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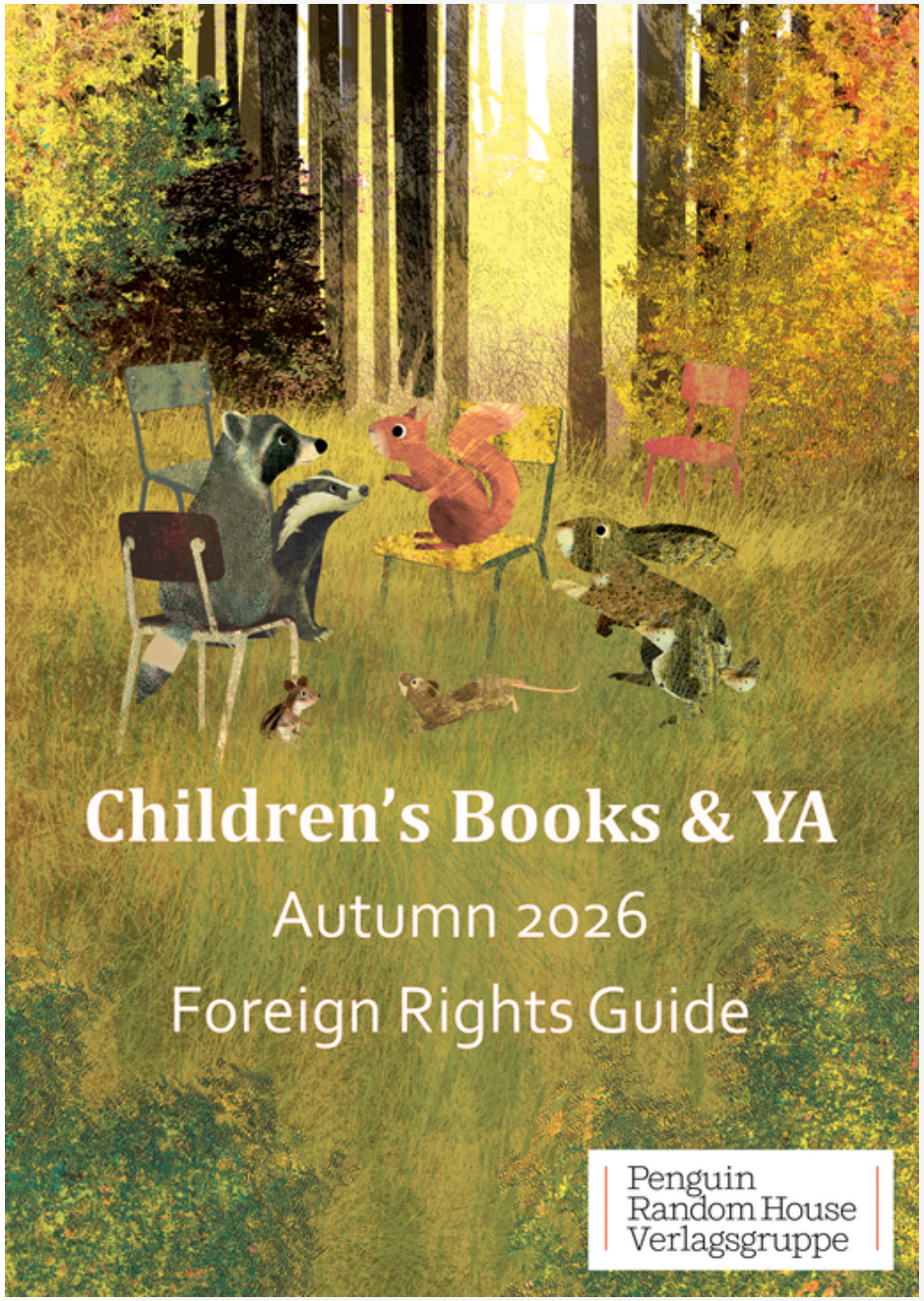

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Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ramona Kaulitzki
Pages & Size: 26 | 18,0x16,0 cm
Recommended age group: 2+
Original title: Zehn, neun, acht - der Fuchs sagt gute Nacht

SILVIA SCHRöER, SILKE SCHWARZ

Ten, Nine, Eight – Foxy Says, ‘It’s late!’

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

Rights sold to: Slovakia (Ikar)

2+

The adorable bedtime picture book - now as a mini board book

Ten minutes, and then it is lights out! Foxy and his friends are not tired at all, but Daddy Fox insists it is late and time for bed. So the little fox and his pals have just ten minutes for as many adventures as possible. And at dusk, there is all sorts going on in Drowsy Forest! But adventures can make you very, very tired…
A magical, cosy bedtime tale for little ones – a handy small-format board book with beautiful coloured edges.

- Lovely bedtime stories - now as a board book for the little ones
- High-quality and evocative illustrations
- Heartwarming rhymes perfect for reading out loud

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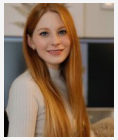

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Ramona Kaulitzki grew up in a small town in Germany, and was creative even as a child. She did needlework and took photos, but drawing pictures and telling stories has always been her greatest passion. She loves getting deep into her characters, and makes up whole worlds for them. When she isn't drawing, she enjoys riding horses, and her love for animals and nature is a source of inspiration for her. The picture book Sisters First by Jenna Hager Bush & Barbara Pierce Bush and illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki was a 2019 New York Times bestseller.

Picture Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 48 | 21,0x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 2+
Original title: Weck den Weihnachtswichtel. Ein Weihnachts-Mitmachbuch.Zum Schütteln, Schaukeln, Pusten, Klopfen und sehen, was dann passiert. Von 2 bis 4 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

Wake up, Christmas Gnome! An Interactive Christmas Book

SHAKE, CRADLE, BLOW, KNOCK, AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS…
VOL. 8

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

2+

The new interactive Christmas book by this bestselling author

Woohoo! Christmas is on its way, and the gnomes are moving back into the humans' houses. Little Christmas gnome Nils, too, loves joining in with the preparations for the festivities. He must make sure he does not sleep through his alarm, because there is still so much to do! The house mouse wants its feet tickled, a child needs help making their letter to Santa look pretty, and the squirrel has a present for him to wrap… But little Nils cannot do it alone: he needs your help, to make sure he gets it all done in time for the big day and avoids any mishaps!

• Sternbaum's second interactive Christmas book, following his bestselling Schüttel den Weihnachtsbaum ('Shake the Christmas tree')
• 48pp of interactive fun: shake, blow and knock on it, and tell your own stories
• Little ones will love lending Nils a helping hand!
• Series sold in 19 languages, and over 1.8 million copies of series sold in German markets alone

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Even as a child, Nico Sternbaum loved drawing and making up stories. Together with his parents, he explored the big wide world – including South Africa – and built himself an adventure-tree-house in his grandparents' orchard. After finishing school he studied at an arts academy, and today he's a popular and bestselling illustrator and author. His books have been highly acclaimed and translated into several other languages, including Mandarin. "Schüttel den Apfelbaum" ('Shake the apple tree'), "Schaukel das Schaf" ('Cradle the sheep'), "Wink dem Wal" ('Wave to the whale') and "Schüttel den Weihnachtsbaum" ('Shake the Christmas tree') have all been bestsellers, and several of his titles have been commended by the highly regarded German reading charity Stiftung Lesen. He lives near Limburg and loves travelling, Korean food and visiting museums.

Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Iris Blanck
Pages & Size: 32 | 27,0x23,0 cm
Recommended age group: 3+
Illustrations: 24 color illustrations
Original title: Flöckchen, die Winter-Wunsch-Fee

IRIS BLANCK

Snowy the Winter-Wish Fairy

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

3+

An imaginative firework of a story

Jolly little winter-wish fairy Snowy lives in a castle in the clouds with ptarmigan Dorothee and snow hare Klaus. The threesome spend their time skating, having pillow fights and drinking hot chocolate. But when winter comes, it is time to get back down to Earth! Snowy makes sure there are lots of snowflakes swirling about, and now and again she makes someone's dreams come true, too. Who knows, maybe she has been to visit you already? You can tell if she has, because when she leaves, she always leaves behind a pretty ice flower on the window…
A picture book with imaginative, dreamy and optimistic verses – the perfect Christmas present!

