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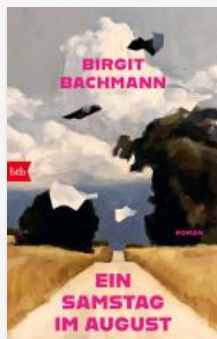
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BIRGIT BACHMANN



Literary Fiction

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Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 256 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Ein Samstag im August

A Saturday in August

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 12, 2026

English sample translation available

Family is like an old blanket: it's scratchy, but also keeps you warm

On their drive back from holiday, Elvira and Jobst meet a young couple at a rest stop whose car has broken down. Elvira is suspicious, but Jobst offers them a lift – little knowing that he and Elvira will be drawn into a family drama that'll put their marriage to the test.

For Elvira's sister, too, everything changes on this August weekend in northern Germany, when her mother reveals a long-kept secret; and over the next few weeks, Elvira's sister-in-law will lose not only her job, but her patience with her in-laws.

Over the course of these late summer days, the women in the Wortmann family are forced to reassess their relationships – and the storm clouds gathering on the horizon will upend all their certainties.

• For fans of Dörte Hansen, Kristine Bilkau, Anne Tyler and Annie Proulx

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Blessing
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 384 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Ist doch schön hier

MIRIAM BURDELSKI

It's Lovely Here

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

English sample translation will be available soon

Family is what you make it

When Liesel joins her grandma Emmi on a trip to what was once East Prussia, she's hoping to find answers to questions that have kept generations in her family apart, and to uncover the secret that's been hiding in yellowed old calendars and Emmi's silence.

Between tree-lined avenues, old farm houses and the Baltic's waves, a story of loss and hope, guilt and love unfolds. But the closer Liesel gets to discovering what happened all those years ago, the more she realises that home isn't a place on a map: home are the people who stay when everything else is gone.

A powerful, deeply moving novel about memory, forgiveness and longing for a place to call home.

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 288 | 12,5x20,0 cm
 Original title: Kaskaden

LOUISE K. BÖHM

Cascades

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 15, 2026

English sample translation available

An electrifying novel about a formative, all-consuming friendship that refuses to be categorised

If Jojo could erase her past, she would. At uni, she is constantly scared that someone will find out that she doesn't belong there, and even her parents don't really understand what she's doing in her lab all day. When her former best friend Yara gets back in touch, Jojo thinks back to her sheltered youth in a dreary suburbia she couldn't wait to leave, and radiant Yara, her only anchor in this confusing world – Yara in those green trainers of hers, who had an answer for everything and protected Jojo from a world that didn't value girls. Jojo still doesn't understand why Yara ghosted her after high school.

But just as Jojo is about to lose herself in her memories, a flirtation with her tutor and money troubles force her to focus on the here and now. How much power will she let the past wield over her?

Smart and light as a feather, "Cascades" is a brilliant debut about friendship, love and everything in between – about marginalisation and belonging, about opening up and the strength that true friendship can give us.

• For fans of "Sorrow and Bliss" by Meg Mason, "Ghosts" and "Everything I Know About Love" by Dolly Alderton, and "My Year of Rest and Relaxation" by Ottessa Moshfegh

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Wir waren Wunder

STEFAN CORDES

We Were Prodigies

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 15, 2026

English sample translation will be available soon

A beautiful novel about Mozart's sister Mariann, a gifted pianist and child prodigy who faded into the shadow of her brother but then found her own path

Leopold Mozart never quite made it as a musician, which is why he did everything to market his children Wolfgang and Mariann's considerable gifts. At the age of just fourteen, Mariann, known as Nannerl, is a virtuoso pianist celebrated in Vienna, Paris and London – but her megalomaniac father, driven by his addiction to fame, sidelines her more and more in favour of her brother. Finally, Leopold Mozart drops her entirely, ruthlessly ending Nannerl's promising career in order to devote himself wholly to Wolfgang.

"We Were Prodigies" is about a complicated and tragic father-daughter relationship, at a time when the world wasn't yet ready for independently famous female artists – and about how, despite this, one young woman succeeded in liberating herself from her father's overpowering narcissism, and sacrificed her life's dream to find a different kind of freedom.



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Stefan Cordes, born in Brussels in 1969, studied journalism, history of art and philosophy, and spent many years working as a developer, creative director and producer in TV. He was inspired to write his debut novel, "Billie" (about the young Baroque poet Sibylla Schwarz), by his two daughters, whose freedoms he never wants to see infringed. In this, his second novel, he continues his endeavour to give a voice to women artists by telling the story of Nannerl, the gifted musician who was fated to stand in her little brother's shadow – until now.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 256 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Name einer Insel

SARAH GANTER

An Island's Name

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 20, 2027

The first ever fictionalised account of the life of Hilde Domin (1909–2006), one of Germany's most important postwar poets, and a voice of humanity and hope

In 1940, Hilde boards one of the very last ships carrying refugees from Nazi Germany. She and her husband Erwin land in the Dominican Republic, a flowering tropical paradise. They have lost everything, but somehow fashion a life for themselves, making close friends – as well as new enemies. Their marriage becomes sorely tested, and as she faces up to her fate, Hilde creates a 'room in the air' for herself, a space for words. There, she becomes 'Hilde Domin', named for the island that is now her new home. At a time when some say that writing poetry is impossible, she writes it anyway. And it saves her life.

"An Island's Name" is a nimble, often funny debut set against a tumultuous and emotional historical backdrop, in which a bath tub, two dictators, a cloud and a despondent narrator play key roles. An extraordinary, unusual, atmospheric novel about losing yourself, and finding yourself again as a poet – and what it's like to write about it.



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Sarah Ganter, born in 1978, studied political science, philosophy and IT. She spent several years working in the Dominican Republic, where she would drive down the Avenida Independencia, where Hilde Domin and Erwin Walter Palm's house used to be, every day. Hilde Domin became Ganter's compass during a troubled time: "I carry her collected works around with me as if they're an instruction manual for life." Ganter is an international policy adviser and lives in Berlin with her family. "An Island's Name" is her first book.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 256 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Brief ohne Absender

IUNONA GURULI

Sender Unknown

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

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A moving novel about two women growing up in Georgia in the 1990s: political upheaval, trauma and a friendship that gives them the strength to keep going

Best friends Elena and Ane live in Tbilisi. Their childhood is marked by Georgia's struggle for independence. Without really understanding what's going on around them, the two girls learn to negotiate life in a war-torn country.

