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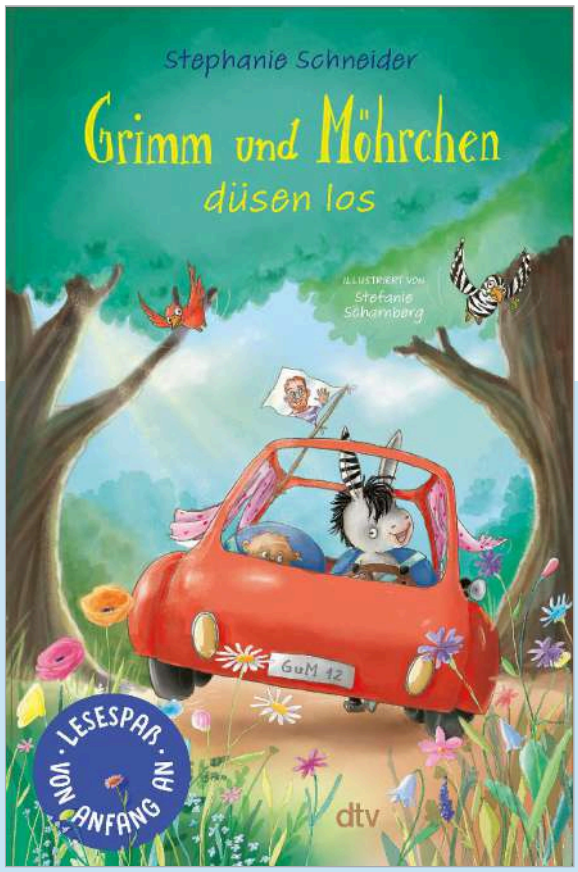
- Grimm and Carotto for early readers: Now little fans can discover the zonkey's adventures for themselves
- With quiz questions and riddles at the end of each chapter
- Total print-run of '*Grimm's Zonkey Tales*': over 370,000 copies

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Carotto and his speedy race car
Grimm's best friend – next to Carotto, of course! – is his neighbour Rudi. Rudi owns the "Tank You" gas station, an exciting place for the little zonkey. And even better: Rudi is really good at puttering around. That's how he manages to build a fire-engine-red pedal car for Carotto! In it, the little zonkey races around the gas station and experiences plenty of surprises.



Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm and Carotto Zoom Off (vol. I)
64 pages
April 2026
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 14,3cm x 22cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

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Stephanie Schneider, born in 1972, studied Education and Art at the Fine Arts Academy in Braunschweig. Since 2004 she has been pursuing her childhood dream to work primarily as an author. She lives in Hanover with her husband and two daughters.

Stefanie Scharnberg was born in Hamburg in 1967 and completed a bookseller's apprenticeship in her home town. She then traveled to Florence to study Painting. On her return to Germany in 1992, she resumed her work as bookseller and illustrator. She now lives in Freiburg with her family.

Stefanie Schneider: Grimm and Carotto Learn to Swim (vol. II)

- Learning to swim and earning the early swimmer badge: a popular topic in elementary school
- Grimm and Carotto for early readers: Now little fans can discover the zonkey's adventures for themselves
- Total print-run of '*Grimm's Zonkey Tales*': over 370,000 copies

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Stephanie Schneider, Stefanie Scharnberg (Ill.)
Grimm and Carotto Learn to Swim (vol. II)
64 pages
April 2026
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4c illustrations, 14,3cm x 22cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Grimm and Carotto dive deep
It's really hot in the house with the crooked seven. That's why Grimm and Möhrchen are off to the lake! There, they meet some children from the village, who have just learned to swim and earned their early swimmer badges. Now, of course, Carotto wants to earn a badge, too! But can zonkeys even swim? A lively outdoor swimming story with suspense, striped heroes and ice cream!

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Grimm & Carotto to Read Aloud

Stephanie Schneider
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Carotto Moves In (vol. I)
128 pages
February 2022
Age: 5+
4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

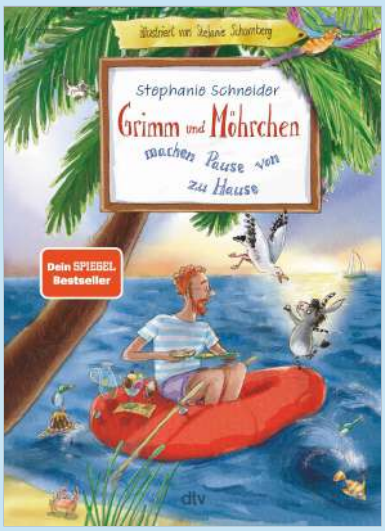
Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Belarus (POPURI), Czech Republic (Jan Vasut), Ukraine (Bohdan)

Stephanie Schneider
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Carotto (vol. II)
144 pages
July 2022
Age: 5+
4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Belarus (POPURI), Czech Republic (Jan Vasut), Ukraine (Bohdan)



Stephanie Schneider
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Grimm and Carotto Take a Break (vol. III)
96 pages
April 2023
Age: 4+
4c illustrations, 17,3 x 24 cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Ukraine (Bohdan)

Stephanie Schneider
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – Carotto in a Vegetable Bed
32 pages
September 2023
Age: 4+
4c illustrations, 22 x 30,5 cm

