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## **Rights List 2026**

### **Stories for Children and Young Adults**

Thinking outside the box, telling good stories, sparking the imagination, broadening horizons, and explaining the diversity of the world. Books can do all these things and many, many more. Because good books help us grow.

With more than 70 new German-language titles for all age groups from very young children to young adults, the Frankfurter Buchmesse's *Rights List – Stories for Children and Young Adults* will be travelling the world again this year.

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

## Arena



### WORDTREASURES

## Have I Told You Lately?

Romy Pohl  
Illustrated by Tanja Stephani  
SERIES, pp. 32, 28 × 21.5 cm, Age 4+  
€ 20.00, 978-3-401-72228-3  
Rights sold to EE

A poetic picture book for all parents who want to give their children self-confidence and the ability to lead a happy life. And for all those who want to learn to love, accept and protect themselves, and to help their children to do the same.

Romy Pohl loves to write children's books. Her two sons are a great inspiration, wonderful teachers, and her favourite people in the world – she tells them every day how much she loves them!

Tanja Stephani's passion is her art. She lives with her family in a lovely old farmhouse in the Swiss Alps.

## Little Tomcat Svenni (1)

### My Life, Everyone Else and Me

Andreas H. Schmachtl  
Illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl  
SERIES, pp. 216, 23.0 × 16.5 cm, Age 4+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-401-72157-6  
German audio rights sold

Every day is adventure time for Svenni the little tomcat. Together with his best friends Svenni finds something exciting, funny, surprising and new every day.

And no matter how murky a situation may seem, every cloud has a silver lining, as the saying goes!

Andreas H. Schmachtl was born in 1971. His books have been published exclusively by Arena Publishing House. Andreas H. Schmachtl's illustration style is very British; he includes witty details in his pictures. There is always a lot to discover in his illustrations. His books have been translated into 19 languages and sold over 2 million copies.

## Secrets of Black Manor (1)

### The Gift of the Dreamers

Marisa Hart  
Illustrated by Alexander Dietrich  
SERIES, pp. 352, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 10+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-401-60818-1  
German audio rights sold

Black Manor is a house that stands on the threshold of the World of Dreams – full of magic and dark dangers. When Luca is chosen to be its guardian, he finds himself in the midst of a battle for control of the World of Dreams. A battle which also threatens to destroy our own world.

Marisa Hart was born in Kiel in 1986. Today she lives with her husband and four children in Schönberg on the shore of the Baltic Sea. The author of multiple SPIEGEL bestsellers, she experiences creative, chaotic and emotional moments with her family every day.

Alexander Dietrich has been drawing and painting for as long as he can

remember. He now works as a computer animator and character designer.

## A Lesson in Murder

Celine Leonora  
pp. 408, 20.5 × 13.5 cm, Age 14+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-401-60825-9  
German audio rights sold

Astoria Blackwood is the best student of criminology at St. Moriarty's. When a fellow student is found dead, Astoria becomes the prime suspect. So she tries hard to find out who really murdered the girl. She turns for help to Isaac, the unbearable son of the prime minister, and Theodore, the school's mysterious lone wolf. The longer the investigation goes on, the more attracted she feels to both of them. But time is running out!

Celine Leonora was born in 1998 in a little town in the middle of nowhere. From there she could dream her way into every world depicted in every book. When she isn't writing or talking about books, she is illustrating her favourite characters or swimming in order to clear her head.

## Beltz & Gelberg



### Marie and the Week Without Thursday

Elke Michel  
 Illustrated by Jutta Wetzel  
 pp. 144, 21.4 × 15.3 cm, Age 11+  
 € 14.00, 978-3-407-79027-9  
 All rights available

On Thursday, Marie has to go to the dentist – the worst doctor of all! Luckily, she has magical shirts that allow her to time travel between different days. So she simply skips Thursday and jumps back and forth between her favourite meal on Wednesday and the fairground on Friday. But she ends up stuck in a time loop – help! What can she do to make time move on?

Elke Michel is an editor at *Die Zeit*. She lives with her family in Hamburg. *Marie and the Week Without Thursday* is her debut novel.

Jutta Wetzel is a freelance illustrator and has worked for many publishers. She lives with her family in Siegburg.

### Stine Goose and Her Incredible Journey

Petra Postert  
 Illustrated by Liliane Oser  
 pp. 143, 24.5 × 16.8 cm, Age 5+  
 € 16.00, 978-3-407-79025-5  
 All rights available

It's the end of summer and it's getting cold – the other geese have all flown south, but Stine has been left behind. Where is everyone? Suddenly a train stops and Stine finds herself in the middle of a wild commotion, without a ticket. Luckily she

meets Jo, who helps her. But when the two geese have to leave the train and fly on, it turns out that Jo also needs Stine's help.

Petra Postert writes children's books and stories for radio. Some of her books have been translated into various languages and nominated for literary awards.

Liliane Oser has always loved painting, drawing and crafting. She studied illustration in Hamburg and draws for various publishers. She illustrated the children's book *Gurkentruppe*, which was nominated for the DJLP award.

### READY – books for anyone who just wants to read Team Player

Nina Basovic Brown  
 Illustrated by Barbara Jung  
 pp. 128, 21.2 × 14.9 cm, Age 10+  
 € 12.00, 978-3-407-81404-3  
 All rights available

Adrian is thrilled: he's moving to the USA for a year! But at high school, he's the strange new kid. Only the likeable Toni helps him. When he discovers football and joins the school team, he suddenly gains people's respect. But the ambitious Ice sees Adrian as a rival and behaves nastily towards him. The mood in the team changes – just when they need to win!

Nina Basovic Brown is a German author with roots in the former Yugoslavia. Her novels for children and young adults have won numerous awards.

Barbara Jung lives with her children and dog in Frankfurt am Main. She studied communication design and works as a freelance illustrator for children's and young adult book publishers. Strong characters and quirky humour are her favourite book ingredients, which is completely to DIVA's taste.

### Building the City of Tomorrow

#### How Cities are Becoming More Climate-Friendly

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber  
 Illustrated by Stephanie Marian  
 pp. 62, 27 × 20.3 cm, Age 7+  
 € 16.00, 978-3-407-79045-3  
 All rights available

How can cities become climate-friendly? We know how! Noah, Luca and Sofie show us the most important levers and how everyone can get involved. School gardens, food sharing, community energy and covered cycle paths are just four of many real-life examples. After all, cities and towns across Europe want to become climate-neutral within the next ten years. Once the ball starts rolling, green change gains momentum!

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber studied German language and literature in Münster and Bergamo while writing for various newspapers. She then worked for major opera houses for many years. She has been a freelance author and translator since 2016, has published several non-fiction books for children, and loves the variety of content she gets to work with.

Stephanie Marian finds her inspiration in everything beautiful. Having studied design with a focus on illustration at the Münster School of Design, she works as a freelance illustrator. In numerous non-fiction picture books, she conveys complex topics in a lively and understandable way and has won several awards for her work.

## Carlsen



### Colourful World A Journey Through 194 Countries

Jenny Boidol  
Illustrated by Jenny Boidol  
pp. 184, 27.5 × 22.5 cm, Age 6+  
€ 29.00, 978-3-551-58445-8  
Rights sold to the Netherlands, Spain

Bear and Cat pack their bags for the ultimate global adventure, discovering the diversity of our planet. All 194 countries are presented on detailed pages showcasing their unique characteristics: plants, animals, culture and delicious foods. A treasure trove!

Jenny Boidol is an illustrator and a dedicated paper fetishist. In addition to her love of old books, she gives paper and materials with minor imperfections a second life by transforming them into notebooks and other stationery.

