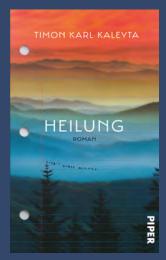
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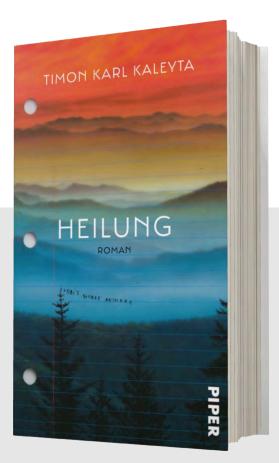
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## Literary Fiction



**Timon Karl Kaleyta Healing** 208 pages • 12,8 × 21,0 cm ISBN 978-3-492-07171-0 **World Rights available** 02/2024 A man no longer sleeps. With his nerves at breaking point, he fears losing everything: his marriage, his status, his life. His wife Imogen sends him to San Vita, a mysterious luxury resort in the snowy silence of the Dolomites. Under the care of Professor Trinkl, he is told to find himself there. He resists for fear of having to face his innermost self. And rightly so: although Trinkl promises him happiness, he instils in him an unease that is rooted in his childhood. Deeply unsettled, the man flees to his best friend from childhood. And has no idea how far he will have to go to find healing. A surprising novel. Somnambulant and yet wide awake. Between dream and truest reality.



Timon Karl Kaleyta is an author, columnist and screenwriter. His highly acclaimed debut novel **The Story of a Simple Man** was shortlisted for the aspekte literature prize and was honoured with the Fuldaer Literaturpreis. Kaleyta received the 3sat Prize at the Days of German-Language Literature in Klagenfurt in 2021. He lives and works in Berlin as the husband to a successful art dealer.



**The Story of a Simple Man** 320 pages • 12,8 × 21,0 cm ISBN 978-3-492-07046-1 **World Rights available** 

# "Freedom, she thinks, doesn't come for free."

Two young female artists of the "Roaring Twenties" who push into male domains

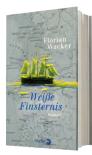
About the architects of the "New Frankfurt" and their visions

# Literary Fiction

During his research on the Bauhaus-related city planning programme Neues Frankfurt, the New York art historian Richard Kugelman comes across a photograph of his mother Franziska taken at the end of the 1920s. The photographer is a certain Ella Burmeister. During a trip to the metropolis on the Main, he delves deeper and deeper into her life story - if he were to find more material from this artist, who was forgotten after the war, his planned exhibition would be nothing less than a sensation. But what connected the two women? And why did Franziska never speak of Ella and her time in Frankfurt after she fled to the USA in 1933? Richard eventually gets caught up in a love story that changes his life forever.



**Florian Wacker**, born in Stuttgart in 1980, studied special needs education and at the Institute of German Literature in Leipzig. His novel project **White Darkness** won him the Robert Gernhardt Prize in 2018. His new novel **Zebras in the Snow** will bei published in Spring 2024. He lives with his family in Frankfurt am Main and writes prose, drama and code. More at *www.florianwacker.de* 



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# What my mother and I don't talk about

Tough and tender, cool and witty – a highly contemporary novel about the voids in family relationships

# **Literary Fiction**

For Fans of the Hit show »Fleabag«, Deborah Levy and Jenny Offill



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#### **Evan Tepest Write my Mother's Name** February 2024 192 pages • 12,8 × 21,0 cm ISBN 978-3-492-07271-7

ISBN 978-3-492-07271-7 World Rights available 03/2024 Alex is working on an essay. And getting nowhere. The subject: What my mother and I don't talk about. A visit to Alex's highly strung mother in her shabby chic provincial villa is meant to help, but only goes to show that they don't actually talk at all. Not about Alex's queerness, nor about the anti-depressives they both take, nor about the family traumas. When Alex's mother (accidentally!) wounds him at the local *Schützenfest*, it becomes clear that the essay isn't the only failure in his life.