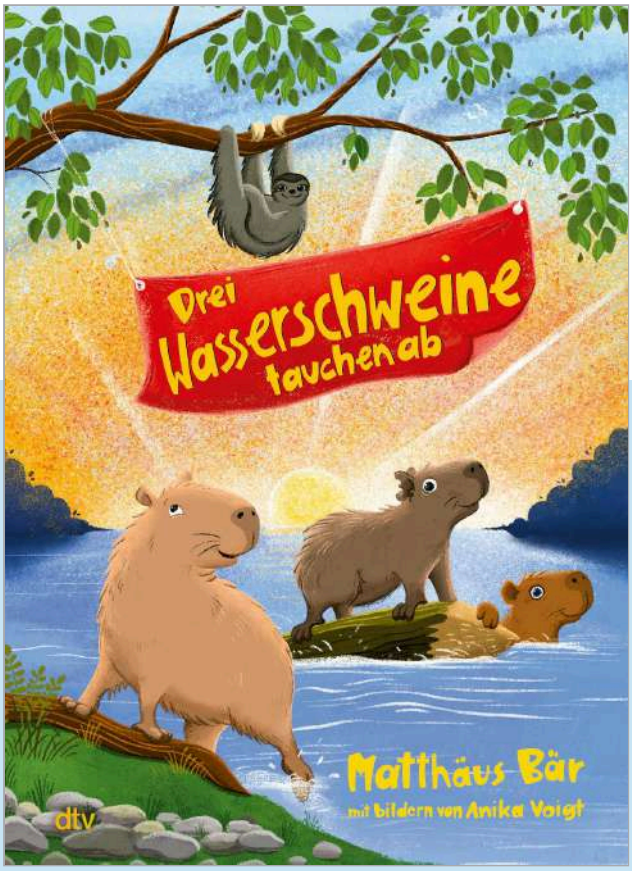
Genre: Picture-Book, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Stephanie Schneider
Grimm's Zonkey Tales – The Playground Pirates
32 pages
February 2025
Age: 4+
4c illustrations, 22 x 30,5cm

Genre: Picture-Book, Family / Friends, Early Reading

Matthäus Bär: Three Capybaras on a City Quest (vol. III)

- Funny read-aloud book for the whole family with lovable capybaras as protagonists
- The third volume of the successful series, a favourite among children and parents alike
- *'Three Capybaras on the Run'* won the *Austrian Children's Book Prize 2025*



Matthäus Bär, Anika Voigt (Ill.)
Three Capybaras on a City Quest (vol. III)
160 pages
May 2026
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 17,3cm x 24cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Adventure / Crime / Action, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Poland

A sloth, three friends and a jungle of surprises
While searching for a missing baby sloth, the three capybaras Emmy, Tristan and Raul accidentally end up on a truck – and find themselves in the heart of the urban jungle. Far from the safety of their zoo enclosure, they must navigate a world full of cars, flashing traffic lights and, even worse, people. And worst of all: no scheduled feeding times!
With humour, courage, and a good dose of luck, the trio tackles the chaos of city life – and discovers the true meaning of friendship and helping others.
A fast-paced, funny adventure full of warmheartedness, suspense and irresistible animal charm.

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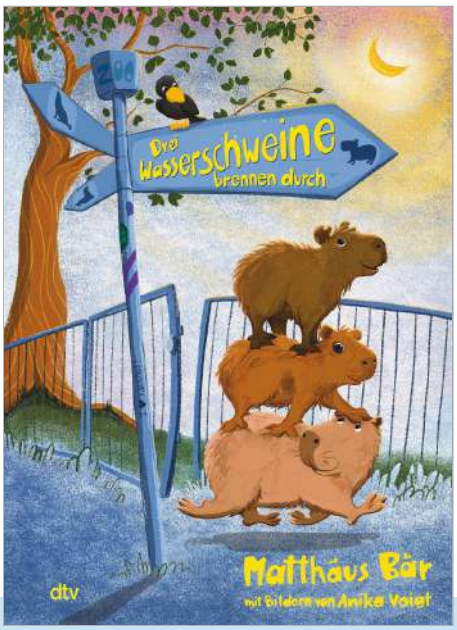
Matthäus Bär is a well-known children's songwriter, inspiring children with his clever lyrics and beautiful music. He won the DIXI Children's Literature Prize in 2019 for his manuscript of *'The Three Capybaras on the Run'*.

Anika Voigt is an illustrator and architect. She mainly draws for children, occasionally she writes the stories for them, too. As architect she designs kindergardens. She lives in Cologne with her family.

Matthäus Bär: Three Capybaras on the Run (vol. I)



Matthäus Bär
Three Capybaras on the Run (vol. I)
144 pages
March 2024
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 17,3cm x 24cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Adventure / Crime / Action, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia

Meet our new heroes – the capybaras!
Emmy, Tristan and Raul are three little capybaras. They are good friends and live together in a meadow at the zoo with their flock. One day, the three friends wonder if there is more outside their enclosure than what they can see – what might lie beyond the fence? With courage, skill and a little luck, they manage to escape through the fence and explore the world around them. On their nightly excursions, they get to know the neighbouring animals and experience exciting and fun adventures.

Matthäus Bär: Three Capybaras on a Mission (vol. II)

Matthäus Bär
Three Capybaras on a Mission (vol. II)
160 pages
April 2025
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 17,3cm x 24cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Adventure / Crime / Action, Early Reading

Licenses sold: Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia

Emmy, Raul and Tristan set off to solve the flamingo egg mystery
Life in the capybara enclosure is just about perfect. All day long, Emmy, Raul and Tristan lie in the sun, warming their bellies, enjoying their food and relaxing in the pond. At night, they sneak out to visit their friends. Until terrible news begins spreading among the zoo animals: A horrifying predator has been rampaging among the flamingos! Several animals have disappeared. Who would do such a thing? And where are the missing birds?

