, she realises that there is only one thing more deadly than leaving the secluded mountain hotel at night in the icy snow. Not doing it ...

The invitation: Woe to the one who receives it ...

Marla Lindberg's memories are crystal clear: Of the strange message that lured her to a disused maternity clinic. Of the figure that tried to kill her. The strange whistling cough of the psychopath during the fight to the death.

After years of psychotherapy, the highly intelligent young woman has learned: these are all false memories. Marla suffers from face blindness. Her brain plays tricks on her in extreme situations when it tries in vain to recognise people by their faces.

When Marla receives an invitation to a class reunion in the Alps, she hopes to be able to reminisce about beautiful and real memories with her former classmates. When she arrives at the snowy mountain hotel, all the rooms are already occupied. Used dishes are on the dining table, the fireplace is flickering, but no one is there. Marla begins to look for the others. And then she hears it again. Someone coughing in a whistle, outside, in the icy darkness ...

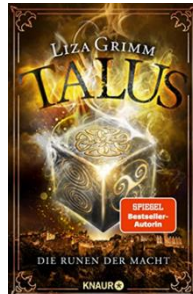
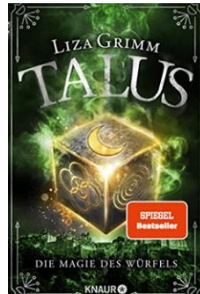
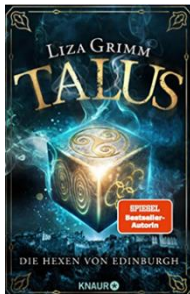
Liza Grimm



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.

- More than 2.400 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,5 stars
- More than 740 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 3,8 stars
- More than 3.100 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 3,9 stars
- *"A story so magical that reality suddenly appears rather boring."* **Lea Kaib, German author and book blogger (Liberiarium)**
- *"Liza Grimm proves once again how good German fantasy can be and why she is rightly seen as the front woman of fantasy."* **Amazon reader testimonial**

The *Talus*-series Volume 1-3





New Adult Romance Urban Fantasy Romance

Liza Grimm ***Unfollow me.*** ***Marked by a curse, pursued by love***

Droemer Knaur, April 2024
352 p.

Unfollow me. - Marked by a curse, pursued by love.

In her exciting and sensitive love story, bestselling author Liza Grimm combines urban fantasy with manga - a wonderful, emotional reading experience, lavishly illustrated by Megumi Maria Loy! He is a talented manga illustrator in the fast lane. She is his harshest reviewer.

When the successful manga influencer Toni is attacked by a strange creature one day in New York, the charming Hikaru comes to her rescue. Toni has no idea that her saviour is one of the most successful mangaka in the world, because Hikaru avoids the public eye. She also doesn't know that Hikaru owes his success to a special gift. He can capture his feelings as drawings on paper - but he also creates monsters that come to life. Through their shared love of manga, Toni and Hikaru soon grow closer, without realising who the other really is, as Toni has also kept her identity a secret since narrowly escaping a stalker years ago. However, when Hikaru discovers something that hurts him deeply, his doubts and fears flow directly into his next drawing ...

Romantic fantasy about a manga influencer on the run and a mangaka whose monsters become reality!

Markus Heitz

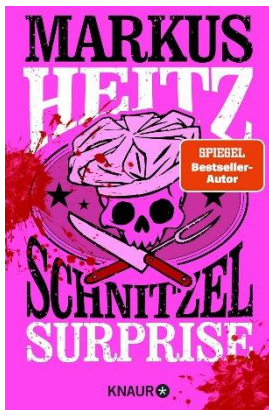


Markus Heitz, born in 1971, studied German Philology and History. With his series *The Dwarves*, he achieved a national and international breakthrough; the books were translated into numerous languages and spent weeks on the bestseller lists. His fantasy novels were joined by successful thrillers about 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.

- More than 55.900 ratings on *Amazon.de* with an average of 4,4 stars
- More than 12.400 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 62.200 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 3,9 stars
- *“Heitz writes like Stephen King and Wolfgang Hohlbein in their best days - gripping and with an almost overflowing imagination.” German regional daily newspaper (Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger)*
- *“Like a top chef who creates a completely new and extremely tasty menu from familiar ingredients, Heitz mixes, shakes and purees the familiar and creates something fantastic from it. It's great how credibly Heitz fills this world.” German regional daily newspaper (Die Rheinpfalz)*

Fantasy at its best: The 7part bestseller series from Markus Heitz *The Dwarves*.
Volume 5 to 7 rights through AVA





Humour Novel

Markus Heitz *Schnitzel Surprise*

Droemer Knaur, April 2024
224 p.