### Hanky and the Four Monster Buddies

Benjamin Gottwald  
Illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald  
pp. 48, 28.6 × 22 cm, Age 3+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-551-52361-7  
All rights available

Hanky, a little vampire, loves books and tomatoes but not scary creatures. Unfortunately he shares his home with four of them: a witch, a skeleton, a ghost, and a dragon lady. When he accidentally meets them, Hanky discovers they are lovable. By letting go of prejudices, a wonderful friendship is born.

Benjamin Gottwald won several awards for his previous work *Spider Plays Piano*,

including the German Youth Literature Award, the Bologna Ragazzi Award and German-French Youth Literature Award (all in 2023, all in the picture book category). *Spider Plays Piano* is also on the IBBY Honour List 2024.

### Jakob and Jelena

Tamara Bach  
Illustrated by Barbara Yelin  
pp. 256, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 9+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-551-55757-5  
All rights available

Jelena has no idea what she and Jakob have in common for their class presentation. They barely know each other! But when Jakob sits next to her in class, they discover that getting to know someone isn't so hard after all. In the end strangers become friends.

Tamara Bach trained to be a teacher. Her first book *Marsmädchen* won the Oldenburger Children's and Young Adult Award, as well as the German Youth Literature Award in 2004. Today, Tamara Bach lives and works in Berlin.

Barbara Yelin is co-editor, author and illustrator of the magazine *Spring*, published by a collective of female illustrators. Her acclaimed graphic novel *Irmina* was nominated for the Eisner Award in 2017. In 2016 she won the Max and Moritz Prize for Best German Comic Artist.

"*Jakob and Jelena* is a quiet, touching and at the same time intense story."

Bücherkarussell

"The result is a beautiful little panorama of kind-hearted people who are not perfect but are there for each other."

Deutschlandfunk Kultur

The Best 7 Books For Young Readers  
(August 2025)

### We Boys From Prince Park

Dennis Schröder, Christian Tielmann  
Illustrated by Jan Saße  
pp. 192, 24.6 × 17.5 cm, Age 15+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-551-55953-1  
Rights sold to Denmark

Follow NBA star Dennis Schröder's incredible journey from a small town's basketball court to international fame! Join the Prince Park gang in this dynamic visual adventure featuring exciting basketball scenes, cool street art and engaging comic sequences.

Dennis Schröder, born in 1993 in Braunschweig, is a German basketball player and point guard. In 2023, he led Germany to its first World Championship title and was named MVP. He currently plays for the Detroit Pistons in the NBA.

"The book is much more than a sports biography and is a real asset, not only for basketball fans."

Stiftung Lesen

"The educational value of these 192 pages lies in their tone: never didactic, but told through the eyes of a young Dennis Schröder."

Süddeutsche Zeitung

## Coppenrath



### Ding, Dong! Come On In! Good Night, Bear

Joëlle Turlonias  
Illustrated by Joëlle Turlonias  
pp. 18, 21 × 16 cm, Age 1,5+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-649-65168-0  
All rights available

With plenty of flaps and sliders, this carefully crafted board book is the perfect companion for a soothing bedtime routine in any child's room. Joëlle Turlonias tells her story with warmth and a child's perspective at heart – ideal for calm, cosy good-night moments in everyday family life.

- Interactive bedtime book with flaps and sliders
- Creates a sense of security and supports curiosity and fine motor skills

Joëlle Turlonias is an internationally successful illustrator. She set up her business in 2009 and has since illustrated over 250 children's books. She is now creating her own toddler world at Coppenrath.

### Rony the Pony and Morse the Horse (2) And Chuck the Duck

Kai Lüftner  
Illustrated by Wiebke Rauers  
SERIES, pp. 32, 30 × 25.4 cm, Age 3+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-649-65142-0  
Rights sold to (series) Czech Republic, Iceland, the Netherlands, Romania

Rony the Pony can hardly believe it: what is that cardboard box doing in the middle of the yard? Out waddles Chuck – a duck with a loud beak and a big appetite. She pecks, hisses, steals Rony's food – and makes herself at home in the stable next to Morse the Horse. Rony no longer understands the world. Is he being replaced by a duck?!

- By the creators of Fartypops
- A new adventure for the smallest pony in the world

Kai Lüftner is best known for his humorous children's books and creative wordplay. He also writes songs and develops entertaining projects for children.

Wiebke Rauers is known for her detailed and often quirky illustrations, especially in children's books.

The same dream team also created the successful series *Fartypops*, *the Rattle-Dragon*

### Invisible Masters of Disguise

Holger Haag  
Illustrated by Julia Gerigk  
pp. 56, 34.7 × 24.8 cm, Age 5+  
€ 22.00, 978-3-649-64799-7  
All rights available

The greatest wonders of nature often remain hidden because we simply can't see them – like when a giraffe's spots blend in with savanna trees, a bittern sways with the reeds, or a frog lies still among water plants.

This nonfiction picture book shows how 15 animals become almost invisible to predators or prey – through large-scale illustrations, fact files and accessible text.

Perfect for browsing, reading aloud or independently, and for the classroom.

Holger Haag studied biology and worked for an environmental academy and a natural history museum. With his books, he inspires children to explore native animals and plants.

After studying communication design, Julia Gerigk worked as a freelance graphic designer and painter. Since 2014 she has focused on illustrating children's books.

### Smeralda Bohm's Bestiary (1)

#### In Search of Hidden Creatures

Anja Fislage  
Illustrated by Helge Vogt  
SERIES, pp. 352, 21 × 14 cm, Age 11+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-649-65133-8  
All rights available

My name is Smeralda Bohm. I am twelve years old and a scientist to be taken seriously. Using my extraordinary abilities and specialised equipment, I investigate hidden beings\* that supposedly (!) do not exist: cryptids. The Secret Institute is determined to stop me publishing this bestiary. If you want to know what I have discovered, be warned: you are being watched. Knowledge is dangerous.

\*meaning Yetis, True Phantom Cats, Chupacabras etc.

Anja Fislage studied in Münster and Amsterdam and later worked as an editor in Munich. She now lives in Münster and writes and translates children's books.

Helge Vogt once planned to become a palaeontologist but chose drawing dinosaurs and monsters instead. He works as an illustrator, comic artist and author.

# Finken



## LOGICO PRIMO – Learning Board Game

Richard Schneider  
pp. 2, 28.4 × 23.2 cm, Age 3+  
€ 21.50, Art-no. 3201

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

LOGICO PRIMO is a learning game with self-checking for children aged 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 & classifying and language development.

1994 Worlddidac Award, 2006 Teachers' Choice Award (USA), 2006 Innovative Product ECWN (Poland).

## LOGICO PRIMO – Aesthetic Education

Julia Hiller, Lisa Neunzerling  
SERIES, pp. 32, 22.5 × 16.3 cm (learning cards), 24.3 × 16.7 cm (cover), Age 5+  
€ 20.00, Art-no. 3264

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania,

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

Aesthetics is a quality that fundamentally influences all human activity, perception and thinking. Aesthetic education expands perception in all areas of life and helps children to become close observers and listeners. It stimulates creativity and imagination.

This set offers children first aesthetic experiences focused on visual perception. When solving the assignments, children look closely at and engage with visual works of art, colour scales and various painting and writing tools. This requires concentration, logical thinking and combining. In this way, the set also promotes thinking skills.

## LOGICO PRIMO – First Maths in Pictures

Britta Vorbach  
Illustrated by Nadine Bougie  
SERIES, pp. 32, 22.5 × 16.3 cm (learning cards), 24.3 × 16.7 cm (cover), Age 5+  
€ 20.00, Art-no. 3256

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

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 – Learn About Shapes

Illustrated by Virginie Chiodo  
SERIES, pp. 32, 22.5 × 16.3 cm (learning cards), 24.3 × 16.7 cm (cover), Age 3+  
€ 20.00, Art-no. 3268

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

*Learn About Shapes* promotes the understanding of basic geometry in a fun and engaging way. As children grow and become more aware of their surroundings, the concept of geometry is vital to help them organise visual information. This set introduces children to the fascinating world of geometry, covering different exercises that will help them to recognise, classify and analyse shapes, differentiate between two- and three-dimensional shapes and develop spatial reasoning through logical thinking.

