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The Bison

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

English sample translation available



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Blessing
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 432
Original title: Der Wisent

A gripping tale, by turns tragicomic and mythical

Heniek and Andrzej live in a small town in Poland. One is a mechanic, the other a carpenter, and both are about to retire. They have never had the urge to see the world, but one day they leave their home town of Gajerudki and head west down the A2, the "Motorway to Freedom". They're trying to track down Beatka, who has left Heniek after 36 years of marriage to start a new life in the Netherlands. They've taken the Mercedes they were meant to fix for a customer, and when they don't have enough money to fill it with proper fuel, they use cooking oil instead. After an accident involving a herd of deer, the two friends continue their journey on foot. Along the way, they find out things they never knew about each other, including some dark secrets – and when they encounter a European bison, they face a reckoning with their past.

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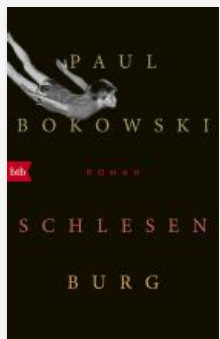
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Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages: 320
 Original title: Schlesenburg

PAUL BOKOWSKI

Silesia Towers

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English sample translation available soon

The autobiographical debut novel by Paul Bokowski, about growing up on a council estate. Authentic, kind-hearted and darkly funny.

"Silesia Towers" tells the story of refugees and natives, homelessness and finding a new home. A warm-hearted and bittersweet novel about the dream of fitting in and leading a good life – and about whether you can belong anywhere, if you don't know where you've come from.

"Silesia Towers' is what they called it, our community on the edge of the city, where the Galówkas' flat burnt down in the summer of '89. Sixty families lived there, nearly all from Poland. And then, suddenly, we were worried: what if Romanians or Russian Germans move in? Half the estate looked down its nose at the building where they housed asylum seekers. They were so proud of themselves for having left it behind. That was the year the new girl moved into the estate, Darius disappeared and Mother read nothing but Heinz Konsalik novels, the year I realised – too late – that Father had his own plans for the burnt-out flat..."

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Paul Bokowski, born in 1982, is an author, reader and storyteller. 2012 saw the publication of his unexpected bestseller "Hauptsache nichts mit Menschen" ("The Main Thing is It's Got Nothing to Do with People"), which was followed by "Alleine ist man weniger zusammen" ("Alone You're Less Together") and "Bitte nehmen Sie meine Hand da weg" ("Please Take My Hand Away"). "Silesia Towers" is his debut novel. He lives in Berlin.



KERSTIN BRUNE

The Mole Years

NOVEL


Date of publication: August 24, 2022

The tragedy and comedy of growing up in a rural backwater

The narrator is returning to her home village for the first time in years. What will she find when she gets there: a feast or a funeral? The only thing she has packed is a soft toy, a mole called Mr Klotho – it's all she has left of her quirky friend Tanja, with whom, thirty years ago, she ventured into adulthood. Tanja was a bold rebel who blithely disregarded village conventions, and would egg the other kids on to join her on her eccentric adventures. The narrator's childhood memories come flooding back: the funny, crazy, rough-hewn village, the shrewd locals, and especially Tanja's magical view of the world. Now, finally, she understands why her friend disappeared so suddenly.

A superb piece of literary fiction about an unlikely friendship – scurrilous, wise, funny and lyrical.

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Kerstin Brune, born in 1979, has a degree in philosophy and German. She is a freelance writer for, among others, Heute Show Online, and has a large following on Twitter. In 2015, she became the Zeit Magazin's Twitter columnist, and she has been a grammar school teacher for many years. "The Mole Years" is her first novel.

Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Hardcover

Pages: 464

Original title: Die Jahre des Maulwurfs



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 256
Illustrations: 36 b/w
illustrations
Original title: Tage in Vitopia

ULLA HAHN

The Vitopia Conference

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022


Vitopia – where humans and animals save the world together

There's a family of squirrels living in the trees surrounding the villa on Hamburg's Lake Alster. While the humans observe the squirrels, the squirrels are busy observing the humans. And they wonder about them. They wonder not only about the scientist couple that lives in the villa – and their passion for music, literature and art – but about humanity as a whole. Then something happens in the Hambach Forest, which shows that if humans and animals work together for a common cause, the impossible becomes possible. They have saved one forest, and now they want to save the whole planet. So they gather in Vitopia for a conference. The squirrels know that we need them as much as they need us: "We're all in the same boat, a boat called Earth. And we have to make sure it doesn't sink."

In her new book, Ulla Hahn tackles one of life's big questions: why do humans destroy the things they love, despite knowing better? How can we turn the ship around? "The Vitopia Conference" is a novel bursting with imagination and wordplay, full of curiosity about everything that has ever been thought, and about what we could achieve, if only we realised that the Earth belongs to everyone, and everyone belongs to the Earth.

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Ulla Hahn was born in 1945. She has a doctorate in German, has taught at several universities in Germany and was the literary editor for a radio station. Her very first volume of poems, "Heart over Head" (1981), was enthusiastically received by readers, and her poems have won several awards, including the Leonce and Lena Prize and the Friedrich Hölderlin Prize. Her novel "The Hidden Word" (2001) won the first German Book Prize, and was followed by "Departure" (2009), "Game of Time" (2014) and "They Are Expecting Us" (2017). Her most recent book is "stille trommeln" ("silent drumming", 2021), a collection of her poems from the past 20 years.



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 256
Original title: Zur See

DÖRTE HANSEN

To the Sea

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 28, 2022

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English sample translation available

An intelligent, warm-hearted novel about an island in the grip of change, about ancient laws that have lost their meaning, and about upheaval and deliverance

The ferry takes an hour for the crossing from the mainland to the little North Sea island – sometimes longer, depending on how rough the sea is. The Sander family has lived in one of the island's two villages for nearly 300 years. Hanne has raised three children, while her husband has given up both his family and his seafaring life. Now her oldest son has lost his captain's licence, is plagued by premonitions and tidal data, and is waiting for the storm to end all storms. Her daughter Eske looks after veteran sailors and widows at the old people's home. She fears the influx of tourists more than the sea, because the tourists are turning the island's culture into mere folklore. Only Henrik, Hanne's youngest son, is at peace with himself. He is the first man in the family never to have dreamt of going to sea, and instead spends his time collecting flotsam on the beach. Over the course of one year, the Sander family's life is irrevocably changed – by an almost unnoticeable breeze that eventually grows into a full-blown storm.

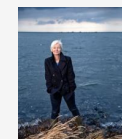
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Dörte Hansen, born in 1964, has a degree in linguistics. She has been an editor at NDR and written for both radio and print. Her debut novel "This House Is Mine" was voted the German Independent Booksellers' Book of the Year in 2015, and was the Spiegel's 2015 bestseller of the year. Her second novel, "Mittagsstunde" ("Midday Hour") appeared in 2018, was also the Spiegel's bestseller of the year, and won both the Rheingau Literature Prize and the Grimmelshausen Literature Prize. Both novels have been translated into numerous languages.