Schnitzel Surprise

"Bucks for bites" - bestselling author Markus Heitz ignites a bitterly funny kitchen firework display with this out of the box satire on all cookery and baking shows on TV!

Thomas "Thom" Mann is the owner of "Manni's Schnitzeleck", a special restaurant for cutlets, in all varieties, where the 80s still reign. In his mid-forties, he was once the best trainee chef of his year, had his own restaurant and his first star within reach. But then his steep rise to fame came to an end at Schnitzeleck, where the dishes are called "Schnitzeltod in Venedig" and "Der Frittenberg" (names who closely relate to the novels from the popular German author Thomas Mann: "Death in Venedig" and the magic mountain).

Thom is threatened with financial ruin when he comes to the attention of Max, a young, resourceful TV producer who puts him at the centre of new cooking show formats. What works best as a test on the Internet is to be shown on TV in prime time!

The indebted Thom is already forced into the centre of the cooking circus: he has to perform as badly as possible on "Restaurant Rescuers at the Limit", host a cookery show, cook his heart out on "Kitchen Machinista" and test kitchen appliances. And much more absurdity. The full kitchen chaos is already pre-programmed, including a nasty food inspector who deliberately causes trouble in the "Schnitzeleck".

Thom hasn't reckoned with his sixty-year-old apprentice, who has all sorts of food allergies, or with the catering chain right across the street, which is trying to steal his customers - and whose branch manager is Sabine, his ex, of all people.

What could possibly help? Exactly - a musical.

Vincent Kliesch



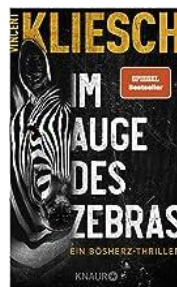
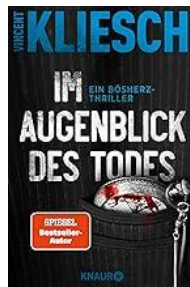
Vincent Kliesch was born in Berlin Zehlendorf where he lives to this day. After graduation, Kliesch trained as a restaurant specialist, but 2003 launched a career as a stand-up comedian and appeared, among other things in the “nonsense comedy club”.

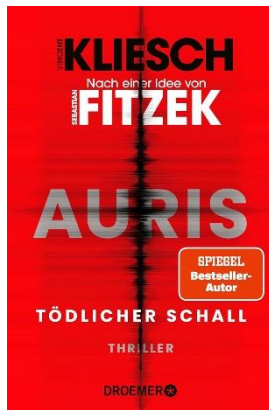
In 2010 he published his first thriller *Die Reinheit des Todes*, which became a bestseller. Two further volumes followed to round out the trilogy about the investigator Julius Kern and his counterpart Tassilo Michaelis. With his crime novel *Bis in den Tod hinein* Kliesch introduced his new investigator Severin Boesherz who was confronted with a terribly dark murder series in his first case.

With *Auris* he started a bestseller thriller series on an audio drama by his friend Sebastian Fitzek, volume 5 of the *Auris*-series will be published July 2024.

- More than 22.300 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,4 stars
- More than 2.800 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 11.000 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
- “The unusual thriller series about absolute hearing is simply addictive.” **German regional Sunday newspaper (Sonntag EXPRESS)**
- “With Kliesch, Germany gains a new thriller king who deserves all the attention!” **German advertising paper (General-Anzeiger Magdeburg)**

The Bösherz Thriller – Commissioner Severin Boesherz and Olivia Holzmann investigate:





Thriller Thriller Series

Vincent Kliesch *Auris* *Deadly Sound*

based on an idea by Sebastian Fitzek
Jula und Hegel-Thriller Volume 5

Droemer Knaur, July 2024
352 p.

Auris - Deadly Sound -

The fifth stroke of genius from bestselling duo Vincent Kliesch & Sebastian Fitzek!

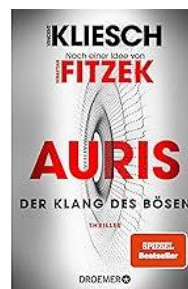
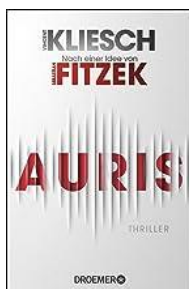
In the 5th thriller of the *Auris* series, a psychopathic colleague with absolute hearing hunts down forensic phonetician Matthias Hegel: the man who hears crime and the tenacious true-crime podcaster Jula Ansorge have to work together once again.