When Elena moves to Germany they write to each other all the time. Although they're in very different countries, their lives aren't all that different – and both suffer at the hands of men. One day, Ana disappears, and Elena goes in search of her friend.

Set against the backdrop of the disintegrating Soviet Union, "Sender Unknown" is as moving as it is unsettling – a story of self-betrayal, hitting rock bottom and getting up again, and a friendship that keeps it all together.

- For fans of Lea Ypi, Nino Haratischwili and Jehona Kicaj

Guruli translates her narrator's disquiet into her reader's emotions, and shows that history can sometimes repeat itself.

Berliner Zeitung

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Iunona Guruli was born in Tbilisi, Georgia, in 1978 and studied acting and journalism. She spent a long time moving between towns and countries, but has now been living in Germany since 1999. After studying politics and history she moved to Berlin, where she now translates from German and Georgian. Her debut novel "Wenn es nur Licht gäbe, bevor es dunkel wird" ('If only there were light before it turns dark') won the Saba Prize, Georgia's most prestigious literary award.

This young author's vivid imagery and lyricism illuminate life with all its passion and pain.

Judges' statement on Guruli's "If Only There Were Light Before It Turns Dark", Saba Prize



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 224 | 13,5x21,5
 cm
 Original title: Broder

DÖRTE HANSEN

Broder

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 09, 2026

English sample translation available

A poignant, intense tale of a complicated relationship between two brothers, rivalry, trust, loss and betrayal

All Broder Bahnsen has ever wanted is to be a farmer, to succeed the father from whom he has inherited his 'cow sense', his instinct for animals. But it's his twin brother Henning, born just a few minutes earlier, who's destined to inherit the farm. Henning has always been the confident one, but is more interested in machines than in cattle.

Exiled from the farm, Broder creates a counter-life for himself. He becomes a vet and stays away from the family business for more than two decades. When he returns to the area and takes over a practice near the Bahnsen farm, he ends up looking after his brother's herd too. Henning, meanwhile, has turned their parents' place into a hyper-modern business with cows bred to maximise milk production. But success comes at a price, and Broder notices that Henning is beginning to lose control over the farm. Is this what he's been waiting for all these years? Is this his chance to take his brother's place? Or has he, like his daughter Claire, started questioning the ethics of breeding cattle in this way?

Broder is a clear-eyed, insightful novel about a world where our fixation on growth finds its limits, and which asks ever more insistently to what extent we're willing to take responsibility for Creation.

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Blessing
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Illustrations: 49 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Talent zum Glück

SASA HANTEN

A Knack for Happiness

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 12, 2026

English sample translation available

"A novel full of wit, spirit, intelligence and solace. Irresistible. Unforgettable. Unrivalled." Dennis Scheck, literary critic and journalist

Charlotte and Eby have known each other ever since they were kids. They went to the same boarding school and are still friends, even though they haven't seen each other in years. Now in her early thirties, Charlotte is a lawyer and living a well-ordered, respectable life, but feels deeply dissatisfied. Meanwhile, Eby, the youngest son of a family of fairground workers, has looked after his dying father, taken over the family business and had his heart broken. Both know that something's missing in their lives, but when they finally meet again there's no time to wonder what might have been. The real question is: now that they've discovered who they are and what they want, what kind of a life will they choose to live?

A warm-hearted, original story about a lifelong friendship and how to face what you can't change with dignity.

• For fans of Martina Hefter, Daniel Schreiber and Eva Menasse

This romance between a baker's daughter and the son of a fairground worker is the Jules et Jim for the twenty-first

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century. Hanten has written a very modern love story with the perceptiveness of a Jane Austen and the sociological nous of a Henry James.

Denis Scheck, literary critic and journalist



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Blessing
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 336 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Simsalabim, Simon Brenner

LUCA KIESER

Abracadabra, Simon Brenner

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

English sample translation available

'The best time of my life' – a tale of illusions, false bottoms and double lives

Things are getting tense at the country's universities, and more and more protests are breaking out. Then the first lecture theatres are occupied, and it doesn't take long before Simon Brenner joins in. All the former locksmith's apprentice wanted was to get a degree from Heidelberg University, but he finds himself drawn into increasingly extremist groups, attending demonstrations dressed all in black and with his face covered. And now he's travelled to Berlin for the annual 1 May march. Finally, he feels like he belongs somewhere. The only problem is: he's being paid to do it. Brenner is in fact an undercover policeman tasked with surveilling his new friends. And whatever happens, he must keep his true feelings hidden. A daring and clever game with a twist begins – a novel located somewhere between true crime and a far-left soap opera.

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 336 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Lichtjahre zu nah

KATHARINA KNÜWER

Light Years Too Close

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 04, 2026

English sample translation will be available soon

**Thea is a quantum physicist. Her father is an astrophysicist.
The two of them have little in common, but he needs her help.
Only not in the way he expected...**

"He isn't your usual sort of invalid. But your relationship with him is." Thea's sister is an ornithologist researching the burrowing parrot, and has to travel to Patagonia in time for breeding season – which is why she can't help find their dad an affordable care home. So Thea reluctantly sets off for England, hoping to sort things out as quickly as possible. But her journey takes her not only to a run-down stately home with rather quirky inhabitants – including Florence Nightingale, a suspect 'care robot' called Sidney, and a both handsome and infinitely stubborn priest – but also to a homeland she never really felt at home in. Her endeavour is soon beset by uncertainty and misunderstanding, turning into a tightrope walk between exciting research ideas and common sense, and a voyage into the world of emotions and tender intimacies. Gradually, Thea learns to see not only her father, but science and her own life too, with fresh eyes.

- For fans of Fredrik Backman and Jonas Jonasson

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Literary Fiction

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Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Lillas Leben

DIRK KURBJUWEIT

Lilla's Life

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 21, 2026

A fierce father-daughter novel about the most burning social and ecological questions of our time

Tibor seeks Lilla out like he's never sought anyone out before: he travels in her wake, sends her short messages and calls her up. But to no avail. She keeps her distance and leaves him in a state of uncertainty. Father and daughter are estranged, and not only for personal reasons. They have radically different world views, and when it comes to our planet's future, they disagree about well-nigh everything.