PETER HENNING

Till You Leave Again

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022


A difficult mother-son relationship – and the attempt to understand the past

"I hadn't thought of my mother for years. I thought (and, yes, hoped) that our relationship was over once and for all. Had the past come back to haunt me? I suddenly realised that you can't tear yourself away from your roots, no matter how hard you try."

The last time Henry Kaplan heard from his mother was ten years ago. Then he gets a call from Frankfurt's University Hospital: his mother is on the ITU. She collapsed at a train station and is in a coma, and he's listed as her emergency contact. The Black Forest antique dealer decides to travel to Frankfurt to visit her. He needs all the courage he can get to make this journey, which awakens painful memories: the first time his mother left him, he was four. She got into a waiting taxi and drove off without a word to start a new life without him. After a few months at his grandmother's, Henry is sent to a foster home – just one of the many traumatic experiences in his life. Can you turn back time, just like that? Can you simply erase a lifelong feeling of abandonment, disappointment and hurt? Henry Kaplan realises that this might be an opportunity for him. And that, perhaps, he'll only ever truly be free if he can bring himself to forgive his mother.

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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Original title: Bis du wieder
gehst



Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Format: Hardcover
Pages: 256
Original title: Der Sandkasten

CHRISTOPH PETERS

The Sand Box

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022


**"One of the best contemporary German-language authors."
(Christoph Schröder, SWR 2)**

Siebenstädter has seen everything. As the presenter of a radio politics show, he knows the rules of the game when it comes to Berlin's top politicians, the shadowy realm of backroom dealings, and a merciless establishment that's desperate to stay in power. He is as popular as he is infamous, believes in nothing, and sees it as his mission to expose the elite's lies. But the Covid crisis has changed the game: Siebenstädter has his doubts about the measures the state has taken – but also despises the conspiracy theorists. One day, he receives an unexpected offer to join the Liberals, and Maria Andriessen, the Social Democrats' rising star, is more interested in him than she should be, given that he's married. More than anything, though, Siebenstädter senses that time is slowly running out for him – so why not put all his eggs in one basket?

Christoph Peters has written the kind of novel we haven't seen since Wolfgang Koeppen's "The Hothouse": a ruthless situation report dealing with a country's entire political culture.

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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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 Original title: Schwerer als das Licht

TANJA RAICH

Heavier than Light

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

A gripping story about humankind and our planet that makes us painfully aware of what we have to lose

A woman is living on a tropical island. She is completely independent, and eats what nature offers. Then strange things begin to happen: the leaves on the trees turn black, dead fish wash up on the shore, stars fall from the sky. She increasingly fears the people who live in the north of the island, converts her house into a fortress, and prepares for her enemies to attack.

Reality and dreams, the present and the past, light and shadow begin to merge, until it becomes impossible tell whether it's she or the others who are threatening her life.

"Heavier than Light" is a novel rich in imagery and interpretative possibilities and, through its parable-like character, tells of the central opposite poles of life: of beginning and end, of light and shadow, of nature and the supernatural, war and peace, power and powerlessness, perpetrators and victims.

Tanja Raich hits the right note as if with an axe. She hacks right into life – aiming relentlessly for the unknown. Nowhere's safe.

Peter Pisa, Der Kurier

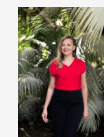
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Tanja Raich, born in 1986, studied German and history. She has published in various literature magazines and anthologies and has been awarded a number of prizes and scholarships, including the Start-Stipendium of the Austrian Federal Chancellery for her "Jesolo" project, the Frontiere - Grenzen literature prize, the Rom-Stipendium of the Austrian Federal Chancellery and the Exil-Literaturpreis. Her debut novel Jesolo (Blessing, 2019) was shortlisted for the Austrian Book Prize (First Novel Award) and the Alpha Book Prize.



Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 352
Original title: Beutezeit

NORRIS VON SCHIRACH

Looting Time

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English sample translation available


"If you want to understand today's Russia, read Norris von Schirach." (Viktor Yerofeyev)

When Vladimir Putin becomes President in January 2000, Anton, a German who has made his money trading in raw materials, flees Moscow. Behind him lie eight whirlwind years of post-Soviet predatory capitalism – before him lies nothing but the boredom of living the high life in New York. But even at the age of forty, Anton is still an incorrigible romantic, always looking for the next high. Then a head-hunter makes him a tempting offer: someone wants Anton to set up a steel corporation in resource-rich Kazakhstan with money from an anonymous source. He agrees, but as he embarks on this new adventure he discovers to his own cost just how far local clans and insatiable elites will go, to defend the loot they amassed after the fall of the USSR. But then Anton finds new allies and makes a pact that will have far-reaching consequences.

"Looting Time" is an impressively topical novel about a post-Soviet society disappearing into a maelstrom of corruption and terror. Von Schirach explores the ruthlessness with which the global conflict between Russia, China and the West over natural resources, power and influence is being fought out in this stunning Central Asian country – and how anyone who isn't willing to adapt to the new era's commercial code risks being destroyed.

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Norris von Schirach, born in 1963, studied business, and has worked in London and New York. He lived in Moscow from 1993 to 2003, where he experienced all the euphoria and frustration of the Yeltsin years, when the line between organised crime and state institutions became blurred, even as large parts of the population sank into poverty. Norris von Schirach has one son, and, after spells in Kazakhstan and Australia, now lives in Romania. His first novel, "Blasse Helden" ("Pale Heroes"), was published in 2018.

PRZEMEK ZYBOWSKI

The Pink Wedding Album

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

English sample translation available soon

A tender and absurdist novel about flight and dictatorship, and about being caught between two worlds

This empathetic and wildly imaginative debut novel tells the story of a lonely boy, a lonely country, and the attempt to put together the pieces of your past. The narrator thinks he has left the past far behind – but it all catches up with him again when his grandmother dies. In 1984, shortly after martial law is lifted in Poland, his parents secretly fled to Germany with his little sister, leaving their eight-year-old son behind with his grandmother to fool the authorities. What follows is a time of both unprecedented freedom and panic: the boy is interrogated by the secret police, who threaten to send him to an orphanage, and it takes a year before he – thanks to his assertive grandmother – receives the necessary papers that will enable him to board a plane to Frankfurt. At his grandmother’s funeral, he is finally reunited with his parents. But is it too late for a reconciliation?




