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German children's and young adult books are very much in demand among international licensees and a real export hit for German publishers, being the top selling foreign rights category.

Since 2006, the Frankfurter Buchmesse has been inviting German publishers to exhibit a selection of their books abroad in order to meet this great demand.

This spring, 14 renowned publishers and imprints will be part of the Children's Books on Tour collection. A total of 44 compelling titles will travel with the German Collective Stands to the following fairs: Bologna, London, Prague (Guest of Honour Germany), Brussels, Abu Dhabi, Warsaw, Turin, Beijing, Guadalajara, Jakarta and Taipei.

These titles will also be displayed and promoted throughout the year at the Frankfurter Buchmesse Book Information Centre in Beijing, at the book fairs in Sarajevo and Seoul and during the Frankfurt Invitation Programme.

## Arena



### The Ruby Circle

#### All Our Secrets

Jana Hoch  
 SERIES, pp. 416, 21 × 14 cm, Age 14+  
 € 20.00, 978-3-401-60671-2  
 Rights sold to Poland, Spain, Ukraine and  
 German audio book rights sold

When Louisa wins one of the rare scholarships to Highclare Academy, she hopes her life will have a new beginning. Not only because she's a member of the Ruby Circle – an elite group of students in which every wish is granted before you even say it – but also because she believes that at last she will be protected against the lies that have turned her life into a nightmare. But all the luxury is merely a façade, because behind its walls the Academy is seething with unrest.

Jana Hoch was born in 1992 in Hannover and still lives near the city. Since she was very young she has enjoyed inventing her own worlds and characters and capturing them on paper.

### Glimmer Gossip

#### A Mystery and a Perfect Disaster

Emma Flint  
 Illustrated by Eva Schöffmann-Davidov  
 SERIES, pp. 304, 21 × 14 cm, Age 10+  
 € 15.00, 978-3-401-60725-2  
 All rights available

If you ever think things couldn't possibly get any worse, just ask Lexi Glimmer! Lexi is determined to make a fresh start at Sandsgarden, an elite boarding school. At least that's the plan. To that end, she has even taken on the editing of the

boring school magazine. But as usual, nothing goes according to plan.

Emma Flint was born in 1975, and has worked as an in-house messenger, lifeguard, basketball coach, shelf stacker, and TV and radio reporter. Then she decided she'd had enough of sensible jobs and became a writer.

Eva Schöffmann-Davidov was born in 1973. She studied at the design college in Augsburg and has been working as a freelance illustrator since 1998. She has designed more than 300 children's and YA books.

### Sina Starwings

#### Book 1: The Secret of the Little Forest Fairy

Annette Moser  
 Illustrated by Marina Krämer  
 SERIES, pp. 32, 28.5 × 22 cm, Age 4+  
 € 16.00, 978-3-401-71977-1  
 All rights available

It is the day of the big magic exam. At last, Sina and her friends will be told their fairy titles. Only Sina has a nasty lump in her throat. There's nothing she's particularly good at. But then she gets her big chance. The magic Fairy Tree is in danger. And only Sina knows how to cure it ...

Annette Moser was born in Hamburg. She studied German literature and got a job as an editor with a children's book publisher, helping other authors to write. Then she began to publish her own children's stories.

Marina Krämer was born in Russia in 1974. At the end of 1990 she moved to Germany and studied visual communication and graphic design in Stuttgart. Since 2007 she has worked as a freelance illustrator.

### Philine and the Oracle Disaster

Lilly Silver  
 Illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli  
 SERIES, pp. 224, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 8+  
 € 14.00, 978-3-401-60680-4  
 All rights available and German audio book rights sold

It is Philine's 11th birthday, and she's about to learn what kind of oracle she is going to become. But why is everyone behaving so strangely after the Grand Oracle Show? And is anyone going to tell Philine the meaning of her own personal oracle motto? How on earth is she supposed to learn how to see into the future?

Lilly Silver is the pseudonym of the German author Ruth Rahlff. As well being a writer, she works as a children's book editor, draws up concepts for publishing companies, and holds workshops and interactive readings for children of pre-school and primary school age.

Simona Ceccarelli grew up in Italy, and has had a keen interest in both art and science from a very young age. Since 2016 she has been illustrating children's and other books for numerous publishers all over the world.

## Beltz & Gelberg



### Haunting the Kiosk

Lena Hach  
Illustrated by Barbara Jung  
pp. 120, 20.7 × 14.6 cm, Age 10+  
€ 12.00, 978-3-407-81341-1  
All rights available

Fritzi loves to spend time at her grandparents' kiosk among the candy and the comics. But recently, strange things have been happening there: raspberry lollipops are disappearing, and someone is playing nasty tricks on regular customers. Fritzi and her best friend Carlos keep watch during the night. And they actually surprise a burglar – Balduin – who claims to be a real ghost. What is he doing in the kiosk? An entertaining adventure with just the right mix of horror and humour – suitable even for children who still find reading challenging.

