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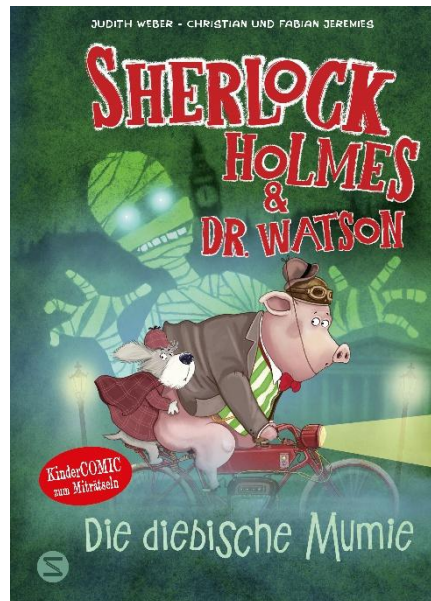
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Children's & YA

Autumn 2026



Carolyn Helm, Alexandra Helm (Ill.)

Fairies with little aches and pains

A trip to the fairies makes minor ailments quickly disappear.

About the book

Fairy Potzblitz and her friends are all struggling with minor ailments. But they don't let a pesky cold, a scraped knee or prickly thorns get them down. Instead, they face their challenges with ease and show that you can still have lots of fun despite minor complaints!

- **A picture book by sisters Alexandra and Carolyn Helm.**
- **Important theme: dealing positively with illness and aches and pains.**
- **Blow, tickle, search – the fairies encourage children to join in on every page!**



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Carolyn Helm, born in Hanau in 1984, is an author, journalist and child psychologist. After studying ethnology, theatre studies and education, she worked as a news reporter in Hesse and as an editor and radio presenter in Berlin. Since 2018, Carolyn Helm has been combining her talents in the fields of information, comedy and education and working for the most demanding of all target groups: she writes children's books. Carolyn Helm lives in Bremen together with all kinds of little fairies – with and without ailments.



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Alexandra Helm was born in Offenbach am Main and studied graphic design with a focus on illustration at the Offenbach University of Art and Design. In 2016, she started her own business as a children's book illustrator. Illustrating children's books makes her jump out of bed early in the morning. She lives with her partner and a cheeky miniature pinscher named 'Quinn' in a peaceful suburb of Frankfurt.

Britta Sabbag, Matthias Derenbach (Ill.)

I wish for a T-Rex

Children's dreams come true: A T-Rex as your best friend

About the book

Pitti's biggest dream is to meet a real T-Rex one day. He doesn't mind when Mom says all dinosaurs are long extinct. But one morning, the doorbell rings, and a big, red T-Rex is standing at the door. Pitti is overjoyed!

Having a T-Rex as a friend is exciting and surprisingly useful. You can play and romp around with him, he helps with tidying up, and suddenly there's plenty of space at the supermarket checkout when you go shopping with him. For Pitti, one thing is clear: this is the best day of his life!

- **With a dino to the store or daycare – everyday life becomes an adventure**
- **Perfect as a first picture book, told in an easy-to-understand way for children aged 3 and up**
- **Tailored for the target audience: Dinosaurs are one of the top themes for preschoolers**



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Further Titles



Britta Sabbag
Today Is the Best Day
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Britta Sabbag, born in 1978 in Osnabrück, studied linguistics, psychology, and pedagogy. After obtaining her degree she worked in human resources for seven years before she was bitten by the writing bug. Her 2012 debut novel was instantly on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list. Over 50 books have followed – novels for all ages, young adults and children, as well as picture books. In total, she has sold over a million copies since her first publication.



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Matthias Derenbach is a passionate illustrator. He completed his studies as a communication designer with a focus on illustration in 2007, graduating with distinction. Since 2008, he has been successfully working as a freelance illustrator for various publishers. He lives with his family in the beautiful Westerwald region.

Eliane Retz, Nora Paehl (Ill.)

Come along to daycare, little Strubbel

Daycare made easy – by bestselling author and parenting counselor Dr. Eliane Retz

About the book

An exciting adventure begins for Strubbel as he starts daycare! Ms. Shamrock and the daycare kids are already excited to meet him and show him everything. Luckily, Mom is by his side to help Strubbel gradually adjust to the new situation. Step by step, he gets to know everything, and soon Strubbel can stay at daycare on his own and play with his new friends.