## Fischer Sauerländer



4+



5+



14+



10+

### Anna's Anger

Christine Nöstlinger  
Illustrated by Anke Kuhl  
pp. 40, 26 × 20 cm, Age 4+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-7373-7357-9  
Rights sold to Bosnia, Spain

Anna has a problem. She gets angry incredibly quickly and terribly often. And her anger is always ... enormous. Anyone who comes near her gets a taste of her rage. The other children don't want to play with her anymore. After a while, Anna doesn't want to leave her room. Until Grandpa has a great idea and gives her a drum ...

Christine Nöstlinger (1936–2018) has published more than a hundred books for children and young readers which have been translated into many languages. She has won numerous awards, including the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and, in 2011, the Corine International Book Award for her outstanding lifetime achievements in literature.

Anke Kuhl, born in 1970, writes and draws for the Frankfurt-based authors' cooperative "labor". She has won many awards, including the German Children and Youth Literature Award (2011).

### Being Quiet Is My Superpower

Antje Kunstmann  
Illustrated by Friederike Ablang  
pp. 40, 26 × 20 cm, Age 5+  
€ 15.90, 978-3-7373-7305-0  
Rights sold to Estonia

An empowering non-fiction book for quiet children aged 5+. Through short stories

and lots of colourful pictures, it shows that there are many people who are quiet and calm, who draw strength from themselves and not from interacting with others, and who react with restraint to new situations. In addition to short stories, there are lots of tips for children and parents on how to deal with different situations. A strength-building book that gives children the most important message: being quiet is your magic power!

Antje Kunstmann, born in 1974, is an editor. She also writes regularly on topics related to psychology, family and education. She has a PhD in biology, lives in Hamburg and has four children.

Friederike Ablang was born in Berlin in 1977 and studied photography and design in Great Britain and Germany. Today she works as a freelance illustrator and lives in Berlin with her family and a cat.

### Friends

Eva Kranenburg  
pp. 448, 21.5 × 14 cm, Age 14+  
€ 18.90, 978-3-7373-7499-6  
All rights available

The war is over. The Others have won and are taking power in the completely bombed-out city. Friends Tarek, Tuk, Nata and Ren sit in their basement hideout and wonder how peace will work. They are alive, yet they all bear visible and invisible scars. Gradually, they begin to open up to each other and become a sort of family. Until a dilemma challenges their bond.

Is it possible to overcome hatred for a people who have wiped out your own family? Can you love when you have experienced the worst kind of violence? Can you remain moral in a destructive world? Eva Kranenburg sensitively weaves these questions into a compelling story.

Eva Kranenburg worked with children of refugees from Bosnia and Kosovo at a young age. Later, as a psychotherapist, she worked with refugees from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq. She is a graduate of the Academy for Children's Media.

Winner of the Children's and Young Adult Book Award of the City of Oldenburg in 2025

### Not So Long Ago, Not So Far Away

Carla Infanta Gabor  
Illustrated by Carla Infanta Gabor  
pp. 112, 22 × 22 cm, Age 10+  
€ 19.90, 978-3-7373-7367-8  
All rights available

Who was Hitler? What was National Socialism? Why did so many people become Nazis? What happened during the November pogroms? Who decided to persecute Jews? And what happened to them?

An important non-fiction book for children that provides focused and honest information about the Holocaust, the Nazi dictatorship and the Second World War. Pages packed with information and clear infographics alternate with intense, highly visual pages.

A book that focuses on the essentials, sheds light on the background and gives expression to the incomprehensible.

Carla Infanta Gabor is an architect, but for several years she has devoted herself to her true passion, illustration. Her illustrations deal with national and international current events, human relationships and nature. The illustrator lives with her family in Chile.

**Hanser**



## Vulva!

**Knowing What's Going On Down Below**

Nadine Beck, Rosa Schilling  
Illustrated by Sandra Bayer  
pp. 208, 24 × 17 cm, Age 11+  
€ 20.00, 978-3-446-28347-3  
Rights sold to the Netherlands

In plain language, free of shame and with plenty of self-love, here's what you can find out: what is a vulva? Where does it come from and how does it develop? What are all the great things it can do? And how do I take good care of it? Sex educators Nadine Beck and Rosa Schilling humorously and tactfully explain the wonderful world and range of this unique organ and provide important knowledge.

Nadine Beck is a certified sex educator and cultural theorist.

Rosa Schilling is a certified sex educator.

Sandra Bayer is an illustrator, designer and author of children's books.

## Penis!

**Knowing What's Going On Down Below**

Nadine Beck, Tim Berkels  
Illustrated by Sandra Bayer  
pp. 116, 24 × 17 cm, Age 11+  
€ 20.00, 978-3-446-28344-2  
Rights sold to the Netherlands

In plain language, here's everything you ever wanted to know: how is a penis put together? Is mine the right size and shape? And why does it always go stiff at the wrong moments? Sex educators Nadine Beck and Tim Berkels take

a humorous, informative look at this body part in all its diversity.

Nadine Beck is a certified sex educator and cultural theorist.

Tim Berkels works as a freelance certified sex educator.

Sandra Bayer is an illustrator, designer and author of children's books.

## Perfectly Different – Differently Perfect Neurodivergent with Confidence

Kathrin Köller  
Illustrated by Irmela Schautz  
pp. 240, 24 × 17 cm, Age 11+  
€ 22.00, 978-3-446-27978-0  
All rights available

The pressure to function is high, even from a young age. Those who function differently quickly feel that they don't belong. People with ADHD/ADD are told to buckle down and work harder. People with autism spectrum disorder are told to stop being so sensitive. However, these days much more is known about how divergent brains work – not imperfectly, just differently! This book takes the reader on a fascinating journey into the world of neurodiversity and makes a passionate plea for taking a positive view of the diversity of our brains.

Kathrin Köller, who is confidently neurodivergent herself, believes that all kinds of brains are useful.

Irmela Schautz loves topics that challenge her as an illustrator. She's in her element whenever she can dive into research and find creative solutions.

"Unconventional, original, fresh and packed with expert knowledge."

Eva Hepper, Deutschlandfunk

## Hammering, Sawing and Bolting

**Mrs Sheep Builds a House and Everyone Helps Her**

Ole Könnecke  
pp. 32, 22.5 × 25.5 cm, Age 3+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-446-28412-8  
Rights sold to Denmark, France, Italy, Poland, UK/USA

It's Mrs Sheep's dream to build a tiny house overlooking the sea.

Of course, she can't do it all by herself. But luckily she has friends who can help her. An original, informative picture book that explains in a tongue-in-cheek way what you need to build a house.

Ole Könnecke grew up in Sweden and lives in Hamburg. He has illustrated over 30 books, for which he has won several national and international awards, most recently the Bologna Ragazzi Award 2025, the Premio Strega Ragazzi 2025 and the Premio Andersen 2025 for *Gutenachtgeschichten für Celeste* (with Nikolaus Heidelberg, 2024).

## Verlagsgruppe HarperCollins



### A Birthday Party for Letti

Verena Linde  
Illustrated by Csilla Bandi  
pp. 32, 27.7 × 22 cm, Age 4+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-505-15259-7  
All rights available

"Birthday? What's that?" asks the little sea turtle Letti. Kurt the boxfish is amazed. "You don't know what a birthday is?" Together with his friends from the coral reef, Kurt plans a surprise party for Letti – regardless of when her birthday actually is. Crab Krassandra cuts invitation cards out of seaweed, the puffer fish are the balloons and the frogfish light up the cake as candles. Will the surprise be a success?