Lena Hach, born in 1982, works as a freelance author in Berlin. She attended a school for clowns, studied literature and creative writing, and worked as a journalist. She has published the children's book series *Der verrückte Erfinderschuppen* (The Crazy Inventor's Shed), *Mission Hollercamp* and *Grüne Gurken* (Green Cucumbers), and, most recently, *Fred und ich* (Fred and I).

### Days Full of Chain Stitches

Anne Becker  
pp. 173, 21.2 × 13.7 cm, Age 11+  
€ 13.00, 978-3-407-75759-3  
All rights available

Mats is insanely shy. Ricci is just the opposite. New in class, and pretty punky, she doesn't mince words and quickly makes

herself unpopular because of it. Can Mats be friends with someone like Ricci? Somehow it's possible, mainly because Ricci accepts Mats just the way she is. But they end up falling out, because Ricci hides the fact that she doesn't have a real home and Mats feels betrayed. An authentic novel, sensitive and close to its protagonists.

Anne Becker studied special education in Heidelberg. She works as a special education teacher and lives with her family in the Ruhr region. In 2017, she was nominated for the Oldenburg Children's and Young People's Book Prize with a manuscript. *Die beste Bahn meines Lebens* (The Best Race of My Life) was her first publication with Beltz & Gelberg and nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize.

### Badger and Rocket Together We Are a Hit!

Jörg Isermeyer  
Illustrated by Kai Schüttler  
pp. 30, 28 × 21.3 cm, Age 4+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-407-75884-2  
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Mr Badger and Rocket the snail have picked up an earworm somewhere. They hum and sway to it all day long. "If only we could make music ourselves," Mr Badger sighs longingly. But it's not that easy. To make music you have to compose a melody, write a song, and practise a lot! Or maybe not? With Badger's inventiveness, Rocket's enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, the two of them put together a band and really live up their household.

Jörg Isermeyer, born in Bad Segeberg in 1968, travelled as a street musician across Europe. After his studies, he chose a career as a freelance artist over a

university career. He now lives in Bremen, working as an actor, director, theatre pedagogue, musician and writer.

Kai Schüttler, born in 1988, studied design at the FH Münster with a focus on illustration. Since receiving his bachelor's degree in 2013, he has been living and working in Greven as a freelance illustrator.

### That's Totally Unfair! About Fairness and Justice

Assata Frauhammer  
Illustrated by Meike Töpferwien  
pp. 78, 22.6 × 17.3 cm, Age 8+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-407-75912-2  
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Several children share a cake. Is it fair if everyone gets the same-sized portion? What about the person who baked the cake or the one who is especially hungry? The deeper you get into the topic of justice, the trickier it gets! In this book, Assata Frauhammer explains to children what justice is and how difficult it can be to always act fairly. In an easy-to-understand way, she describes what justice has to do with democracy, what communism is, why generational justice is important, and why there is so much inequality in the world.

Assata Frauhammer, born in 1991, works as a freelance author and likes to write about exciting non-fiction topics. She lives with her husband and two sons near Stuttgart.

Meike Töpferwien studied design in Braunschweig. Since receiving her degree she has worked as a freelance illustrator and designer for several publishing houses, magazines and cultural institutions. She lives in Braunschweig, is learning to play the accordion and likes riding around on her cargo bike.

## Carlsen



### Fluffy

Almut Schnerring  
Illustrated by Jennifer Coulmann  
pp. 32, 27.6 × 22.6 cm, Age 3+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-551-52166-8  
Rights sold to Denmark, Hungary

Fluffy hasn't found an animal to play with yet. The others don't know what to make of Fluffy because it looks so different. So Fluffy invites them all to a big party. And all of them come. But they're still puzzling over the question of what Fluffy really is. Fortunately, by the end they understand: sometimes Fluffy can be like this, and other times like that. So can everyone!

Almut Schnerring is an author and journalist. In her work she looks at the return of prescriptive roles and role models in the day-to-day life of families, and would like to give both children and adults more freedom of choice beyond pink and blue.

Ever since she was at primary school, thinking up stories has been Jennifer Coulmann's favourite thing to do. She studied design with a focus on illustration and has been working as a freelance illustrator since 2014.

### The Secret of Nox

**Book 1: Light, Shadow – Flying Rats!**

Claudia Scharf  
Illustrated by Lisa Frosch  
SERIES, pp. 304, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 10+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-551-65288-1  
All rights available

By day, Fill lives a perfectly ordinary Dayling life. He goes to school, plays sunball with his friends, and helps his dad

in the quash garden. But then Fill's magic pancake explodes, his cat runs off – and all at once Fill is traipsing through Nox, the Land of Night. Here, there are blood-thirsty flying rats and many other legendary creatures. Together with Issa, a Nightling girl, Fill experiences adventures that the daytime world can only dream of.