Aniela Ley: Hixel – Goblin Summer without Socks

- A dynamic duo with strong character appeal
- A fresh and humorous twist on the Goblin lore

Aniela Ley, Nikolai Renger (Ill.)
Hixel – Goblin Summer without Socks
ca. 144 pages
June 2026
Age: 8+
b/w illustrations, 14,3cm x 22cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Middle Grade

An adventure in the spin cycle. Who's stealing the socks?
Henja doesn't believe that there are goblins or that goblins are crazy for socks. But that changes when, one day, a scraggly boy tries to escape with her last pair of socks. Little does he know, he's tangling with the wrong person! Henja gives chase and catches the sock thief. And look, Hixel actually is a goblin. He has just bungled his first magic test (the unsuccessful sock theft). And then the washing machine (the secret portal into the goblins' realm) is broken. Whether they want to or not, Henja and Hixel must work together so that he can go home. In the process it's almost inevitable that the goblin, whose magic spells don't always work as planned, and the quick-witted girl become friends!

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Aniela Ley has always been a bookworm, even as a child, driven by the confident hope that a door to a fantastic world would open between the covers of each book she read. As an author, she has created numerous literary worlds herself, and she now knows that this door exists wherever books are being read.

Nikolai Renger was born in Karlsruhe and studied Visual Communication. He works as a freelance illustrator for various publishers and literary agencies.

Christian Linker: Fish Suck!

- For readers of Andreas Steinhöfel
- Tough topics brought across with the lightness of a road movie

How I went looking for my dog and found a home

11-year-old Till and his dog Flocke have been getting along well for a long time, even though Till's drug-addicted father doesn't do much shopping or cleaning. But when his father falls into a coma and is admitted to hospital for who knows how long, Till must move into a children's home. Unfortunately, no pets are allowed there, only fish. But fish suck! When Till wants to visit Flocke at the animal shelter, he learns that a family has adopted him. Till and his new friend Pawel concoct a plan to get Flocke back. But before they can act, the dog's new family goes on vacation to the North Sea. Without further ado, Till and Pawel follow them, leaving absolute chaos in their wake.

A warm-hearted and profound story of loyalty and friendship.

Christian Linker
Fish Suck!
256 pages
March 2026
Age: 10+
14,3cm x 22cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Middle Grade

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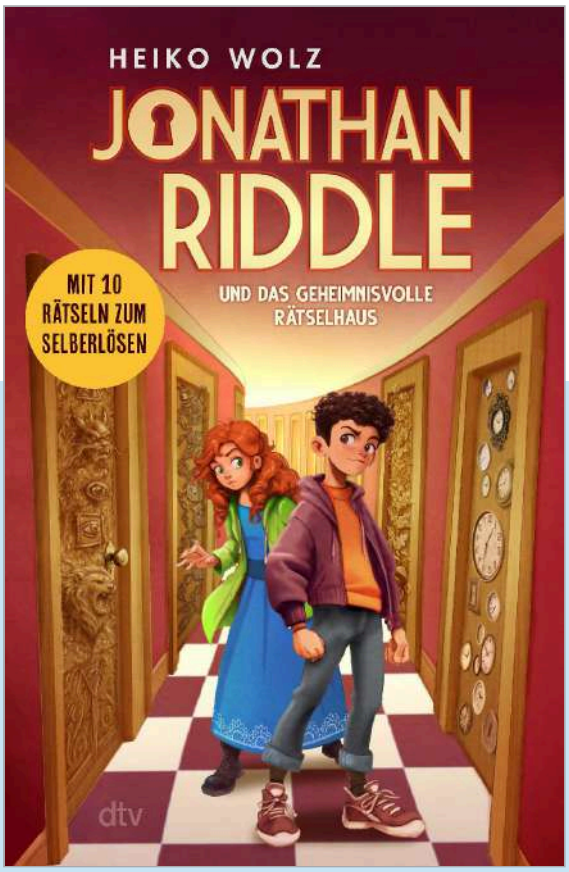
Christian Linker, born in 1975, studied Theology in Bonn and worked in politics before dedicating himself fully to writing. His novels, which always grapple with controversial themes, have received numerous awards.

Heiko Wolz: Jonathan Riddle and the Mysterious Puzzle House

- A fascinating adventure full of brain games, magic and surprising twists
- For fans of escape books and puzzles
- Previous books by the author have been translated into 9 languages



Heiko Wolz
Jonathan Riddle and the Mysterious Puzzle House
ca. 256 pages
June 2026
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 14,1cm x 21,5cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Adventure / Crime / Action, Middle Grade

A house goes haywire
The Spilsbury House mansion is hiding more than one secret: It's alive and protecting the magic legacy of its departed builder, the puzzle master John Spilsbury. 13-year-old Jonathan Riddle suspects nothing when his mother sends him there to visit his eccentric uncle Aelfric and his daughter Vic. But Jonathan soon learns that the house must defend its most valuable asset, the Mystery Puzzle, against attacks from a nearby village. Once completed, the puzzle will provide a look into the future. Hence, Jonathan and Vic immediately embark on a search for the missing puzzle piece.

Fun fact: John Spilsbury (1739–1769) was actually the inventor of the jigsaw puzzle!