A superbly laconic novel about the thing that both separates families and binds them together: the words left unspoken.



**Evan Tepest** was born in the Rhineland and is an author and journalist. Together with Lynn Takeo Musiol, they curate the event series DYKE DOGS. Evan Tepest was a finalist in the open mike competition for young literature and the Edit essay competition. Their essay collection **Power Bottom** was published in 2023. They live in Berlin.

# An extraordinary youth at the foot of the Carpathians

About the experience of reverse migration and a special friendship

# Literary Fiction

An impressive story, told with literary finesse

The story of a childhood as a social experiment: in the early 1990s, Judith emigrates from Germany to Romania with her parents. Their destination is a remote village in Transylvania on the edge of the Carpathian Mountains. Judith is to grow up in a pristine community free from capitalism. She explores the place, its people, history and language with a keen eye. She soon becomes the elective granddaughter of the old Transylvanian Saxon Lizitanti. And she meets Irina, who travels with her goat in the milk truck. Irina is a Romni. Judith wants to be one too, but Irina categorically refuses. Soon, the contradiction between the utopia she has brought with her and the reality she has found presents the family with ever greater problems.



**Dorothee Riese**, born in 1989 near Göttingen and raised in Romania, studied International Literatures, Slavic Studies and the Culture and History of Central and Eastern Europe in Tübingen, Moscow, Frankfurt (Oder) and Barnaul in southern Siberia. She came to Leipzig to study literary writing. She worked at the Buchenwald Memorial in Weimar and for the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe. She lives with her family in Leipzig.

#### Jenny Erpenbeck on Dorothee Riese

"With Dorothee Riese, an author enters the literary stage who succeeds in using the means of language to make tangible what lies behind language. Is being a stranger an insurmountable barrier - even if you share everyday life? What appears to the girl Judith at the beginning as a large, colorful panorama of village life reveals itself more and more as a complex web of relationships in a broken society, charged with violence and hopelessness."



#### Dorothee Riese We are the Silence Here February 2024

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# Three friends, two women, one big search

Thommie Bayer tells stories that are easy and amusing to read, but also make you think

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- A sentimental Italian journey
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Thommie Bayer, born 1953, is one of the most renowned authors in the German literary scene. His novel **A Short Story about Luck** was nominated for the German Book prize. Following the successful novel **My Mother's Happiness**, the *Spiegel* bestseller **Seven Days of Summer** was most recently published.



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**My Mother's Happiness** 224 pages • 12,8 × 21,0 cm ISBN 978-3-492-05726-4 **World Rights available** 

# Two unusual friends on a journey into life

Travelling with a bald ibis - the story of a special friendship

For readers of Carsten Henn and Fredrik Backman

# Fiction

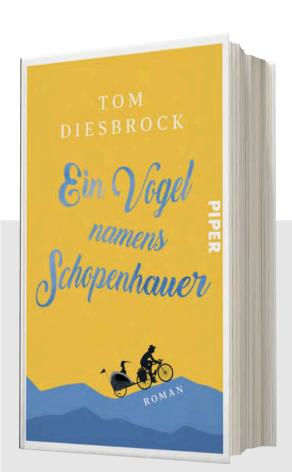
It's too hot, the weeds are too lush, and life in general is just an imposition! If a strange bird hadn't suddenly appeared in Matteo's garden on this April day, the old Italian philosopher would still be all alone in the world. But Schopenhauer, as Matteo calls the bald ibis, seems to like him. And stays. Matteo then learns that the bird belongs to a breeding centre on the other side of the Alps. In order to have a little more time together, he decides to cycle Schopenhauer over the mountains himself. The beginning of an incredible journey that changes everything ...



**Tom Diesbrock** is a psychologist and author of successful counselling books. He lives in Hamburg and works as a coach and consultant. "**A Bird Named Schopenhauer**" is his first novel.