Fiction, Literary Fiction

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Hochzeitsbuch

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Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages: 256
 Original title: Motten im Bauch

INES ANIOLI

Moths in the Stomach

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

The story of a toxic relationship

In the beginning, everything is pure bliss: the whole world looks rosy, and your love seems perfect. Sometimes the feeling lasts, sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes, what started as a wonderful relationship becomes controlling, manipulative, dishonest and abusive. Almost always mentally – but often physically, too. Ines Anioli here tells the fictional story of Emma, who has ended up in just such a relationship. Honestly and without mincing her words, Emma shows us her emotional world and the things she has to endure, and tells the story of how she manages to escape the clutches of this toxic relationship. She maintains her sense of humour throughout, and demonstrates that we don't have to let the past define us.

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Ines Anioli, born in 1986, grew up in Duisburg before moving to Berlin to do an internship at KissFM. She still lives there today. In 2016, she started the "Sexvergnügen" podcast with Leila Lowfire, and subsequently her popular podcast "Besser als Sex" ("Better than Sex"). Following a traumatic relationship, she conceived an unusual self-care programme, which she discussed in her podcast "Me-Time". She is also a stand-up comedian, and will shortly be touring Germany with her new show "Goddess". In her latest podcast, "Weird Crimes", she and Visa Vie discuss the strangest crimes of our times.



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

Publishing House: btb
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages: 400
 Original title: Die Kunst des Verschwindens

MELANIE RAABE

The Art of Disappearing

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

English sample translation available soon

Do you think that a single encounter can change someone's life?

Is there such a thing as finding your soulmate at first sight? Why is it sometimes easier to talk to strangers, than to people you've known and loved for a long time? One night just after Christmas, young photographer Nico bumps into the actor Ellen Kirsch in Berlin's snowy streets. Almost immediately, Nico senses that there's an inexplicable bond between them.

But what could they possibly have in common – a world-famous Hollywood star, and this young photographer, hungry for acclaim? What does Ellen see in her that she doesn't see herself? Most of all, though: why does Nico care when Ellen one day simply disappears again, as suddenly as she arrived? When Nico finally discovers why she can't let go of her, she goes in search of Ellen, her own mother, and the truth about her life.

Melanie Raabe is Germany's most brilliant bestselling author.

Elmar Krekeler, Die Welt

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Melanie Raabe was born in 1981. After her studies she worked as a journalist during the day and secretly wrote books at night. "The Trap" was published in 2015, followed by "The Truth" in 2016 and "The Shadow" in 2018. Melanie Raabe's novels are published in over 20 countries and several movie adaptations are underway. She also co-hosts a weekly podcast on the topic of creativity, "Raabe & Kampf". With "The Art of Disappearing" she has written something different from her usual thrillers, taking us into a world where anything's possible, and where you can take nothing for granted.



**Fiction, Contemporary
Fiction**

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 432
Original title: Das Unrecht

ELLEN SANDBERG

Injustice

NOVEL


Date of publication: October 26, 2022

The shadows of our past: a family's dark secrets

Every year as autumn approaches, Annette is seized by an inexplicable restlessness. The scar on her arm starts tingling, and memories are awakened. This time she can't seem to shake them. After a fight with her husband, Annett drops everything and travels to Wismar, her old home town on the Baltic. She finally wants closure, and to forgive the man who once betrayed her and her boyfriend. But when she finds out what really happened that summer of 1988, it's clear that she would have done better to let sleeping dogs lie – as old betrayals threaten to drag her life into the abyss once again...

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Ellen Sandberg worked in advertising before dedicating herself fully to writing, with huge success: her psychological thrillers and family stories regularly spend months in the bestseller lists, and have won her countless enthusiastic readers – most recently "The Inheritance" and "The Silent One". She also publishes popular crime novels under her real name Inge Löhnig.



Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

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 Format: Hardcover
 Pages: 352
 Original title: Da wo sonst das Gehirn ist

SEBASTIAN STUERTZ

Where Your Brain Should Be

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

Stuertz's dizzyingly funny new novel about finding a "family" – whatever that might be

In his captivating new novel, Sebastian Stuertz takes us on a rollercoaster ride into adulthood, examining friendship, love, and the greatest freedom of all: the freedom to make a fresh start.

Hamburg, summer 2019. Alina has only just joined her new school, but is already seen as the "cool geek" for creating her own app, a miniature social network exclusively for final-year pupils. It could have been the perfect start to the year, if only her mother hadn't ended up in bed with Mr Carstensen – father of Corvin, the dumb class prefect – right after the first parents' evening. What's worse, not long after that Alina and her mother, who's a professional clown, are kicked out of their flatshare. Dad can't take them in, because he has three other children and can't be bothered to look after Alina as well. So she and Mum have to move in with the Carstensens. Which is ridiculous, because Corvin collects spiders and giant millipedes, his sister Nina is a famous blogger, and their dad Urs has a dark secret that ends up causing huge problems for everyone...

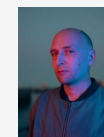
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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Pages: 450
Original title: Sisi. Die Sterne der Kaiserin

MARA ANDECK

Sisi: The Empress's Stars

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 16, 2022

A fascinating glimpse into the life of the legendary empress – told from the point of view of her hairdresser and close confidante, Fanny Angerer

Vienna, 1863. During a premiere at the Vienna Burgtheater, Empress Elisabeth notices the leading actress's artful coiffure. She demands to speak to her hairdresser, and immediately offers her a position at the imperial court. This is how young Fanny Angerer, the illegitimate daughter of a midwife, ends up at Vienna's magnificent Hofburg. From now on, she spends three hours every morning taking care of the empress's hair, and it isn't long before Sisi shares her most intimate secrets with Fanny. But then Fanny falls head over heels in love and wants to quit her position. Sisi is about to lose not just her hairdresser, but her closest confidante...



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CARMEN BELLMONTE

A Time of Longing

THE MALLORCA SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 10, 2022

Rights sold to: The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

The story of the Delgado family continues

Mallorca, 1929. The Delgados are working hard to make ends meet. Antonia and her husband have built a flourishing business on Cuba, but Antonia still hasn't managed to bring her family over. On Cuba, storm clouds are gathering on the horizon: the mafia is taking control of everything, and Antonia has to choose between freedom and safety. Meanwhile, on Mallorca, her sister Carla is fighting her demons, and their brother Leo has got himself entangled in some risky schemes, which deepen the rift between him and the rest of the family.

- Volume 1 and 2 of "The Mallorca Saga" have been sold to The Netherlands (Nieuw Amsterdam)

Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
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Carmen Bellmonte is the pseudonym of the authors Elke Becker and Ute Köhler. Together they bring 35 years of Mallorca island experience to the table. They have been friends for over ten years, love travelling and good wine, and both write books set on their paradisiacal Balearic island. So it made sense to join forces and combine all their preferences in one big epic story.