Claudia Scharf worked for a long time as a children's book editor. Now she writes her own books.

Since studying game design, Lisa Forsch has surrounded herself with all kinds of stories to draw inspiration for her new projects.

### ScAlry

**Book 3: Still Spooked!**

Ruth Rahlff  
Illustrated by Timo Grubing  
SERIES, pp. 288, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 9+  
€ 12.00, 978-3-551-65523-3  
Rights sold to Albania, Greece, Russia

Spy alarm! A tiny drone is following Robert, Isabella and Lorenzo. Was it sent by AI Medusa to spy on Robert's ghostly family? And as if that's not unsettling enough – now there's a small robot standing at the door with a message from Robert's missing parents! Robert is completely unnerved. What if it's a trap?

Ghosts + artificial intelligence = high addictive potential!

The five-book series will be completed in October 2025.

Ruth Rahlff has been working as a children's book author and editor for many years.

Timo Grubing works for various agencies and magazines, always with a focus on illustrations for children and young adults.

### HUMAN!

**Time-Travelling Through Our Evolution**

Susan Schädlich, Michael Stang  
Illustrated by Bea Davis  
pp. 80, 26.5 × 19.8 cm, Age 10+  
€ 20.00, 978-3-551-25495-5  
Rights sold to Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Korea

This non-fiction book doubles up as a graphic novel, making it especially good for young readers. By time-travelling through the history of mankind, the world's most exciting story is told – the history of all of us.

Susan Schädlich studied animal health and has been writing for kids about science ever since.

Michael Stang is a science journalist and has been interested in human evolution ever since he was at university.

Bea Davies has received much recognition and many awards and prizes for her comics. Born in Italy, she has lived in Berlin for over ten years.

"This makes history fun!"

Die ZEIT

## Finken



### LOGICO PRIMO – Learning Board Game

Richard Schneider  
pp. 2, 28.4 × 23.2 cm, Age 3+  
€ 21.00, Art-no. 3201

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

LOGICO PRIMO is a learning game with self-checking for children from 3 to 6 years for learning in kindergarten, at preschool and at home. Using the LOGICO PRIMO learning cards, children practise concentration & perception, logical thinking, colours & shapes, numeracy, Reading Readiness, sequencing, sorting and classifying, and language development. 1994 Worlddidac Award, 2006 Teachers' Choice Award (USA), 2006 Innovative Product ECWN (Poland).

### LOGICO PRIMO – Sorting and Classifying

Liza Neunzerling  
Illustrated by Manu König  
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+  
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3266

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Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

When solving these tasks, children develop thinking skills in sorting and classifying, which involve visual perception (sorting by colour, shape and pattern) and logical thinking (categorising, classifying and finding the odd one out in groups of objects).

When sorting and classifying items, children group them according to certain characteristics or attributes (e.g., colour, shape, size) and find similarities and differences between objects.

The learning cards *Sorting and Classifying* help children to develop a range of thinking skills and build the foundations for later problem-solving.

### LOGICO PRIMO – First Maths in Pictures

Britta Vorbach  
Illustrated by Nadine Bougie  
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+  
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3256

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Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – preschool children solve these tasks through play. With the learning cards, children practise basic mathematical operations and learn to solve mathematical questions in their everyday lives.

All tasks and solutions are shown in pictures. This allows for an early introduction to basic arithmetic, even before children have learned to read numbers.

### LOGICO PRIMO – Colour and Shape Puzzles

Britta Vorbach  
Illustrated by Silke Reimers  
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+  
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3239

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

With LOGICO PRIMO, children will enjoy learning and practising basic skills. Each set features 16 cards with motivating assignments appropriate for the child's age. *Colour and Shape Puzzles* expands children's understanding of colours and shapes. The puzzles about colours and shapes help children develop their concentration, visual recognition and logical thinking. The learning cards focus on various aspects: recognition of colours and colour combinations, visual recognition of shapes, recognition and completion of colour sequences, recognition of geometrical shapes.

## Fischer Kinder- und Jugendbuchverlag



### Search and Find: Construction Sites

Fiete Koch  
 Illustrated by Fiete Koch  
 pp. 16, 30 × 24 cm, Age 2+  
 € 12.00, 978-3-7571-0136-7  
 All rights available

There's lots to discover at the building site – there are diggers and bulldozers at work, and people drilling and hammering and painting. But what does it look like once everything is built? In this book, children can discover building sites in the city and in the countryside: here a big residential and office building, there a motorway. Meanwhile, in the countryside, Beaver is building his lodge ...

And once everything is finished, people (and animals) can live, work and play in the new structures!

Fiete Koch, born in Hamburg in 1979, has been drawing since he was a child. Since 2010 he has been working as a freelance illustrator with plenty of joy and ideas.