"Lilla's Life" is a searing topical novel that explores how the private and the political are densely interwoven in this generational conflict. Is it too late to save our planet? While the older generations call for patience, the younger generations believe there's no time to waste. While the former argue that change can only come via democracy and a gradual shift in outlook, the latter, in panic, immerse themselves in activism and political extremism. The young believe there's too much at stake and too much to fix: not only the Earth's natural habitats, resources and climate, but the distribution of wealth and justice in a world governed by a plutocratic elite – in short, the very future of humanity itself. Can Tibor win Lilla back? Can his fatherly love stop her from taking a last, fatal step?

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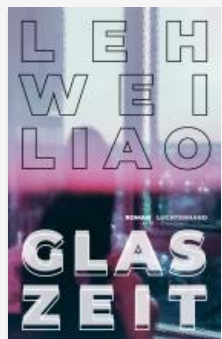
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Dirk Kurbjuweit, born in 1962, is one of the most versatile and productive authors of our time. Known to a broad readership as a reporter for Zeit and Spiegel, he has been a convincing narrator from an early age. Following his debut novel "Die Einsamkeit der Krokodile" ('The loneliness of crocodiles', 1995) the novella "Zweier ohne" ('Two without', 2001) and the novel "Angst" (2013) are two of his most acclaimed titles, alongside, most recently, "Haarmann" (2020) and "Der Ausflug" ('The trip', 2022). Several of his literary successes have been adapted for the screen, stage and radio.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 288 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Glaszeit

LEH-WEI LIAO

Glass

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

English sample translation available

"What a debut: unsettling, poetic, intricate and deeply touching. It's been a long time since I was this moved by a novel." Julia von Lucadou, author of "The High-Rise Diver"

When young doctor Novana finally sees her mother's face again, it's on a huge billboard in an underground mall in Taipei. It's been eighteen years since she last saw her mother. Eighteen years since artist March left her daughter behind in Germany without a word of explanation.

When Novana sees the billboard, everything pales into insignificance – her desire for a fresh start, which brought her to Taipei; her work at the neonatal IC unit; the nights she spends wandering the streets of this cosmopolitan city...

One night, at a karaoke evening, Novana meets Sihan, a fearless, vivacious and determined activist. Novana is instantly drawn to her, and something she once thought lost appears to have found its way back into her life: the possibility of intimacy.

A compelling and unequivocal novel about rebellious women, desire, broken hearts, and Taiwan's uncertain future, which asks: what are we really willing to fight for?

• For fans of Katie Kitamura, Jenny Erpenbeck, Judith Hermann and Yang Shuang-zi

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Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Blessing
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 304 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Es hätte auch stimmen können

LORENZ MEYER

Perhaps

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

How do you find your own voice, when someone else is always talking over you? An autofictional father-son tale à la Knausgård

Lorenz is a boy living in provincial northern Germany in the 1970s. His father is a narcissist – a Felix Krull-like figure who started a law degree, dropped out, and reinvented himself as a pharmaceutical salesman. While the self-aggrandising father navigates his way around GP clinics and tennis courts with a mix of chutzpah and improv skills, the son grows up in a terraced house where pose and reality never quite overlap. Caught between paternal manipulation, delusions of grandeur and a quietly submissive mother, Lorenz gradually discovers the power of dishing out rebellion in small doses: the sound of a door slamming, a word that reverberates in the silence...

Scene by scene, a comical, absurd yet profoundly touching father-son tale develops – a portrait of an age caught between liberal progress and restrictive patriarchy, between the Cold War and limitless freedom.

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Literary Fiction

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Pages & Size: 240 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Evas Tochter

ANNETTE MINGELS

Eva's Daughter

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

A young woman pitches a tent in the middle of her home town and inspires local women to see life differently

It's summertime, and a tent has shown up in the middle of the posh part of a small town. Sophie, the Von Clüver family's black sheep, has come back and is camping outside her parents' villa. The tent perches there like an accusation – or, perhaps, a call for help. And it's the talk of the town, including lonely widow Hanne, who has known Sophie since she was little; artist Greta, who wants a life outside the traditional family model; Sophie's school friend Wanda, who always envied her; high-school student Lilli, who's topping up her pocket money with some camgirl work; Hjördis, who's struggling with her neuroses; seventy-year-old Judith, who's plucked up the courage to try out online dating apps; and Eva, Sophie's mother, who appears strong, but who, after years of separation, is nervous about seeing her daughter again.

"Eva's Daughter" artfully weaves the stories of eight protagonists into a multi-layered fictional universe, and is a warm-hearted and empathetic account of female worlds in our time. As they contend with everyday challenges, what answers will these women find – alone or together?

• For fans of Elisabeth Strout, Alice Munro and Daniela Krien

Elisabeth Strout's German-language sister.

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Annette Mingels, born in 1971, has a PhD in German studies. Her first novel came out in 2003, and she has since then published five more, as well as a collection of short stories. For "Was alles war" ("Everything that was"), she won the 2017 Family Story Prize of the Ravensburger Verlag Foundation. After years living in the US, Switzerland and northern Germany, she now lives near Berlin with her family.



Literary Fiction

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Pages & Size: 240 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Wo die Toten
sprechen

JAROSLAV RUDIŠ

The Stories the Dead Tell

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

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Three friends, an ancient white Saab, some stolen Nazi bones, and a road trip across Europe where the voices of the dead get louder with each passing mile...

Friends Lorenzo, Caspar and Miss Detroit, somewhere between middle-aged and tired of life, are on a journey through the heart of Europe. In their boot are the bones of a Nazi criminal. They've stolen them from a Berlin cemetery, to stop them being taken by a group of far-right grave robbers. What starts as a ridiculous mission turns into a road trip that takes them to cemeteries and into the past. While Lorenzo, who is almost blind, sits in the back trying to write a poem about dead European poets, Miss Detroit has dreams of becoming a cemetery botanist, and Caspar thinks about his great uncle, whose tragic childhood death still haunts his family. With each mile that passes, the three of them grow closer. And at each grave they visit, one question keeps raising its head: what stories do the dead tell to those who are willing to listen?

A fast-paced, laconic, funny novel about an unusual odyssey through Central Europe – and the question of what keeps us together.