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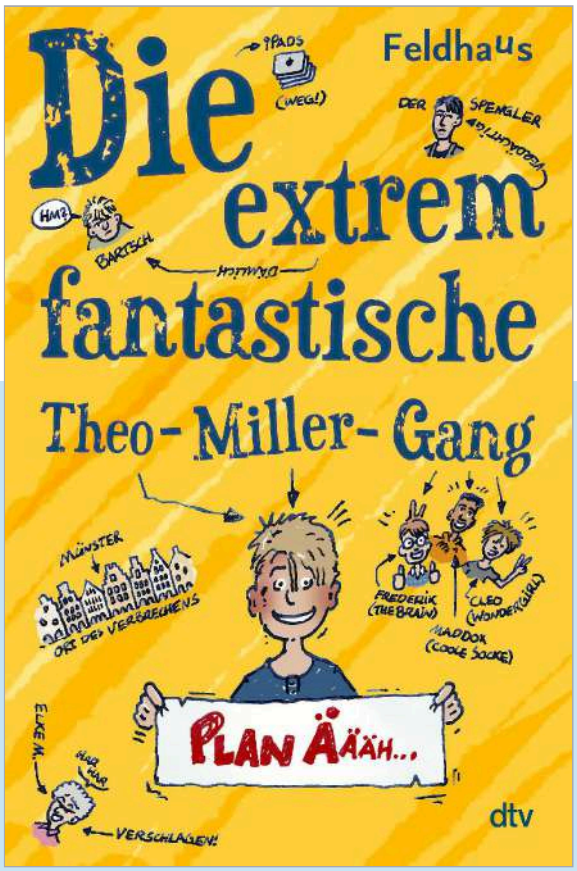
Heiko Wolz is not only a trained bookseller but also the father of four almost grown-up children. He has written over 50 books for children, teenagers and adults alike.

Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus: The Extremely Fantastic Theo Miller Gang

- A mix of school and crime story combined with ingenious, funny illustrations and hilarious situations
- Total print-run of Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus at dtv: over 200,000 copies
- For readers of Jeff Kinney and Liz Pichon

The gang (legendary!), the case (criminal!), and other things that can go wrong
It's the first school day after the break, and Theo Miller overslept. That's why he's forced to sit next to Patrick Bartsch, an unpleasant jerk. But Theo has friends. And he forms a gang with them: The Extremely Fantastic Theo Miller Gang. The first battle against evil is not long in coming: A whole classroom set of new iPads has been stolen. And of course, the gang has a suspicion - the unpopular form teacher Mr. Spengler! The observation of their suspect begins ... and ends in a murderously expensive mess. And that's precisely where Bartsch comes in. Will he expose them? Or does he have entirely different motives?



Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus
The Extremely Fantastic Theo Miller Gang
224 pages
April 2026
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 14,3cm x 22cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Middle Grade

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Hans-Jürgen Feldhaus, born in 1966, studied Graphic Design at Münster and works as a freelance illustrator for various firms and publishers. He has written and illustrated numerous books at dtv.

Frank Schwieger: I, Julia & the People of Pompeji (vol. XI)

- The successful series continues – this time with Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius, which fascinate children
- The humorous tone, the friendship book format and witty, cheeky illustrations will tempt even reluctant readers
- Print-run of the series: over 400.000 copies

Frank Schwieger, Ramona Wultschner (Ill.)
I, Julia & the People of Pompeji (vol. XI)
256 pages
May 2026
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Middle Grade, Adventure / Crime / Action, History

In the shadow of the volcano – fascinating stories from Pompeii
This narrative non-fiction book transports young readers into the colourful everyday life on the Gulf of Naples in Roman antiquity. Exciting stories about the eruption of Vesuvius and life in Pompeii bring history to life: No matter gladiator, merchant, actor or slave – each character tells their story from their own perspective, providing fascinating insights into life almost 2,000 years ago. The stories are accompanied by cheerfully illustrated factual pages, a map of Pompeii and lots of child-friendly information about everyday life in ancient Pompeii.

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Frank Schwieger was born in 1968 and grew up in the northernmost region of Germany. He studied Latin and History, and has been working as a grammar school teacher since 1999.

Ramona Wultschner was born in Heilbronn in 1987. She studied Design in Pforzheim and works on animated cartoon productions, children's books and game development.

History & Mythology Series (vol. I–VI)

Frank Schwieger
I, Zeus & the Olympic Gang (vol. I)
256 pages
April 2017
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Middle Grade, Adventure / Crime / Action, History

Licenses sold: Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain

Frank Schwieger
I, Caesar & the Roman Gang (vol. II)
208 pages
March 2018
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Middle Grade, Adventure / Crime / Action, History

Licenses sold: Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Serbia, Spain

Frank Schwieger
I, Odin & the Wild Wikings (vol. III)
240 pages
March 2019
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Hungary (Kolibri), Romania (Niculescu), Russia (Rare Bird Publishers)

Frank Schwieger
I, Merlin & the Fearless Knights (vol. IV)
256 pages
March 2020
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Hungary (Kolibri), Romania (Niculescu), Russia (Rare Bird Publishers)

Frank Schwieger
I, Cleopatra & the Ancient Egyptians (vol. V)
256 pages
April 2021
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Hungary (Kolibri), Romania (Niculescu)

Frank Schwieger
I, Odysseus & the Gang from Troy (vol. VI)
272 pages
November 2021
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Hungary (Kolibri), Romania (Niculescu), Serbia (Vulkan)

History & Mythology Series (vol. VII–X)

Frank Schwieger
I, Hercules: My Heroic Deeds Live From Ancient Greece (vol. VII)
256 pages
October 2022
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Romania (Niculescu)