No one can hear it except him: On the train to Berlin, the brilliant forensic phonetician Matthias Hegel is the only one to perceive a cacophony of sounds that can only mean one thing - a challenge from an opponent who is at least his equal! In fact, it is Veith Vries, a former student friend and brilliant colleague, who became Hegel's bitter enemy years ago. Now Vries has nothing left to lose and only one goal: to take from Hegel what is most important to him.

While Hegel has to use all his phonetics skills to fight his way through a course full of deadly puzzles and traps, Vries plans an acoustic attack that will make him go down in history ...

Volume 1 to 4 – *Auris* series:

- *Auris* - sold to: Slovakia (Tatran), Greece (Livanis), Turkey (Pegasus), Poland (Amber), Slovenia (Učila), Macedonia (Sakam Knijigi), Czech Republic (Anag) – English translation available
- *The Frequency of Death – Auris* – sold to: Greece (Livanis), Slovenia (Učila), Slovakia (Tatran), Poland (Amber) – English translation available
- *The Roar of Death – Auris* – sold to: Greece (Livanis), Slovenia (Učila), Slovakia (Tatran)
- *Auris - The Sound of Evil* - sold to: Slovakia (Tatran), Greek (Livanis)



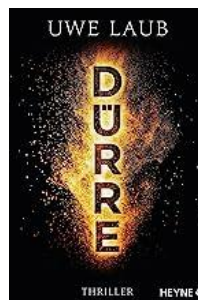
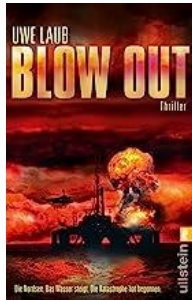
Uwe Laub



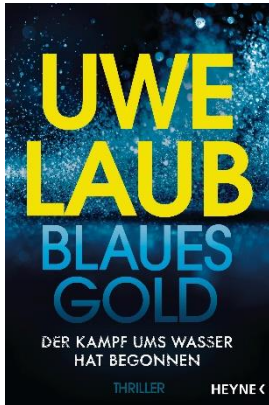
Uwe Laub was born in 1971 in Timișoara/Romania. He was two years old when his parents returned to Germany with him. After an apprenticeship as a banker, he first worked as a stock trader at the German Futures Exchange and then for several years in the sales force of his parents' pharmaceutical company. Since 2010, he has been running the company himself. In 2013, his eco-thriller *Blow out* was published, which became a surprise success and even received notice on German television. In 2018, the novel *Sturm* followed, which also became a bestseller and thrilled audiences in numerous readings across Germany. Since then, Uwe Laub has published two more top-class thrillers, *Leben* and *Dürre*. He lives with his wife and his Labrador "Marley" in Munich and Fort Myers/USA.

- More than 3.300 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,1 stars
- More than 380 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 540 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 3,8 stars
- *"In recent years, Uwe Laub has made a name for himself as an author of brilliantly researched scientific thrillers."* **German regional daily newspaper (Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung)**
- *"Anyone who craves and loves bloodless but nerve-wracking suspense will be absolutely thrilled by Uwe Laub."* **German media company (Weltbild Magazine)**

Uwe Laub's highly topical climate thriller:



Storm already sold to: Estonia (Uehinenud ajakirjad), USA (Clevobooks translation by Steve Anderson)



Uwe Laub
Blue Gold

Heyne, March 2024
480 p.

Climate Fiction
Science Thriller

Blue Gold

The battle for water has begun

Billionaire Ethan Holloway is close to achieving his goal. His company Sharpwater has built the gigantic production platform "Greifswald" off the German Baltic Sea coast. It is intended to tap freshwater deposits discovered under the seabed. In times of global warming and drought, these aquifers, which are available worldwide, could be the solution to one of humanity's most pressing problems. But the ceremonial opening of the Greifswald turns into a nightmare when a mysterious stranger hijacks the platform with the help of a mercenary force. His ultimatum: the drinking water must be communalised, otherwise the platform and all the prominent hostages on it will be blown up. The battle for blue gold has begun!

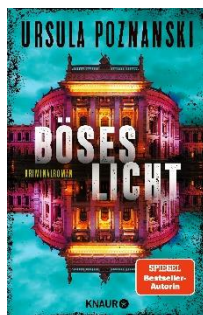
Ursula Poznanski



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 prizes (including the German Children's Literature Prize 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.