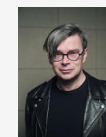
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Jaroslav Rudiš, born in 1972, is a prize-winning author, scriptwriter and dramatist. He studied German and history and worked as a teacher and journalist. Luchterhand have previously published German translations of his Czech novels, including "Grand Hotel, Die Stille in Prag" ('The silence in Prague'), "Vom Ende des Punks in Helsinki" ('How punk died in Helsinki') and "Nationalstraße" ('National highway'); and btb has also published his book "Der Himmel unter Berlin" ('The sky under Berlin'). "Winterbergs letzte Reise" ('Winterberg's last journey'), Rudiš's first novel written in German, was shortlisted for the prestigious 2019 Leipzig Book Fair Prize, and won the Usedom Book Prize, the Literature House Award and the Chamisso/Hellerau Prize. His most recent book for Luchterhand is the "Weihnachten in Prag" ('Christmas in Prague'), illustrated by Jaromír 99.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 320 | 13,5x21,5 cm
 Original title: Troja, später Nachmittag

GREGOR SANDER

Troy, Late Afternoon

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

Rights sold to: Czech Republic (Větrné mlýny)

English sample translation available

Adventurer, self-made man, archaeologist – a gripping psychological novel about one of the nineteenth century's biggest celebrities

When young Heinrich hears about the "Iliad" for the first time, he has no idea that this book will shape his entire future: one day, the pastor's son who grew up in a small village and lost himself in dreams to escape his father's beatings, will become world-famous Heinrich Schliemann, the man who discovers Troy and founder of the modern discipline of archaeology. As a merchant, he is almost constantly on the road and the high seas, travelling to Amsterdam, Saint Petersburg, Sacramento and Panama – and to Greece, where he feverishly searches for Odysseus's legendary palace.

In this entertaining and witty novel, Sander paints a portrait of this extraordinary man on the hunt and his tumultuous life – opulent, sensuous and gripping.

- For fans of Daniel Kehlmann and Nelio Biedermann

Sander writes scenes you can practically stroll around in.

Deutschlandradio Kultur on Sander's "Alles richtig gemacht" ('No wrongdoing involved')



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Gregor Sander, born in 1968, lives in Berlin as a freelance writer. He has received several awards for his novels and stories. His debut novel, *Absent*, was nominated for the German Book Prize; his second novel, *What Would Have Been*, was turned into a feature film.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 224 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Das Herz, ein Wolf

NINA SONNENBERG

The Heart's a Wolf

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

A brilliantly written, witty and by turns ruthless and tender story about growing up in 1990s suburbia, life, death and everything in between

It's a hot summer in Munich, and while the whole world – including her partner and child – is at the lido, Nele Kastner is sitting at her dying father's bedside. Even though there's nothing more natural than death, these final hours feel like a stage play whose main protagonist is silence. Nele's father can no longer speak, so she takes over and starts talking about their shared history: growing up in a petit-bourgeois Munich suburb in the 1980s and 1990s, about psycho diets and family rituals, about first and last times, about the things that keep us down and those that make us strong. But have no fear: there's a lot more humour in these deathbed tales than you'd expect.

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Munich-born Nina Sonnenberg (a.k.a. Fiva) is a rapper, presenter and writer with five successful albums under her belt. She was part of a national slam championship-winning team, and has published a poetry collection, "Klub Karamell" (with Volland & Quist). She presents radio programmes in Germany and Austria, and has twice been shortlisted for the Grimme Prize for her work as a presenter on ZDF and 3SAT. She is also a winner of the Bavarian Culture Prize, and runs a regular salon (Salon Sonnenberg) at the Munich Volkstheater, where she performs with her band and interviews and jams with other musicians. She divides her time between Munich and Vienna. "The Heart's a Wolf" is her first novel.



Literary Fiction

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Pony Show

JULI ZEH

Dog and Pony Show

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

English sample translation will be available soon

A prominent publisher is accused of murder, and a sensational jury trial ensues. Is the truth negotiable?

Betty is over fifty, married and head of a large publishing house. Faro's in his late twenties, and a rising star in her company. They're the perfect team, but their highly charged relationship has them skating on thin ice.

One day, Fero disappears and Betty is apprehended at the Hungarian border with a gun and counterfeit banknotes on her. It seems clear that she murdered him. When what the media have dubbed the 'loverboy murder trial' opens, public opinion is split, and the media can't stop talking about it. Does Betty's case prove that women can be just as toxic as men? Or is she the victim of a society that still can't handle women who are powerful and free?

For Mark, Betty's defence lawyer, it's the biggest case of his career. But he quickly realises that he can't trust anything or anyone – including himself. Who's pursuing what agenda here? Who's manipulating whom? And what do we believe simply because we want to believe it? And, most importantly: what did Betty really do?

Zeh basically writes exactly the kind of books that everyone wants to read.

Volker Weidemann, author of "Summer Before the Dark" (Pushkin Press), FAS

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Juli Zeh, born in 1974, studied law in Passau and Leipzig and took her PhD in the field of European and international law. This was followed by longer stints in New York and Kraków. Her debut novel "Eagles and Angels" was an international bestseller, and since then her books have been translated into 35 languages. She has been awarded myriad prizes for her work, including the Carl Amery Literature Prize and the Thomas Mann Prize. In 2018, she received the German Order of Merit, and was appointed judge at the constitutional court in the state of Brandenburg.



Stories

Publishing House:
Luchterhand Literaturverlag
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 128 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Der Schrei des
Elektrikers

FRANZ HOHLER

The Electrician's Scream

STORIES

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

A cabinet of everyday curiosities – new short stories by the bestselling author

This new collection is a veritable cabinet of everyday curiosities, populated by countless quirky creatures – an entire bestiary of non-animal and quasi-animal figures: a bird that only exists when you can't see it; a whale in an animal hospital; goods trains toiling in the service of humanity; the glowing cranes that punctuate our nightscapes; an iron dog that clack-clacks through the streets; as well as suction dredgers, dwarf planets, stuttering electric toothbrushes, a book that hasn't been signed out of the library for decades, a cat by a dying man's bedside, and an electrician – the one workman who you really never want to hear screaming.

Behind every corner there's an unexpected twist.

Hamburger Morgenpost

Hohler is a precise observer with a big heart.