Frank Schwieger
I, Aladdin & the Heroes of the 1001 Nights (vol. VIII)
240 pages
November 2023
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Licenses sold: Hungary (Kolibri), Romania (Niculescu)

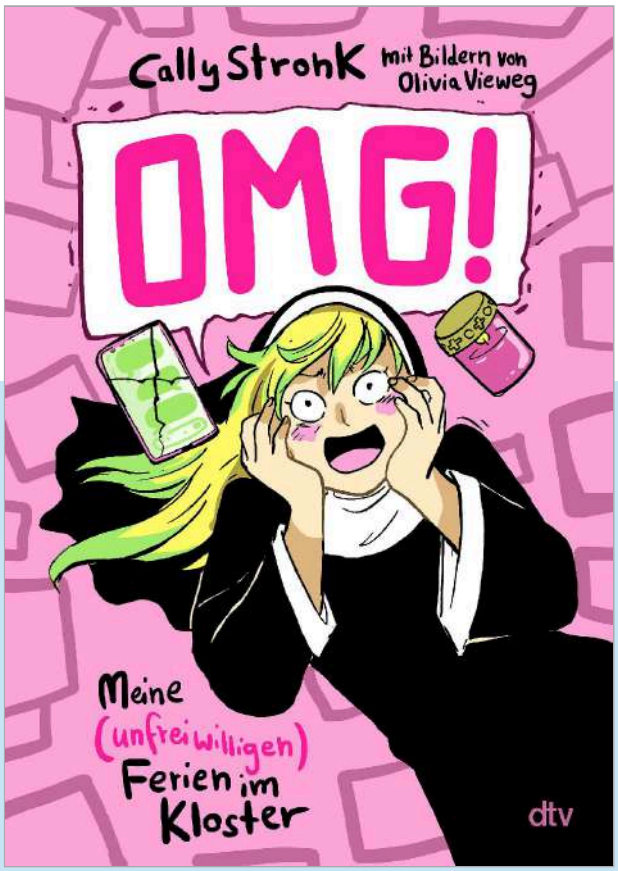
Frank Schwieger
I, Athena & the Brave Women of Olympia (vol. IX)
240 pages
June 2024
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Frank Schwieger
I, Captain Hook & the Cursed Treasure Island (vol. X)
256 pages
May 2025
Age: 10+
b/w illustrations, 16,3cm x 22,8cm

Cally Stronk: OMG! – My (Involuntary) Holiday at the Convent

- Perfect holiday reading for girls with hilarious comic-style illustrations
- A totally relatable teen voice

Surrounded by nuns
Almost 13-year-old Amy can't believe it: Instead of chilling with her friends during her holidays, she and her mother are going to a mother-child health retreat. She's not a child anymore! Even worse: The retreat is at a convent, with nuns, church services and all that. When they arrive, Amy's worst fears (including sharing a cell with her annoying baby sister, bad mobile reception and not one proper selfie-spot) come true. She has to get away! And that's about the only thing that Amy and Hugo, a boy her age, seem to have in common. He, too, was forced to come to the convent. For better or worse, the two formulate an escape plan, but when they take action, everything goes wrong …



Cally Stronk, Olivia Vieweg (Ill.)
OMG! – My (Involuntary) Holiday at the Convent
176 pages
May 2026
Age: 11+
b/w illustrations, 15cm x 21,5cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Humor, Middle Grade

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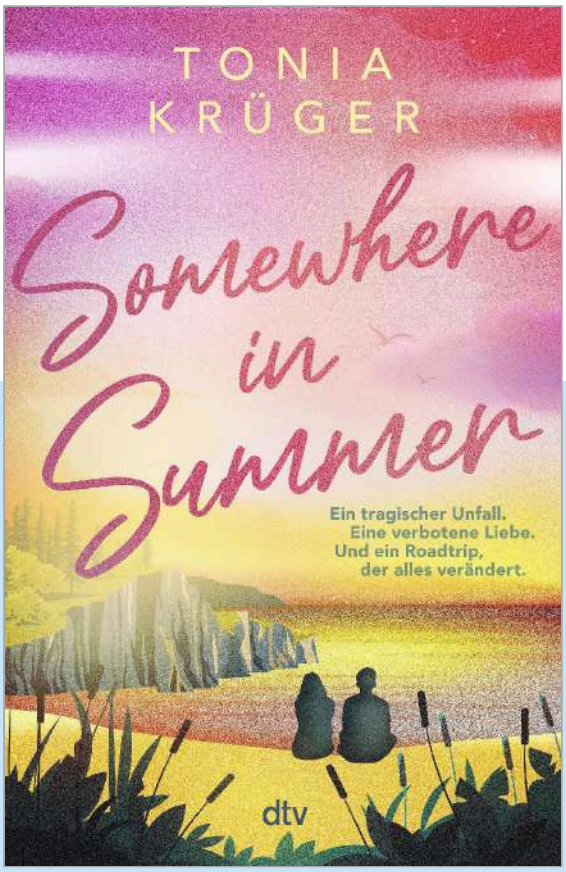
© Philipp Höfer

Cally Stronk, born in 1977, studied Social and Economic Communication at the Berlin University of the Arts. After working as an independent consultant in the areas of editing, film and music, she is primarily working as a children's book author.

Olivia Vieweg was born in Jena. She lives and works in Weimar as award-winning comic artist and screenwriter.