#### Clever, sociable and very rare - the Northern Bald Ibis, a very special bird

There are only very few of these strange, wonderful, endangered birds left in the world. But for some years now, they have been released back into the wild in Burghausen, Bavaria. As they only lived in zoos for a long time, the birds no longer know the old migration routes to the south. And so the Northern Bald Ibis chicks are reared by humans and transported to Tuscany by microlight aircraft, where they spend the winter before returning over the Alps in spring.



## Tom Diesbrock A Bird Called Schopenhauer

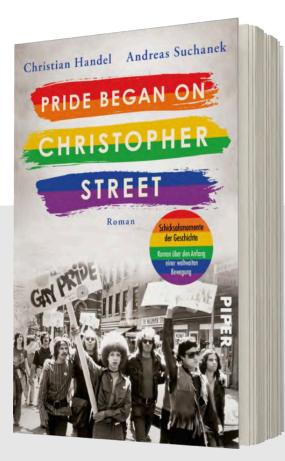
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# Where the rainbow begins

Emotional and dramatic novel about the right to love whoever you want

# **Historical Novel**

28 June 1969 - the birth of the Pride movement

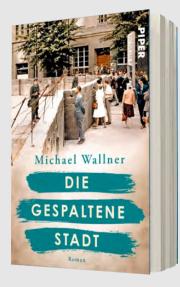


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**Christian Handel** loves emotional material and is a strong advocate for LGBTQ+ literature and queer issues. He lives in Berlin. **Andreas Suchanek** lives in Karlsruhe and has been publishing in various genres for 11 years. Both authors are gay themselves.

# Turning Points in History



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# Great love became their greatest challenge

The most unusual marriage of her time: they met as equals, wrestled with the world and with each other.

## Fiction

Margarethe Krupp: Matriarch of the dynasty



#### Melanie Metzenthin Our Short Eternity

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**Melanie Metzenthin** was born in Hamburg in 1969, where she still lives today. As a specialist in psychiatry and psychotherapy, she has a very special insight into the psyche of her patients, who include both traumatised people and criminals. She draws on her professional experience when developing the characters in her historical novels

Margarethe and Fritz Krupp were married for twenty years and experienced all the highs and lows together. Until death did them part.

"Fritz nodded with relief, while Margarethe shook her head almost imperceptibly. Her husband had internalized the saying 'the wiser man gives in' to such an extent that he was probably the wisest man on the planet."

# Who are we when everything is taken from us?

In the mountains of South Tyrol, three women wrestle with an old guilt

About the healing power of nature - a novel for readers of Jarka Kubsova and Ewald Arenz

In 1943, the young South Tyrolean Lene dreams of a happy future on Elias' farm, the love of her life. She has no idea how grim the fate that awaits her in the harsh mountain world will be. Many decades later, her granddaughter Anna grows apples in this same barren landscape with great dedication and perseverance. When she meets Lis, who is in her mid-fifties and is carrying a heavy debt, she gives her shelter without asking many questions. The women spend a whole year on the farm, constantly changing with the seasons and in harmony with nature. With her gentle manner, Anna enables Lis to open up and heal. Because she, too, knows the burden of someone else's guilt and the damage that silence can cause.

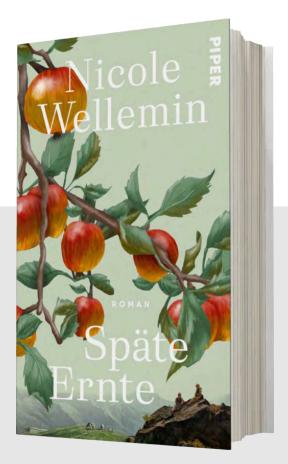


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**Nicole Wellemin** studied in Prague and Munich. She worked in public relations for thirteen years before devoting herself entirely to writing in 2015. In **"Late Harvest**", she deals with topics that have fascinated her for a long time: the power of the unsaid, the search for meaning and reconciliation. The author got to know and love the South Tyrol region with its impressive mountains as a child.