- **Combines educational expertise with a child-friendly story about starting daycare**
- **Provides opportunities for conversation and strengthens the parent-child bond**
- **Daycare is fun: Strubbel conveys excitement and a sense of security**



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Good night, little Strubbel - The picture book for all families who love quiet nights
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Eliane Retz, Dr. Eliane Retz
We Are Having A Baby, Little Strubbel
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Dr. Eliane Retz is an educator, systemic counselor, bestselling author, and mother of two. For over ten years, she has been advising parents using the family systemic approach. She explores how early attachment experiences shape us and what supports parents in finding their path as a family, not only in her guides for adults but also in her picture book series about the little squirrel Strubbel.



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Nora Paehl, born in 1994, discovered her love for illustration during her studies at the Münster School of Design. Since then, quite a few characters have wandered across her desk. When she's not chasing them with her pencil, she loves roaming through meadows and forests with her dog Henry.

Kati Naumann, Barbara Fisinger (Ill.)

The Little Snail Monika Häuschen: Simply Smart!

Knowledge alone isn't enough – compassion is just as important

About the book

The clever gray goose, Mr. Günter, seems to know everything. When his friend Schorsch complains about aching bones, Mr. Günter is quick to point out: a worm doesn't have any bones. And the nut that the squirrel misplaced? It will eventually grow into a beautiful tree. He always has a know-it-all lecture ready but doesn't realize that his advice isn't actually helping the animals. Luckily, his friend, the little snail Monika Häuschen, is there to support him. She shows him how to truly help others. Because sometimes, it takes more than a strong wing—it takes the right words.

- **Knowing things is good, helping others is better**
- **A heartwarming picture book about empathy**



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Kati Naumann
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Simply courageous
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Kati Naumann was born in 1963 in Leipzig. She spent much of her childhood in Sonneberg, located in the former restricted area of the Thuringian Forest. A trained museologist, she has written several novels, song lyrics for various artists, and the libretto for the musical Elixir (music by Tobias Künzel). She has also written scripts for children's programs and developed several audio drama and book series for children. Kati Naumann lives with her family on the outskirts of Leipzig.



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Barbara Fisinger was born in Maribor, Slovenia, and studied art education and animation. For many years she has lived in Trier with her husband, two children and cat, Flora. When she's not traveling the world, she loves to draw colorful pictures for readers big and small

Tobias Goldfarb, Verena Körting (Ill.)

Hilda Hazelwood. The Adventure with the Winter Wolves

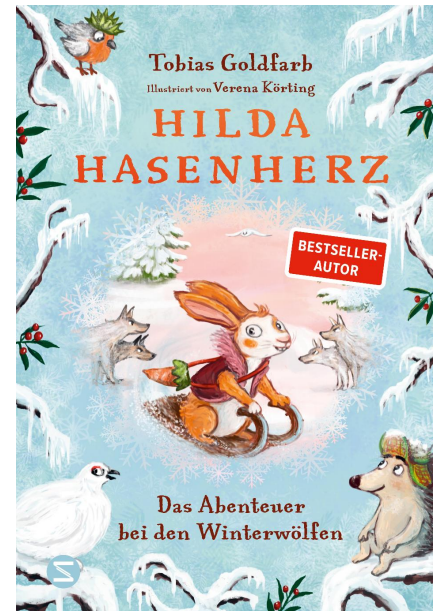
Vol. 4

Ice and snow – nothing can stop Hilda Hasenherz and her friends!

About the book

At last, Hilda knows where to search for her parents: at Snowhold Castle in the far north. Together with her friends, she sets off on a daring flight maneuver and lands in a world of ice and snow. They hope that the wolves who live in this region can help them with their search. None of the four friends has ever met a wolf. Surely a very woolly creature, they think – you can already tell from the name. But then, one night, they overhear a secret conversation and begin to doubt whether the wolves will really help them.

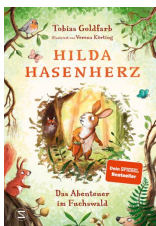
- Long-awaited: a winter adventure with beloved heroine Hilda Hasenherz
- A read-aloud treasure that delights young and old
- Heartwarming animal heroes fight for friendship across every border



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Tobias Goldfarb loves dragons, gingerbread recipes, goblins, and animals of all kinds. He writes children's books, plays, and audio dramas. His first read-aloud series, *Crumble, the Christmas Dragon*, was an instant hit. Tobias lives in Berlin with his family.