### Towards a Brighter Sky

Sarah Jäger  
 Illustrated by Sarah Maus  
 pp. 272, 20.9 × 13.7 cm, Age 12+  
 € 20.00, 978-3-7335-0803-6  
 All rights available

Summer holidays! Everyone is outside. Only fourteen-year-old Yuri stays at home, because Yuri's favourite place is his room – it's where he feels safe. Just two weeks before school starts, he receives a message

from Ava. The two know each other from primary school and haven't heard from each other in years. Ava would love to be at the outdoor pool with everyone else. But Ava is grounded. "Because of this thing," she says. They start up a conversation and bit by bit they open up to each other. Light topics like their favourite ice cream or their worst birthdays are soon followed by their first confessions about little secrets and big fears. Until Ava's wild stories begin to shake the trust they have just started to build.

Sarah Jäger lives in the Ruhr area, is a trained theatre pedagogue and works in the field of cultural education. Her novel *The Night as Big as Us* was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize and the Paul Maar Prize for Young Talents in 2022.

Sarah Maus, born in 1995, lives in Essen and works as a freelance illustrator and art teacher.

### Journey to the Centre of the Magic

Kathrin Tordasi  
 pp. 320, 21.5 × 14 cm, Age 10+  
 € 17.00, 978-3-7373-6130-9  
 Rights sold to the Netherlands

When Flo returns from the bakery, the only thing on her mind is a cosy afternoon with her dad and some cake. But then she literally stumbles across a mysterious treasure map: "Walter Wonderly's Wondrous Ways to the Source of Magic" is written on it. And nothing else. Together with her new friends, Flo sets off on a scavenger hunt across London and meets a cryptozoologist, real fairies and goblin cats. It soon becomes clear that Flo will only get through this search with the help of the strongest magical power: that of true friendship.

Kathrin Tordasi was born near Stuttgart and grew up with books by Astrid Lindgren, Michael Ende and Kenneth Grahame. Nowadays she lives in Berlin and likes writing in cafés and spending her free time either by the sea or on her green urban jungle balcony.

### Who Sleeps, Who Is Awake at Night?

#### Why Giraffes Sleep Folded up and Octopuses Don't Snore

Beatrix Mannel  
 Illustrated by Karolina Benz  
 pp. 64, 28 × 21 cm, Age 8+  
 € 20.00, 978-3-7571-0186-2  
 Rights sold to the Netherlands, Russia

Which animals are nocturnal and use unusual hunting strategies in the darkness? Which animals snuggle up at night and sleep? And which animals have adapted their sleep to extremely unusual conditions?

Beatrix Mannel has many answers to these questions, giving examples that include both domestic and exotic animals, and exploring lots of fascinating and surprising facts about sleep.

Karolina Benz has created real works of art with her atmospheric pictures that depict the night in all its facets.

Beatrix Mannel used to work as an editor and author for television channels, production companies and radio before she began writing books for all reading ages.

Karolina Benz is a painter and illustrator. Her pictures are always done by hand. Every picture in this book is an oil painting. The artist lives in the forest and likes to stay up late into the night like the cross spider and the eagle owl.

## Carl Hanser Verlag



### All By Myself!

Kathrin Schärer  
pp. 64, 21 × 17 cm, Age 2+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-446-27723-6  
Rights sold to Denmark, Spain

Children are explorers, quick learners and whizz through (almost) everything in their first years.

Kathrin Schärer presents 30 everyday activities, using vivid animal illustrations, that even the smallest children can do if given the inspiration and confidence. Getting up in the morning, getting dressed and having breakfast? No problem! Building a sandcastle, doing crafts or browsing a book? Why not? Cutting cookies, going to the bathroom or climbing a tree? I want to do it on my own! And soon riding a scooter or throwing a ball will be a breeze. Great fun to discover together and learn playfully – for small and slightly bigger whizz-kids.

Kathrin Schärer was born in 1969 and now lives in Basel. She has illustrated numerous children's books, for which she has been nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Prize, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and the German Youth Literature Prize, among others.

### We Are World Class: Book 1

Tanya Lieske  
Illustrated by Sybille Hein  
SERIES, pp. 176, 21 × 15.5 cm, Age 8+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-446-27924-7  
All rights available

There is always something going on in this lively class! Adam starts a new school after his parents move from Poland to Germany.

Luckily, he quickly makes friends because all his classmates are from different places. Or as Mrs Meister, the class teacher, says, "With us, you can travel all over the world without even leaving the classroom!" Whether it's a lively museum trip, a school event where a mouse turns up or a slumber party with ghost stories, Adam, Mariam, Yanis and their friends never get bored. And Mrs Meister has the best ideas. Like building a stegosaurus, which is not that easy because dinosaurs are huge. But one thing is crystal clear: whatever happens, this class always sticks together.