• The ideal picture, with short, catchy rhymes
• You cannot help but fall in love with sweet little Snowy
• With her first picture book, popular illustrator Blanck has created a wonderful new universe, with an evocative story and imaginative illustrations

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Iris Blanck was born in Hamburg and studied illustration there at the University of Applied Sciences for Design. She then began her professional career in the field of animation and became self-employed in 2004. Since then she has been working as a freelance illustrator.

Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Yayo Kawamura
Pages & Size: 14 | 26,0x34,0 cm
Recommended age group: 3+
Illustrations: 14 color illustrations
Original title: Die Stadt der Hunde

YAYO KAWAMURA

Welcome to Houndtown

A LOOK AND FIND BOOK

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

3+

Step inside Houndtown, a city where dogs run the show and every corner hides a surprise. From the Australian Terrier who loves to teach to the chess-playing Miniature Schnauzer, each spread overflows with activity, and delightful details to spot. Children can take in the bustle of markets, playgrounds, concerts, and parades, while adults and young readers alike will enjoy recognizing the actual traits of each breed: meet Tucker, the mixed-breed cabbie who knows every shortcut; Lucy, the dachshund with endless charm; and Winston, the Great Dane fishmonger who keeps the market bustling. Every character adds personality, and together they create a town that feels as vibrant and varied as a real city—alive with humor, energy, and warmth.

• Illustrated with wit and precision, this large-format board book is at once a playful seek-and-find and a joyful portrait of urban life.

• A handy “Who’s Who” on the back cover introduces all the dogs of Houndtown by breed and name, encouraging readers to follow their favorites through each scene.

• Its richly detailed artwork and spirit of discovery makes this book an irresistible gift for dog lovers and perfect for children learning to observe and share the world around them.

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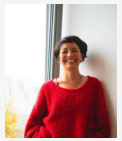

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Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Anna Galitskaya
Pages & Size: 32 | 24,0x30,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Illustrations: 15 color illustrations
Original title: Flieg ganz sacht mit deinen Träumen durch die Nacht

EVA HIERTEIS

Dream Yourself Through the Night

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

A dreamy night-time journey with the woodland animals

Linus cannot seem to get to sleep. He is restless and his mind is racing. ‘Fancy a little trip?’ asks Mr Bear, who can’t sleep either. And off they go…
Linus enters a very special world that touches all his senses, as he shelters in a snail’s house, cuddles up with the squirrel and bobs on the water with the otter...
As each animal shows Linus its favourite way to sleep, it does not take long before he starts feeling sleepy too.
The perfect bedtime read for little ones who have trouble getting to sleep.
• An imaginative dream journey for a quiet night
• From page to page, the illustrations become more delicately coloured, contributing to a growing sense of calm

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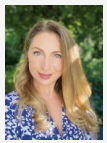

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Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Sarah Dietz
Pages & Size: 32 | 21,0x27,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Ganz viel GEFÜHLT!

AMELIE PLAAS-LINK

Feelings Galore

A PICTURE BOOKS FOR HIGHLY SENSITIVE CHILDREN

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

There are just so many emotions to deal with...

How loud the jungle is, how bright the colours and how hot the sun! The little elephant knows that it is different from other animals. It simply feels, sees, hears, smells and tastes so much more than they do. Sometimes, things get a bit too much. Luckily, Mum is there to lead the way through the confusing world of emotions and stimuli – and the little elephant realises that being highly sensitive can be a real superpower!

An empathetic picture book for highly sensitive children

• A topical subject that's still underrepresented in the picture book market
• With an afterword by expert Melanie Vita
• Lovingly illustrated by Sarah Dietz

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Amelie Plaas-Links has always loved telling stories. What started with a tape recorder in her childhood bedroom has turned into storytelling for stage, screen and audio. Alongside acting and public speaking, she loves nothing more than writing stories. Especially stories that help children feel more confident, and which make them laugh and dream. She lives in Berlin.

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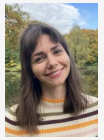

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Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Sara Fandrey
Pages & Size: 40 | 24,5x24,5 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Illustrations: 20 color illustrations
Original title: Unsere zauberhaften Rauhnächte – Mit Elfe Njóla die magischste Zeit des Jahres erleben

CHRISTINE DOHLER

Our Magical Betwixtmas

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

Betwixtmas: the special days between Christmas and New Year

Christmas is over, but now a very special time awaits Ida and Tim: in the middle of the night, Njóla the fairy flitters into their room and invites the pair to come and discover the magic of Betwixtmas. And so the three of them spend a lovely time together with Mum, Dad and Grandma: they explore wintry landscapes, learn all about the old traditions – such as the magic wish ritual – and do lots of calming mindfulness exercises that enchant their senses. That's how Ida, Tim and their whole family say goodbye to the old year, and get ready for the new one…

• A trendy topic with a long tradition: make the days between Christmas and Epiphany a cosy time of mindful rituals for the whole family
• Following her book for parents, Rauhnächte mit Kindern erleben ('Celebrating Betwixtmas with kids'), this is the bestselling author's first children's title
• Discover the old Betwixtmas traditions in this atmospheric picture book
• Informative, with tons of brilliant ideas for lovely rituals and calming mindfulness exercises

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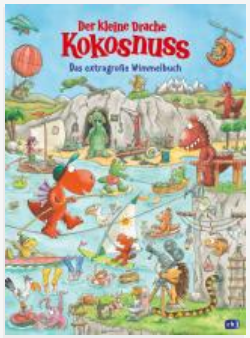

Picture Books

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner
Pages & Size: 26 | 26,0x34,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokonsnuss – Das extragroße Wimmelbuch

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: Giant Search and Find Book

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

4+

Search-and-find fun with Coconut

Oh no! On Dragon Island, things have started disappearing. Where are Coconut's sunnies? Where are Jumbo-Jumble's pincers? And where is Pirate Pieter Portside's compass? Can you help little fire-breathing dragon Coconut and his friends Matilda and Oskar find them, and lots more things besides, on these 12 busy spreads? Search-and-find fun for Coconut fans aged 4+ with robust pages and rounded corners.

• Colourful hidden-object spreads featuring some of the popular settings from Coconut's world
• There is tons to discover on these 12 spreads on boards with rounded corners
• An interactive picture book for young Coconut fans

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Author and illustrator Ingo Siegner (b. in Hanover in 1965) grew up in Großburgwedel. His little dragon Coconut is one of Germany's best known children's characters, and his books about the fire-breathing dragon have been translated into several languages. In 2025, the German Post Office honoured Siegner with a special Little Dragon Coconut stamp, and the Children's Museum in Speyer put on a spectacular exhibition featuring his stories and characters. Siegner lives in Hanover with his wife.

Picture Books

Publishing House: Prestel junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Britta Teckentrup
Pages & Size: 96 | 19,0x26,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 96 color illustrations
Original title: Die Lichtung

BRITTA TECKENTRUP

The Chairs

A STORY ABOUT THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

6+

English edition available

Britta Teckentrup's most timely story yet: A warm tale of belonging, exclusion, and the power of community

One day, a yellow chair appears in a sunlit forest clearing—and nobody knows how it got there. Then another arrives, and another. As the clearing fills with creatures of every kind, a tender and joyful home takes shape, built on the simple pleasure of sharing a space with others. But when exclusionary signs begin to appear overnight, that spirit is put to the test—and the animals must find the strength to reclaim what they have built together. With her characteristic layered textures, glowing forest light, and richly populated scenes, Teckentrup transforms a deceptively simple setting into a fully realized world where each creature has a face, a feeling, and a place to call its own. Funny, touching, and genuinely wise, the book speaks directly to experiences children know from their own lives: the sting of being left out, the resolve it takes to stand up for others, and the joy of a community that welcomes all.

• An animal parable about community and exclusion
• Encourages reflection on society and politics—on both a large and small scale
• Masterful illustrations by Britta Teckentrup

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First Readers

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ute Krause
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Die Muskeltiere – Tierisch gute Einschlaf-Geschichten

UTE KRAUSE

Good Night, Muscleteers!