Verena Linde is an author and has been an editor at the children's magazine *Geolino* for many years. She has published countless animal stories and reports about children, technology and nature. She lives with her family in the countryside just outside Hamburg.

Csilla Bandi grew up in Carinthia and studied in Graz and Tyrol. Since she was a child she has had a great love of books and drawing. She works as a graphic designer and illustrator in Graz.

### Where is Mutz the Bear?

**A Search-and-Find Story from January to December**

Maïke Harel  
Illustrated by Dorothea Blankenhagen  
pp. 40, 30.6 × 25.2 cm, Age 3+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-505-15295-5  
All rights available

From January to December, there's always something happening in this big-city courtyard. Young and old, big and small – a colourful community of neighbours lives here together, celebrating the seasons and the little adventures of everyday life. Tilly also lives in this building with her family. But in January she loses her teddy bear, Mutz, in the courtyard. Through various twists of fate and misunderstandings, Mutz gets moved all around the garden and the backyard, while Tilly looks for him everywhere – along with the young readers, who can try and spot him on every page.

Maïke Harel writes books for children and young adults, and she especially loves rhyming stories for the littlest readers! She also works as a translator from English and Hebrew.

### Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson The Monster Dog of Dark Moor

Judith Weber  
Illustrated by Christian Jeremies, Fabian Jeremies  
SERIES, pp. 160, 25.6 × 18.5 cm, Age 8+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-505-15229-0  
All rights available

A monster dog is spreading fear and terror in the village of Little Rain near Crazy London. It seems to have taken a particular liking to Rain Cottage, which belongs to the highly superstitious Lady Agatha. But the famous detective Sherlock Holmes is not impressed by ghost stories. He's convinced there's something else going on here. To Watson's great excitement, Rosa Sau also travels to Little Rain to shoot the report of her life. But she crosses paths with the monster dog and is kidnapped by it! Now Sherlock and Watson really have

to give it their all to solve the mystery and rescue Rosa Sau.

Judith Weber has always been incredibly curious. That's why she studied journalism and worked for the *taz* newspaper, among others, before deciding she would rather come up with crazy stories herself. She lives with her family of six in the Ruhr area and is the bane of their crime drama viewing sessions, as she invariably guesses who the perpetrator is.

### Fair Without Compromise

Nina Weger  
pp. 288, 21.4 × 15.1 cm, Age 12+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-7488-0298-3  
All rights available

After the death of his father, Avid moves to another city with his mother, a police-woman. They want to make a fresh start. But then Avid's laptop with all the memories of his father is stolen. The clues lead Avid to a group of teenagers led by the self-confident Vulkan. Their mission: to make the earth a fairer place by redistributing wealth. And Vulkan and her friends will use almost any means to achieve this. After all, how can young people simply accept the fact that they are so powerless in the face of injustice in the world? At first, Avid only joins in to get his laptop back. Over time, however, he becomes more and more enthusiastic about their plans and starts to cross boundaries ...

Two passions emerged early on in Nina Weger's life: writing and the circus. At the age of 13 she joined a children's circus and toured as a professional tightrope walker for a year after leaving school. She then trained as a journalist, worked as a screenwriter and finally found her way to children's books.

## Kosmos



### Smart Fox Robots and AI

Thorsten Leimbach, Beate Jost  
SERIES, pp. 64, 27 × 22 cm, Age 8+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-440-18243-7  
Rights sold to USA

Where exactly are robots and AI used? What opportunities will this open up in the future? An exciting insight into the world of technology. A choose-your-own-adventure book for children aged eight and over. They determine their favorite topics and decide for themselves what they want to read. With a lot of pictures and short texts – acquire knowledge in a playful way with Smart Fox!

Working at the Fraunhofer Institute for Intelligent Analysis and Information Systems (IAIS), Thorsten Leimbach and Beate Jost are experts on robots and computers. Through their work, they know exactly what questions children have about technology, codes and artificial intelligence.

### Book Heros TKKG Junior – Crime Scene Football Field

Benjamin Schreuder  
SERIES, pp. 48, 22 × 16 cm, Age 5+  
€ 10.00, 978-3-440-18164-5  
Rights sold to Sweden

Something is wrong at the football tournament. A big theft? TKKG – the four friends Tim, Karl, Klößchen and Gabi –

investigate together in an exciting new case. This title is aimed at new readers who are looking for extra fun: most nouns are replaced by pictures. Learning to read has never been easier!

Benjamin Schreuder writes radio plays, television series, comics and books. In his writing he particularly enjoys thwarting criminals and having occasional football adventures.

### The Three ??? The Resurrection

Andreas Eschbach  
SERIES, pp. 448, 22 × 15 cm, Age 14+  
€ 24.00, 978-3-440-17974-1  
All rights available

An exciting thriller with broad appeal: the three detectives Justus, Peter and Bob are confronted with their own past. Many years ago, a woman disappeared in the Brazilian rainforest. Now she has reappeared in a very different place, in Rocky Beach, former hometown of the three detectives. What has happened? Each of the detectives starts investigating from a different perspective and thus the three of them meet again. SPIEGEL bestselling author Andreas Eschbach has the detectives solve a case as adults.

Andreas Eschbach has been writing since he was 12 years old. Until 1996 he was the managing director of an IT consulting firm, and since 2003 he has been working as a freelance writer. He is based in Brittany, and is married with one son. His best-known novels include "One Trillion Dollars" and "Lord of all Things".

### The Three ??? Kids The CubeMax Secret

Calle Claus  
Illustrated by Marco Armbruster  
SERIES, pp. 128, 22 × 16 cm, Age 8+  
€ 13.00, 978-3-440-18094-5  
Rights sold to Russia

*The Three ??? Kids* enter an exciting new dimension with *CubeMax*, blurring the line between game and reality. In the first book of this exciting new series, Justus, Peter and Bob slip into stylish avatars and solve puzzles in a pixel-rich virtual world. With a fresh graphic novel style and lots of action, this adventure promises captivating reading fun for all young fans of detective stories and computer games!

Calle Claus draws and writes comics. Before *The Three ??? Kids CubeMax* novels, he had already written many stories for children and young adults – his book *Dorle* was awarded the ICOM Comic Prize in 2017.

Marco Armbruster is an illustrator and graphic designer. He has been part of *The Three ??? Kids* team since 2020.

## kunstanstifter



### Oh No!

#### Things That Don't Go Well Together

Paulina Rauh  
 Illustrated by Paulina Rauh  
 pp. 32, 22.5 × 22.5 cm, Age 4+  
 € 22.00, 978-3-948743-46-8  
 All rights available

Stepped on a Lego brick? Ouch! Left a book out in the rain? Stupid! Chewing gum with braces? No way!

Some things simply do not go together – but this does not stop Paulina Rauh from creating ingenious connections between these contradictions in her colourful illustrations.

Paulina Rauh is a freelance illustrator based in Hamburg. She obtained her master's degree in children's book illustration at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW Hamburg).

Nominated for Serafina 2025

### Paint Pixel Paint

Reto Cramerer  
 Illustrated by Reto Cramerer  
 pp. 56, 23.5 × 19.5 cm, Age 5+  
 € 25.00, 978-3-948743-53-6  
 All rights available

"DEEE – T – T – T, EEEE – H – EEEE, TSNNN – TSNNN, BEEEEP"

These are robot sounds. Every robot sounds different. Some are deafeningly loud, some are very quiet, but they all have special skills and tasks.

Pixel is a painting robot. His task is to paint. And he's great at it! But suddenly, he gets pulled into the world of shapes and colours – which is fun! Although ... can robots even have fun?

Unfortunately there are all sorts of control modules monitoring his every move. A lot of hard work awaits Pixel – and an encounter with a strange creature that gives him a really special job.

Reto Cramerer was born in Berne in 1975 and studied at the Biel University of Design and at the HEAD in Geneva. He has lived and worked in French-speaking Switzerland as a freelance illustrator ever since.