Rafik Schami, award-winning author of "A Hand Full of Stars"

If Hohler didn't exist, we'd urgently have to invent him.

Emil Steinberger, award-winning comedian and author

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Poetry

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages & Size: 160 | 12,5x20,0 cm
 Illustrations: 7 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Mit uralten Kinderaugen

WOLF BIERMANN

Through an Ancient Child's Eyes

COLLECTED POEMS 2006–2026

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

A unique collection of poems by the acclaimed singer-songwriter and poet

Legendary poet, songwriter and dissident Wolf Biermann has witnessed history in the making in both East and West Germany. We see this nowhere more than in this new collection of verses from the past twenty years: poems and ballads, written between 2006 and 2026, which are by turns high on life, delicate and raging, resolutely cheerful and delightfully nasty – and always lyrical.

With an 'ancient child's' wide-open eyes, full of astonishment, Biermann – 'wonderfully living still' – records, reflects on, writes and sings about our planet. He could be forgiven for being a grumpy old man, but far from it: there's no trace of bitterness or resentment, only clarity of mind and a well-tempered curiosity about a world that keeps getting itself entangled in disasters. These poems and lyrics are about yearning for freedom, saving humanity, the joy of love and disagreement, the frailty of old age, and the promise of happiness.

"I've scribbled down a few truths / Mocked, kissed, lamented, blasphemed / Spat and spewed, but never sucked up / Lost myself and found you / Always gazed at the world, astonished / With an ancient child's eyes."

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Wolf Biermann



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Karl Wolf Biermann, born in Hamburg on 15 November 1936, is a German singer-songwriter, poet and dissident. In 1953, he moved to East Germany and started publishing his first songs and poems in 1960. In 1965, his sharp criticism of the country's one-party dictatorship resulted in his being banned from performing or publishing his work, and in 1976, while in West Germany, he was stripped of his citizenship and forbidden from re-entering the GDR, and he moved back to Hamburg. His expatriation triggered huge protests in both East and West Germany. His poetry collections are among the bestselling poems of postwar German literature, and he has been awarded numerous prestigious literary prizes, among them the Georg Büchner Prize, and most recently the Pour le mérite for Sciences and Arts (2026).



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Leinen Los

GISA PAULY

Cast off!

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 12, 2026

Full speed ahead! The Soleil sets sail for the second time!

Maria hears it firsthand: the famous actress Diana Major, who once christened the cruise ship Soleil, plans to publish her memoirs – to be written by a ghostwriter on board. With this news, not only do former lovers, anxious about what the memoirs might reveal, gather on deck, but also the actress's family, reporters, and curious onlookers. Packed in their luggage are scandals, secrets, intrigues, and lies, as well as someone determined to stop the memoirs at any cost.

- Gisa Pauly's books have sold more than 2 million copies so far

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Gisa Pauly spent twenty years teaching at a business school before turning to writing. In 1994 she published her first book, "Mir langt's – eine Lehrerin steigt aus!" ('Enough! A teacher quits'), followed by several screenplays and novels. Her crime novels set on the island of Sylt featuring amateur detective Mamma Carlotta have repeatedly hit the bestseller lists and won the hearts of a wide readership. Her Sylt saga featuring "Fräulein Wunder" ('Miss Miracle') was an instant no. 1 bestseller, and remained at the top for many months. Today, Pauly is one of the most successful German-language authors.



Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Wintergäste

SYBIL VOLKS

Winter Guests

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 04, 2026

A witty, chaotic, intelligent and optimistic family story

"All that coming and a going in our family started with reports of a death and an unforecast storm, when moon and tide, snow and wind, brothers and sisters, lovers and unborn children unexpectedly came together. Overnight, our house became an island in a frozen sea, and our clueless kin a group of castaways." The reports of Inge Boysen's death were greatly exaggerated – but there's nothing to be done now: her children and grandchildren have already gathered at the little house behind the dyke, and when a blizzard closes in they must simply wait it out, cut off from the rest of the world. New Year's Eve is fast approaching, and as the landscape outside turns into ice, the house starts heating up with old grudges and new desires. With three generations under a single snowed-in roof, it doesn't take long for life to unfold in all its tragedy, comedy and beauty.

- A new edition of Sybil Volk's backlist classic, with more than 100,000 copies sold so far
- The first in a two-part series



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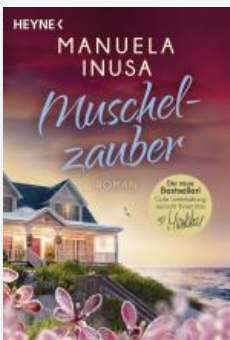
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Sybil Volks



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Sybil Volks is an author based in Berlin. Her second novel, "Torstraße 1" (2022), a fictionalised account of the Jonass department store's eventful history, was a bestseller and turned into a popular TV series "Das Haus der Träume" ('The house of dreams'). She followed it up with her bestselling "Wintergäste" ('Winter guests') and "Die Glücksreisenden" ('Happy travellers'), two classic family dramas set on a fictional North Sea island that acts a microcosmic mirror of our own age. Her latest novel, "Café Finito", is a vividly written tale set in Berlin's most famous cemetery, the Dorotheenstädtische Friedhof.



Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Muschelzauber

MANUELA INUSA

Magic Shells

THE COASTLINES SERIES (VOL. 4)

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

When Amelia's world falls apart, she finds shelter and happiness in the Hamptons

Amelia was born into poverty, to a drug-addict mother. But she doesn't like to dwell on her childhood, especially since she's managed to create a wonderful life for herself in New York, with her husband Paxton and son Zachary. She adores being a mother, and is happier than ever. But one day, Paxton, who's a cop, is killed on the job, and Amelia's world falls apart. When her in-laws offer her their house in the Hamptons for the winter, she takes them up on it, and moves in with Zachary. Will Amelia finally be able to admit to herself that her marriage was anything but perfect? Can she free herself from old bonds, and look to the future with hope in her heart?

- The first three volumes of this tetralogy were all Spiegel bestsellers and have sold over 170,000 copies so far

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Manuela Inusa, born in 1981, knew even as a child that she was going to be a writer one day. She trained as a bilingual assistant, but shortly before her thirtieth birthday decided it was now or never. Ever since, she regularly enchants numerous readers with her emotive novels, and her popular Valerie Lane series, California Dreams series and Coastlines series were almost instant bestsellers. Her books have been translated into various languages.



Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 288 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Der Zauber einer Rauhnacht

KATHARINA WAGNER

The Magic of the Twelve Nights

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

How the magic of the Twelve Nights healed a broken heart...

When her mother dies shortly before Christmas, Isabelle Wieland falls into a deep depression. The only distraction comes from a letter her mother left her, delivered by her mother's lawyer, Ruben Gräf. To Isabelle's surprise, it contains the key to a mountain cabin in the Harz, a place she has never heard of. Driven by curiosity, she sets out with Ruben through the snowy landscape, only to discover not a neglected shack as she expected, but a wonderfully cozy retreat. Isabelle stays and comes across an old diary filled with notes about the rituals of the Rauhnächte, of the magical twelve nights. Deeply fascinated, she embarks on a twelve-day journey into the longings and hidden desires of her heart, which she begins to truly understand for the first time...

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Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Wir werden nicht lange bleiben

CLAUDIA WENK

We Won't Stay Long

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 21, 2026

A strong woman, a secret love, a decades-old family secret

When a letter arrives from Denmark, Arie realises that everything she thought she knew about her family was wrong. The envelope contains her grandmother Luise's death certificate, dated a few weeks earlier – but Arie was told that her gran died when she was little. Arie decides to find out the truth and travels to Jutland, where she immerses herself in the events of the 1940s and uncovers Luise's astonishing life story: how she fled East Prussia with her two small children, married a Danish resistance fighter and saved countless people's lives. And Luise's story will change Arie's life for ever too...

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Historical Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 592 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Illustrations: 92 b/w illustrations
 Original title: Die Schatten über Hallingham Hall

CORINA BOMANN

Shadows over Hallingham Hall

THE BUTLER ACADEMY SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

Rights sold to: Denmark (Gyldendal), Italy (Giunti), The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

From Rosewell Castle Butler Academy to Hallingham Hall – will Isabel finally uncover her grandmother's secret?

Ever since Isabel found that photo of a woman who looks remarkably like her late grandmother, she can't stop wondering about Granny's true identity. The trail leads her to an opulent stately home in the Scottish Highlands, and when the Earl of Hallingham suggests that Isabel completes her training at Hallingham Hall, she jumps at the chance.

On top of contending with festive banquets and being put through her paces as a budding butler, Isabel is given the task of organising a high society wedding: the earl's granddaughter, Lady Catherine, is getting married, and Isabel can't afford for anything to go wrong on the big day. But Lady Catherine seems to know more about Isabel than she's letting on – and will stop at nothing to see her fail. When Garrett offers to help, Isabel must put aside the hurt he caused her in the past: he has some crucial evidence relating to her grandmother, which will reveal a secret that may just change Isabel's life for ever...

- Bomann's books have sold more than 2 million copies so far
- The climax of the bestselling author's atmospheric two-parter



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With sales totalling over two million copies, Corina Bomann's popular historical sagas are regular bestsellers, and her readers adore her strong women, passionate emotions and moving stories – such as her four-book Waldfriede saga set in a Berlin clinic, the two-part Rosenhag series set in Sweden, and now her new two-part Rosewell Castle series, which takes her readers into the fascinating world of butlerdom.



Historical Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 464 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Das Aroma von Liebe

LADINA BORDOLI

The Aroma of Love

THE CHOCOLATIER SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: December 10, 2026

A lovely novel about the birth of the world-famous Toblerone chocolate

Bern, 1907. Lola Moreau, a confident former cabaret dancer, works at the famous Lindt chocolate factory. When she meets the charming business rival Theodor Tobler, she feels deeply unsettled. She has fallen for the passionate man at first sight, and he courts her ardently. But can she be sure he's not simply trying to steal company secrets? To make matters more complicated, Theodor is married. Despite her doubts, Lola takes the leap and moves to Tobler's chocolate factory. Together, they inspire each other's inventive spirit and eventually create an entirely new confection: the triangular nougat chocolate known as Toblerone. Yet their love seems to be under an unlucky star.

- For fans of Maria Nikolai's Chocolate Villa saga

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Historical Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 400 | 11,8x18,7 cm
Original title: Erhobenen Hauptes

HERA LIND

Chin Up

NOVEL BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

The compelling and inspiring story of a Jewish mother who saves her daughter from certain death at the hand of the Nazis

Vilnius, 1941. When the Nazis invade Lithuania, the Schapiros make a heartbreaking decision: to save their daughter Tamar from being murdered by the Nazis, Jerra and Jascha hide her in a convent under an assumed name. But when they're found out, they have no choice but to bring the four-year-old girl back to live with them in the inhuman ghetto. When they are deported to Tauroggen transit camp, Jette and Tamar achieve the seemingly impossible: they manage to flee – and embark on a journey of suffering, fighting to survive.

Later, Tamar Dreifuss translated her mother's autobiography, on which Lind's new novel is based. Tamar devoted her life to keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive. Before her death on 18 October 2025, she said it was her dearest wish that Lind retell her family's story.

- Lind's books have sold more than 22 million copies so far

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Die Kryptografin

HANNA ADEN

The Cryptographer: The Price of Friendship

THE CRYPTOGRAPHER SERIES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 10, 2026

A young woman working for the secret service must choose between friendship and betrayal

Munich, 1950s: Ever since her promotion as a cryptographer at the West German Secret Service, Margot's been increasingly under pressure at work. Keen to prove her mettle as an investigator, her additional responsibilities cast ever greater shadows over her private life. It isn't only her loving relationship with student Willi that's suffering – her friendship with Sue, too, is being sorely tested. Especially when Sue asks Margot for top secret information, to help write the exposé she needs for her big break as a journalist. When Margot starts looking into an illegal communist print shop, the trail leads her dangerously close to Sue's workplace. And suddenly everything she's been fighting for all along is at risk: her career, her friendship and love.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 464 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Das Haus Faber-Castell. Träume in Farbe

ELKE BECKER

Faber-Castell: Dreams in Colour

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

In 1840s Nuremberg, young Otilie von Faber-Castell produces colouring pencils that will shape the childhoods – and lives – of billions of people

Stein, a town near Nuremberg, 1847. Otilie Richter has grown up in a cosmopolitan family that prizes education and art above all else. Her close relationship with Lothar Faber, scion of a highly respected manufacturing family, is put to the test when friendship turns into love: while visionary Lothar wants to modernise his family business and produce a new generation of pencils, Otilie dreams of becoming an artist – but her desire for autonomy is stifled by social expectations and family obligations.