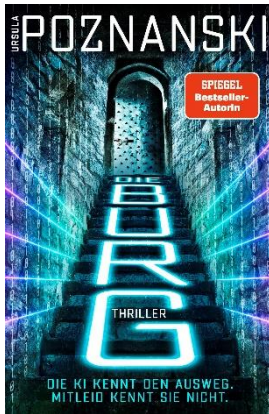
- More than 36.400 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,4 stars
- More than 18.900 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 86.000 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
- “Ursula Poznanski takes you on a frightening journey.” **Karin Slaughter, US-American Author**
- “A riveting mystery...The suspense builds until the shocking climax.” **American specialised journal (Publishers Weekly)**

The Murder Group Volume 1 and 2



The Vanitas Series Volume 1 to 3





Thriller High Concept Thriller

Ursula Poznanski *The Castle*

Droemer Knaur, February 1st, 2024

400 p.

Direct entry #2 in the Spiegel bestseller list

The Castle

Welcome to a murderous escape game: the AI thriller *The Castle* by bestselling author Ursula Poznanski combines a medieval atmosphere with a cutting-edge AI scenario to create thrills that will leave you breathless!

It literally cost him an enormous amount of money - but billionaire Nevio didn't just have the half-ruined Greiffenau Castle repaired: The underground secret passages, crypts and dungeons have been converted into a unique escape world using state-of-the-art technology. Artificial intelligence ensures that the game is customised for each group of visitors. Whether medieval fortress, vampire castle or fantasy world - Greiffenau Castle can be anything the players want it to be. To test his grandiose creation, Nevio invites a colourful group of experts. Nobody realises that the AI has long since decided to play its own game. And there is no happy ending in sight.

What happens when an AI decides your fate - in a way that no one can predict? Ursula Poznanski's AI thriller is full of twists and turns and highly suspenseful, with scenarios that are very much in tune with the times.

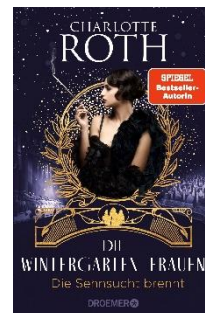
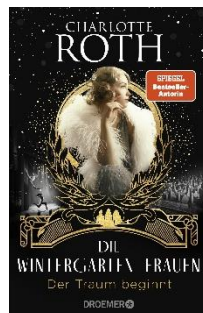
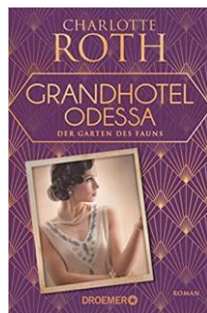
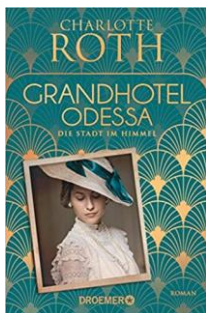
Charlotte Roth

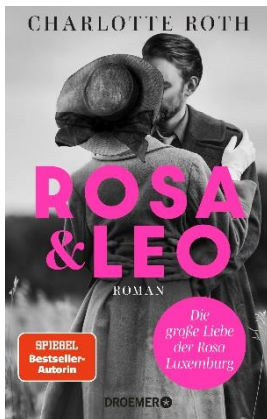


Charlotte Roth, born in 1965, is a Berlin native, a literary scholar and has been a freelance writer for ten years. She now lives in London, but is driven across Europe by her globetrotting blood, making repeated stops in her beloved Berlin. Her debut *Als wir unsterblich waren* became a bestseller and has since been followed by numerous other novels about women's fates against the backdrop of German history.

- More than 6.370 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 1000 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 1000 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,2 stars
- “Charlotte Roth travels through German history with great feeling.” **German women’s magazine (Emotion Magazin)**
- “I consider the author to be a true master of her craft, who brings history to life in a very poetic and captivating way and draws multi-faceted characters.” **German women’s magazine (Laura Magazin)**

Selection of successful series by bestselling author Charlotte Roth:
Grandhotel Odessa and *The Wintergarden Women*





Upmarket historical novel Lovestory

Charlotte Roth *Rosa and Leo* *Rosa Luxemburg's big love*

Droemer Knauer, December 2023
448 p.

Rosa and Leo - Rosa Luxemburg's Big Love

This fascinating biographical novel by bestselling author Charlotte Roth tells the great, dramatic love story between the revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg and Leo Jogiches.