ERIC BERG

The Fate of the Blankenburgs

THE BLANKENBURG SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 02, 2022


Two sisters caught between love and war, and a dynasty fighting for its survival

Frankfurt, 1936. It's been a tough time for the Blankenburg dynasty, but things seem to be looking up. The dispute between the sisters Ophélie and Elise is resolved, the porcelain manufacturer's French branch is prospering under the leadership of Ophélie's husband, and at the Königstein head office, too, Elise is turning the business into a success. But then war suddenly overwhelms Europe – bringing with it grave consequences for the Blankenburgs: the relationship with the family's French branch is suspended, and both personal and ideological rifts within the family deepen, as the unpopular illegitimate nephew Tankred, a staunch Gestapo officer, rises through the ranks of the German secret police – and a terrible betrayal spells mortal danger for someone in his family.

Alliances are made and broken, underdogs rise to the top, and winners will hit rock bottom, and by the time the war ends, some members of the Blankenburg dynasty will have been torn apart by intrigue, betrayal, love and hate, while others will have grown closer.

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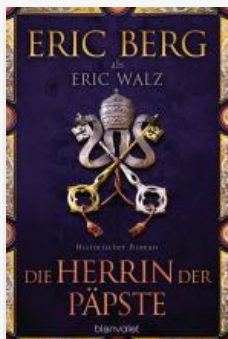
Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Hardcover

Pages: 540

Original title: Das Schicksal der Blankenburgs



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages: 640
 Original title: Die Herrin der Päpste

ERIC BERG, ERIC WALZ

Mistress of the Popes

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 18, 2022

Re-release of the 2003 edition written under the author's pseudonym Eric Walz

The exciting and unusual life of a fascinating historical figure

She lived in the tenth century, that dark, unknown saeculum obscurum – Marocia, daughter of a Roman senator. When she dies at the age of over 90 in a convent, she has been mistress of one pope, mother, grandmother and aunt to three more, has survived two husbands and four of her five children, has celebrated personal and political triumphs and overcome tragedies. She crossed the paths of the great figures of her century, saw the birth of the Holy Roman Empire, spent eight years in prison – and met the great love of her life ...

Bestselling author Eric Berg brings one of the most enigmatic women of ancient Rome to life, with this book written under his pseudonym Eric Walz now being re-released.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Bertelsmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 320
Original title: Heumahd

SUSANNE BETZ

Making Hay

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 24, 2022

A powerful novel about a strong-willed mountain farmer and her unusual life – sensuous, opulent, and wonderfully detailed

When King Ludwig II dies in Lake Starnberg in 1886, the region's residents are shocked. By contrast, Vroni Grasegger considers herself lucky when her husband freezes to death one night. She's finally rid of this abusive man. Full of optimism, she takes charge of the remote mountain farm on the slopes opposite the Karwendel Mountain in Tyrol, and of raising her disabled stepdaughter Rosl. Haymaking is exhausting work, and when the harvest fails Vroni begins to despair. Meanwhile, everyone in the village is putting pressure on her to remarry. Then Vroni meets the painter Wilhelm Leibl, who has come to the mountains in the hope of finding fresh inspiration. He comes to stay on her farm, and an unusual friendship develops between the homosexual artist and the young farmer. When Leibl invites an English doctor and alpinist to visit, the brief mountain summer is suffused with happiness – and Vroni even dares to hope...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Format: Paperback
Pages: 500
Original title: Sturmtage

CORINA BOMANN

Stormy Days

THE SISTERS OF WALDFRIEDE HOSPITAL (VOL. 3)

Date of publication: December 28, 2022

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

Despair and hope: a courageous doctor risks everything for her patients – the riveting Waldfriede saga continues


Berlin, 1939. The war has started, and life has completely changed for the staff at the Waldfriede clinic. It has never been more important for them to show a united front under Dr Conradi's leadership. Yet confident young assistant physician Helena finds it hard to ensure that things in the clinic remain peaceful: again and again, she clashes with the chief surgeon, a staunch member of the Nazi Party. Her only comfort are her walks through the clinic's parkland and Timo, the lovely gardener. Their friendship soon develops into a passionate relationship. But then Timo is drafted into the army. When Helena notices that the new physician, Dr Vasily Dimitroff, is also developing feelings for her, she is torn – but her heart is too full of anxiety for her to see clearly: it's only a question of time before the first bombs fall on Berlin, and on the Waldfriede clinic.

The bestselling author Corina Bomann's "Sisters of Waldfriede Hospital" saga is based on a true story, inspired by a nurse's account of her time working in Berlin's Waldfriede clinic.

- Volume 1 to 4 of the "Sisters of Waldfriede Hospital" saga have been sold to Italy (Giunti) and The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

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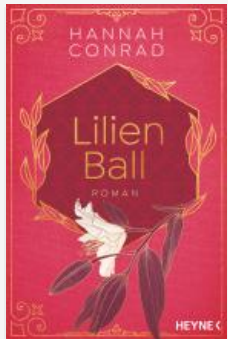
Corina Bomann



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With a total of over two million copies, Corina Bomann's novels are an indispensable part of the bestseller shelves not only in Germany – most recently, the volumes "The Colours of Beauty. Sophia's Triumph" and "The Women of the Lion's Court. Mathilda's Secret".

With her new series of novels about the Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin, she is fulfilling her heart's wish: inspired by the real chronicle of the clinic, she is creating a monument to the clinic and its eventful history, making it the setting for a great historical saga.



HANNAH CONRAD

The Lily Ball

THE LILY PALACE SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 09, 2022

True love and scandals in nineteenth-century Munich...

Munich, 1827. Johanna von Seybach has moved from Königsberg to the magnificent Lily Palace, her uncle's family seat – where an exciting season awaits her! Even before her official debut, it looks like a proposal from the eligible bachelor Friedrich Veidt is all but certain. But then Johanna has an unguarded moment of passion, and her reputation is suddenly in tatters. Friedrich drops her, and she's left broken-hearted. Will anyone want to marry her, after such a scandal? Then she meets Alexander von Reuss at a glittering masked ball. That same evening, they grow closer than they should, experiencing a sensuous moment of surrender. But Johanna's scandalous past is making such waves that even true love may not be enough to save her.

Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Original title: Lilienball

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Hardcover
 Pages: 512
 Original title: Die Köchin -
 Lebe deinen Traum

PETRA DURST-BENNING

The Chef: Dare to Live Your Dream

THE CHEF (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 25, 2022

English sample translation available

A simple girl who loves cooking rises to become a star chef who changes the world

Southern France, 1880: "Bon appétit!" Fabienne is happiest when looking after the guests at the Lockkeeper's Cottage. After all, the place is renowned for serving the best meals on the entire Canal du Midi. Fabienne's mother might use only the simplest ingredients, but she's passionate about cooking – and what could be more fun than learning from her? The only thing that's drawing Fabienne away from home is the thought of her beloved Eric. When her mother suddenly dies, and her father introduces a new woman into their home, the teenager elopes with Eric. When he abandons her shortly after, Fabienne is left to fend for herself. Luckily, she finds a job as a kitchen assistant on a vineyard, where she quickly forges an unusual friendship with Stéphanie, the owners' charismatic daughter. Fabienne's future looks rosy – but then fate deals her a cruel blow, and nothing will ever be the same again...