Verena Körting was born in Cologne and studied Visual Communication at the University of Applied Sciences in Düsseldorf. She later moved to Hamburg, where she worked as a graphic designer for several years. However, since she much prefers drawing and telling stories through pictures, she began illustrating children's books in 2010. Today, she works for various publishers and has returned to her hometown of Cologne.

THiLO, Tobias Goldschalt (Ill.)

Eldrador: Thieves in the Jungle

With Eldrador, boys are inspired to read

About the book

The Jungle Dragon is furious. His lucky pebble is gone! Surely, the Stone Creatures must have stolen it. Without hesitation, he sets off with his buddies to get it back. This means trouble! But in the Stone World... the pebble isn't there. Nor is it in any of the other worlds. Could it be that the Jungle Dragon was mistaken and the pebble wasn't stolen after all?

- **An action-packed and humorous story about making mistakes and forgiving**
- **Easy to read: primer font, short sentences, and plenty of speech bubbles**



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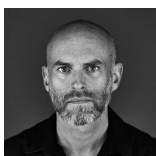
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THiLO was born in 1970 in Gelsenkirchen, almost in the Schalke stadium. His childhood in Brilon, Sauerland, was especially shaped by two things: books and reading. Since 1999, he has been writing stories, starting with screenplays. In 2003, his first book featuring his own hero was published. Over 350 more books followed, translated into 25 languages. THiLO has four grown children and lives in Mainz—when he's not touring across Europe in his camper.



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After studying, Tobias Goldschalt spent several years working in advertising. Today, he illustrates not only children's and young adult books but also concepts, websites, and packaging.

Christina Braun, Michael Böhm (Ill.)

Dinosaurs: The T-Rex in Dino Valley

Learn to read with the popular Dinosaurs figures from Schleich

About the book

In Dino Valley, a T-Rex hatches from its egg. The young dinosaur curiously explores the valley and the other giants that live there. Who's fighting with him over prey? The young T-Rex must learn where danger lurks and discover his own strength. Suddenly, the ground shakes, and the sky darkens. The T-Rex must find a way to survive. What's happening in Dino Valley?

- **A Dinosaur Early Reader Book for a Successful Start to Reading**
- **Packed with action, fascinating facts, and plenty of colorful illustrations**



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Born in 1975, Christina Braun is not only an author but also a trained elementary school teacher with a major in biology. After working at several publishing houses, she founded her own editorial office, "Die Redaktionsgarage," in 2009. There, she has been successfully writing and developing early reader books as well as children's and non-fiction books for all age groups.



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Born in Dortmund in 1974, Michael Böhm lives with his wife just outside Hamburg. Since he was a little boy, he has loved drawing anything with wheels and has a soft spot for the giants of pre-historic times. When he's not illustrating children's books or designing music albums, he spends his free time tinkering with his vintage car.

THiLO, Simone Rose (Ill.)

Horse Club: The Secret Treasure Cave

A Case for the Horse Club!

About the book

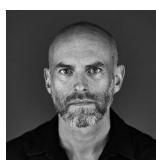
Are things disappearing at Lakeside Ranch? Suddenly, saddle girths and brushes are gone. Hannah, Lisa, Sofia, and Sarah are puzzled. They search first by their horses, then in the tack room, and finally in the paddock. Did the ranch dog Ruby play around, or did other kids hide the items for fun? It's also possible that someone entirely different is behind these strange occurrences. The four friends are on the case. Go, Horse Club!

- **Learn to Read with Horse Club**
- **A Heartwarming Horse Adventure for Ages 6 and Up**
- **Simple Sentence Structure, Speech Bubbles, and Full-Color Illustrations**



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Born in 1985, Simone Rose grew up surrounded by forests and fields on the outskirts of Bielefeld. Today, she lives with her family on a 200-year-old half-timbered farm in the Wiehen Hills. Her love for animals, nature, and children initially led her to study teaching with a focus on biology and education—but her greatest passion has always been drawing. In 2020, she became a freelance children's book illustrator. She draws inspiration from her colorful life with three children, llamas, alpacas, and other animals—right in the middle of a wild garden and the surrounding nature.

Ellie Manon, Anne Grobe (Ill.)