### Ayesha's Paintbrush

Cornelia Funke  
 Illustrated by Pauline Pete  
 pp. 40, 28 × 23 cm, Age 7+  
 € 24.00, 978-3-948743-56-7  
 All rights available

Ayesha used to paint gorgeous pictures telling stories of love, friendship and the beauty of the world. It was a good life. But one day, the war came to the city.

A story about the power of art to provide a sense of comfort, strength and connection, even in the darkest of times.

Cornelia Funke is a German illustrator and storyteller living in Volterra, Italy, where she invites young artists and environmental workers to work with her and each other.

Pauline Pete is an illustrator from Fulda. In 2024 she completed her master's degree at HAW, specialising in book illustration and painting.

### What Do You Do When ...?

#### Keeping Cool When Disaster Strikes

Laura Momo Aufderhaar, Verena Hochleitner  
 Illustrated by Laura Momo Aufderhaar, Verena Hochleitner  
 pp. 72, 26.5 × 20 cm, Age 10+  
 € 25.00, 978-3-948743-49-9  
 All rights available

Two kids talk about encounters with wild animals and natural disasters like floods and fires, telling each other stories of people who have survived such disasters. Brightly coloured illustrations and simple diagrams help readers understand the most important rules about how to behave in the event of a disaster. An encouraging book in ten stories!

Laura Momo Aufderhaar lives in Berlin with her child and cat. She works as a concept developer and illustrator and teaches at the summer school held at the Children's Book House in Austria.

Verena Hochleitner is a book designer, illustrator and author. She was born by a lake in the Austrian provinces and subsequently studied graphic design at the University of Applied Arts Vienna.

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**Expedition Nature**  
**Explore The Birds**  
**Their Life Throughout the Year**

Bärbel Oftring  
 SERIES, pp. 96, 22.6 x 17.5 cm, Age 8+  
 € 14.95, 978-3-96455-384-3  
 All rights available

Why do birds chirp louder in spring than in winter? Why do you find so many bird feathers in August? And why do hundreds of swallows gather on overhead power lines in autumn? Species profiles introduce native birds and what they do throughout the year: from breeding season in spring to moulting in summer to migrating south in autumn. You'll also find colourful craft projects that you can use to help birds, as well as exciting tips for successful bird watching.

Bärbel Oftring is a qualified biologist specialising in zoology, botany and paleontology. She has published more than 150 non-fiction books for children and adults. Her works have been awarded numerous prizes, especially the field of nature and the environment. Her popular series *Imagine You Were ...* and *Expedition Nature* are also published by moses.

**Top Secret!**  
**The Great Detective Book**

Corinna Harder, Jens Schumacher  
 Illustrated by Tina Vlachy  
 pp. 112, 22.6x 17.5 cm, Age 8+  
 € 14.95, 978-3-96455-395-9  
 All rights available

Do you love crime stories? Do you devour books, films, audio plays and podcasts about the work of detectives and the solv-

ing of complicated crimes? Then you've come to the right place! Join Lara, Tim and pig Erdmann from the TOP SECRET detective club to learn everything a successful master detective needs to know, including:

- Recording fingerprints and tyre tracks
- Investigating like a pro
- Shadowing suspects
- Camouflage tricks and clothing tips
- ... and much more!

Corinna Harder has published numerous titles for children, young adults and adults. She was awarded the German Children's Fund's Children's Culture Prize in 2002 for the UNDERGROUND Junior Detective Club. Her books and games have been translated into several languages.

Since the mid-1990s Jens Schumacher has been publishing books and games for children, young adults and adults, including fantasy novels, crime novels, interactive game books and non-fiction titles. He is part of the team behind the internationally successful puzzle game series BLACK STORIES. His works have been translated into 30 languages.

Tina Vlachy is a German illustrator and freelance designer for picture books and children's books.

**PhänoMINT**  
**The Artificial Intelligence Puzzle Book**

Nicola Berger  
 Illustrated by Lucie Göpfert  
 SERIES, pp. 112, 21.5 x 17.5 cm, Age 10+  
 € 12.95, 978-3-96455-359-1  
 All rights available

This interactive book combines riddles and Artificial Intelligence to introduce both young readers and adults to the fascinating world of AI. Its core aim is to spark curiosity and help children understand how AI works by solving engaging challenges. It also allows children to discover how they can use AI for their own purposes. For example, they can find out how to use AI as a helpful study tool for exams.

Nicola Berger writes books and developer's games for children and adults. Other titles in the PhänoMINT series by her are also published by moses.

Lucie Göpfert loves drawing funny characters, but she also enjoys illustrating riddles.

**My Puzzle Books**  
**My Colourful Football Puzzle Book**  
**Labyrinths, Spot-the-Difference Puzzles, Dot-to-Dot Pictures**

Illustrated by Christine Thau  
 SERIES, pp. 160, 21 x 15 cm, Age 5+  
 € 9.95, 978-3-96455-355-3  
 All rights available

The perfect puzzle book for young football fans! It contains 80 puzzles without text, designed for children aged 5+. Packed with fun activities, from labyrinths and spot-the-difference puzzles to dot-to-dot pictures, this puzzle book is the perfect blend of entertainment and learning to get children excited about the World Cup.

Christine Thau produces illustrations for German, Belgian and Dutch publishing houses. She loves drawing funny figures - often with big noses!

## Oetinger



### I'll Help! Doing the Laundry

Cornelia Boese  
Illustrated by Kathrin Fehrl  
pp. 12, 19.8 × 19.6 cm, Age 2+  
€ 14.00, 978-3-7512-0740-9  
All rights available

Hooray, it's laundry day!

Even the littlest helpers love to do what the grown-ups do – especially when it means sorting clothes by colour, pouring in the detergent with Dad, watching the washer spin and gurgle, and hanging everything up to dry.

A joyful, interactive book full of spinning wheels, sliders, and flaps – because helping with the laundry has never been this much fun!

Cornelia Boese has been a freelance poet since 2005. She has won the Leipziger Lesekompass 2022 and was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize 2023.

Kathrin Fehrl works as a designer and freelance illustrator for children's books and magazines.

### My Super Cute Pet Hops and Flops on the Run

Judith Allert  
Illustrated by Maud Vogel  
SERIES, pp. 64, 21,8 × 15.1 cm, Age 6+  
€ 10.00, 978-3-7512-0869-7  
All rights available

When their pet rabbits go missing, Paul and Lola turn into little detectives – proving that even the smallest search can become a big adventure!

When Paul and Lola's rabbits suddenly disappear, panic sets in! But Hops is far too curious to stay hidden for long, and careful little Flops always leaves clues behind – like those telltale nibble marks in the garden! Armed with their detective gear, Paul and Lola set off on an exciting search full of surprises, teamwork and fun.

Judith Allert published her first children's books while she was still studying German language and literature. She now has over 80 titles to her name.

Maud Vogel is a biologist with a passion for children's books. She has been working as a freelance illustrator since 2023.

### Seahorse Stable (1) Wild Fin, Big Heart

Kathrin Lena Orso  
Illustrated by Leonie Engel  
SERIES, pp. 128, 21.7 × 15.2 cm, Age 6+  
€ 12.00, 978-3-7512-0722-5  
All rights available

When mermaid Elli befriends a mistreated racing seahorse, she discovers the true meaning of courage, friendship, and standing up for what's right.

When Elli injures her hand, she's heart-broken. Feeling left out and lonely, she joins Maris on a visit to the seahorse farm. There, Elli meets Stormi, a spirited racing seahorse who's been mistreated by his owner. With patience and kindness, Elli wins Stormi's friendship. But then Stormi's cruel owner returns, and Elli must find the courage to protect her new friend.

Kathrin-Lena Orso has two great passions: music and stories. In 2016, she was awarded a Celler Schule songwriting scholarship.