The first book in a brilliant new trilogy by the bestselling author Petra Durst-Benning.

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SUSANNE GOGA

Glasgow Girls

INTO THE WORLD OF ART
NOVEL

Date of publication: December 14, 2022

The passionate painter Olivia and her aristocratic patron fight against intrigue and unscrupulous men

Glasgow, 1892. Olivia has grown up poor, and it seems like all her dreams have come true when she gets the chance to study at the prestigious School of Art. But she is unprepared for this alien world, and the intrigues in which she becomes embroiled. But with her influential patron's encouragement, Olivia lets nothing deter her from her goal of becoming a designer. Then she meets Gabriel, a brilliant artist from London. And he has a secret that threatens to destroy their newly found bliss...




Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 416
Original title: Fräulein Steiff

MAREN GOTTSCHALK

Miss Steiff

NOVEL


Date of publication: June 20, 2022

An homage to Margarete Steiff, creator of the Steiff soft toys – one of Germany's most fascinating business pioneers

Strong-willed, funny and curious about everything – even as a little girl, Margarete wanted to conquer the world. Born in Swabia in 1847, she contracts polio as a child. She knows she'll never walk again, but doesn't let this deter her. She resolutely pursues her goal to lead an independent life, and not only fulfils her dream of becoming a dressmaker, but ends up running her own flourishing felt shop. Then, one day, everything changes: on a whim, Margarete converts a pin cushion into an elephant. When she places it into her nephew's hands, it's as if the animal comes to life – and Margarete suddenly has a wonderful idea...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Format: Paperback
Pages: 641
Original title: Dallmayr. Der
Glanz einer neuen Ära

LISA GRAF

Dallmayr: Dawn of a Gilded Age

THE DALLMAYR SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 23, 2022

Rights sold to: Hungary (Kossuth)

A low-key pleasure: the new instalment in the popular saga about the rise of the legendary Dallmayr delicatessen


Munich, 1905. Therese Randlkofer's expertise has introduced Germans to delicacies from all over the world, and Dallmayr's displays are filled with hand-picked fruit from the Canary Islands, the finest nut crunch from Switzerland, and golden-yellow lavender honey from France.

But her intractable brother-in-law and biggest rival Max is equally expert at causing strife within the family – especially among Therese's own grown-up children. Yet these days she needs their help more than ever: to secure the family business's future, she has taken a decision that will have far-reaching consequences – and may result in her losing everything...

- Volume 1 and 2 of the Dallmayr saga have been sold to Hungary (Kossuth)

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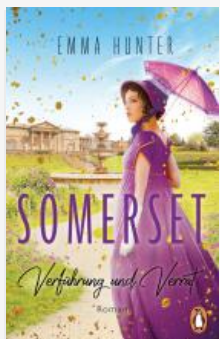
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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages: 608
Original title: SOMERSET.
Verführung und Verrat (2)

EMMA HUNTER

Somerset: Seduction and Betrayal

THE SOMERSET SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022


The new season is about to start – and promises to be more glittering and scandalous than ever

Young widow Rebecca Seagrave has an ambitious plan: she wants to become a politician, and make the world a better place. But it won't be easy – after all, she's a woman living in eighteenth-century England. What makes it even harder is that her rival is a certain Duke of Somerville, who she keeps bumping into at elegant balls and high-society dinner parties. The sparks fly, in more ways than one, and Rebecca's heart soon starts beating faster in the handsome duke's presence. To top it all, he makes her an indecent proposal: he'll support her political career – if she agrees to spend the night with him. Of course, there's no way Rebecca will accept. Even though she finds herself increasingly attracted to him...

- Volume 1 of the Somerset saga has been sold to Spain (Maeva)

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Diana Verlag
 Format: Paperback
 Pages: 368
 Original title: Die Forscherin.
 Prinzessin Therese und der Ruf des Amazonas

KATHARINA INNIG

The Explorer: Princess Therese and the Call of the Amazon

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Inspired by the extraordinary life of Princess Therese of Bavaria, a fearless woman who was far ahead of her time

Princess Therese of Bavaria is clever and ambitious – and she does not want to marry, as time and social status dictate. Instead, she is drawn to faraway places – to Brazil, the land of her dreams. In 1888, she travels the Amazon with four companions, hikes through the tropical rainforest, collects exotic plants and animals and experiences the wonders and dangers of this unknown world. And she falls in love with a young man of indigenous descent. A great but scandalous love: can it outlast this one Brazilian summer?

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages: 680

Original title: Wiedersehen in der Tuchvilla

ANNE JACOBS

Reunion in the Cloth Villa

THE CLOTH VILLA (VOL. 6)

NOVEL

Date of publication: November 16, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti)

It's a time of upheaval for the Cloth Villa: will Marie and Paul's separation spell the end of their love?

Augsburg, 1939. The Melzer family and its staff are facing dark times. The Second World War is on the horizon, and it's clear that it will change the lives of everyone in the city. The textile factory is about to go bankrupt, and Paul once again has to make a tough decision – this time without his wife Marie. Marie moved to New York with their son in 1935, and their separation has left its mark, even if Marie's love for Paul is as strong as ever. But when she hears that there's a new woman in Paul's life, she is deeply upset. Will Marie succeed in winning back her beloved husband?

- Previous volumes of the "Cloth Villa" saga have been sold to Albania (Dituria), Brazil (Sextante), Bulgaria (Lemur), Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (Leduc), Hungary (Central Media), Italy (Giunti), Lithuania (Alma Littera), The Netherlands (Xander Uitgevers), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Poland (Prozsyński), Portugal (Planeta) and Spain (Plaza/PRH)

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Original title: Die Tochter des Gerbers

ANNE JACOBS, HILKE MÜLLER

The Tanner's Daughter

HISTORICAL NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Re-release of the 2011 edition written under the author's pseudonym Hilke Müller

She was proud and beautiful. Then they tamed her. Yet she will never stop fighting for her happiness...

The young tanner's daughter Arlette seems to have an enchanted life. She is not only stunningly beautiful, but also intelligent and ambitious. But when a nobleman rapes her and she becomes pregnant, all seems lost. People call her a whore, and treat her with contempt. When a knight becomes enchanted by her, Arlette is too ashamed to accept his romantic overtures. Little does she know that she will marry Herluin de Conteville within a few years, and that he'll be the love of her life. Despite the fact that it is not him, but Robert, Duke of Normandy, who is the father of Arlette's most famous son, William the Conqueror...