Meanwhile, young midwife Elise Seidel, a widow and herself a mother, is fighting for better conditions for workers. The paths of the two women cross, when Otilie seeks Elise's help following several miscarriages – and finds in Elise a forthright and admirable friend. Amid social upheaval, political change and the question of female emancipation, the two women learn what it means to take responsibility, for yourself, for each other and for a new age.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Schlosshotel Fuschl

CAREN BENEDIKT

Hotel Schloss Fuschl

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 15, 2026

In picturesque Salzburg, a hotel owner must fight to keep her business afloat – and a family hides dark secrets...

Salzburg, summer 1955. Passionate and visionary hotelier Theresa von Reuschenberg has her hands full: the Salzburg Festival is under way, a production company is shooting the film Sissi, socialites are coming and going... and then the brother she thought was dead suddenly shows up. Benedikt, who still bears the physical and mental scars from his time in a POW camp, has come to claim his share of their inheritance. Theresa's hotels are in financial trouble, and she's desperately battling to keep her business going, and now Benedikt's reappearance threatens to ruin everything. But she's resolved not to let anything dim her passion, and pulls out all the stops to keep her beloved hotels – and, more importantly, her family – together.

- Based on Harriett Daisy Walderdorff's life and the story of the Goldener Hirsch and Schloss Fuschl hotels, which still exist today
- Benedikt's books have sold more than 200,000 copies so far

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Historical Fiction

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 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Lindt & Sprüngli
 (Lindt & Sprüngli Saga 3)

LISA GRAF

Lindt & Sprüngli: Two Dynasties, One Legacy

THE LINDT & SPRÜNGLI SAGA (VOL. 3)
 NOVEL

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

Rights sold to: Hungary (Kossuth)

The great finale of the bestselling saga about the Lindt and Sprüngli chocolate dynasties

Zürich, 1883. At a national convention, the two men who know the chocolate business better than anyone finally meet for the first time. But businessman Sprüngli and bel esprit Lindt are separated by more than they share, and their encounter is a disaster. Together, they could create the biggest chocolate empire the world has ever seen, but they choose to go their separate ways – and so begins a great dynastic rivalry...

- Rights to the first volume sold to: Bulgaria (Era), Hungary (Kossuth), Italy (Giunti), Poland (Skarpa), Russia (Azbooka), Slovakia (Verbarium)
- The first two volumes of this trilogy have sold over 200,000 copies in total



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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Fragen Sie Ms Blunt!

SOPHIE HOPPER

Ask Mrs Blunt!

NOVEL

Date of publication: December 10, 2026

In 1960s Britain, secretary Nettie Blunt secretly writes an advice column that gets everyone in the country talking – and changes her life for ever

Britain, 1963. Nettie Blunt has a degree in entomology, but is stuck in a loveless marriage with endless domestic obligations and dinner parties. Nettie desperately needs a change, so she gets a job as a secretary at a women's magazine. There, she surreptitiously rewrites its prim and proper advice column for housewives, turning conventional tips into daring words about courage and emancipation, using her knowledge of the insect world to liven things up. And so Nettie becomes the voice of her generation – but no one knows that she's behind it. When her columns start making shockwaves across conservative Britain, she must decide: will she continue to write in secret, or take off her mask and publicly speak up for her peers?

- For fans of "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: Der Zauber der kleinen Dinge

BEATE MALY

The Magic of Little Things

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

A love story as delicate and enchanting as freshly fallen snow...

Vienna, 1900. For confectioner Charlotte Geiger, the arrival of winter brings her world crashing down. Her father intends to sell the family-run bakery where she crafts intricate marzipan figures. As an unmarried woman, she may neither take it over nor find work elsewhere. On a snowy market day, she meets Erwin Perzy, a mechanic and inventor, and the two grow closer. Charlotte's tiny works of art soon inspire Erwin with a grand idea – together with the orphan boy Rudi, they create the very first Viennese snow globe...

• For fans of Anne Jacobs and Maria Nikolai

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Unter dem Himmel von Marseille

BETTINA STORKS

Marseille Lovers

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 25, 2026

When Ella opens a long-lost suitcase, she also opens her heart to her granddaughter – and finally tells her about the past...

Freiburg, 2009. When someone sends 93-year-old Ella a long-lost suitcase that once belonged to her family and contains important documents and mysterious letters, she finally breaks her decades-long silence and tells her granddaughter about her Jewish family's history. As Ella struggles to come to terms with the past, her voice falters – but eventually, with each new memory, she reveals a dramatic tale of flight, concealment, and unspoken truths.

Paris, 1937. When Ella meets Gustav, her husband's half-brother, a tender bond develops between them. Later, when Paris is occupied, the three of them flee to Marseille, along with thousands of others. Although they try to suppress their feelings, Ella and Gustav can't help falling ever more deeply in love. When they are offered a chance to travel to the US, something unexpected happens – and Ella could lose everything.

[Storks's] books [...] truly stand out from the rest in terms of quality, complexity and sophistication, as well as their subject matter.

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Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Lego - Die Welt ist voller Träume

KATHARINA VON DER LANE

Lego: A World of Dreams

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

The touching story of the family who gave us Lego

Billund, 1924. Danish carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen loves his family more than anything. When tragedy strikes, he is left raising four sons on his own, and his carpentry business faces certain ruin. So Ole decides to try something different, and starts making wooden toys – because nothing makes him happier than seeing children happy. With the help of clever housekeeper Sofie and his twelve-year-old son Godtfred beside him in the workshop, he starts making all sorts of animals and cars – and little bricks that make children all over Denmark smile...

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 624 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Original title: Kalte Tage

CHARLOTTE LINK

Cold Days

THE KATE LINVILLE SERIES (VOL. 6)
CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Xander)

"Link allows her readers a very deep look into the psyche of her characters, and she builds such high suspense [...] that readers will be left breathless." freundin

On an ice-cold winter night, Mariana is waiting up for her daughter Gillian, who's out on a date with a stranger she met on a dating app. At last, she hears steps approaching... The next morning, Scarborough Police are called to a break-in. A man has been shot dead, and a young woman kidnapped.