Leonie Engel is an illustrator and production designer from Berlin. She loves creating magical worlds for films and children's books.

### Lucia (1) Fire Whisperer

Sarah Fleury  
Illustrated by Isabelle Hirtz, Elif Siebenpfeiffer  
SERIES, pp. 336, 21.7 × 15.2 cm, Age 10+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-7512-0821-5  
All rights available

Italy, Catania: thirteen-year-old Lucia leads an ordinary life – until one day, a burning flame awakens inside her and sparks literally fly from her hands. That alone would be trouble enough, since fire magic has long been forbidden. But soon, eerie fog creatures begin to hunt her.

As danger draws ever closer, Lucia must face not only the secrets of Flamaris, but also the truth about her own past ...

Sarah Fleury studied history, political science and journalism, before turning storytelling into her profession.

A love of movie posters, a penchant for fantasy books, and a degree in communication design led Isabelle Hirtz to Hamburg, where she now designs book covers and illustrations.

Elif Siebenpfeiffer is an illustrator and game design lecturer with a penchant for all things fantastical.

## Ravensburger



### Welcome to the Pediatrician

Sandra Grimm, Vitor Gatinho  
 Illustrated by Iris Hardt  
 pp. 24, 19 × 19 cm, Age 2+  
 € 9.99, 978-3-473-42234-0  
 All rights available

What happens at the pediatrician's office? Kids.Doc takes you along and shows you around the office. Theo is here today for a checkup: he gets weighed and measured and gets to show what he can do. It doesn't hurt at all! Miyu is brave; she's getting vaccinated today. Nahla has an earache and a cough. Kids.Doc looks in her ears and listens to her lungs. She'll be better soon! A storybook that helps little ones not to feel scared of going to the doctor.

- A loving board book that sensitively explains what happens at the pediatrician's office
- The first board book by the well-known influencer pediatrician Dr. Vitor Gatinho Kids.Doc
- Stories that take away the fear of the next visit to the pediatrician
- A playful look inside a pediatrician's office

### The Magic Word is ... No!

Rebecca Mir, Ruth Rahlff  
 Illustrated by Lisa Hänsch  
 pp. 32, 30.0 × 21.5 cm, Age 3+  
 € 14.99, 978-3-473-46471-5  
 All rights available

Fiete the cat wants to please the other cats, help them, and belong. But this always gets him into unpleasant or dangerous situations. The self-confident mouse Rosi tells him a magic word that changes everything: No. It's not always easy for Fiete to use the magic word, but he learns from Rosi: if your gut feeling tells you that something doesn't feel right, you can say no – and that makes you strong!

- The first children's book by model and presenter Rebecca Mir
- A powerful message communicated in a child-friendly way: the book sensitively conveys that kids should listen to their gut feelings and say no – without guilt or shame
- Warm-hearted, encouraging and relatable: with lovable characters, an exciting plot and a clear message, this book is a valuable companion for kids and parents alike

### Emilia Flowerheart (1) The Secret Plant Boarding School

Usch Luhn  
 Illustrated by Florencia Persichini  
 pp. 256, 21.5 × 14.3 cm, Age 8+  
 € 11.99, 978-3-473-40560-2  
 All rights available

Emilia is completely taken aback when she learns that, according to a prophecy, she is to be the new plant whisperer. Equipped with a magic ring and a beautiful flower cloak, she is sent to the Schola Plantarum. At this boarding school, she is not only supposed to learn all about

vortex tendrils, dreamcatcher vines, and wish and comfort flowers, but also to protect a very rare plant from being stolen. But one morning, the plant disappears.

- Emilia Flowerheart understands what plants need. As a plant whisperer, she makes the world a better place leaf by leaf
- Enchantingly illustrated by Florencia Persichini
- About plants that make the world healthier

### Love & Lavender (1) The French Escape

Sarah Fleury  
 SERIES, pp. 544, 21 × 14 cm, Age 16+  
 € 14.99, 978-3-473-58700-1  
 All rights available

Timothée Colinard, heir to a perfume dynasty, has everything one could dream of: wealth, a villa on the Côte d'Azur, and a perfect sense of smell. But then he fails his perfumier's exam and flees to Cannes.

Amber Green, Hollywood's meteoric new star, lives in the spotlight – yet she is often lonely. When she dances with Timothée at the Cannes Film Festival, he immediately fascinates her. And she awakens something in Timothée that he thought he had lost: the inspiration for a fragrance.

- A perfume dynasty. A charming heir. And a long-forgotten fragrance
- Fake Dating & He Falls First: New Adult romance at its finest
- Love, glamour, and secrets on the world's most luxurious coastline

**Tessloff**



**WAS IST WAS My World  
Couragous and  
Strong –  
I Dare to Do it!**

Andrea Weller-Essers  
Illustrated by Jutta Berend  
SERIES, pp. 16, 19.6 × 17 cm, Age 2+  
€ 11.95, 978-3-7886-4399-7  
All rights available

New beginnings are always difficult! Luis knows this all too well. He wants to go to gymnastics class, but he feels very nervous about it. The gym is huge and the children are still strangers to him. But with his mum's help and his courage bunny, he manages it just fine. Being brave also means asking for help, saying "no" sometimes, and owning your feelings. Everyone gets scared now and then – even Mum and Dad!

An encouraging book with cheerful illustrations: it's okay not to dare to do something! Courage takes many different forms!

**WAS IST WAS Kids  
Super Animals  
Record Holder on  
Land, in the Air  
and in the Water**

Nicole Rödigs  
Illustrated by Jana Walczyk  
SERIES, pp. 20, 27.7 × 23.7 cm, Age 4+  
€ 16.95, 978-3-7886-8091-6  
All rights available

Surprising, exciting, funny and always extraordinary: around 60 animals show off their superpowers – and they're impres-

sive. How does the olm find its way around without eyes? How does the super sleep of tardigrades work? Which animals are the most social? We've also gathered together some super animals on land and underwater, and we invite you to the Olympics. Who will win the high diving competition and who will prove themselves in the 100-metre dash? Visually striking, high-quality design: flaps with a wow factor, modern illustrations and flat backgrounds make every book a real eye-catcher.

**WAS IST WAS  
Penguins  
Always Cool**

Annette Scheffer  
SERIES, pp. 48, 29.6 × 22.9 cm, Age 8+  
€ 14.95, 978-3-7886-8206-4  
All rights available

They make us smile when they waddle across the ice, and they amaze us when they break diving records and fly through the water like arrows: penguins are not only cool, but also sociable and loyal. They live in large colonies from the tropics to the South Pole. Their standing order is strictly binding. We follow their calls and songs and experience them up close. We accompany them as they hunt, search for mates and raise their young. An exciting WAS IST WAS non-fiction book for children and one of the few about penguins – many children's favourite animals.

Dr. Annette Scheffer is a marine biologist, polar researcher, expedition leader and photographer. She has a particular passion for whales and penguins. Her research and expedition work has regularly taken her to the Southern Ocean.

**WAS IST WAS  
Natural Sciences Easy!  
Smart, Smarter, AI?  
Experience Artificial  
Intelligence**

Julia Freudenberg, Matthias Feldmann  
SERIES, pp. 64, 27.5 × 20 cm, Age 11+  
€ 16.95, 978-3-7886-7795-4  
All rights available

Chatbots in customer service, heating control on your mobile phone, voice assistants as weather forecasters: artificial intelligence is all around us. What opportunities and risks does it present? How does AI learn, and who is actually behind it? Julia Freudenberg and Matthias Feldmann from the "Hacker School" have made this trending topic easy to understand – from the history of AI to a glimpse into the future.