Nicole Wellemin: Five years ago, you read for the first time about a South Tyrolean who, against all odds, presses single-variety apple juices for high gastronomy at over 1,000 meters. How did this novel come about?

"I remember South Tyrol from my childhood family vacations. Even back then, the Dolomites seemed to me like the border between here and there. A story gradually came together from all the fragments in my head. About things that cannot be said, but which have the power to divide people forever, about the cultivation of special apples and a guilt that every generation adds to."



#### Nicole Wellemin Late Harvest

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# Courageous and unwavering - a woman and her lifelong dream

The start of an epic series on the shores of Lake Constance

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## Gaby Hauptmann Hope for a Happy Future

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Gaby Hauptmann presents a unique heroine and the beginning of a furious Lake Constance saga.



**Gaby Hauptmann** has lived in Allensbach on Lake Constance for many years and knows the region like no other. As a writer and journalist, she has had many encounters and undertaken countless reports and research projects in all corners of the lake. Now she has dedicated herself to a very special place and its people in a captivating family saga.



Dream of a Better Life ca. 376 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-492-06525-2 World Rights available

# A woman's fate in the First World War

Inspired by the author's family history

# Historical Novel

Erika grows up on an estate near Danzig and dreams of having her own job, although her mother would prefer to marry her off quickly. When she gets engaged to Axel, the families are reassured. At first, the two have only made a secret pact to buy time. This meant that Axel could study medicine in peace and Erika was allowed to go to the Dresden School of Arts and Crafts. But when the First World War breaks out, all their plans are shattered. And while Axel becomes increasingly sure of his feelings for Erika at the front, she falls in love with another man ...



**Corinna Vossius**, born in 1963, is a trained physiotherapist and doctor. She has lived in Norway with her family since 1999 and works there as a doctor. It was also in Norway that she started writing. This is her fifth novel.

Corinna Vossius on the woman who inspired her to write her novel: her grandmother Erika

"When I was a child, we lived in the same house as my grandmother Erika. She told me about her childhood and about the time during the First World War when she worked in a military hospital. Sometimes she would read to me from her memoirs. They were happy years for her and she longed for them for the rest of her life. My grandmother has been dead for half a century, but in many ways we wrote this book together."



#### Corinna Vossius Departure of the Storks May 2024

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A secluded place. The shadow of an unspeakable crime. A group of friends who fall apart as a result.

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#### Linus Geschke When She Lies

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Linus Geschke, born in 1970, lives in Cologne and has worked for leading German magazines and newspapers, including *Spiegel Online* and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. He has won several journalism awards for his travel reports. With his thriller debut, Geschke hit the bestseller list from a standing start, and his Jan Römer series was lavishly filmed. The psychological thrillers **The Loft** and **Hidden** were on the bestseller list for weeks.



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A young cook with big dreams and a sailor with a lot of secretsFor everyone who enyoed the books of Kira Mohn and Anya Omah

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The ambitious chef Alix has landed her dream job in Antibes in the South of France. When she finds herself in a tricky situation, Léo, who works on one of the luxury yachts in the port, comes to her aid. The two of them discover a powerful mutual attraction, and are soon swept along on a tide of passion. It could all be so perfect if it wasn't for the darkness that often surrounds Léo. Alix senses that his past is risking to turn her own life upside down too. And how can she stay with him when he endangers everything she has built up so far?



**Carina Schnell** likes to write stories with a good dose of romance. The time she spent living and working in Canada inspired the author and translator to write her **Summer in Canada** series.



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**Laura Labas** was born in 1991 in Aachen. She completed her first novel at the age of fourteen, and knew then what she wanted to do with the rest of her life: to be a creator of new worlds. After gaining her Master of Arts in English and German literature, she continues to write with great passion and enthusiasm, immersing herself in fantasy, drama and romance.