Shortly after, a man disappears while driving down a country road. Together with DCI Andrew Seymour, DI Kate Linville tries to stop a seemingly unstoppable killer...

- The Kate Linville series has sold more than 5.5 million copies so far and has been translated into numerous languages

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 400 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Gedenke mein

INGE LÖHNIG

Think of Me

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 28, 2026

Guilt never gets old – a gripping psychological cold-case thriller by this bestselling author

Following its recent successes, the media can't get enough of Munich PD's new cold case division. Gina Angelucci has just transferred into the team for personal reasons, and already has her first case: Petra Werner's daughter Marie disappeared ten years ago, and when the girl's father was suspected of being involved, he killed himself. Marie's body was never found, and Petra's convinced that her daughter is still alive. When Gina starts investigating, she discovers that the police ignored some key evidence back then – and what initially looked like a family drama turns out to involve a dark secret with roots deep in the past...

- Angelucci's first case – the long-awaited spin-off from the hugely popular Inspector Dühnfort series
- More than 290,000 copies sold so far in the series



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Inge Löhnig's long-running Inspector Dühnfort crime series is hugely popular, and the books have been unfailing bestsellers. After a break of a few years – during which she published several bestsellers under the name Ellen Sandberg, including most recently "Keine Reue" ('No regrets') and "Das Unrecht" ('Injustice') – she's back with another Dühnfort thriller. She has been a successful novelist for many years, and is a recipient of the 2022 Bavarian State Medal.



Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 400 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Die Gejagte - Sie weiß nicht, wer sie ist. Er schon.

RENÉ ANOUR

Hunt/Girl/Jungle

SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO SHE IS. BUT HE DOES.

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 12, 2026

In this gripping survival thriller, a woman who has lost her memory is being mercilessly pursued by a mysterious man

When Jess wakes up in the middle of the jungle, injured and handcuffed, she can't remember a thing about how she got here. Then she spots a seriously wounded man nearby, and rushes to his aid. The man seems strangely scared of her. When help finally arrives, Jess is shocked when their supposed rescuer suddenly kills the man. She goes on the run, heading deeper and deeper into the rainforest, as the killer relentlessly follows. In the depths of the jungle, Jess has to fight not only for her life, but also for her memories: how did she get here? Where is 'here'? And who's after her? Her past as a biologist in Berlin could be a clue – and her only hope of surviving in the wilderness. But it seems like her pursuer is always a step ahead...

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 544 | 12,5x18,7 cm
Original title: Todeskarussell

PATRICK MCGINLEY

Carousel of Death

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

English sample translation available

At Berlin airport, a corpse is discovered on the baggage carousel. Then there's an explosion – and a message: 'This is only the beginning'

Berlin airport, 7.45 a.m. The passengers are trying not to fall asleep standing up as they wait for their luggage. Finally, the conveyor belt starts up. But instead of a suitcase, what appears is a dead man, clutching a teddy bear. His throat's been cut, and the blood is still pumping out to the beat of his ever-slowng pulse, spraying a red circle around the carousel. There's a piercing scream. DI Kim Sperling is on the scene – but little does she suspect that this is only the start of a gruesome series of murders...

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Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: btb

Format: Hardcover

Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: DAISY – Und all deine Geheimnisse werden mir gehören

MELANIE RAABE

DAISY – And All Your Secrets Will Be Mine

THRILLER

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

English sample translation available

Conscientious lawyer by day, mysterious avenging angel at night: Luca seeks justice 24/7. Then one of her victims turns the tables...

"There's no law against evil. But you've got me." Luca seems like an ordinary woman. But appearances can be deceptive. What no one knows is that she's leading a double life. She's thirty-four, chronically single and a highly respected Berlin lawyer. Her small flat is stuffed with books, records and files. By day, she's a good friend and hardworking solicitor, and by night she continues fighting for justice in her own way, secretly tracking down all those who've managed to evade the law. The only trace she leaves behind is a single daisy.

But then Luca's almost caught. Suddenly, mysterious posters appear all over the city that read like threats directed at her: "I will find you. And all your secrets will be mine". Luca's convinced someone's after her. One of her targets has found out about her, and now the tables are turned. Whoever it is, they're even more ruthless than Luca.

And so a dangerous cat-and-mouse game begins. But what if Luca is chasing the wrong enemy?

- Melanie Raabe's books have sold more than 790,000 copies so far

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Thriller & Crime

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Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 384 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Original title: Dead Air

JOSI WISMAR

Dead Air

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

An author has disappeared. A true crime event in the mountains turns deadly. And five people share a secret that mustn't ever see the light of day.

Five years after the mysterious disappearance of world-famous author Adam Ashwood, Dead Air podcast host Sophie stages an exclusive four-day live event at a remote chalet in the stunning Bavarian Alps. Among the guests is YouTuber Mara, who has made her name giving a voice to forgotten women. People have come from far and wide to watch as Mara, Sophie and three other guests try to solve the cold case around Adam's disappearance, with the help of his unpublished manuscript that may just hold the key to everything. As the world tries to solve the case along with them, Mara can't help feeling that someone in the chalet knows more than they're letting on. The tension between the five of them ratchets up day by day. Someone clearly doesn't want them to find out the truth. Someone wants revenge. And they'll stop at nothing.

- Using the annotated manuscript included in the novel, readers can pit their wits against the characters and try to solve the mystery themselves

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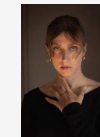
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Fantasy & Science Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 448 | 12,5x20,0 cm
Original title: Gretel

STEFANIE LASTHAUS

Gretel

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

Mother knows what you did...

Twenty-year-old Margaret, nicknamed Mae, lives with her mum, dad and brother Hans at the edge of the forbidden forest. People say it's full of dark magic, and anyone who comes in contact with it loses their mind. Mae doesn't believe in those silly superstitions, but when she encounters a half-starved boy coming out of the forest one day – and thus comes in contact with the dark magic they fear – she's banished to the forest herself. Hans follows her, just as he used to do when they were little and he nicknamed her Gretel... Soon, they realise that there's something not right about the place. What is true one day is distorted the next, and the line between reality and nightmare starts to become blurred. Then, deep in the forest, Mae and Hans encounter a woman who calls herself 'Mum'. And that's when the real horror starts...

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