Gripping, opulent and beguiling – the bestselling author of the "Cloth Villa" saga takes you into the heart of the Middle Ages, with this book written under her pseudonym Hilke Müller now being re-released.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Original title: Mademoiselle Oppenheim – Sie liebte das Leben und erfand die moderne Kunst

MINA KÖNIG

Mademoiselle Oppenheim: The Woman Who Loved Life and Invented Modern Art

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 10, 2022

The glamorous life of Meret Oppenheim – artist, free spirit, lover

Paris, 1933. The young Swiss German artist Meret Oppenheim is enjoying life in bohemian Paris. Among her closest friends are the Surrealists Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, Alberto Giacometti and André Breton. When she falls in love with the painter Max Ernst, they embark on a stormy love affair.

But Meret wants to be more than just his muse. She wants to forge her own path, and dreams of a breakthrough.

She achieves some success with her experiments with everyday objects, and then turns her hand to fashion and jewellery design. Again and again, she is forced to fight against rigid social conventions. And when war threatens Europe – and Meret's family – the freedom-loving artist tries to find a way to reconcile love and art.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages: 496
Original title: Das Glück unserer Zeit. Das Vermächtnis der Familie Lagerfeld

HEIKE KOSCHYK

Happy Days: The Lagerfeld Legacy

THE LAGERFELD SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

Rights sold to: Italy (Piemme)

One family. One dream. One legacy.


Hamburg, 1925. Otto Lagerfeld is at the Ohlsdorf cemetery, visiting the grave of his beloved wife Theresia. He is beset with grief and uncertainty about his family's future. Will his brother Paul see sense and take on some of the responsibility? Can he find a way to secure his daughter Thea's future? And what will happen to the Glücksklee brand, if he can't find an investor for his new factory? Otto seeks refuge in his work, and on a trip to Berlin encounters the young and ambitious Elisabeth. For the first time since Theresia's death, his heart grows lighter. But Elisabeth is hard to impress, and tragic news awaits Otto back in Hamburg... The thrilling conclusion of the two-book saga about the Lagerfeld family.

- Volume 1 and 2 of the Lagerfeld saga have been sold to Italy (Piemme)

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

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 Original title: Die Gedanken sind frei - Eine unerhörte Liebe

JULIA KRÖHN


My Thoughts Are Free: A Different Kind of Love

THE BOOKSELLERS OF FRANKFURT (VOL. 1)
 NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

A love letter to reading and love: a new series by bestselling author and historian Julia Kröhn

Frankfurt, 1945. Ella Reichenbach has survived the nightly air raids, but her parents' bookshop lies in ruins: the shelves are scorched, the windowpanes are shattered, and the books are gone. Then she discovers her late mother's secret stash of printer's paper, and she realises that she'll be able to make ends meet if she publishes books, as well as sells them. But the young publisher wants to do more than just provide the city's population with new books – she wants everyone to learn to think freely again...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages: 720
Original title: KaDeWe. Haus der Träume

MARIE LACROSSE

KaDeWe: The House of Dreams

THE KADEWE SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Set in early twentieth-century Berlin, this is the story of the two families behind the glamorous KaDeWe department store

At the start of the twentieth century, Berlin's KaDeWe department store is a glamorous citadel of luxury. It's a world that Judith Bergmann, the daughter of KaDeWe's in-house lawyer, knows all too well – and she's about to marry Harry Jandorf, the founder's only son and heir.

Meanwhile, the new sales assistant Rieke Krause, who comes from a modest background, is bowled over by the glittering department store, and soon falls in love with her colleague Hermann. Judith and Rieke's plans are thrown into turmoil by the Great War and the post-war years.

And KaDeWe and its owner Adolf Jandorf, too, are facing seemingly insurmountable challenges...



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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages: 480
Original title: Die
Stewardessen. Eine neue
Freiheit

SVEA LENZ

The Flight Attendants: Freedom is in the Air

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

Margot Frei wants to fly high – as an air hostess for the new Lufthansa airline


Hamburg, 1954. In post-war Germany, Margot Frei dreams of travelling the world and escaping the confines of her middle-class family. One day, she spots an advert from the new Lufthansa airline. They're looking for air hostesses!

Margot decides to seize the day and applies for the job, alongside hundreds of other young women. She can't believe it when she is offered a place on Lufthansa's first ever training course. Soon, Margot and her new friends – as well as her bitter rivals – are flying high. And the young pilot Claus Sturm is always by her side...

- Volume 2 to be published in November 2022

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
 Pages: 320
 Original title: München 72 -
 Der Tag, an dem die Spiele
 stillstanden.

PETRA MATTFELDT

Munich 72

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 25, 2022

The 1972 Summer Olympics were meant to be a happy occasion, but they ended in tragedy

Munich, 1972. When the "Cheerful Games" begin, there is jubilation everywhere, and the world is smiling. The mood is distinctly celebratory, as peace and merriment fill the Bavarian capital. Angelika Nowak, too, couldn't be happier. The talented archer is the only athlete chosen to represent the GDR at the Games. She soon makes friends with Roman, an Israeli wrestler – but then the unimaginable happens: on the morning of 5 September, a terror attack changes everything, and Roman is among the hostages...

In "Munich 72", Petra Mattfeldt tells the story of the terror attack on the 1972 Olympics through the eyes of five fictional characters, describing their emotions, fears, dreams and desires as the Games get under way. A spellbinding, fascinating and harrowing account of the darkest days in Olympic history.

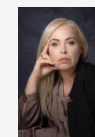
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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages: 592
Original title: Töchter des Glücks

MARIA NIKOLAI

Daughters of Happiness

THE LAKE CONSTANCE SAGA (VOL. 2)

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Rights sold to: France (City Editions)


A brave woman, a fateful time – and the scent of love and home

Württemberg, 1918. For young Lilly, today marks the start of her new life. She has left her parents' inn on Lake Constance full of confidence in the future, to start married life with Arno, the heir to a highly respected Stuttgart soap empire. But the final year of the war changes everything. When Arno is reported missing, Lilly's world falls apart. But she plucks up her courage, and takes over the management of her husband's business. She dreams of her own cosmetics line, and starts making plans. But then mysterious Felix Benthin enters her life, and throws her feelings into turmoil – because she knows that their love has no future...