## Ueberreuter



### Kalle Doesn't Want to Snuggle

Jule Wellerdiek  
pp. 32, 27.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 4+  
€ 16.50, 978-3-219-12029-5  
Rights sold to Finland, Turkey

When Kalle goes to the park to play, the other dogs greet him enthusiastically: they bump into him, jump on him and lick his face. Kalle is happy to see them too, but something doesn't feel right. Then it hits him: he doesn't always want to be touched and petted just because he's small and fluffy. So starting tomorrow, Kalle decides to be prickly like the cactus on his windowsill. The others are puzzled until Kalle finally speaks up and they find a solution together. A heartwarming story about respecting individual boundaries and needs.

Jule Wellerdiek has been drawing since she could hold a pencil. After studying design at FH Münster, she now works as a freelance illustrator.

### Sharing Grandma

Johanna Lindemann  
Illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier  
pp. 32, 27.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 4+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-219-12105-6  
All rights available

Anna doesn't like sharing at all. Most of all, she wants her grandma all to herself during the holidays. But this time, Anna's cousin Tarek comes to stay with Grandma too. The two decide to split Grandma exactly down the middle: Anna gets the left half, Tarek the right. So Grandma cooks spaghetti with her right hand while

rolling out pizza dough with her left – and promptly falls fast asleep, exhausted, while putting them to bed. That's when Anna and Tarek realise: together is better than alone.

Johanna Lindemann has been telling stories for over 20 years – in advertising, film, and on the internet. However, her greatest joy comes from telling stories for children. Johanna lives near Bremen with her husband and their two daughters.

Andrea Stegmaier discovered her passion for picture and children's books early on – but only made it her profession later. Since 2018, she has been illustrating books for publishers in Germany and abroad. She lives with her family in Stuttgart.

### Miss Florentine's Nose for Murder

Alexandra Fischer-Hunold  
pp. 320, 21.5 × 13.5 cm, Age 12+  
€ 18.50, 978-3-7641-7143-8  
All rights available

Berlin, late 19th century. Seventeen-year-old Florentine Falkenberg, daughter of a wealthy industrialist, is passionate about medicine and criminology. But as a woman, she is not allowed to study. Undeterred, she disguises herself in men's clothing to secretly attend lectures at the hospital.

Her academic pursuits take an unexpected turn when she finds herself at her cousin Charlotte's house facing a real corpse. The victim is none other than Charlotte's new husband, Amandus. The case is particularly scandalous because Florentine's brother harbours a secret love for Charlotte and was near the scene of the crime at the time of the murder. Florentine the true culprit and clear her family's name.

A fast-paced and charming mystery set in 19th-century Berlin!

Alexandra Fischer-Hunold studied German and English literature and worked in publishing before she began writing her own books. She lives with her husband and their dog in Münster.

The author is nominated for the 2026 Friedrich Glauser Prize in the children's crime fiction category.

### Rory Shy, the Shy Detective

#### The Mysterious Case of the Bride

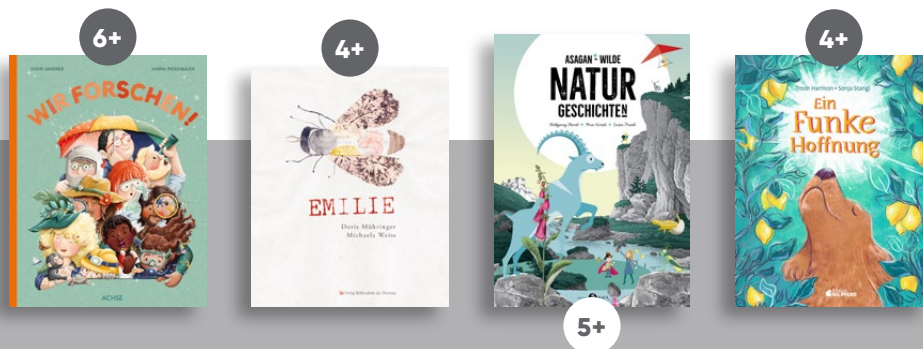
Oliver Schlick  
SERIES, pp. 320, 21 × 14.8 cm, Age 10+  
€ 16.50, 978-3-7641-5291-8  
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Rory Shy is an unusual detective: he is uncomfortable questioning witnesses, too shy to talk to informants and far too polite to bother suspects with questions. Instead, he has a secret method of his own that has so far enabled him to solve even the trickiest mysteries.

In this volume: The wedding party is in shock: during the champagne reception, the bride has fallen from the balcony of a luxury hotel. Luckily, she lands in the moat and escapes just with severe shock. The groom doubts it was an accident. Together with the timid cocker spaniel Dr. Herkenrath, Rory and thirteen-year-old Matilda uncover the secrets.

The first volume was nominated for the 2021 Friedrich Glauser Prize in the children's crime fiction category. The third volume was the winner of the prize in 2023.

## Children's Books from Austria



### All About Science!

#### Achse Verlag

Karin Grabner

Illustrated by Hanna Riebenbauer

pp. 56, 28 × 22 cm, Age 6+

€ 24.00 (AT), 23.50 (DE),

978-3-903408-38-8

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Have you ever wondered why frogs can jump so high, why rain falls from the clouds? Or why chili peppers are hot, and the moon shines at night? Researchers ask exactly these kinds of questions and uncover the secrets of the world. They look under rocks, into the water, and up into the sky, exploring tiny worlds with microscopes and distant stars with telescopes.

In this book, you'll learn about exciting professions that you could pursue one day yourself. Come on, let's explore the wonders of nature!

Karin Grabner lives in Graz and is a geologist and science journalist. She loves exploring the secrets of the Earth and writing about them.

Hanna Riebenbauer is an illustrator and graphic designer from Styria. She draws her motivation and inspiration from the boundless imaginative world of her two children.

### Emilie

#### Bibliothek der Provinz

Doris Mühringer

Illustrated by Michaela Weiss

pp. 32, 22 × 18 cm, Age 4+

€ 20.00, 978-3-99126-384-5

All rights available

Doris Mühringer's poetic story, masterfully illustrated by Michaela Weiss, follows

Emilie, a tiny fly. One evening, she settles on a thumb to clean herself. Small as a grain of rice and remarkably unafraid, she stays put even when the thumb moves – she hasn't yet learned to fear humans. A tender tale that transcends age.

Doris Mühringer (1920–2009) was a major Austrian poet. Renowned for her minimalist style, she received the Georg Trakl Prize (1954) and the Austrian State Prize for Children's Literature (2001).

Michaela Weiss, born 1981, is a Vienna-based illustrator. She studied at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna and in London (Central Saint Martins/Chelsea College). Her work has been awarded several prestigious book art grants.

### ASAGAN – Wild NATURE (Hi)Stories

#### Edition 5Haus

Wolfgang Hartl, Mia Kirsch

Illustrated by Wolfgang Hartl, Erika Friedl

pp. 112, 30.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 5+

€ 25.00, 978-3-99133-011-0

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Dragons, dinosaurs, Danube pirates! The latest book in the multi-award-winning ASAGAN series presents the wonders of the natural world. Eight new adventures unfold, each containing more than just a grain of truth! Join our intrepid heroines and heroes as they travel through time, exploring precipitous peaks and cavernous caves. Did dragons really exist? Find out in the book's glossary! ASAGAN – the fount of fun facts for all ages!

Mia Kirsch is an author of children's books in Vienna. She loves taking long journeys into the world of ASAGAN and beyond.

Wolfgang Hartl is a graphic designer, illustrator and author. Apart from taking part in and developing numerous exhibitions and cultural initiatives he also creates art projects all over the world. Together with Erika Friedl he illustrates the world of ASAGAN.

### A Spark of Hope

#### Edition Nilpferd

Troon Harrison

pp. 32, 28 × 22 cm, Age 4+

€ 17.00, 978-3-7074-5323-2

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The brown dog has been through a lot: hunger, loneliness and the dream of a safe home are his constant companions. Then he finds helping hands, and everything changes. With patience and affection, he learns to trust. The girl who at first seems like a stranger becomes his friend. His new home becomes a place where he can finally arrive.