SHORT STORIES FOR BEDTIME

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

The Muscleteers tell bedtime stories

Poor Muscleteers: the foursome have been asked to look after Ratterich and Rattelique's contrary little baby Rattibor. And because Rattibor refuses to go to sleep without a bedtime story, Gruyère, Picandou, Pomme de Terre and Bertram the hamster dust off their ideas and start telling him about a brave little girl mouse who is also a knight, knowitall fish, smartypants sea cucumbers, singing dormice and many other unusual heroes.
Exciting, funny and magical bedtime stories by and about the Muscleteers.
• With lots of colour illustrations
• Clever, funny, multi-layered – lovingly written, and illustrated by the acclaimed author herself
• Perfect for reading together

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First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Yvonne Sundag
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Nisse Nachtwichtel. Auf Mondlicht-Mission im Traumwald

USCH LUHN

Nisse the Night Gnome: Moonlight Mission in Dream Forest

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

5 to 10-minute-long bedtime stories

Nisse is a night gnome, and when the moon is high in the sky and the fireflies glow, he goes from place to place and checks that the kids and animals are all asleep. Whether it is a snoring goblin keeping everyone awake, a pair of sleep-preventers at work or a dream thief on the loose, Nisse has a solution for everything. He will help even the most wide-awake fall asleep – that is the night gnome guarantee! A delightful bedtime story with self-contained stories between 5 and 10 minutes in length, perfect for little night owls.

• Nisse the night gnome can help even the most wide-awake kids go to sleep
• 13 short, self-contained stories
• A fantastic world of cheeky dreams, magical star dust and imaginative gnomes

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ILLUSTRATOR

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First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Catharina Westphal
Pages & Size: 144 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Knusper und Hörnchen – Die Weihnachts-Wunder-Bäckerei

ANDREAS HüGING, ANGELIKA NIESTRATH

Nibbles & Crunch, the Wonderful Christmas Bakery

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

4+

An adventure filled with kindness and magic that makes Christmas come alive

When the Nibbles & Crunch baker's cart stops at the local Christmas market, a nosy mouse and a little squirrel are on board. You want to know what they are called? Well, Nibbles and Crunch, of course – it says so on the sign!
From a tiny little hatch, they share the crumbs dropped by the big humans up there with the other animals. And because Nibbles and Crunch are both nosy and helpful, they serve up solutions for all sorts of problems along with the delicious morsels. What with Christmas on its way, they have their paws especially full, as they try to ensure that every one of their customers has the best Christmas ever. Fortunately, it is the season of miracles big and small… at least, if Nibbles and Crunch get their way!
Adorably delicious Christmas story in 24 chapters, one for every day of advent.
• At the Christmas market, Nibble and Crunch hand out tasty morsels and advice to their customers
• Heartwarming and fun, it's a wonderfully illustrated tale for the whole family

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Angelika Niestrath has been a bookseller and worked for publishers and as a consultant. The two have been working together for a while now, creating children's books and musical stage shows. They live in Berlin and Lower Saxony, and are often on the road.

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Sibylle Hammer
Pages & Size: 192 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Original title: Kuno Kettenstrumpf – Unglaubliche Ritterabenteuer

OLIVER PÖTZSCH

Sir Chuck of Chainmail: A Fantastic Knight's Tale

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

5+

Hilarious adventures for little knights and big heroines

Welcome to Sir Chuck of Chainmail's world – here live dragons and chocolate-loving trolls, and a new adventure awaits you every day! Together with his trusted mare Rosinante, clever elf Aurin and lots of other friends, Sir Chuck stands up to rancid robbers, sneaky sorcerers and takes part in crazy jousting contests. There is never a dull moment at Castle Chainmail!
Madcap and magical 5 to 10-minute-long knights' tales for early readers.
• Fun adventures from a historian and bestselling author
• Sir Chuck of Chainmail has all kinds of crazy, suspenseful and magical adventures, perfect for little knights and big heroines
• Colourfully illustrated self-contained stories that take just 5–10 minutes to read

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Oliver Pötzsch (b. 1970) is the author of internationally successful historical fiction and children's books. He has traced his family tree back several centuries, and many of his books are based on the lives of his own ancestors. He is also a passionate musician – whenever he does a public reading, he carries with him a knight's sword, a chain-mail coif, and a guitar.

ILLUSTRATOR

Sibylle Hammer
Sibylle Hammer lives and works in Munich as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. In addition to her work in design for Bayerischer Rundfunk, she writes and illustrates children's books for various publishers. In 2003, she received an award from the Stiftung Buchkunst for the most beautiful schoolbook of the year.

First Readers

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Saskia Gaymann
Pages & Size: 128 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Original title: Knallharte Steinzeit

RÜDIGER BERTRAM

It's Tough in the Stone Age! Sabre-tooth Needs First Aid

VOL. 2

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

5+

Welcome to the Stone Age – a time of danger and all kinds of brilliant adventure

Stone Age kids Crow and Wolf are puzzled. For weeks now, every night there has been such a roaring noise that no one in their cave settlement has been able to sleep. What is going on? One night, they go on a stakeout, and discover that the roar is coming from a sabre-toothed tiger with sabre-tooth-tooth-ache. But the poor animal will not let anyone near it, and they have no idea what to do. Will a passing group of strangers help? Or are they secretly planning to take over the cave settlement?
Book 2 in this fun new adventure series for little Stone Age fans.
• The Stone Age rocks! If you love the Ice Age movies, you'll adore this
• A hilarious tale featuring two friends who live in the ever-popular Stone Age
• Cheerful, cheeky and dynamic illustrations by Saskia Gaymann

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Rüdiger Bertram (b. 1967) makes a living thinking up funny, exciting stories for children. He loves giving public readings, for which he won an award in 2022.

ILLUSTRATOR

Saskia Gaymann
Saskia Gaymann (b. Freiburg, 1979) grew up in Rome. In 2008, following a successful career as a TV make-up artist, she became a full-time illustrator and cartoonist. Cheeky, curious, confident and with a big grin on their faces, her distinctive little and big heroes explore life with an irresistible sense of humour.

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Mareike Ammersken
Pages & Size: 240 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Illustrations: 240 color illustrations
Original title: Minna Melone

SVEN GERHARDT

Minna Melon

A SPECIAL EDITION OF TWO STORIES FROM TRUELEIGH WOOD

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

5+

Every day's a new adventure!

It's an ordinary day in Trueleigh Wood, and the animals are busy doing what they always do – collecting wood, fixing the garden gate… squirrel Zara seems to be the only one who has noticed the strange figure with the hand cart, who has set up a stage on the edge of the wood. A sign above the stage reads, 'Every day is a new adventure!' Soon, Minna Melon turns Zara and the other animals' lives upside down with her fantastical tales…
When Minna Melon returns to Truleigh Wood, nothing's how it used to be. The little stage is all overgrown, and Zara Top Hat has ventured out into the big, wide world. She has plucked up the courage to follow her heart, and found a rich reward: new friends and wonderful new experiences. But just as Zara thinks her journey is at an end, she has to make an important decision – all by herself.
A special collected edition of the two wonderful adventures "Minna Melon: Quirky Tales from Truleigh Wood" and "Zara Top Hat: A Magical Journey through Someoneland".
• Two beautiful, lyrical tales by the bestselling author in one volume
• Comes with an important message: each and every one of us has their very own unique strengths, depths and gifts

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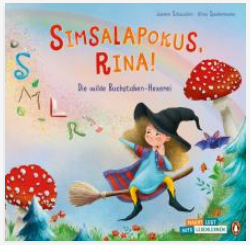
Sven Gerhardt graduated with a degree in media design, and spent several years working as a graphic designer and illustrator. It was his passion for drawing which eventually led him to discover his inner storyteller. Today, he is a freelance writer and the author of the bestselling "Heuhaufen-Halunken" ('Haystack rascals') adventures.

ILLUSTRATOR

Mareike Ammersken
After completing her training in social pedagogy and working as a nursery school teacher, Mareike Ammersken (born in 1992) studied illustration at HAW Hamburg. Her atmospheric illustrations are inspired by long walks with her dog.



Picture Books

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Alina Spiekermann
Pages & Size: 32 | 24,5x24,5 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Illustrations: 20 color illustrations
Original title: Simsalapokus, Rina! Die wilde Buchstaben-Hexerei

JASMIN SCHAUDINN

Hocuscadabra, Rina! Witchy Letters

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

5+

Playful learning: welcome to the alphabet!