Suddenly Unlucky: My Greatest Adventure Begins with a Curse

Mirrors, Shards, Black Cats: What Happens When Superstitions Come True?

About the book

Moving to a dull village in the middle of nowhere? Esme can't imagine anything worse! And to top it off, this place, called Pech (which literally means "bad luck"), is supposedly the origin of all superstitions—a fact the villagers are immensely proud of. Esme is stunned, while her sister is absolutely thrilled. Of course, Wanda always sees the world through rose-colored glasses.

But when Esme wakes up on her first morning in their new home, everything changes. Black cats and broken mirrors bring bad luck, and wearing red clothes attracts lightning. In short: superstitions are coming true, and everyone is losing their minds! How is this even possible? Esme, Wanda, and the overly clever mayor's son, Florentin, set out to find a way to end the madness—and stumble upon a surprising discovery along the way...

- **Two Opposite Sisters Bond and Break an Ancient Curse**
- **A Place Like Gravity Falls and a Protagonist Like Wednesday Addams –Hilarious Entertainment Guaranteed!**



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Ellie Manon lives in Hamburg and was convinced as early as first grade that she would one day become a famous author. It took a few more years for her writing career to take off, though. After stints as a movie ticket seller, TV scheduler, and animation film assistant, she now spends her days creating stories for children—at least after finally deciding on a coffee cup from her impressive collection.



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Anne Grobe, also known as Rikta-Illustrationen, traveled halfway around the world as a teenager, studied communication design, ran an advertising agency for many years, and now lives with her family near Hanover. When she's not drawing, gardening, or creating delicious meals, you can find her riding her cargo bike with her dog Lukas. Since 2012, she has been working independently as an international illustrator for children's books, toys, and advertising.

Katja Alves, Daniela Kunkel (Ill.)

Mrs. Rose Moves In (Whether Lizzy Likes It or Not)

A new dream team in children's literature

About the book

Lizzy is anything but thrilled when her mother decides to rent out her bedroom to tourists. Sharing a room with her little sister Maxi? No way! Determined, Lizzy hatches plans to get rid of the unwelcome guests. Her efforts seem to be working—until one day, Mrs. Rose arrives. With her colorful clothes and warm smile, she's unfazed by even the most creative schemes. But little by little, Lizzy realizes that life with the unconventional Mrs. Rose is much more vibrant and exciting. Before long, Lizzy, Maxi, and Mrs. Rose become an unbeatable team—and suddenly find themselves playing detectives!

- **Heartfelt message: Family life is what we make of it**
- **Featuring a cheeky, wise, and utterly irresistible heroine**
- **A children's book full of humor and depth – fun for the whole family**



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Katja Alves, born in Coimbra, Portugal, and raised in Switzerland, has worked as a bookseller, game designer, DJ, radio editor, columnist, and editor before she began writing children's novels, plays, and audio dramas. Today, she is one of Switzerland's most renowned children's book authors and was nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award in 2024. Katja Alves lives and works in Zurich.



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Daniela Kunkel started drawing stories in kindergarten and basically never stopped. In 2006, she studied social pedagogy in Cologne and worked for several years with children and teenagers in a social-psychiatric setting. At the same time, she studied design with a focus on illustration at FH Münster. Since 2013, she has been passionately illustrating and writing children's books. She lives with her family in a small town near Münster.

Antje Szillat, Vanessa Holm, Isabelle Göntgen (Ill.)

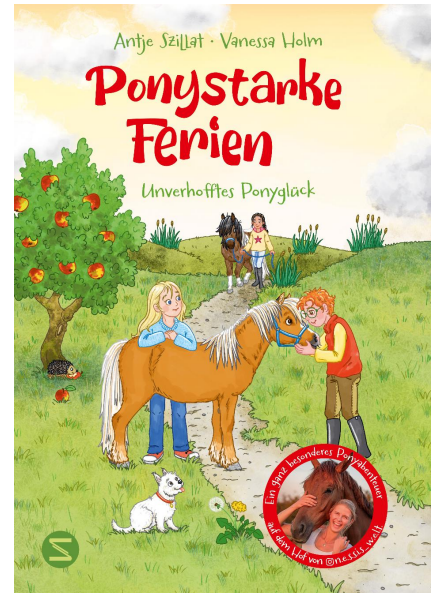
Pony-filled Holidays: Unexpected Pony Joy (Vol. 2)

Reunion at Nessi's Pony Farm – A Horse Adventure in the Danish Countryside

About the book

Toni can't wait to travel to Nessi's pony farm during the fall break and reunite with her friends! A week of riding holidays in Denmark—how amazing is that? But everyone is faced with a big mystery when a new pony appears that doesn't seem to belong to anyone. Where could it have come from? Even the usually calm Philipp is unusually excited and devotes himself entirely to the animal. Then, one morning, both he and the pony vanish without a trace! Can Toni and her friends find them? And what's the story behind the mysterious four-legged guest?