Tanya Lieske was born in 1964 and studied comparative literature, Romance studies, theatre and modern history. Since 1996, she has worked as a freelance journalist. She hosts the literary programme *Büchermarkt* on *Deutschlandfunk*, is a fiction writer for both children and adults, and reviews books.

Sybille Hein, born in 1970, is a writer and illustrator as well as a cabaret artist and fashion designer. She has been awarded Austria's Children's and Youth Book Prize for her illustrations.

### Diggers and Dredgers

#### Short Stories About Big Machines

Ole Könnecke  
pp. 32, 22.5 × 25.5 cm, Age 3+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-446-27722-9  
Rights sold to China, Denmark, France, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, UK, USA

The fascination of construction equipment – discover, laugh and dig along. Children like digging and building things. Large construction machines are particularly fascinating. In illustrated texts, Ole

Könnecke explains what excavators, rollers and tracked trucks do, as well as tippers and cranes, loaders and lorries. His stories are tongue-in-cheek and there's always an animal along for the ride. An original picture book that combines information and humour in a very entertaining way.

Ole Könnecke, born in 1961, grew up in Sweden and lives in Hamburg. Since 1990 he has illustrated over 40 books, for which he has won several national and international awards.

### The Lollipop Gang

#### The Lollipop Gang in Search of Adventure

Charlotte Inden  
Illustrated by Susanne Göhlich  
SERIES, pp. 96, 24 × 17 cm, Age 5+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-446-27719-9  
Rights sold to Denmark, Russia

For Theo, Tom and Lotti, every day is an adventure. In their imaginations they are desperadoes, explorers, knights and superheroines. A cat becomes a dangerous tiger and the neighbour's garden a jungle. Which, as it so happens, belongs to an elderly lady – the fearless Frederike, who is not afraid of bees or chickens. But one day a man in shiny black shoes shows up – and he's got Frederike's house in his sights. The three siblings can't let him get away with this, of course. In other words: there's adventure everywhere. You just have to look carefully. And always carry a water pistol ... just in case!

Charlotte Inden, born in 1979, lives with her family in Karlsruhe and works as a journalist at a daily paper.

Susanne Göhlich, born in 1972, is one of the most popular children's book illustrators in Germany.



## Kosmos



### EXIT – The Book

#### The Trace in The Mirror

Inka and Markus Brand, Jens Baumeister  
 Illustrated by Burkhard Schulz  
 SERIES, pp. 176, 21.6 × 15.5 cm, Age 8+  
 € 16.00, 978-3-440-17355-8  
 Rights sold to China

Lili is 10 years old and has the most brilliant home: a hotel in the mountains. But her parents have financial problems, and only the secret heirlooms of her great-great-grandfather can save the hotel from having to be sold. Together with her friends Sia and Oskar, Lili begins searching for the lost heirlooms. Clues can be hidden anywhere in the book; you have to find creative solutions. Cutting out, drawing, folding – anything is permitted.

Inka and Markus Brand have both been passionate about playing games since they were children. Since then they have published numerous games for children and families, including the highly successful EXIT games.

Jens Baumeister has worked as a screenwriter for television and now works as an author in Berlin. He likes writing kids' books best.

### Who Lives in the Forest?

#### My First Nature Guide

Julia Hiller  
 SERIES, pp. 36, 17.3 × 13.3 cm, Age 4+  
 € 12.00, 978-3-440-17807-2  
 All rights available

The forest is full of life. Large and detailed drawings show children aged four and

above which 16 large and small forest inhabitants, trees and mushrooms can be found here. Short information texts explain how to observe animals and identify plants. Go into the forest and discover an exciting world!

Julia Hiller has been a lover of books since she was a child. She has worked in publishing herself and is an expert on children's non-fiction. She has created a number of titles for young kids.

### The Magic Kickers

#### Book 1: Off to Soccer School!

Benjamin Schreuder  
 Illustrated by Betty van Bonn  
 SERIES, pp. 128, 21 × 14.5 cm, Age 8+  
 € 12.00, 978-3-440-17533-0  
 All rights available

Ben is stunned when he's invited to join a taster training week at the soccer school Tannwald. As he enters the school, his courage fades. How is he supposed to show his talents here? Only a miracle can help him now – a magic miracle in form of a talking mascot ...

Benjamin Schreuder has written many successful children's book series, including *TKKG Junior* for Kosmos and now the new magical series *The Magic Kickers*.

### The Three !!!

#### Detectives in Danger

Kirsten Vogel  
 Illustrated by Ina Biber  
 SERIES, pp. 160, 21.6 × 15.1 cm, Age 12+  
 € 15.00, 978-3-440-17490-6  
 All rights available

The Three !!! crack every case! Kim, Franzi and Marie can't believe it: the Winklerhof, Franzi's home and headquarters of the Three !!!, is to make way for a highway. Does this mean the end of the detective club? The friends are determined not to let this happen and organise a big demonstration against the new road and the destruction of nature. When Commissioner Peters disappears, the detectives have to unleash unprecedented power to save the Winklerhof and the Commissioner.