Rina the witch really, really, really wants to go to the witches' party. But you can only get in if you know the password! So she and her best friend, Rudi the bat, get on her broom and fly off to solve the password puzzle. Along the way, they learn their first letters – and at the end, Rina, Rudi and the big witches have a fantastic party…
A cheeky interactive picture book.
• Learn the alphabet with this magical interactive picture book
• Make reading fun with this playful introduction to the world of letters and words
• An exciting learning adventure written by an educator, for reading at home or at school

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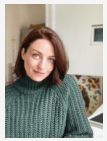
When Jasmin Schaudinn still worked in a nursery, she loved dancing around wildly with her little charges before settling down for storytime. Now she works from home, thinking up her wonderful stories with a big pot of tea on the go and a shaggy dog keeping her feet warm.

ILLUSTRATOR

Alina Spiekermann



© Alina Spiekermann

Alina Spiekermann is a qualified interior designer and created film sets before illustrating her first children's book in 2021. Now, she can't think of anything she'd rather do.

Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 96 | 21,0x26,0 cm
Recommended age group: 4+
Original title: Meine erste Mal- und Zeichenschule - Weihnachten. Ab 4 Jahren

NICO STERNBAUM

My First Christmas Art School

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

4+

Let's draw some brilliant pictures while we wait for Father Christmas...

Santa Claus, St Nicholas, Christmas trees, angels, gingerbread, advent wreaths – with more than 100 Christmas motifs, this art activity book for children aged 4+ has something for everyone. It is so easy, too: all you need to do is follow the simple step-by-step guide to create your basic shape – e.g. a triangle – then add some details to turn it into something special, e.g. Santa Claus's hat. And because these geometric shapes do not require as much planning and precision as free-hand drawing, even the shyest budding artist will quickly get a real sense of achievement, and have lots of fun along the way.

• More than 100 pictures, including Santa Claus, snowmen, sleighs, Christmas trees, baubles, and much, much more

• Learning to draw is as easy as 1, 2, 3: follow the steps for the basic shapes using colouring pencils, felt-tip pens or watercolours, then add the details using a black pen or pencil

• These simple steps make learning fine motor skills easier and more fun than some other methods, and give even kids who find things a little tricky a sense of achievement right from the start

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Nico Sternbaum

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Even as a child, Nico Sternbaum loved drawing and making up stories. Together with his parents, he explored the big wide world – including South Africa – and built himself an adventure-tree-house in his grandparents' orchard. After finishing school he studied at an arts academy, and today he's a popular and bestselling illustrator and author. His books have been highly acclaimed and translated into several other languages, including Mandarin. "Schüttel den Apfelbaum" ('Shake the apple tree'), "Schaukel das Schaf" ('Cradle the sheep'), "Wink dem Wal" ('Wave to the whale') and "Schüttel den Weihnachtsbaum" ('Shake the Christmas tree') have all been bestsellers, and several of his titles have been commended by the highly regarded German reading charity Stiftung Lesen. He lives near Limburg and loves travelling, Korean food and visiting museums.

Activity Books

Publishing House: Bassermann
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 80 | 21,0x26,0 cm
Recommended age group: 5+
Original title: Mein buntes Vorlagenbuch: Bügelperlen Weihnachten. Über 100 Motive

NORBERT PAUTNER

My Colourful Christmas Fuse Bead Book – Includes More than 100 Templates

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

5+

Christmas time is fuse bead time!

Create simple, pretty and fun Christmas-themed fuse bead shapes with these fantastic 100+ patterns – from Christmas gnomes, stars and baubles to gingerbread, Father Christmas, angels and snowflakes, there is something for everyone. It even includes three special 3D fuse bead projects: a nativity scene, a Christmas tree and a sleigh! All templates are in the actual size and work with all standard square, round and hexagonal peg boards. And when you are ready to come up with your own designs, there is a link with inspiration and more templates to download.

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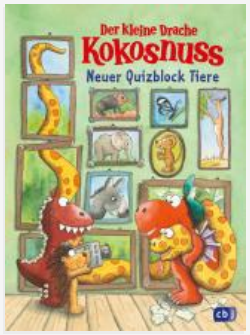
Norbert Pautner has been drawing and painting ever since he has been able to hold a crayon. After learning Mandarin and having lots of exciting adventures, he now does what he always loved best as a kid: drawing, crafting, and writing stories.



Activity Books

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Ingo Siegner
Pages & Size: 128 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Original title: Der kleine Drache Kokosnuss - Quizblock Tiere 2

INGO SIEGNER

Little Dragon Coconut: Animal Quiz Pad 2

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

6+

More brilliant quizzes and puzzles for kids

Little dragon Coconut, devouring dragon Oskar and porcupine Matilda have met loads of amazing animals on their travels. And now the friends from Dragon Island introduce us to some of them in this fantastic spiral-bound quiz pad – with multiple choice trivia questions that help you discover even more exciting facts about each of the animals!
Fascinating facts about animals and how they adapt to their habitats, richly illustrated in colour.

- With fun multiple-choice questions on each animal (answers in the back)
- Lots of colourful, fun and informative illustrations
- Spiral-bound quiz pad

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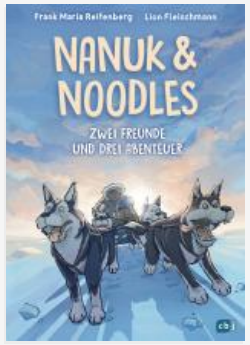
Author and illustrator Ingo Siegner (b. in Hanover in 1965) grew up in Großburgwedel. His little dragon Coconut is one of Germany's best known children's characters, and his books about the fire-breathing dragon have been translated into several languages. In 2025, the German Post Office honoured Siegner with a special Little Dragon Coconut stamp, and the Children's Museum in Speyer put on a spectacular exhibition featuring his stories and characters. Siegner lives in Hanover with his wife.



Non-Fiction

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Lion Fleischmann
Pages & Size: 176 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Nanuk & Noodles

FRANK MARIA REIFENBERG

Nanuk & Noodles

TWO FRIENDS, THREE ADVENTURES
VOL. 1

Date of publication: October 14, 2026

8+

When the Arctic calls...

Nanuk's grandad knew everything there is to know about the Arctic, and Nanuk is desperate to put what he taught him into practice. So he takes part in the big sled dog race, builds an igloo, meets a polar bear and gets lost in a blizzard. His best friend Noodles is always by his side, and even if the two of them run into danger more than once, they know they'll always follow the call of the Arctic, no matter what…
Three short stories in one book – the start of a unique new non-fiction series for curious kids.
• A fascinating, highly illustrated new kind of narrative non-fiction for children
• Text and images intertwine to create a gripping tale of adventure packed with fascinating facts about the Arctic (peer-reviewed by an expert from the Austrian Polar Research Institute)
• The perfect creative team: an experienced author + expressive illustrations by a rising talent

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Frank Maria Reifenberg trained as a bookseller, and has written screenplays, radio plays and books for children and teenagers since 1999. His 50+ novels and stories have been translated into many languages. He has spent years helping boys discover the pleasure of reading, lectured at Cologne University and been an advisor to the Rhineland-Palatinate state schools ministry. He is also the founder of reading initiatives such as Kicken & Lesen KölnBonn and the recommendation platform Boys and Books.

ILLUSTRATOR

Lion Fleischmann

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distinctive characters. He since refined his style with a focus on illustration and caricature. His work ranges from graffiti projects and gallery exhibitions to narrative illustration. It is characterized by lively, humorous figures and a clear, child-friendly visual language. He is currently mainly engaged in illustrating children’s books and developing his own visual worlds for young readers.

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Jutta Berend
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Erster Schultag unter Monstern

KATHRIN LENA ORSO

First Day at Monster School

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

6+

Hilarious school adventure for early readers

Matti the hamster is looking forward to his first day at school. But today of all days, he and Dad are running late… so late, in fact, that Matti has to walk into the classroom all on his own. But hang on – the kids here look a bit odd. Is this really a school for hamsters?
A topsy-turvy tale for early readers
• A hamster ends up in a school for monsters
• Large typeface, very short sentences, few & short chapters
• With hilarious illustrations by Jutta Berend
• Includes a fun comprehension quiz

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Kathrin Lena Orso spent her childhood in Bavaria, where she made up her first adventures and scribbled her first stories. Some years later, she qualified as a teacher, but she has remained true to her passion for writing. In 2018, she became a full-time author. Alongside children's books, she also writes audio plays, lyrics for kids' songs and comic books.