- Volume 1 of the Lake Constance saga has been sold to Czech Republic (Euromedia) and France (City Editions)

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages: 400
 Original title: Das Kontor der Düfte

HANNE PAULSEN

The Scent of Spices: A Dose of Hope

THE SCENT OF SPICES SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

A young woman fights for happiness in the perfumed House of Löwenstein

Hamburg, 1919. When Greta Rosenthal meets Carl von Löwenstein, it's love at first sight. She's charmed by his big heart and his passion for the spice trade, his family's business. But Carl's mother thinks that Greta, who grew up in modest circumstances, isn't good enough for her son. Greta wants to prove herself to Carl's family – and she's a talented young woman, with a head for business. In the Löwensteins' office, where she is surrounded by the scent of vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg, Greta works hard, day and night. Despite the social barriers, Carl sticks by her. But the two of them underestimate how far Carl's mother is willing to go to prevent what she thinks would be a big mistake...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
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 Pages: 400
 Original title: Monsieur Jammet und der Traum vom Grand Hotel

INES THORN

Monsieur Jammet and the Dream of a Grand Hotel

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 28, 2022

Paris, 1940. The French capital is under German occupation. Only the world-famous Grand Hotel Le Bristol is out of bounds to the Nazis...

Hippolyte Jammet is smart and passionate, and living his dream life running the Bristol, one of the top luxury hotels in Paris. Even the shadow cast by two world wars has done nothing to make him doubt that this is where he belongs. When the Germans occupy Paris, he needs every last bit of diplomatic skill he can muster to keep the hotel open and safeguard his guests and staff. But it isn't easy – especially since the hotel is hiding some of the Louvre's treasures from enemy eyes. When a priceless Fragonard disappears and the city grows ever more grey and dreary, Monsieur Jammet gradually begins to despair. What can he do to help revive his home town?

Inspired by the true story of the hotelier Hippolyte Jammet, who risked his life to help save the Bristol – and Paris.

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MARIE ADAMS

The House of Midwives: Carola's Chance

THE HOUSE OF MIDWIVES (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: July 18, 2022

For them, it's a calling: the midwives at the Cranach Street maternity home

The maternity home in 21 Cranach Street, Cologne, is no longer a well-kept secret, but famous all over the city. Its three founders – the midwives Carola, Susanne and Ella – are best friends and a great team. Caring and capable, they look after a colourful array of patients, old and young. Carola's own children are growing up healthy and happy, and her husband Andreas has become a successful screenwriter. Everything seems perfect. Yet Carola is becoming more and more estranged from Andreas, who complains that she works too much. When she bumps into her old flame Karsten, she begins to wonder what a life with him might have been like...

- Volume 1 of "House of Midwives" series has been sold to Czech Republic (Alpress)

Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet
Format: Paperback
Pages: 400
Original title: Das Haus der Hebammen - Carolas Chance

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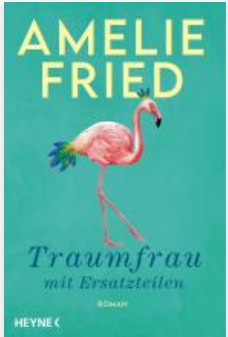
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AMELIE FRIED

A Dream Woman with Spare Parts

NOVEL

Date of publication: August 31, 2022

Once a perfect woman, always a perfect woman

Cora Schiller hates the idea of turning sixty. She would love to ignore her upcoming birthday. But suddenly everyone wants to know what she has on her bucket list: found a start-up? Climb Mount Kilimanjaro? But all she wants is for things to stay as they are.

When she receives some shocking news, Cora finally wakes up, and realises that life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

Fiction, Women's Fiction

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GISA PAULY

Café Hope

THE SYLT SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Between hope and longing: the new instalment in the brilliant Sylt saga


Sylt, in the mid-1980s. Brit's daughter Kari isn't interested at all in her work at the Café König Augustin – the only thing she cares about are the celebrities living the high life on the island. Then things start looking up: Kari marries a famous fashion designer and enters high society, and when she becomes pregnant her parents finally accept her new life. But all's not well between Kari and her husband, and when their daughter is born a scandalous secret comes to light.

Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
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 Pages: 496
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ANNE SANDERS

Platform 7 – Bound for Happiness

NOVEL

Date of publication: October 26, 2022

Each morning, they sit in the same carriage. Each morning, their eyes meet. Will they ever go further?

Every morning, Emma takes the 5:18 train from Brighton to London. She loves commuting, because it gives her time to think about things... like Tyler. She's been with him for nine mostly happy years – except for the time he cheated on her. She has since forgiven him, but for a few days now she's started having doubts again. Is Tyler keeping something from her?

Jamie lives in Brighton, but can't wait to move to London. He hates the commute, because it gives him too much time to think about things... such as his new job at his father's publishing house. His father waited a long time for Jamie to follow in his footsteps, and the thought that he might not measure up to his father's expectations terrifies Jamie.

Emma and Jamie take the same train every morning. At first, they exchange a bit of small talk, but their conversations increasingly grow more serious. And it doesn't take long for them to start wondering if they would perhaps like to be more than just casual acquaintances...

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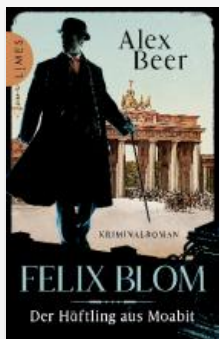
Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages: 416

Original title: Das Glück auf Gleis 7



**Fiction, Historical Fiction,
Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

Publishing House: Limes

Format: Paperback

Pages: 336

Original title: Felix Blom. Der
Häftling aus Moabit

ALEX BEER

Felix Blom: The Prisoner of Moabit

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 26, 2022

Felix Blom, hustler turned master detective, knows every trick in the book, and Berlin's criminals are running scared

Berlin, 1878. Hustler Felix Blom has been released from prison after three years behind bars. But freedom isn't what it used to be: he has lost all his possessions, and his fiancée has found someone else. And no matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to lay his hands on a penny. Simply no one wants to employ him. But then Blom has a brilliant idea: why not join forces with his new neighbour? Mathilde, a former prostitute, owns a private detective agency – but her clients are few and far between, because people don't think a woman is up to the job. Their very first case puts the pair on the trail of a mysterious murderer, who sends his victims letters with the message, "In a few days, you'll be a corpse." When such a letter is pushed under Blom's door too, things get personal...

The brilliant first instalment in this thrilling new crime series by bestselling author Alex Beer.

Alex Beers stories are about today as much as yesterday – but the way she tells them makes the past come alive.

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MICHEL BERGMANN

The Rabbi and the Inspector: Thou Shalt Not Covet

THE RABBI AND THE INSPECTOR (VOL. 2)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: October 13, 2022

Where is Galina Gurewitz?

Galina Gurewitz has disappeared. Three weeks ago, the world-class swimmer vanished from the face of the earth. But her mother refuses to report her as a missing person. As does Galina's husband, the volatile businessman Semjon Gurewitz. Are they being blackmailed?