Kirsten Vogel has been working for many years as a storyliner, script author and producer for well-known TV series. Nowadays she is an author of children's books.

## kunstanstifter



### Bus

Illustrated by Christina Röckl  
pp. 36, 27.7 × 17 cm, Age 3+  
€ 22.00, 978-3-948743-23-9  
All rights available

Christina Röckl, winner of the German Award for Youth Literature, recounts a day inside a bus using a blaze of colours. Almost completely without words, she depicts the small things that can make the world dance, showing us how much we can accomplish with one tiny impulse – just a simple smile.

Christina Röckl tells stories with pictures, mostly in the shape of books. Her published works have won a number of awards.

### Alberta's Shop of Dreams

Martina Walther  
Illustrated by Martina Walther  
pp. 44, 29 × 20.3 cm, Age 4+  
€ 24.00, 978-3-948743-03-1  
Rights sold to North Macedonia

Business is quiet at Alberta's secondhand shop in a little seaside town. One day, however, a man desperately searching for a parking space triggers gossip that there is something extra-special about Alberta's shop. People come flooding in, each with their own particular request: a chair with a long back and short legs, a grumpy cloud, more pepper in their life, an inflatable dumbbell. Alberta darts eagerly back and forth among the crowded shelves, looking for a fitting item – and she always comes up with the right answer. Then one day Alberta's most loyal customer, Pepe the

fisherman, comes to town again and asks her a question that changes everything.

Martina Walther is a Swiss illustrator born in 1983. She divides her time between Lucerne and a small village in the Emmental valley. She studied Illustration Fiction at Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. *Alberta's Shop of Dreams* is her third children's book and the first she has written herself.

Selected by the Deutsche Akademie für Kinder- und Jugendliteratur as Book of the Month for March 2023, nominated for Serafina 2023.

### Alula

#### The Garden / The Jungle

Illustrated by Reto Cramerli  
pp. 56, 24.5 × 18.4 cm, Age 3+  
€ 24.00, 978-3-948743-26-0  
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Children's games open a door into a fantastic world we will call Alula, a place full of adventures and surprises, danger and exotic creatures. Alula is also a special kind of word – a palindrome. Read it backwards and see!

Two children are tracking a cat – or is it an exotic butterfly they're following? In this reversible book without words, Reto Cramerli gives two different versions of a daring expedition. One story shows two children playing in a garden. They spot a cat and then follow it through long grass past a hose, along a washing line and flowerbeds, to a pond. Read the book the other way around, though, and an innocent garden hunt becomes an intrepid journey through thick jungle. The cat turns into a colourful butterfly, the hose becomes a giant snake and instead of moving hand over hand along a washing

line, the children swing through the air on long vines.

The charming illustrations offer a creative take on the role of imagination in children's play.

Reto Cramerli was born in Berne in 1975 and studied at the Biel University of Design and at the Haute École d'Art et de Design in Geneva. He has lived and worked in French-speaking Switzerland ever since as a freelance illustrator.

Nominated for Serafina 2023, The Best German Book Design 2023 by Stiftung Buchkunst, White Raven 2023.

### Favourite Sweater

Pauline Pete  
Illustrated by Pauline Pete  
pp. 40, 29.7 × 21 cm, Age 5+  
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Sparse words and beautiful images tell the story of a special bond between a girl and her grandmother. The two of them go ballooning, visit a museum and take a stroll through town. Even when the girl is on her own, she thinks of her grandmother whenever she wears her special sweater. The garment symbolises the close and happy relationship between the two, and gives solace as a difficult farewell looms. She keeps her sweater for many years before handing it down to her own son, hoping he will feel as loved, cosy and warm as she once did, while collecting his own memories and adventures.

Pauline Pete was born in Fulda/Hessia in 1996 and grew up in a rural area of the Rhön mountains. She decided in 2017 to start studying illustration at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, where she is currently working towards her Master's degree. She lives in Hamburg.

## Mack Media



### Madame Freudenreich Dinosaurs in Granny's Garden

Dominik Hochwald, Jörg Ihle  
Illustrated by Petra Fritz  
SERIES, pp. 40, 30 × 25.4 cm, Age 3+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-649-63026-5  
Rights sold to Coppenrath, China  
(Simplified), Denmark, Russia

Leon and Sophie are hugely excited about staying with Granny in the holidays. But the brother and sister could never have imagined just how HUGE their holiday is really going to be: Granny is hiding some real live dinosaurs in her greenhouse, and they are her best friends.