ILLUSTRATOR

Jutta Berend

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When she was a child, Jutta Berend's favourite way to spend her free time was reading and drawing on the floor of her childhood bedroom . Little has changed since then, except that she now lives in Hamburg, has children of her own and no longer lies on the floor when she paints. Most of the time, anyway.

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Patrick Fix
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Rettung für den Wasser-Drachen

PATRICK FIX

Save the Water Dragon!

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

6+

Join us for an exciting adventure at the bottom of the ocean

Eugh! There is a little water dragon in Sand Castle's moat! But his dad has been locked up by the nasty ocean witch, and only the kids can save him… Nora and Paul are more than happy to help!
Exciting adventure for early readers

- An underwater adventure for girls and boys
- Ideal for early readers
- A large, easy-to-read typeface, very short sentences, few & short chapters
- Colour illustrations throughout by Fix himself
- Includes a fun comprehension quiz

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Patrick Fix

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As a kid, Patrick Fix wanted to become either an oceanographer or a wildlife filmmaker, and his mother wasn't best pleased about constantly finding earthworms and woodlice in his pockets… Later, Patrick started making up stories and creating his own picture books with watercolours and colouring pencils. After graduating with a degree in graphic design from Stuttgart, he created corporate mascots for a Swabian sports car manufacturer, drew comics for a magazine and created advertising slogans for Italian cottage cheese. Today, he writes and illustrates children's and YA books. In his spare time, he likes to hang out in nature with his wife and two daughters.
www.patrick-fix.com (German only)

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Isabelle Göntgen
Pages & Size: 48 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Hufeisen-Zauber – Pony Pina und der Glücks-Kobold

AMELIE PLAAS-LINK

The Magic Horseshoes: Pina the Pony and the Lucky Goblins

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

6+

Enchanting, witty and heartwarming pony adventures

Pina the pony decides that her friend Kosmo has had enough bad luck lately. Luckily, her magic horseshoes can help her find the little Lucky Goblins. But the goblins have a big problem: the four-leaf clovers have vanished, and all their power has gone! Naturally, Pina lends a helping hand. Can she and her magic horseshoes bring luck back into the world?
Magical adventures for early readers.
• Exciting pony magic and a cheeky heroine searching for luck
• A great book for improving readers, with short sentences and syllable markers, and divided into bite-sized segments
• Large, easy-to-read format, divided into short chapters, with comprehension activities & a fun quiz at the end
• A charming pony story with enchanting illustrations, by pony experts Amelie Plaas-Link and Isabelle Göntgen

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Amelie Plaas-Links has always loved telling stories. What started with a tape recorder in her childhood bedroom has turned into storytelling for stage, screen and audio. Alongside acting and public speaking, she loves nothing more than writing stories. Especially stories that help children feel more confident, and which make them laugh and dream. She lives in Berlin.

ILLUSTRATOR

Isabelle Göntgen

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Isabelle Göntgen now lives in Oberkirch, close to the Black Forest. She was born in South Korea in 1977 and came to Germany as a baby. Since 2006, she has dedicated herself entirely to illustration and has designed colourful children's, horse and hidden object books - and that really is the best job she can imagine!

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Lion Fleischmann
Pages & Size: 64 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 6+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Klassenfahrt zum Dinopark

THILO

School Trip to the Dinosaur Park

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

6+

Jurassic Park meets school trip – action-packed adventures with dinos

Emil, Emma and their classmates are off to the Dinosaur Park! There, they meet living, breathing vegetarian dinos and cute little dino babies. But there is more: when no one is looking, Emil, Emma and their friends Aishe and Philip climb onto a super-fast Gallimimus, who promptly races around the park with them! But then a Giganotosaur shows up, and things get a bit scary. Can they be brave, work together as a team and save the dino babies?
Action-packed adventure for young dinosaur fans.
• Fast-paced fun from this bestselling author and expert in early-reader books, with cool pictures by illustrator and graffiti artist Lion Fleischmann
• Great for improving readers – short chapters with bite-sized segments, lots of reading breaks and a large, easy-to-read font
• Includes fascinating facts about dinosaurs

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THiLO

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THiLO spent most of his childhood hanging out with Emil and the detectives and Pippi Longstocking in his parents' bookshop. After finishing school, he travelled through Africa, Asia and Central America before doing a degree in Communication Studies. He has also worked in radio and TV. He now lives in Mainz, and is a successful author of children's and YA stories and screenplays.

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Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Vera Kiegeland
Pages & Size: 160 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 40 b/w illustrations
Original title: Kuno Klapper und die wilden Feuerfüßler

TINA SCHILP

Ringo Rattler and the Wild Firefoots

VOL. 3

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

8+

The firefoots are out of control!

Ringo Rattler clearly woke up on the wrong side of the coffin this morning: first, he starts a fight with nasty old stone dwarf MacCrunch, then he has an unpleasant encounter with a glass display cabinet. The result is a pile of debts so big it can make even a skeleton sweat. So when his neighbour Otto needs someone to look after three precious firefoots, Ringo says yes – the pay is good, and what can possibly go wrong? But the problems start on day one, and only get worse from there – because those firefoot worms are madder than a bag of poltergeists. And then, suddenly, they are gone …

• Ringo Rattler is a hilariously silly skeleton
• Creepy reading fun - great for improving your reading skills
• Richly illustrated by Vera Kiegeland
• Recommended by the boys&books jury as a great way to get boys into reading for pleasure

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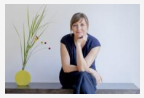

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ILLUSTRATOR

Vera Kiegeland

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Vera Kiegeland is a freelance illustrator from Berlin. After working as an architect for a few years, she decided to pursue her real passion of becoming an illustrator. Even as a kid, she always had a pen in hand, and would draw anything that came to mind – and in that regard, she hasn't changed one bit.

Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Csilla Bandi
Pages & Size: 144 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 40 color illustrations
Original title: Verflixt verhext

MARGIT AUER

Bewitched and Bamboozled: The Midnight Visitor

VOL. 1

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

8+

Relaunch with brandnew illustrations

How do you crash-land a broomstick?

Young witch Pina and her aunts have left Witch Village behind for the human world. But no sooner have they settled into their new home than the strangest things start happening. It must be Great-Aunt Ambrosia's nasty old ghost! Pina does not find it funny at all, though, especially because Ruffini Square is already buzzing with wild rumours about the old haunted house and its weird inhabitants. Great-Aunt Ambrosia has to go, simple as that. Then Pina finds an old spell that is meant to cast out evil spirits – but it is a hellishly tricky one! Can she and her new friends Mellie and Robin banish the old curse?

• By the author of the popular "Schule der magischen Tiere" ('The school of magical animals') series
• Exciting, suspenseful story with a good dose of magic
• Short chapters and easy-to-read typeface: perfect book for early readers
• A new edition with magical illustrations by Csilla Bandi

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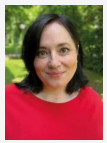
Margit Auer (b. 1967) studied journalism and spent several years working as a newspaper reporter. She now writes hugely popular children's books, including the Die Schule der magischen Tiere ('The school of magical animals') series. She lives in southern Germany with her family.

ILLUSTRATOR

Csilla Bandi



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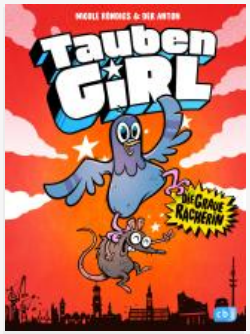

Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Anton Riedel
Pages & Size: 128 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 50 b/w illustrations
Original title: Tauben-Girl

NICOLE RöNDIGS

Pigeon Girl: The Grey Avenger

VOL. 1

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

8+

Two superheroes in dire straits

When Billy the Rat accidentally rescues young pigeon Gudrun from the clutches of some anti-pigeon netting, his life changes overnight. For Gudrun is not just any old big-city bird, no! She is Pigeon Girl, the Grey Avenger, superhero and master of the air! And because Billy is a really nice guy, he agrees to become Ratman, Gudrun's newest sidekick on her mission to combat (supposed) evil. And he gets her out of trouble on more than one occasion: Gudrun somehow seems unable to avoid all kinds of havoc on her hunt for potential felons, and most of them turn out to be perfectly harmless... But then Gudrun and Billy see a security van being robbed, and suddenly things turn serious. Can the two superheroes catch the evildoers – and save their own necks?
Hilarious adventure with lots of graphic novel elements.