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## Fantasy

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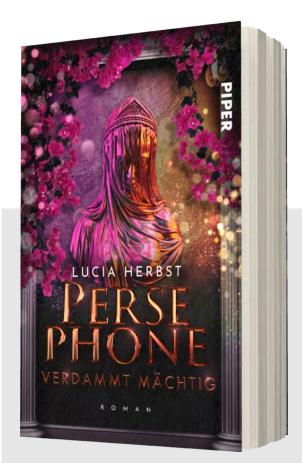
**Lucia Herbst**, born in 1982, writes fantasy with reference to fairy tales and ancient sagas. In 2020, she began working on her debut novel. In her other life, she is an appraiser and lives with her husband, child and cat above the rooftops of Munich. She succeeds best in writing when it is raining, the child is asleep and the cat is well fed.



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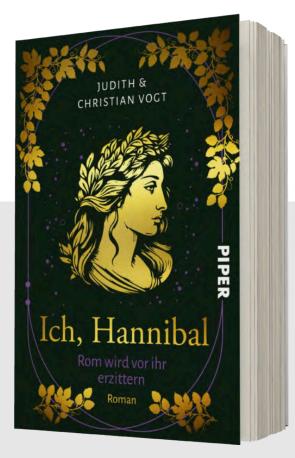
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# What if Hannibal had been a woman?

Sea serpents, sphinxes and harpies: Historical fantasy full of mythical creatures

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Judith and Christian Vogt live in Aachen and have been co-authoring fantasy, science fiction and historical novels for more than a decade. They are among the most innovative voices in German fantasy and are sought-after interview partners on progressive fantasy and feminism.



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# How magic arises from science

A magical institute on the Irish island of Howth Head becomes the scene of strange events

## Dark Academia

For Fans of "Ninth House" and "The Atlas Six"

At a secret institute in Dublin, magically gifted students are researching the lost laws of magic. When the young quantum physicist Willow arrives, she is initially fascinated - but still finds it difficult to fit in. Her mentor Anthony, with whom she wanted to do her doctorate, is suddenly changed, and almost everyone at the institute seems to have a secret. What's more, nobody wants to talk about the mysterious disappearance of an exchange student. Left to her own devices, Willow must uncover the truth before the laws of magic turn against her.



Jenny Karpe (\*1996) hardly needs more than words and music to live. After graduating in media production and popular music, she became an editor and lives in East Westphalia-Lippe with 500 records and (as yet) no cat.



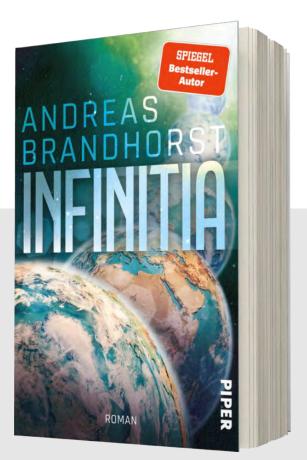
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# A standalone by the award-winning bestselling author

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Andreas Brandhorst, born in Northern Germany in 1956, is one of the most successful authors of our time with his futuristic thrillers and science fiction novels such as **The Ship** and **Omni**. Spectacular visions of the future are his trademark.



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**Michael Schmidt-Salomon**, Dr phil., is a freelance philosopher and writer and spokesman for the board of the Giordano Bruno Foundation. He is a frequent interviewee in the media. His latest book published by Piper is **Relax!**.

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# How do we go about living a good life?

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**Michael Nast** was born in East Berlin in 1975 and has worked as a writer and author since 2014. He has published six books to date. His third, **Commitment Phobia: The Tinder Generation**, remained on the *Spiegel* bestseller list for nine months. A film version appeared in 2021, and a podcast of the same name for singles and couples has proved highly popular, running to over 100 episodes. Nast publishes a weekly column and lives in Berlin.

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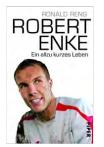


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**Ronald Reng**, born in Frankfurt in 1970, has lived and worked for many years as a sportreporter and author in Barcelona. His biography of the late goalkeeper **Robert Enke**, **A Life Too Short**, was among the top 5 of the Spiegel bestseller list for ten weeks, his book **Matchdays: The hidden story of the Bundesliga** has been awarded with the NDR Kultur prize for non-fiction as well as the Football Book of the Year Award in 2013.