Tonia Krüger: Somewhere in Summer

- For readers of Jenny Han and K. L. Walther
- Tropes: brother's best friend, forbidden love, one bed, second chance, found family



Tonia Krüger
Somewhere in Summer
416 pages
March 2026
Age: 14+
13,6cm x 21cm

Genre: Contemporary YA, Love / Romance, Young Adult

A promise that separates them. A summer that changes their love forever.
Riley loses her older brother, Scott, in a tragic accident. While Riley is still overcome by grief, her parents expect her to take over Scott's place in the family business. But Riley has dreams of her own and completely different plans. She is convinced that only Scott's best friend, Caden, can understand her. Unfortunately, he has broken off all contact.
A few months later, she unexpectedly runs into Caden. He wants to take a road trip across the US with friends, a trip which originally was planned by Scott. On a whim, Riley joins the group, and Caden seems to be anything but thrilled about this. For what Riley doesn't suspect is that her brother made Caden give him a momentous promise. And with each mile they cover on their trip, it gets harder and harder for Caden to keep it.

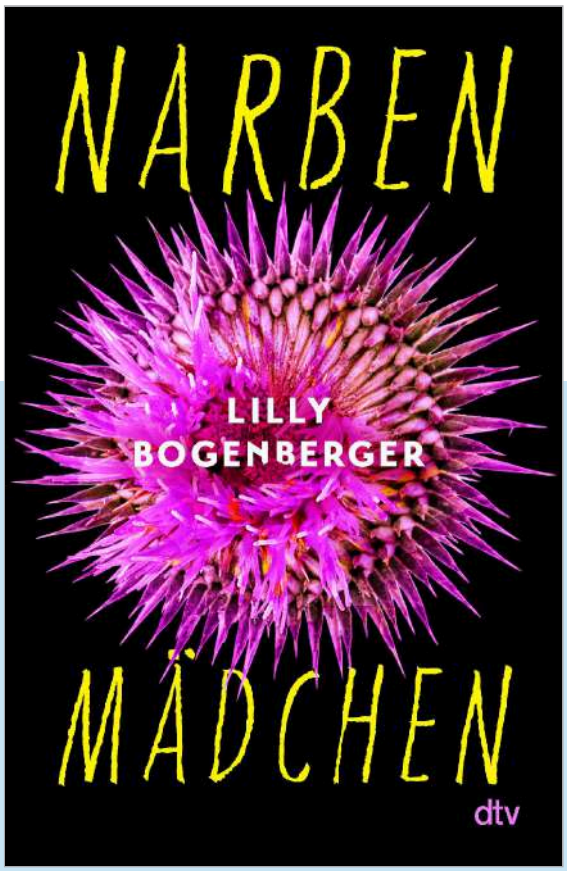
© Tonia Krüger

Tonia Krüger studied English and History and likes to use inspiration from her travels in her books. She lives near Hanover with her boisterous family.

Lilly Bogenberger: Girl with Scars

- An impressive debut on the topics of mental health, friendship and healing
- An intense coming-of-age story with a protagonist battling for self-esteem
- For readers of '*Girl in Pieces*' by Kathleen Glasgow and *'Cut'* by Patricia McCormick

A moving novel about scars, visible and invisible – unadorned and authentic
Lara is 15 and has to spend the next four weeks as an inpatient in clinic for young people with behavioural problems. As she herself admits, she is pretty crazy. Why else would she smuggle razor blades into the clinic so that she can continue cutting herself? However, group therapy seems to be as annoying as it gets, and the psychologist doesn't tell her anything worthwhile either. Instead, Lara starts talking to Neo and Finn about her problems. And somehow, these teenagers succeed in changing Lara's life.



Lilly Bogenberger
Girl with Scars
352 pages
March 2026
Age: 14+
13,6cm x 21cm

Genre: Contemporary YA, Family / Friends, Young Adult

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Lilly Bogenberger was born in Munich in 1992. She studied Serial Storytelling in Cologne, works as a screenplay author and was nominated for the *German TV Prize* in 2023 and 2025. She currently lives in a camper van with her husband, their young daughter and their dog, travelling Europe.

Jonna Struwe: Why Don't We Have a King? – Children's Questions about Democracy

- Finally, the complex topic of democracy is explained so that everyone can understand it
- A lesson for everyone, regardless of their age!

Jonna Struwe, Ina Hattenhauer (Ill.)
Why Don't We Have a King? – Children's Questions about Democracy
64 pages
March 2026
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 17,3cm x 24cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Non-Fiction, Society / Politics, Early Reading

When everyone has a vote: explaining democracy to elementary school children
Stories are packed with good and evil kings, who decide everything. But is that fair? Wouldn't it be fairer if everyone can help decide? Just like in real life. But how can things actually work with so many people in one country without there being a huge mess? This book explains, in clear, comprehensible terms, how our co-existence is regulated in a democracy – one of the most important topics these days!

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Jonna Struwe, born in 1973, studied Political Science and Journalism. After spending a few years working as an editor, she became a self-employed blogger and mentor for families abroad. Today, she devotes herself entirely to writing for her favourite audience: children.

Ina Hattenhauer, born in Berlin, studied Visual Communication at the Bauhaus University in Weimar and at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She has worked as a designer and freelance illustrator for various publishing houses in Germany and worldwide since 2009.