A warmhearted story about hope, courage, and the great joy of finding a home, ideal for all animal lovers and those who are on their way to becoming one.

Troon Harrison is the author of numerous children's and young adult books, and has won many awards. Her stories are imbued with poetry, linguistic elegance and profound humanity that captivate readers young and old. Troon Harrison is an Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPY) finalist, and received a Notable designation from the Children's Book Council of America.

Sonja Stangl is an award-winning illustrator and visual storyteller. Her images invite viewers to be carried along by mood and emotion. She places her characters in a world that emerges from experiments on paper.

## Children's Books from Austria



### The Raspberry-Red Dragon

**G&G**

Georg Bydlinski

Illustrated by Louisa Kron  
pp. 32, 28 × 22 cm, Age 4+  
€ 16.00, 978-3-7074-2727-1  
Rights sold to Spain

Once there lived a little dragon who looked quite different from all the others: not green but red, sprinkled like raspberries. Those were his favourite treat – and he wanted to eat them all by himself. The other dragons teased him and laughed. Hurt and lonely, the little dragon set off, leaving Dragonland behind. But soon he realised how much he missed his home, and that raspberries taste best when you share them.

Georg Bydlinski is one of Austria's most renowned children's authors. His honours include the Austrian State Prize for Children's Poetry and the Austrian Children's and Young Adult Book Award. He is also passionate about football and music.

Louisa Kron studied communication design and has been working as a freelance illustrator since 2020. Her work is imaginative, atmospheric and rich in detail. She is always on the lookout for new images and stories.

### A Dormouse Falls from the Sky

**Jungbrunnen**

Edith Schreiber-Wicke  
Illustrated by Raffaella Schöbitz  
pp. 32, 28 × 21 cm, Age 3+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-7026-6028-4  
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The bright sound of a flute sets off a chain of events which lead to the discovery of smoke rising from the neighbours' garden. A book about cause and effect and the possibilities which can lie in sudden changes – a magnificent tale completed by delicate strokes and wild colours.

Edith Schreiber-Wicke's born 1943 first children's book was published in 1983 and was also made into a TV series; her work focuses on everyday magic. She has won the Austrian Children's and Youth Book Award, the Award of the City of Vienna, and the Austrian State Prize for Children's Poetry.

Raffaella Schöbitz born 1987 is a freelance illustrator and author, working with pencil, ink and watercolour, often also with mixed-media collages, and most recently with digital media. Her awards include the Austrian Children's and Youth Book Prize Collection, IBBY, World Illustration Award and Outstanding Artist.

### Where the Wild Worms Are Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Life Underground

**Leykam**

Elisabeth Etz  
Illustrated by Nini Spagl  
pp. 144, 27.5 × 20.5 cm, Age 6+  
€ 24.50, 978-3-7011-8357-9  
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Dancing dung beetles and the wonders of underground life.

Did you know that dung beetles dance on poop, spiders disguise themselves as ants, and some snails defend themselves by making farting noises? There are more organisms living in a single gram of soil

than there are people on Earth. Moles, earthworms, woodlice, fungi and trillions of tiny creatures ensure that plants grow, water stays clean, and valuable nutrients are produced from poop. They loosen the soil, recycle waste, and are the secret heroes of life!

Elisabeth Etz from Vienna writes books and teaches German as a second language.

Nini Spagl from Munich studied architecture, did a course in book design and graduated from a media college.

Shortlist: Austrian Science Book Award 2026

### Tiger Dreams

**Luftschacht**

Julian Tapprich  
Illustrated by Julian Tapprich  
pp. 48, 26.0 × 20.0 cm, Age 4+  
€ 24.00, 978-3-903422-45-2  
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Little yellow Leo was no ordinary bird. He found the chirping and singing of the other birds boring. The same old songs! He preferred to indulge in his daydreams, which unfortunately he couldn't tell anyone about, especially not the other birds. Because Leo dreamed of a wild cat friend. Leo loved cats. "I'll tell the cat about my dreams," Leo decided excitedly, "she'll love them!" But when his friendship with the neighbour's cat didn't work out so well, Leo set off on a long journey into the jungle. Surely there must be really big, wild cats, for really big, wild dreams. Tiger-dreams!

Julian Tapprich, born in 1982 in Zurich, studied comparative literature and photography in Vienna. He works as an illustrator and cartoonist.

## Children's Books from Austria



### Crocodile Alert

#### Obelisk

Isabella Thurin  
Illustrated by Florence Dailleux  
pp. 112, 21 × 16 cm, Age 7+  
€ 15.00, 978-3-99128-133-7  
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This book tells the story of two very different 10-year-old boys, Oskar and Fred. One is lively and up for any adventure; the other is quiet and thoughtful after the death of his mother. When Fred moves with his family to the neighbourhood where Oskar lives, they bring along an old crocodile that has already caused trouble. Despite language barriers, the parents quickly become friends. It takes longer for Oskar and Fred, but a trip brings them together. Soon an anonymous threatening letter appears, posing a danger to the entire housing estate. It's the beginning of a secret operation.

Isabella Thurin was born in Vienna in 1983 and studied comparative literature and elementary school education. She lives in South Tyrol. She won the Dixi Children's Literature Prize in 2017.

Florence Dailleux grew up in Paris. She has been working as a freelance illustrator since 2008.

### Vienna. A City Guide for Kids

#### Picus

Brigitta Höpler, Alexander Potyka  
Illustrated by Sibylle Vogel  
pp. 80, 21 × 15 cm, Age 8+  
€ 12.00, 978-3-85452-856-2  
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There's plenty to see and to discover in Vienna – if you know where to look, that is. The Vienna City Guide for Kids accompanies its readers through the city on foot and by public transport. Packed with handy tips, fun puzzles and plenty of interesting things to learn, this book helps kids playfully explore the city on six walking tours. Each walking tour is introduced with an overview map and a brief description including tips on transportation. The sights are described in small units for children aged 8 to 12 that are easy to enjoy while out and about. A fun adventure of discovery for both children and their parents.

Brigitta Höpler is a writer, art historian and writing instructor from Vienna.

Alexander Potyka is a publisher, translator and author from Vienna.

Sibylle Vogel, born in Germany, now lives in Vienna and works as an illustrator.

### The Yellow Rubber Boots

#### Tyrolia

Isabel Pin  
pp. 2,6 24 × 17 cm, Age 4+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-7022-4350-0  
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About belonging and sharing.

A pair of yellow rubber boots is passed around among the children in a large family, becoming a symbol of togetherness through many life situations and across all personalities. With delicate ink strokes, clear colour accents and great warmth, Isabel Pin effortlessly depicts the lived reality of many children today, offering numerous points of connection for personal stories, memories and reflections. These boots tell many stories. They have seen a lot.

Isabel Pin, born in 1975 in Versailles, currently lives in Berlin. She has published over 50 books and has won multiple awards, including the Austrian Children's and Youth Literature Prize.

ORF Kids Best List – second place, 2026/February

### Two Red Fireflies

#### Vermes

Oliver Weiss  
Illustrated by Oliver Weiss  
pp. 36, 24.5 × 34.5 cm, Age 3+  
€ 18.00, 978-3-903553-06-4  
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Will the firefly find me?

Maximiliane, the brightest glowing firefly, flies through the night in search of a friend. Thousands of lights glow and sparkle everywhere, but is there another firefly in the world that glows as beautifully red as she does?

In this extraordinary picture book by Oliver Weiss, the fireflies deliver a universal message: miracles are everywhere, you just have to discover them!

Oliver Weiss draws for *The New York Times* and *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, among others, as well as for many different publishers in Germany and around the world. He is an internationally active illustrator, author and designer. His picture book *Die Öblings kommen!* was awarded the Meefisch prize for the best German-language children's book in 2023. He lives in Berlin and New York.

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