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**Karsten Brensing** is a marine biologist and behavioural scientist. For ten years he was scientific director of the German office of the international whale and dolphin conservation organisation WDC and worked as a consultant for the European Commission. His bestseller **The Mystery of Animals** has been translated into several languages. His children's book **How Animals Think and Feel** was named Science Book of the Year in 2019.

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Born in Paris in 1956, **Michel Friedman** is a lawyer, philosopher, publicist, honorary professor and talk show host. After moving to Frankfurt in 1965, he studied law and later philosophy, gaining a doctorate in both. He is involved in a number of political organisations including the Central Council for Jews in Germany, and campaigns against right-wing radicalism and for refugee integration.

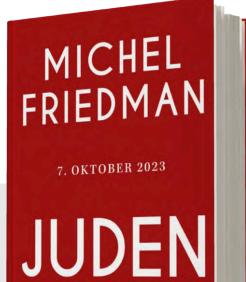


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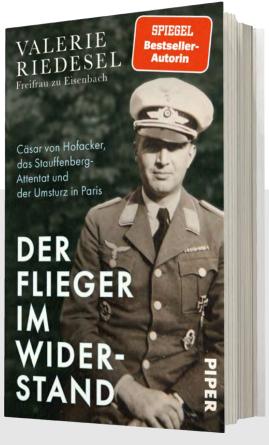
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# The path to opposition against Hitler

Von Hofacker was Stauffenberg's cousin and the only Luftwaffe officer at his side

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Valerie Riedesel Baroness of Eisenbach is the granddaughter of Caesar von Hofacker. She studied history in France and was an editor at the *FAZ*. She is Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the "20 July 1944 Foundation". Today she lives with her family on the island of Rügen.

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**Barbara Plaschka** is a graduate biologist and medically certified holistic nutritionist. The founder of kauGENAU makes people more aware of HOW we eat. As a weight loss coach and chewing trainer, she helps people who want to lose weight to achieve and maintain their feel-good weight through enjoyable chewing training. All of this without restrictions or calorie counting. Numerous media outlets regularly seek advice from the sought-after expert.

## Health & Body

# For a good life with fear

- An original and inspiring account of an experience that gives courage
- According to surveys, more and more people are suffering from diffuse anxiety

Psychology

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Thus begins a journey for Mr G. through science and culture in search of the possibility of a good life with fear. In the end, he finds what he is looking for. And if Mr G. can find a way, everyone can.



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**Thorsten Glotzmann** works as a journalist in Berlin. Among other things, he is the showrunner of the WDR sense podcast "Carpe What" and was head author of the philosophical arte series "Streetphilosophy". As an author and director, he has realised numerous documentary films and TV reports - for arte, ARD, ZDF and Deutsche Welle. He previously studied philosophy and attended the German School of Journalism.



Thorsten Glotzmann Mr G. is Afraid

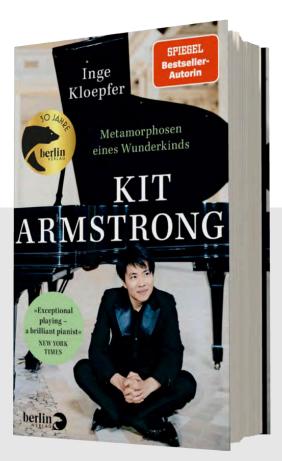
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**Inge Kloepfer** writes for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. She is the author of numerous bestselling books and an award-winning film script writer.

Who is this former child prodigy? How did he manage the transition to adulthood? How does he see the world today? And what responsibility does someone like him bear for society? Inge Kloepfer paints an intimate portrait of a once-in-a-century talent on his way to finding himself.