- It is mission impossible for Pigeon Girl and Ratman
- Comical (mis)adventures featuring two brilliant animal heroes
- Suspense + slapstick = the fun never stops
- With funny illustrations and graphic novel elements by Anton Riedel

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ILLUSTRATOR

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© Anke Riedel

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Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Sarah Friede
Pages & Size: 144 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Illustrations: 36 color illustrations
Original title: Lucy Hell

BRITTA SABBAG

Lucy Hell

BEING A GOOD GIRL ALL THE TIME IS HER IDEA OF HELL…
VOL. 1

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

8+

Good girls go to heaven, but strong girls can go anywhere they like!

Lucy Hell, the devil's daughter, is shocked when she learns she will not succeed her dad to the Hell Throne. And only because she is a girl!
To prove to the Board of Hell Directors – and her dad – that they have made a massive mistake, Lucy emigrates to Earth. When the demonic powers see what she is capable of, they will have to admit that she is born to be Devil in Chief! Won't they? But then Lucy starts enjoying life on Earth a lot more than expected…
The start of a refreshingly cheeky new series for hellishly good girls.

• Tons of girl power
• The devil's daughter conquers the world
• Bestselling author Sabbag describes her heroine as 'Pippi Longstocking in Hell'
• Rebellious, cool and on the nose

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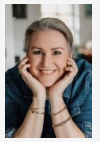

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Britta Sabbag studied linguistics, psychology and pedagogy in Bonn, and then spent seven years working in HR before pursuing her childhood dream of becoming a writer. Her debut novel became an instant bestseller in 2012, a success she has followed with more than 70 novels, YA and children's and picture books. She also writes songs and screenplays and runs creative-writing workshops. Two of her titles are in the process of being filmed.
Find out more at www.brittasabbag.de (German only)

ILLUSTRATOR

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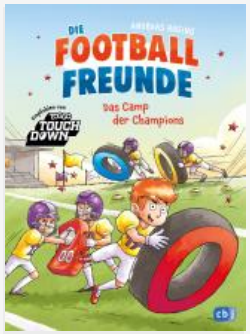

Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Dominik Rupp
Pages & Size: 160 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Die Football-Freunde – Das Camp der Champions

ANDREAS HüGING

Football Friends: Champions Camp

VOL. 4

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

8+

The quarterbacks do battle at an eventful training camp

Finally, they are here! The Tacoma Tornados' youth coaches have travelled all the way from the US with Jimmy's dad, a top receiver, to turn the Rebels into professionals. The kids have been looking forward to training camp for ages, but when they discover that other teams in their league will also be part of it, they are really annoyed. Soon, the training sessions turn into a disaster, as they all vie to be the best. Including Jimmy.
When his dad suggests that he should consider becoming a quarterback again, Jimmy is pitched against the league's strongest players. Again and again, he feels like he just cannot keep up with the training. His friendship with Cemile, too, turns sour. But when it comes to fulfilling his dream, Jimmy is ready to sacrifice everything… or is he?
The American football series for kids aged 8+ continues.
• A diverse cast of characters who learn to deal with their differences – and show how sports can bring kids together
• By beloved children's author Andreas Hüging, with illustrations by Dominik Rupp
• Includes a glossary

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Dominik Rupp

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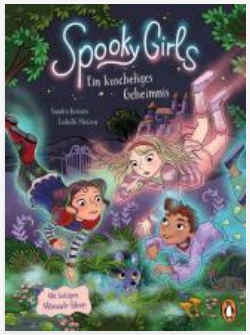

First Readers

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Isabelle Metzen
Pages & Size: 80 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 7+
Illustrations: 30 color illustrations
Original title: Spooky Girls – Ein kuscheliges Geheimnis

SANDRA GRIMM

Spooky Girls: An Adorable Secret

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

7+

Three ghost girls and a little werewolf – cute interactive book for early readers

Anima, Espe and Cookie, a.k.a. the Spooky Girls, are boarding at the fancy Eulenburg School – and there is always something exciting going on! And when Anima discovers an abandoned werewolf cub in the forest and smuggles it into the castle, the three friends cannot get a minute's peace any more…
An exciting adventure, not just for Halloween – with lots of cool illustrations and interactive fun for improving readers

- Three best friends and a little werewolf cause havoc at a boarding school
- Large typeface, generously set, with reading breaks and a glossary
- With illustrations by Isabelle Metzen

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Sandra Grimm lives in northern Germany with her husband and children. Several years ago, having studied pedagogy and worked as an editor for a while, she turned to writing books for children and teenagers – because it's the only way she can lay to rest all those funny and exciting stories haunting her brain…

ILLUSTRATOR

Isabelle Metzen

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Illustrator Isabelle Metzen creates enchanted worlds, charming animal creatures, and enchanting fairy tales—and has been doing so since childhood. Since earning her degree from Münster University of Applied Sciences, she has worked as a freelance illustrator for various children's and young adult publishers. She lives in beautiful Bochum with her two cats.

Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Paperback
With illustrations from: Julian Press
Pages & Size: 384 | 17,0x24,0 cm
Recommended age group: 8+
Original title: Finde den Täter

JULIAN PRESS

Find the Culprit

THREE BRILLIANT CRIME PUZZLES IN ONE

Date of publication: July 29, 2026

8+

Three brilliant crime puzzles in one book

Philip, Flo, Caro, Leo and Inspector Lars have already solved lots of cases together – and Find the Culprit, with its generous layout, short texts and wonderful search-and-find pictures, makes tracking down criminals so much fun, even for less practised readers! These gripping puzzles are a brilliant way to while away the hours.
Includes "The Treasure Map of Lilly Stone", "The Thief in the Dino Park" and "The Haunting of Bat Grotto"

• A big, fat crime puzzle book for little sleuths
• First-class fun that'll keep you busy for hours
• Lots of exciting cases and fantastic search-and-find pictures
• Three Find the Culprit books in one!
• Philipp, Flo, Caro, Leo and Inspector Lars are always a step ahead of the criminals… are you?

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Julian Press (b. 1960) studied graphic design and illustration at HAW in Hamburg before interning at a children's publisher's and working for children's magazines and an ad agency. He soon started writing and drawing his own books for children, and not long after followed in the footsteps of his father (Jürgen Press, author of the bestselling crime puzzle classic "The Black Hand") by creating his own crime puzzles and search-and-find picture books. Following a longish spell in Brussels, he now lives in Hamburg with his wife, where he works as a graphic designer alongside creating his children's books. His lively interactive public readings are hugely popular with sleuths young and old.

Middle Grade

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Daniel Steudtner
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 9+
Original title: Rios magische Reisen – Pizza-Alarm in Italien

CHRISTOPH KARRASCH

Rio's Magic Journeys: The Great Italian Pizza Scare

VOL. 3

Date of publication: August 12, 2026

Join us in Italy and help Rio solve the puzzle

Something exciting is happening at Wanderlust Hotel: as Rio is getting the Rome room ready for the new arrivals, magician Phil A. Delphia pops up unannounced. One of Phil's magical objects has been stolen, and Rio must go to Italy right now to get it back! As Rio, Nelly, Anna and Ben embark on a crazy trip through Italy, the adventures come thick and fast. Somewhere between the leaning tower of Pisa and Venice's gondolas, they must not only track down a thief, but clear up an ancient dispute: which family really invented the margherita pizza 140 years ago? The latest instalment in this children's series by travel journalist and bestselling author Christoph Karrasch

• Rome, Pisa and Venice await Rio on this exciting Italian road trip
• Book 3 in the cool adventure series for explorers
• A brilliant premise: the Wanderlust Hotel's rooms can magically transport you thousands of miles away

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Christoph Karrasch has spent 15 years travelling for his work as a journalist and TV presenter. He has won many prizes, and his travel account San Francisco on the Rhine spent weeks in the bestseller lists. With Rio's Magic Journeys, he now also writes holiday adventures for children – after all, lying on the sofa reading travel accounts is almost the best thing in the world. Only actually travelling can top it.