Dominik Hochwald has worked as an author and dramaturge for film, television, transmedia and children's books. His clients include Pantaleon Films, Coppenrath Verlag and Europa-Park.

Jörg Ihle develops transmedia brands and story worlds for film and television productions, broadcasters, game developers, theme parks and agencies.

Petra Fritz has worked for various companies in the theme park and film industry and as a designer in various areas of Europa-Park since 2009.

### Snorri and the Sunken Treasure

Michael Engler  
Illustrated by Matthias Derenbach  
pp. 32, 30.7 × 25.8 cm, Age 3+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-649-63322-8  
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What a boring day! Even in Aquamaris, the legendary city at the bottom of the sea, there's not much going on today. But then Snorri, the six-armed octopus, and his friend, the sea girl Aquina, find out about a real gold treasure. It is said to be hidden in the wreck of the Black Crow. Snorri knows exactly where to find the old pirate ship: in the ship graveyard. And it's pretty dangerous! Fortunately, Aquarian offers to help them. But is the little sea boy really their friend? Or is he just after the treasure ...?

Michael Engler studied visual communication in Düsseldorf, Germany, and initially worked as a scriptwriter and illustrator. He then spent several years as an art director at advertising agencies. He is currently a freelance author based in Düsseldorf, writing children's books and plays for theatre and radio. He has written over 15 children's books.

### Adventure Academy of Europe The Fire Tiger of Batavia

THILO Petry-Lassak  
Illustrated by Maximilian Meinzold  
SERIES, pp. 176, 21.5 × 15 cm, Age 8+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-649-64346-3  
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Belle, Oni and Oliver are in training to become real-life adventurers! The timetable includes travelling the world, discovering magic objects and researching mysterious creatures. The adventure begins on their very first day of school, when a famous magic dagger called the Fire Tiger is stolen. The young thief, Connor Blaze, is a real artful dodger and therefore a perfect candidate for the

school of adventurers! With him, the first excursion soon becomes a hellish trip into the fantastical world of pirates.

THILO is somewhere between 18 and 65 – though he looks younger. He has been putting his heart and soul into writing children's and YA books since he was 15. THILO's books have sold over 4 million copies and been translated into 20 languages.

### Rulantica The Hidden Island

Michaela Hanauer  
Illustrated by Helge Vogt  
Series, pp. 336, 21 × 14.2 cm, Age 10+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-649-62722-7  
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Aquina is a mermaid. She has always felt different from the other merpeople. One day she finds out that she has a twin brother: Mats, a human boy! And he is in danger. Ever since he was found on the beach as a baby, Mats has been brought up in a children's home. He has always been afraid of the sea. By coming together, Aquina and Mats are fulfilling a centuries-old prophecy made by the Nordic gods – and it's up to them to save the island world of Rulantica.

Michaela Hanauer is the owner of Literatur Agentur Hanauer. She set up her own business in 2003 and looks after authors and their texts as well as working closely with publishers.

Helge Vogt works as an illustrator and comic artist for numerous publishers including Disney, Le Lombard and Carlsen. He lives in Berlin.

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## PhänoMINT The Time Factory

**Experiments and all you need to know about years, hours and seconds**

Martin Verg

Illustrated by Peter Zickermann

pp. 64, 30.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 10+

€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-302-7

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A non-fiction and hands-on activity book for young scientists and philosophers alike.

Time – what is it really? Is it what clocks measure? The passing of hours, days and years? Or a feeling? This book gets to the bottom of the phenomenon of time. In addition to clear explanations, this book features numerous experiments and crafting instructions: the perpetual calendar shows the basis of our calendar system. With the help of the sundial, children learn how the length of the day was measured and how clocks as we know them today came into being. A water clock or an ancestor chart can also be built with the help of this book. The phenomenon of time can be demystified and felt, no longer intangible.

## PhänoMINT The Sound Lab

Carola von Kessel

Illustrated by Lucie Göpfert

pp. 64, 30.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 7+

€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-295-2

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Watch out: this book buzzes and whirs and whistles!

This book is full of research projects about sounds and hearing. Through exciting experiments, kids can explore how something sounds and learn why it sounds that way. Step-by-step instructions and vivid pictures lead the way as children build their own instruments, which they can use to make music and explore scientific connections at the same time. But animal and human sounds are not forgotten: you can also make your own handmade cats purr, chickens cluck and balloons shriek. You can even craft your own fart cushion. Lots of fun guaranteed!

## The Microscope Book

Bärbel Oftring

Illustrated by Burkhard Schulz

pp. 96, 22 × 17 cm, Age 8+

€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-311-9

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Tree bark, leaves, hair, insects – everything can be magnified with a microscope. No other device allows children to immerse themselves in science so quickly and experience nature in such a completely new way. From magnifying cups to hand-held microscopes and much larger microscopes, kids can explore everything about microscopy. Over 96 pages, author and biologist Bärbel Oftring answers all the important questions such as: What are the different microscopes best used for and how? How do you prepare specimens? What is particularly good to look at under a microscope? Numerous suggestions can be noted down in the book, and initial discoveries can be recorded on graph paper.