- **Bestselling author Antje Szillat meets horse expert Vanessa Holm (Instagram channel with 113,000 followers)**
- **Dreamy setting: a real-life pony farm with Scandinavian charm**



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Antje Szillat, Vanessa Holm
Pony-filled holidays (Volume 1)
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Antje Szillat began writing stories at the age of eight. From that moment on, her greatest wish was to become an author. However, she initially pursued entirely different career paths and only began fulfilling her childhood dream after the birth of her second son. Today, she is a highly successful author of books for children, teenagers, and adults. She lives with her family and many animals just outside her favorite city, Hanover.

Vanessa Holm, known as "Nessi," was born in Hamburg, but her love for horses and Hans brought her to Denmark. There, the well-known horse influencer lives on her own farm—together with Hans, her two children, and of course, horses, dogs, chickens, pet pigs, and more. On Instagram, she shares daily glimpses into her colorful "pony farm" life, followed by over 112,000 fans.



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Isabelle Göntgen was born in South Korea in 1977 and came to Germany as a baby. She studied Visual Communication in Pforzheim and worked as a designer in various advertising agencies. Since 2006, she has dedicated herself entirely to illustration. Since then, she has been creating colorful children's books—and she truly believes it's the best job she could imagine!

Judith Weber, Fabian und Christian Jeremies, Fabian und Christian Jeremies (Ill.)

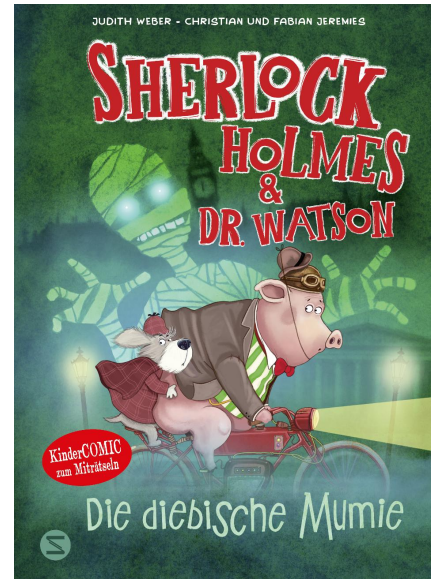
Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson: The Thieving Mummy (Vol.3)

Sherlock Holmes Under Suspicion! – The Mysterious Third Case

About the book

Mysterious break-ins at the London Museum! Night after night, valuable artifacts vanish without leaving the slightest trace of the burglars. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson sneak into the museum at night and discover that something is very wrong with the Egyptian mummies there. But before they can expose anyone, Sherlock is betrayed and ends up in prison! Now it's up to Watson alone to uncover the truth

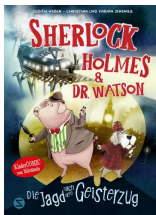
- **The interactive crime story for all comic fans aged 8 and up**
- **For puzzling and discovering: search-and-find and picture riddles in every chapter**
- **Perfect for reluctant readers**



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Judith Weber
Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson. The Hunt for the Ghost Train (Volume 1)
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Judith Weber, Fabian und Christian Jeremies
Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson. The Monster Dog of Dark Moor (Vol.2)
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Judith Weber has always been incredibly curious. That's why she first studied journalism and worked for newspapers like taz before deciding she'd rather come up with the craziest stories herself. She lives with her six-member family in the Ruhr region and is the ultimate buzzkill when watching crime shows together, as she unfailingly predicts who the culprit is.



© Jeremies

Christian and Fabian Jeremies don't always see eye to eye and are each other's toughest critics—just as it should be with twins. For over 20 years, they've worked together illustrating books for children of all ages. They share a great passion for everything exciting, spooky, and funny. The brothers studied graphic design and live with their families in Münster and the Ruhr region.

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