Rosa Luxemburg: thought leader, freedom fighter and passionate lover

Warsaw, 1889. From an early age, the girl Rosa dreams of a better, fairer world and is determined to fight for it. She is only seventeen when she has to flee to Switzerland all alone from the Tsar's militia.

In Zurich, the highly educated young woman begins her studies and meets Leo, who, like her, had to flee his homeland and is passionate about fighting for the disenfranchised of the world.

Beyond their common goal, they soon share a passionate love. But for them there is neither time nor space in the storms of their merciless epoch ...

A great love in times of turmoil:

With her emotional and gripping historical novel about Rosa Luxemburg and Leo Jogiches, bestselling author Charlotte Roth has created more than a highly exciting biography of a woman of immense courage: Her portrait of Rosa Luxemburg immerses us in a dramatic time of great political and social upheaval - and brings us close to a woman who fought for her values with as much commitment as she did for her love.

Frauke Scheunemann



Born in Düsseldorf in 1969, Frauke Scheunemann holds a doctorate in law. She completed a traineeship at NDR and then worked as a journalist and press officer. She has been a freelance author since 2002 and is very successful not only with the novels she has written together with her sister Wiebke Lorenz under the pseudonym “Anne Hertz.” Her series about the little dachshund *Hercules* was on the Spiegel bestseller list for months, and her children’s detective novels with *Winston* the tom cat as the four-legged investigator are an international success with readers young and old. The total print run of Frauke Scheunemann’s books now amounts to three million copies.

- More than 5.200 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,7 stars
- More than 1.720 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 4.860 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
- “A great mix of exciting thriller and humorous love story.” **German local Sunday newspaper (Sonntagsjournal der Nordsee Zeitung)**
- “The author's spelling style is relaxed, lively and cheeky, paired with a great sense of humour and provides enjoyable entertainment.” **Amazon reader testimonial**



Cozy Crime Crime Series

Frauke Scheunemann *Death at Sea*

Franziska Mai and Kay Lorenz, Vol. 3

Fischer Verlag, March 2024
400 p.

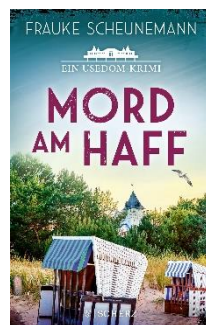
Death at Sea

The 3rd case for radio reporter Franziska Mai and detective Kay Lorenz on the sunny island of Usedom

Thanks to her radio show, Franziska Mai is now a minor star on Usedom and has been hired as the presenter for the big final spectacle of the Ahlbeck town festival. However, what was supposed to be the highlight of the maritime summer fun turns into a catastrophe: the stuntman's jet ski explodes in the middle of the final somersault.

Franzi's criminal instinct kicks in and tells her that Bruno Wunderlich has been the victim of murder. The lively reporter plunges into the investigation together with Nordlicht Chief Inspector Kay Lorenz. Actually, nobody has a motive to kill Bruno, but then something mysterious washes up on the Baltic Sea beach ...

The 1st and 2nd case of radio reporter Franziska Mai and Investigator Kay Lorenz on Usedom:



Michael Tsokos



Prof. Dr. Michael Tsokos, born in 1967, is Professor of Forensic Medicine and heads the State Institute for Forensic and Social Medicine in Berlin. Michael Tsokos is the best-known German forensic physician and regularly works as an expert at home and abroad, for example for the BKA in identifying the victims of terrorist attacks and mass disasters. His 26 books to date have all been SPIEGEL bestsellers.

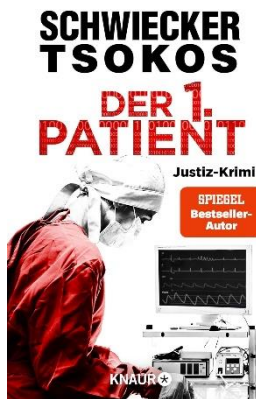
Florian Schwiecker



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](https://www.freundin.de).

- More than 6.200 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 760 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 1.600 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 3,6 stars

- *“Florian Schwiecker succeeds in making the tension literally "explode" from the very first page, can maintain this level throughout and finally comes up with a brilliant finale. His writing style is fluid and easy to read, yet extremely captivating and atmospherically dense”* **Reader testimonial on Amazon**
- *“Schwiecker and Tsokos create an interesting, multi-layered work that rightly bears the subtitle "justice thriller".”* **Book Blog (KrimiLese)**



Justice Crime Novel Crime Series

Michael Tsokos & Florian Schwiecker *The 1st Patient*

Eberhardt & Jarmer investigate

Knaur Verlag, June 2024
320 p.