ILLUSTRATOR

Daniel Steudtner

© Daniel Steudtner

Daniel Steudtner (b. 1979) lives in in North Rhine Westphalia with his wife, son and dog. As a kid, he had a penchant for embellishing the wallpaper in his parents' house with his pens and paints – now, he puts his skills to good use creating pictures for children's and YA books.

Middle Grade

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Marie Braner
Pages & Size: 272 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 9+
Illustrations: 40 b/w illustrations
Original title: Vier Hexen und ein Zufallszauber

MARIE BRANER

Four Witches and an Accidental Spell

VOL. 1

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

9+

Star sisters take care of each other!

Tessa, Devi, Cleo and Liz are best friends. They are practically sisters, actually, because they were all born on the same night. But that is just the first of seven very special coincidences that, thirteen years later, break an old binding spell. Suddenly, the four of them have magical powers – but no idea what to do with them. Which causes all sorts of havoc. Meanwhile, strange things are happening in their home town of Foxstone. Dark powers are causing mischief, putting the girls' friendship to the test. Can they uncover the secret of magic in time, and learn to control their powers before it is too late?
Four friends, an old curse and tons of magic – the first book in an exciting new series.

• Out-of-control magic adventure bursting with girl power
• Beautifully written, with evocative illustrations by the author
• Mysterious and enchanting

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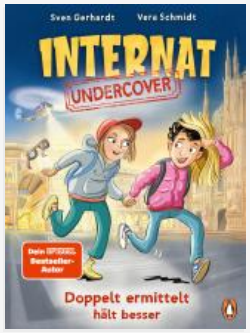

Middle Grade

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Vera Schmidt
Pages & Size: 224 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 9+
Illustrations: 25 b/w illustrations
Original title: Internat Undercover – Doppelt ermittelt hält besser

SVEN GERHARDT

Undercover Boarding School: Two Heads Are Better than One

VOL. 2

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

9+

A singer disappears

Fede still feels like an imposter at the boarding school for young agents. But be that as it may, there is a new case to solve and no time to waste: when he and his friends are given VIP tickets to see famous band Twinster in Milan, they're super-excited – but then singer A-Lysha disappears without a trace. There is only one person who can help: Lucia, the Twinsters' number one fan. The problem is, she is not an agent, and Fede mustn't tell anyone outside the school what happened. Still, he does not let that stop him! But then, just as they have picked up A-Lysha's trail, Fede is suspended for breaking the rules.....

An exciting adventure for boys and girls: Fede has a new case to solve!

• An old school in Milan becomes a super-modern training academy for junior agents
• Includes extracts from the top-secret spy handbook
• Witty, charming illustrations by Vera Schmidt

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Sven Gerhardt graduated with a degree in media design, and spent several years working as a graphic designer and illustrator. It was his passion for drawing which eventually led him to discover his inner storyteller. Today, he is a freelance writer and the author of the bestselling "Heuhaufen-Halunken" ('Haystack rascals') adventures.

ILLUSTRATOR

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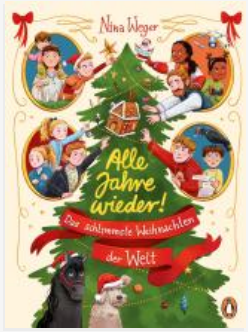
© Sandra Ruth

Vera Schmidt studied communication design in Augsburg. In 2004, she decided to follow her heart and became a freelance illustrator. She loves turning ideas and stories into pictures and creating new characters and worlds, and has a predilection for quirky things and situations.



Middle Grade

Publishing House: Penguin Junior
Format: Hardcover
With illustrations from: Phine Wolff
Pages & Size: 320 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 9+
Original title: Alle Jahre wieder! Das schlimmste Weihnachten der Welt

NINA WEGER

The Worst Christmas in History

9+

Date of publication: September 30, 2026

What could be the worst Christmas ever ends up a lot more fun than expected

The festive season is the most wonderful time of the year! At least, it usually is. But this year is different: instead of a cosy Christmassy atmosphere, there is one disaster after another. It all starts when Karl's dad's organic bakery closes down, and he ships his family off to an old hunting lodge in the back end of nowhere. Dad's Aunt Evelyn has died, and left it to them. Actually, not exactly: she has left it to whomever of her relatives is prepared to look after her pets – a three-legged dog, a depressed horse and a raven called Gangster. Soon, three families are involved in a bitter fight over the lodge. To top it all, there is a blizzard, a power cut and no chance of presents. While the adults bicker, the kids embark on their own mission – can they pull together and save Christmas?
An alternative Christmas story: funny, chaotic and full of surprises.

- A hilarious, exciting Christmas tale: what looks like the worst Christmas ever turns into the best one yet
- So funny and unexpected that it'll leave even Father Christmas breathless
- Featuring smart kids who save the day while their parents act like fools
- Unique illustrations by Phine Wolff

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Nina Weger grew up in a vicarage, where Christmas was the most stressful day of the year. After graduating from high school, she joined a circus as a tightrope walker, but later decided to become a writer. By now, she has written more than 25 children's books that have won her many prizes. In 2018, she won the German Book Trade Association award for her public readings. She also runs the prize-winning children's circus Giovanni and children's literature festival Salto Wortale on a voluntary basis, the latter of which won the first ever Stiftung Lesen Prize.

ILLUSTRATOR

Phine Wolff

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Phine Wolff studied communication design and is from Berlin. Whether working analog or digital, she enjoys a versatile approach across game design, comics, and

children’s books. When Phine isn’t drawing, she is probably strolling through her neighborhood with an audiobook in her ears, trying to pet every fluffy creature she can find.

Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 240 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 10+
Illustrations: 13 b/w illustrations
Original title: School of Witches - Die Zeit der Hexen

GINA MAYER

School of Witches: The Magic Hour

VOL. 1

Date of publication: September 16, 2026

10+

A journey forward in time

Massachusetts, c. 1850. In Salem's elite boarding school for witches, girls from all over the world are being trained in the art and science of magic. The witches of Salem have an honour code that requires them to only use their magic to make the world a better place for everyone – but one terrible enemy is standing in their way: warlock Obsidian, who repeatedly puts his skills at the service of criminals, dictators and fraudsters. His Golden League is now immensely rich and powerful. Chrystal has no idea about any of this when, one day, she accidentally sends herself into the twenty-first century, where she meets handsome Ronan, heir to Obsidian and his Golden League, who are still pursuing their nefarious deeds. Soon, Chrystal discovers hitherto unknown powers in herself – and learns that she's the only one who can defeat the Golden League. But whose side is Ronan on?

• The start of a new fantasy series by one of Germany's top-selling authors
• Witches, fantasy, time travel and first love – perfect reading material for girls aged 10+
• A fantastic plot packed with suspense and mystery, with strong heroines and an anti-hero to fall in love with
• Beautifully illustrated by Malou Großklaus

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Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 264 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 11+
Original title: Wilderland – Der Berg

GINA MAYER

Wilderland: The Mountain

VOL. 4

Date of publication: August 19, 2026

11+

The choice

When Jasleen and Pétur are abducted by the CIA, Calum, Skye, Miro and Miro's pet lynx, Rust, seek refuge on an island off the west coast of Canada. When they are forced to flee the island during a huge storm, Miro and Rust fall overboard, and Calum and Skye only just survive. They hide out at a summer camp, and eventually find Skye's dad, who everyone thought was dead. But then the scientist Sam Garcia tracks them down, bringing news that makes them question everything they thought they knew about themselves. When Skye goes to interrogate her dad, she discovers that he is dying – and she has to make a choice that will break her heart…

• An amazing plot packed with suspense, action, secrets and feelings, and with heroes that readers will fall in love with
• Mayer has published several bestselling series, and is one of Germany's most successful authors
• Fantasy, suspense and action meet coming-of-age story – the perfect read for this age group

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Middle Grade

Publishing House: cbj Kinderbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 240 | 15,5x21,0 cm
Recommended age group: 11+
Original title: Wilderland – Das Eis