# Love is a spectrum, not a pigeonhole

600,000 followers on Instagram and TikTok

Polyamory, open relationships, monogamy for life - myths are dispelled here

## Memoir

Growing up in a world between Disney clichés and conservative gender identities, Saskia Michalski realises early on that they do not conform to expectations. They realise that love is multi-faceted and decide to go their own way. This makes them a role model, because they talk about topics that have been taboo for far too long and dispel the myths surrounding relationship models outside the heteronormative construct. With empathy and humour, Saskia manages to make queer content accessible to those who have had little contact with it so far.



**Saskia Michalski** (they/them; \*1993) is an expert on gender identity, sexuality and various forms of relationships. They live in Hamburg with the people they are in a relationship with and work from there to raise awareness of diversity and LGBTQIA+ issues.

"Love is like a colour spectrum for me. I can feel love in many different ways and ascribe various meanings to this feeling - without them being in competition with each other."

On Instagram and TikTok, Saskia talks openly about all kinds of relationships and has become one of the most recognisable faces of the queer community. On social media and as a lecturer in social psychology, they explain personal and political matters of the heart.



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**Isabell Werth** has won seven gold medals at the Olympic Games alone. The top rider is a global idol.

**Evi Simeoni**, born in Stuttgart in 1958, is a journalist and writer. She has been a sports reporter for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* for more than 30 years. She has been awarded numerous prizes for her journalistic work.



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**Julen Sánchez**, born in Cologne in 1996, is a German-Spanish adventurer. With his environmental protection project "Zero-Emission", he combines his passions for extreme sports and travelling and shows what is possible with a sustainable mindset.

Julen Sánchez was the youngest person to row over 5,000 nautical miles on the open sea, making him the first person to travel alone and under his own steam from Europe across the Atlantic through North America.

As a zero-emission traveler, Julen Sánchez decided in 2020 to connect the cities of Paris and Pittsburgh with a unique rowing and cycling adventure after they united against Trump's withdrawal from the climate agreement. His zeroemission expeditions aim to draw attention to the importance of sustainable alternatives and encourage us to believe in a better future and find creative solutions to the challenges of our time.



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**Christo Foerster** is considered the founder of the "microadventure" idea in Germany. The trained editor received the German Selfpublishing Award for his book **Micro Adventure** in 2018. His podcast "Frei raus" deals with outdoor topics of all kinds.

# A vet with a passion for conservation

With tips on immediate actions each and every one of us can take to promote conservation

## Nature

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- "Hannah Emde: vet and conservationist extraordinaire." NDR TV

At home in the world's jungles, the 27-year-old vet Hannah Emde is a dedicated conservationist. She works with the extremely rare clouded leopard on Borneo, scarlet macaws in Guatemala, orangutans, and fourmetre long boa constrictors. She travels all over the world in her quest to save animals from extinction, but the rainforests are her particular passion. In this book, she writes compellingly of the beauty of the jungle, conveying powerfully why exotic species such as the lemur on Madagascar and the bull shark in Costa Rica are endangered, and what we can all do here and now to help preserve their habitat.



Hannah Emde, born in 1992, is a German veterinarian. She works internationally in wildlife conservation and research. In 2017 she founded "Nepada Wildlife", a non-profit organisation for the protection of species and environmental education. Hannah Emde discusses her work on her blog, in lectures and on social media.



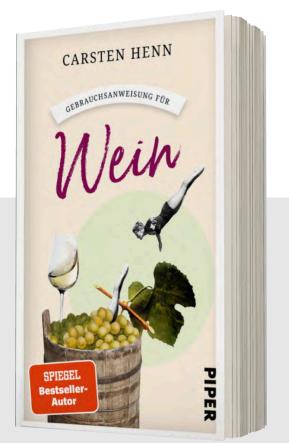
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**User's Guide** 



**Carsten Henn** has worked as a radio presenter, wine and restaurant critic, and has published a number of successful crime novels and romantic comedies. His novel **The Door-to-Door Book-store** remained on the SPIEGEL Top 10 bestseller list for months, winning readers' hearts and earning enthusiastic reviews.

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