What awaits curious readers in this book:

- Lots of interesting and exciting facts about microscopy
- Experiments and observation tips
- Glossary of difficult words at the end of the book
- Photos and natural illustrations

## Your Adventurous Puzzle World

Eike Marcus

Illustrated by Eike Marcus

pp. 64, 28 × 21 cm, Age 9+

€ 9.95, 978-3-96455-318-8

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Enjoy over 100 puzzles in this illustrated adventure.

Colourful and enigmatic! An exciting puzzle world for primary school children aged 9 and above. Each double-page spread features a different puzzle world: whether it's outer space, the seabed, the farm or the jungle, there's something for everyone. The puzzle types vary – there are word and number puzzles, picture tasks and logic puzzles. A real challenge for those little grey cells! Adventurous worlds and tricky brain teasers ensure that this puzzle book is never boring! With exciting puzzles, experienced kids travel through worlds full of excitement, fun and adventure and put their skills to the test.

Author and illustrator Eike Marcus studied graphic design with a focus on illustration and animated film at Bremen University of the Arts. He came up with and designed the puzzles and illustrations for this puzzle book.

## Tessloff



### The Time Travel Gang

#### The Wrath of the Pharaoh

Benjamin Schreuder  
Illustrated by Dominik Rupp  
pp. 72, 21.5 × 15.8 cm, Age 8+  
€ 9.95, 978-3-7886-4601-1  
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Tinka and her friends Adam and Niko are looking for Tinka's father. He should have been back from his expedition in Egypt ages ago. In his study, the friends come across a secret time window. To their astonishment, they end up in a mud hole in the middle of ancient Egypt. They meet Juja, who shows them his world, experience the hustle and bustle of a market, have to deal with the pharaoh's guards and finally attend the pharaoh's coronation. But where is Tinka's father? With the first volume of the new *The Time Travel Gang* series, children aged 8 and above experience an exciting adventure set against a historical backdrop!

### On the Trail of Knowledge

#### 40 Spectacular Stories from Science & Research

Volker Kratzenberg-Annies  
Illustrated by Nick Annies  
pp. 144, 27.8 × 23 cm, Age 8+  
€ 24.95, 978-3-7886-7692-6  
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In this book, readers go on exciting research trips: they sail across the sea and take part in excavations, they explore the

"mini-world" of the smallest particles and the question of how the universe came into being. On some pages, real criminal cases and their connection to science are explained! In addition to many exciting stories about research and invention, each chapter contains a research assignment: checking fingerprints, carrying out experiments, deciphering secret messages and solving tricky puzzles.

Volker Kratzenberg-Annies was head of public relations at the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) and the European Space Agency (ESA) for many years, and supervised numerous astronauts. Today he is responsible for promoting young talent at DLR.

### WAS IST WAS My World Book 11: We Help Each Other and Get Along!

Andrea Weller-Essers  
Illustrated by Simone Leiss-Bohn  
SERIES, pp. 16, 19.6 × 17 cm, Age 2+  
€ 9.95, 978-3-7886-4387-4  
Rights sold to China, Croatia, Hungary

Nino and Pia are friends. They often play together or with other children. Sometimes they disagree and sometimes they argue: should they play with the train or the zoo? Other children also have conflicts – who is allowed to press the pump in the water playground and who gets to sail the toy boats? But after every argument, they manage to make up again: playing together is much more fun! Sometimes something happens: a toy lands in the

bushes or a model someone has built gets knocked down. But when everyone helps, even these problems are quickly solved. Sharing, helping and making up makes people happy! A funny flap book for boys and girls from the age of 2.

### Little Major Tom Book 18: Secrets in the Depths

Bernd Flessner  
Illustrated by Stefan Lohr  
SERIES, pp. 72, 21.5 × 15.8 cm, Age 7+  
€ 9.95, 978-3-7886-4218-1  
Rights sold to Albania, China, Hungary, United Arab Emirates

Tom, Stella and Plutichen, the three astronaut friends, test a new high-speed submarine and explore Loki's Castle – 400-degree hot springs in the North Atlantic that are supposedly emitting black smoke. Steering the new submarine, taking the samples and not getting too close to the hot springs turns out to be a big challenge. Afterwards, the three take a detour to the wreck of the Titanic. What was supposed to be a short excursion turns into an adventure! The submarine is damaged and only the robot cat Plutichen can get out into the deep sea to rescue the submarine from its predicament. Will it succeed?

Bernd Flessner is a famous children's book author, media scientist and futurologist. He teaches at the Friedrich-Alexander University in Erlangen-Nuremberg.

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