Inspector Berking from the Frankfurt police doesn't have official permission to investigate the case, but he does have his friend, the amateur detective Rabbi Henry Silberbaum, who makes some informal enquiries among the Russian-Jewish community – and uncovers an incredible tale...

- Volume 1 of "The Rabbi and The Inspector" series has been sold to Italy (Emons)



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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**Fiction, Historical Fiction,
Fiction, Thriller & Crime**

Publishing House: C.
Bertelsmann
Format: Hardcover
Pages: 496
Original title: Tanz mit dem
Tod. Der erste Fall für Karl
Raben

CHRISTIAN V. DITFURTH

Dance with Death

KARL RABEN'S FIRST CASE

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Breathtaking thrills set in 1930s Berlin: the first book in a new historical crime series by the award-winning thriller author

It's November 1932, in the Berlin borough of Wedding. Seven SA men burst into a pub, and shoot an editor from the Communist Party's Red Flag newspaper. Young detective Karl Raben manages to apprehend their leader, Gustav Fehrkamp. But when Hitler becomes Chancellor, he pardons a large number of murderers and celebrates them as heroes of the Brownshirts' "uprising" – Fehrkamp among them. Raben now only has one thing in his sights: to seek justice and ensure that Fehrkamp is punished for the murder. Yet he knows that if he stands up to the government he'll risk not only his own life, but his wife Lena's too...

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Goldmann
Format: Paperback
Pages: 592
Original title: Todesrache

ANDREAS GRUBER

Death and Retribution

CASE NO. 7 FOR MAARTEN S. SNEIJDER AND SABINE NEMEZ
THRILLER

Date of publication: September 21, 2022

The new thriller by the no. 1 bestselling author

Criminal profiler Maarten S. Sneijder's last case nearly cost him his life. He also lost almost his entire team, including his Federal Criminal Police colleague Sabine Nemez.

But then Sneijder discovers that she may still be alive. The pressure is on, and he puts together a new team to find Sabine and free her from the entanglements of a highly complex case. To do this, he desperately needs help from the eccentric Leipzig detective Walter Pulaski. But Pulaski is busy trying to solve a horrific crime, and reluctant to help...

- Previous volumes of the "Sneijder" series have been sold to Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (L'Archipel), Italy (Longanesi), Japan (TokyoSogensha), Korea (Thenan), Lithuania (Jotema), The Netherlands (Bruna), Poland (Papierowy Książyc), Russia (Centrepolygraph), Slovakia (Ikar), Turkey (Pegasus)



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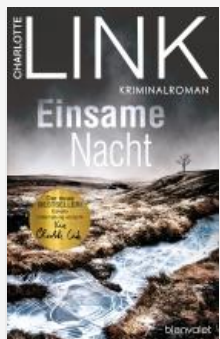
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CHARLOTTE LINK

Lonesome Night

THE KATE LINVILLE SERIES (VOL. 4)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: September 14, 2022

Rights sold to: Hungary (General Press)

Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Hardcover

Pages: 592

Original title: Einsame Nacht

Not even snow can cover all the tracks...

On a cold December night, a young woman is driving alone through the desolate Yorkshire Dales. The next morning, she's found dead in her car, which is parked on a bridleway and almost completely covered in snow. A witness claims to have seen a man get into the woman's car. Was it her boyfriend? Or was he a stranger? Was he the murderer?

Kate Linville takes on the case, and soon picks up a trail that leads into the past – to a cold case that Caleb Hale once investigated, but never managed to solve...

- Previous volumes of the "Kate Linville" series have been sold to Croatia (Znanje), Czech Republic (Euromedia), France (Presses de la Cité), Hungary (General Press), Italy (Corbaccio), Japan (Tokyo Sogensha), Korea (Balgunesang), Latvia (Zvaigzne), Lithuania (Alma Littera), The Netherlands (Xander), Poland (Sonia Draga), Russia (Eksmo), Spain (PRH/Debolsillo), Turkey (Agapi)

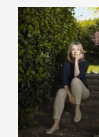
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Heyne
Hardcore
Format: Paperback
Pages: 432
Original title: Der Bunker

CLEMENS MURATH

The Bunker

A FRANK BOSMAN CRIME NOVEL (VOL. 2)

Date of publication: August 10, 2022

Whose side are you on?

UN special investigator Elaine Szolnay and Frank Bosman from the Berlin state police want to bring ex-warlord Remi Ekrem to justice. While Szolnay wants Ekrem to stand trial for war crimes committed during the Balkan Wars, Bosman wants to bring him down for flooding Berlin with drugs smuggled in via the Balkan route. In the course of their investigations, they discover that Ekrem is also involved in the illegal organ trade, and doing business with a group of far-right extremists. When Bosman gets too close to Ekrem, the hunter becomes the hunted. Alone and without any resources, Bosman is forced to go underground to prove his innocence.

Murath [...] has something that's missing from most German crime authors: a deliciously dark sense of humour.

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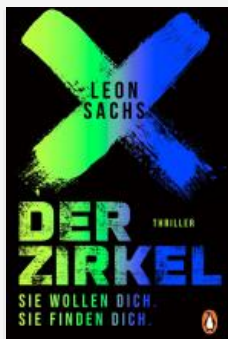
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages: 464
Original title: Der Zirkel. Sie wollen dich. Sie finden dich.

LEON SACHS

The Circle: They Want You. They'll Find You.

THRILLER

Date of publication: September 14, 2022


English reader report available

She has to investigate her own family. He could destroy her career. But if they want to defeat the enemy, they have to work together.

Three murder victims, in three different countries. A coincidence? Johanna Böhm, a new student at the police academy, is the only one who knows what links them. The victims are people from her past – a past she thought she had escaped. But now Johanna knows too much, and could be in grave danger once again. Her worst fears are confirmed when ex-spy Rasmus Falk breaks into her flat one night, and accuses her of being involved in the murders. Falk threatens to end her career as a police officer before it's even started. So Johanna has no choice but to team up with him. But is she taking too great a risk?

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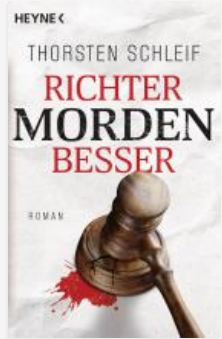
Judges Make Good Murderers

NOVEL

Date of publication: July 11, 2022

The judge – your executioner

As a young law student, Siggie Buckmann wanted nothing more than to make the world a little fairer. Today, he is an experienced judge who does as he's told. The judicial system is steeped in bureaucracy, and Siggie's rulings keep being reviewed and overturned. Then the death of a homeless junkie reawakens his old passion for the law, and when no one's interested in bringing those responsible to justice, he decides to take matters into his own hands. After all, he knows the system inside out, and knows how to exploit its weaknesses. Will he get away with murder?



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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Format: Paperback

Pages: 304

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