GINA MAYER

Wilderland: The Ice

VOL. 5

Date of publication: November 25, 2026

11+

A matter of life or death

Jasleen and Pétur are living in Oregon under the watchful eye of the CIA. They have to do what the secret service tells them, and are constantly forced to undergo scientific experiments. At a supposed routine dental examination, Pétur becomes suspicious, and he discovers that the CIA are planning to have him and Jasleen microchipped. The two of them make a daring plan, and risk their lives to escape. They end up in Seattle, where they finally meet the others again – Skye and Calum, who are now together, and Miro, who is still in love with Pétur. Together, they set off for Alaska, where Sam Garcia is waiting for them. There is a final cataclysmic battle – which ends in freedom for some, but death for others…

• An amazing finale brimming with suspense, action, secrets and feelings
• Heroes that readers will fall in love with
• Mayer is one of Germany's most popular authors with several bestselling series
• Fantasy, suspense, action and a coming-of-age story – the perfect read for the target age group

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Fantasy, Romance

Publishing House: cbj Jugendbücher
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Ravenmaster

NINA BLAZON

Raven Master

THE TIDES AWAKEN

Date of publication: August 26, 2026

16+

A rebellious heroine, an ancient secret and a love that knows no bounds

In Tideborn, a metropolis by the sea where the Water Watchers wield their powerful magic, May bumps into her childhood sweetheart Ennis, son of a Water Watcher, who is living a lavish life there. May has never stopped loving him, but the Watchers' palaces are closed to her, and a love like theirs is against the rules. When, despite all this, Ennis secretly meets up with her, May is happier than she believed possible and even dares to hope… but then Ennis suddenly disappears without a trace. May is prepared to travel to the ends of the earth to find him, but in doing so she puts her own life in danger– and uncovers a dark secret that could destroy Tideborn…
The multi-award-winning author's atmospheric, lyrical fantasy, full of twists and turns that'll keep you on tenterhooks right until the end.

• Elemental magic, intrigue, and a love that knows no bounds
• Nina Blazon at her best: atmospheric romantasy set in a London-like metropolis
• A city where water and its magic is controlled by a powerful élite

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Thriller

Publishing House: cbj Jugendbücher
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 480 | 13,5x21,5 cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Deadly Invitation

ELISABETH HERRMANN

Deadly Invitation

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID

Date of publication: October 07, 2026

14+

Seven young strangers, one tragedy – and they’re all to blame

Following a terrible tragedy, Claire is trying to rebuild her life in Edinburgh. But when she is invited to take part in a mysterious game, it looks like her past has finally caught up with her…
Seven strangers meet in the remote Highlands – in exactly the same place where, two years ago, Claire’s life changed for ever. Each of them carries part of the blame for those terrible events, but behind the scenes, the real perpetrator is pulling the strings…
Breathtaking suspense and brilliant twists – welcome to the bestselling author’s latest thriller.

• A game that will uncover the truth. But not everyone will survive
• Bestselling author Herrmann’s new thriller is set in the stunning Scottish Highlands

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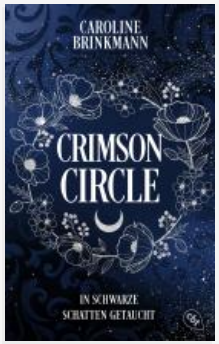
Elisabeth Herrmann, born in 1959, is one of the most exciting thriller authors around. She worked as a journalist before eventually turning to writing, and became an overnight success with her thriller "The Nanny". Almost all her books have been adapted for the screen, and her series featuring Berlin lawyer Joachim Vernau has been a huge success for ZDF. She is the winner of the Radio Bremen Crime Award, the German Crime Award and the 2022 Glauser YA Crime Prize. She has a daughter, with whom she shares her time between Berlin and the Spreewald nature reserve.



Fantasy, Romance

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Pages & Size: 352 | 13,5x20,6 cm
Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Crimson Circle

CAROLINE BRINKMANN

Crimson Circle: Shadow Deep

VOL. 2

Date of publication: November 11, 2026

14+

A legacy written in blood, a dreamer who's lost everything and a murderer who's pulling the strings

Lunette's dream is dead. For a brief moment, she thought she could trust Adrien Noir – only to discover in the most painful way possible that he is the one who destroyed her family. While Adrien starts breaking up the Crimson Circle, Lunette is his prisoner, stuck in a dungeon, trying not to give up.
Dreams are her only escape. In the dusky alleys between sleep and reality, she encounters a mysterious new ally who offers to help her exert revenge. But his price is high. And that is not all: she is convinced that he is working for Morpheus, the King of Dreams, who once pursued her mother…
The epic conclusion to the gripping two-part urban romantasy series about dark dreams and irresistible attraction.
• Romantic suspense meets fantasy: while searching for her brother's killer, a young woman is drawn into a secret society that manipulates people's dreams
• Electric, dark and gripping from start to finish

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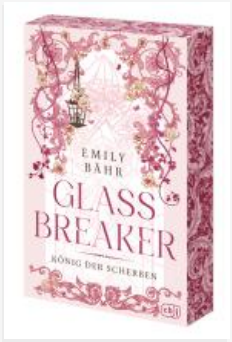

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Original title: Glassbreaker

EMILY BäHR

Glassbreaker: King of Shards

VOL. 1

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14+

You can only break once

When Eleanor wakes up in a strange villa, she can't remember a thing. Not her name, not her family, not the man who's claiming to be her fiancé. While she searchers for the truth, she keeps running into a shady character who calls himself the Kind of Shards. She feels strangely attracted to him, but mustn't give in to her feelings, no matter what – because ever since she lost her memory, she breaks everything she touches. Including hearts…
The glittering first book in the bestselling author's latest two-part romantasy.
• A stunning setting – the fairy-tale World of Glass meets a cursed and corrupt real world
• The vengeful King of Shards, a world that's breaking up and a heroine who's lost her memory
• With stunningly illustrated endpapers

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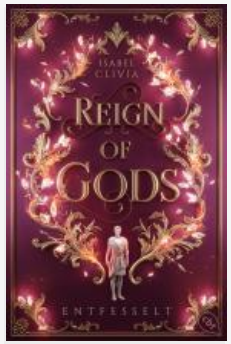

Fantasy, Romance

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Recommended age group: 14+
Original title: Reign of Gods

ISABEL CLIVIA

Reign of Gods: Unchained

VOL. 2

Date of publication: September 23, 2026

YA, 14+

Lies protect you, but only the truth can set you free

Kassandra has passed all the challenges set by the gods. But she'll never be able to forget what she saw at the heart of the palace. To break the deadly curse and save the other Blessed, she must become the chosen one of one of the gods, and serve him. And the god in question is no other than Ares… whom she loathes and desires in equal measure. Although she's only playing at being the loyal subject, her heart soon can't tell the difference between truth and lies. Worse still, Kassandra has no one to turn to, ever since Ithas disappeared without a trace after the final challenge.
A magical palace setting, intense emotions, and a heroine who stands up to powerful gods – this is the fantastic final instalment in this two-part Greek-mythology fantasy pulsating with passion and female rage.

• The only way to survive is to win the favour of a god
• The Prometheus myth meets Pandora's story
• For fans of Alexandra Bracken and Scarlett St. Clair

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Romance

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Recommended age group: 16+
Original title: Flaming Revenge

NINA MARTIN

Flaming Revenge

VOL. 2

Date of publication: November 25, 2026

16+

He's her one true love – and her worst enemy

Eleonora Scarselli has lost everything: her family, the man she loves, her freedom. Having been forced to marry Valerio Mariani, she is now his prisoner and a mere pawn in his deadly pursuit of power and money. Every step she takes, she is being watched. A single false move could spell the end for Dante, her brother-in-law and one true love, who is being used by his brother to blackmail Eleonora – because she has a secret that could make her husband the most powerful man in the world. The deeper she gets drawn into the dark world of the mafia, the clearer it becomes that she is fighting not only for her freedom, but for her life – and for her last chance at a future with Dante.
Forbidden love with mafia vibes: welcome to the explosive finale of this gripping two-part 'new adult' romantic suspense series.
• In a world where their families are sworn enemies, Eleonora and Dante must trust in their love for each other – if they want to survive
• Deadly intrigue, action-packed chases and fabulous high-society mafia parties
• For fans of Mercedes Ron, and Holly Black
•The explosive finale of the gripping romantic suspense series features a 'Romeo and Juliet'-style love story set in the world of organised crime

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