The 1st Patient

A doctor on trial - an AI system under suspicion: *The 1st Patient* is the 4th justice thriller by bestselling authors Florian Schwiecker and Michael Tsokos, who provide exclusive insider insights into the medicine of the future, the justice system and forensic medicine. Florian Schwiecker is also an expert in the field of medical AI and gives lectures at specialist medical events on the pros and cons of artificial intelligence in medicine.

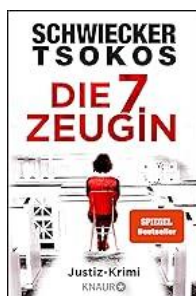
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The new case of Berlin criminal defense lawyer Rocco Eberhardt is causing heated debates in the media:

A routine operation performed by chief physician Dr. Sasha Müller ends fatally for the patient. After the autopsy, forensic pathologist Justus Jarmer comes to the clear conclusion that there has been a treatment error. The public prosecutor then charges Dr. Müller with negligent homicide. However, the doctor was assisted by an AI system during the procedure ...

As the case continues to boil over in public, Rocco Eberhardt, who is representing Sasha Müller in court, asks a legitimate question: shouldn't the AI be in the dock instead of his client - or even the developer?

Justice Crime bestselling series – Eberhardt and Jarmer investigate:



Anja & Michael Tsokos



Anja Tsokos was born in a country that no longer exists. At least that's the answer she gives her children when they ask her about it. She was born in 1973 in Oschatz, Saxony. At the age of six, her family moved to Moscow as her parents were working in the diplomatic service of the GDR. Shortly before reunification, the family returned to East Germany. Anja Tsokos has lived in Berlin since the 1990s, where she met forensic scientist Michael Tsokos, whom she married in 2010.

Prof. Dr. Michael Tsokos, born in 1967, is Professor of Forensic Medicine and heads the State Institute for Forensic and Social Medicine in Berlin. Michael Tsokos is the best-known German forensic physician and regularly works as an expert at home and abroad, for example for the BKA in identifying the victims of terrorist attacks and mass disasters. His 26 books to date have all been SPIEGEL bestsellers.

- More than 43.000 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,5 stars
- More than 5.500 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 15.900 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
- *"Tsokos writes in a relaxed tone, often with a touch of irony."* **German local daily newspaper (Frankfurter Neue Presse)**
- *"Only a professional like Michael Tsokos, who knows the horror at first hand, can create that cold shiver and goose bumps."* **Axel Prahl, German actor and dubbing actor**



Upmarket Humour Novel

Anja & Michael Tsokos *Heinz Labensky and His View on Things*

Droemer Verlag, February 1st, 2024

464 p.

Direct entry in the Spiegel bestseller list #11 (to date February 6th, 2024)

Heinz Labensky and His View on Things

We know him primarily as an author of crime novels and as a true-crime podcaster: Bestselling author Michael Tsokos has teamed up with his wife Anja Tsokos for the first time for the novel *Heinz Labensky - und seine Sicht auf die Dinge* (*Heinz Labensky and his view on things*). Together they tell the story of the lovable loner Heinz Labensky and about the GDR - a country that has long been history: original, warm-hearted and with a sense of humour that loves people!

An odd elderly gentleman, stories about a country that no longer exists and the question of whether a life succeeds more through truth or fantasy.

Even after reunification, Heinz Labensky has never left East Germany and is doing his time in a retirement home in Erfurt. Until one day a letter interrupts the gloom and sheds light on the biggest mystery of his life: the disappearance of his childhood sweetheart Rita. He boards the Flixbus to Warnemünde to get to the bottom of the matter. On the journey, Labensky, who is blessed with a vivid imagination, is encouraged by the various passengers to take a journey through his own past and he tells one hair-raising story after another. But when he reaches the sea, Labensky has to make a decision. Does he want to learn the truth and accept reality as it is? Or does he want to continue living in his self-created fantasy world?

"Perhaps, Labensky thought, the truth was overrated. Maybe he wasn't the only one who occasionally resorted to fantasies or stories. Perhaps everyone had their own stories to make sense of a world that wasn't easy to live in. Castles in the air didn't need a building licence, but they helped you not to lose hope."

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