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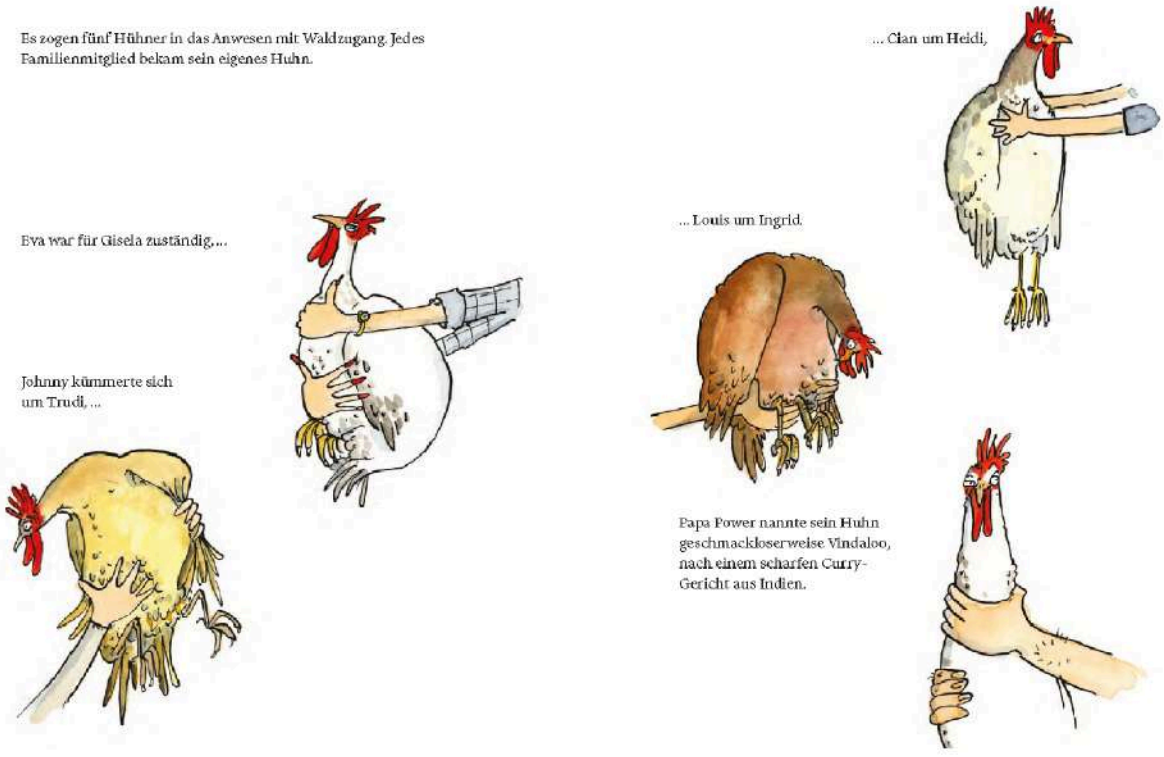
Massuda Kassem: Chicken Survivor



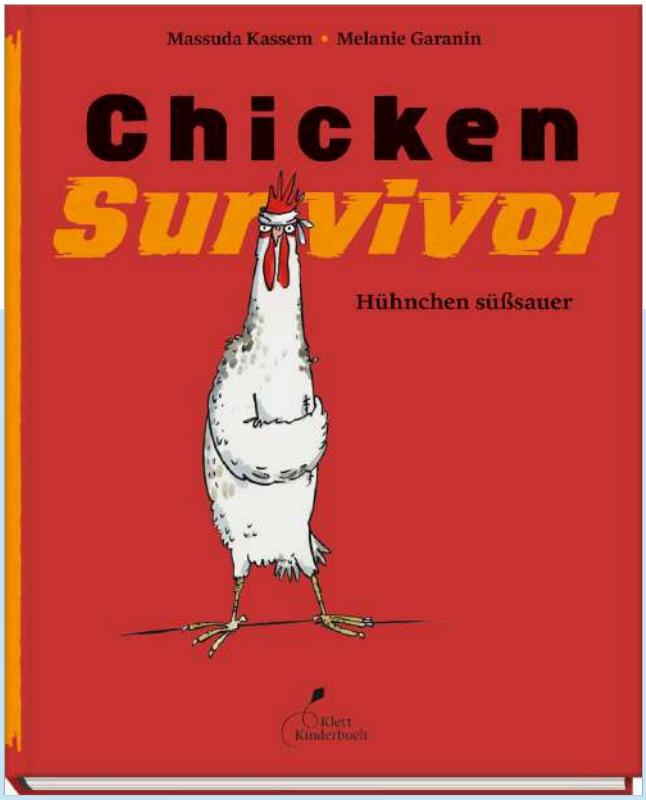
Get to know the five chicken of the Power family

There are Gisela, Trudi, Heidi and Ingrid. And, as Dad called the last one very tastelessly, Vindaloo. Yes, just like the spicy Indian chicken curry dish!

Unbelievable but true: the story of the bravest hen in the world

A lesson in fighting back, even when the odds seem to be against you

True Crime stories from the Chicken Coop
The chicken in the Power family's garden seem to live in paradise! Gisela, Trudi, Heidi, Ingrid and Vindaloo – annoyingly named after a tasty chicken curry dish – are happily enjoying their lives of luxury in this green space. But sadly, the idyll doesn't last: Both the fox and the buzzard have their sights set on the chicken and begin their murderous work – not expectin Vindaloo to stop them. Both times, she suffers severe injuries and almost dies. From then on, she's quite handicapped – but not in her existence as a happy hen and heroine.



Massuda Kassem, Melanie Garanin (Ill.)
Chicken Survivor
48 pages
February 2026
Age: 5+
4c illustrations, 19 × 23 cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

ENGLISH SAMPLE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE

Massuda Kassem, born in 1973, wrote '*Chicken Survivor*' because she knows the hens and people involved personally. Otherwise, she produces music videos and films, including the cult film '*Heiko's World*'.

Melanie Garanin, born in 1972, studied cartoons and animation and worked as illustrator for magazines and children's books. Since 2016, she primarily works as a comic strip artist.

Meyer/Lehmann/Schulze: The Wild Little Ones at School – All Adventures in a Single Volume

- All three 'Wild Little Ones at School'-volumes in a single book
- A slice of first-grade reality, though maybe a little wilder than most
- For children who are looking forward to school and can't wait for it to start

Meyer/Lehmann/Schulze, Tine Schulz (Ill.)
The Wild Little Ones at School – All Adventures in a Single Volumen
152 pages
April 2026
Age: 6+
4c illustrations, 15cm x 21cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends, Early Reading

The popular Wild Little Ones go to school now: Here are all of their adventures in a single volume!
Who says that characters in early reading books always have to be well-behaved and proper? The school stories of the Wild Little Ones, like their kindergarten experiences, are taken directly and uncensored from real life. There is swearing, hitting, arguing and frequent laughter. Learning to read with the Wild Little Ones is a lot of fun!

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Meyer / Lehmann / Schulze – it goes without saying these aren't their real names. All we can tell you is this: They got a lot of material thanks to several kindergarten teachers, parents and above all, children.

Tine Schulz was born in 1981. After training as a media designer she studied communications design and illustration at the University of Wismar. Since then she has been working as a freelance author and illustrator. She lives in Rostock.

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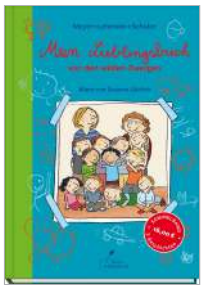


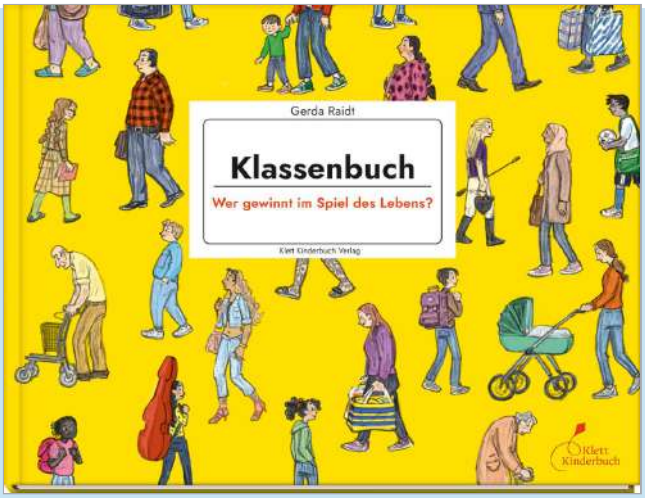
Meyer/Lehmann/Schulze
My Favourite Book of the Wild Little Ones
96 pages
October 2013

Licenses sold: Sweden

Gerda Raidt: The Book of Classes

- Eye-opening and exciting: the first book about classism for the people for whom it matters most
- Engaging in tone and full of lively images

Is life in our society unfair?!
Children want everything to be fair. But they soon learn that some people are privileged and others can't get ahead, even if they try. Because they take their world for granted, it's a long time before they recognize that differences in background create this unfair situation. It's essential that children recognise the mechanisms from an early age. Using children from an elementary school class as examples, Gerda Raidt shows where and how these differences come into play. Whether it is how they live, what they eat, the way they speak, in sports or in their access to culture. Thereby making it impressively clear which parts of one's future are pre-determined – almost imperceptibly.



Gerda Raidt
The Book of Classes
80 pages
February 2026
Age: 8+
4c illustrations, 25,5cm x 19cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Society / Politics, Middle Grade

Gerda Raidt was born in 1975 and studied in Halle and at the Academy for Fine Arts in Leipzig. She has been a freelance illustrator since 2004.

Lotte Schweizer: Milla Gorilla

Lotte Schweizer
Milla Gorilla
64 pages
July 2026
Age: 3+
4c illustrations, 19,3cm x 22,5cm

Genre: Children's Books / YA, Family / Friends

Raise the curtain for Milla!

Milla is a little gorilla. She is curious, strong and bold. And very cute. She lives in a rooftop apartment with her mom and dad – sometimes it feels as if they were living in a treehouse! Milla experiences something new every day. It's exciting when Benjamin, the little tiger, moves into the same house. It's magical when Benjamin and Milla (maaaaybe!) transform their janitor, the endearing hippo Caruso, into a frog. And it's delicious (and very funny) when she goes to the outdoor swimming pool with her parents, eats swimming pool fries and must help her father – who got stuck in the slide!

Anne Pätzold: You and Me for Real

Anne Pätzold
You and Me for Real
ca. 352 pages
September 2026
Age: 14+
13,6cm x 21cm

Genre: Love / Romance, Young Adult, Children's Books / YA

It doesn't get more romantic than winter in Japan

Spending end of December in Tokyo was not Caitlyn's plan. Alone and bored in her hotel room she gives a new dating app a try and ends up chatting with Will. However, when they actually meet in person, he doesn't seem to know who she is. It turns out that Caitlyn actually texted Jude, his best friend. Jude, with the best of intentions, was looking for a person for his hopelessly romantic friend, but apparently messed up.
Jude offers his help to Caitlyn – who desperately is in need of some support, as there's a reason why she came to Japan in the first place. Unfortunately, she doesn't seem to be able to work up the courage to confront it. As they stroll through festively illuminated Tokyo, they discover that they might fall for each other despite the mix-up at the beginning.

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