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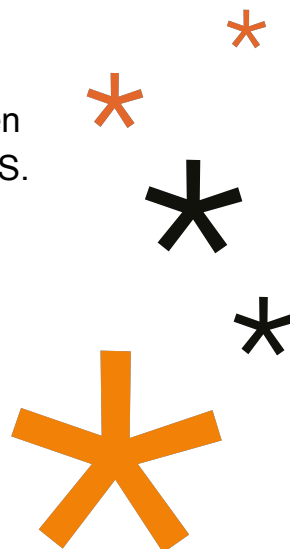
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Peter Huth

## The Honey Man

- A house with a garden in the suburbs – and no price too high to protect paradise
- Pointed, clever and relevant – a social novel for our time
- For readers of Dörte Hansen and Juli Zeh



August 2024 · 256 pages

Peter Huth grew up in Kleve and initially worked as a journalist in Halle an der Saale after the fall of the Berlin Wall. He also worked in Cologne, Hamburg, Warsaw and Berlin. His first book, "Infarkt", was published in 2003, and a year later Huth was awarded the Hamburg Prize for Literature. Today he works as an author specialising in politics, society and culture. Peter Huth lives with his family in Berlin.

### **A picture-perfect suburb - but what do citizens do when their pretty facade crumbles?**

In "The Honeyman", a couple from the suburbs, Tim and Fine, come across an anonymous warning about the 'Honeyman', a neighbour who was previously convicted of paedophilia. This news alarms the otherwise idyllic community and sparks a controversy. Fine and other neighbours argue for immediate action against the Honeyman, while other community members insist on letting bygones be bygones. Tensions rise when there's an arson attack on the Honeyman's shop with Fine landing in the suspect line. In the meantime, Tim discovers another neighbour, Robert, is responsible for the arson attack, having also maintained a belief that his son fell prey to the Honeyman. Tim, however, chooses to keep this discovery under wraps to protect the community. Tim manages to vindicate Fine from the arson attack allegations by offering their wildlife camera footage to the police. Despite this, the couple continues to be ostracised and shunned by their neighbours. Fine bears the brunt of this suspicion, enduring a sense of mistrust even after her name is cleared. Disillusioned and disheartened, Tim and Fine decide to leave their suburban paradise behind and return to the city. The story is a compelling social drama painting the marring of an idyllic community and the upheaval in the life of an innocent couple, brought about by an anonymous warning.

*"We were all so drunk with happiness to be here, in Fischbach, that it didn't even occur to us that anything could threaten this idyll. And when the time came, we refused to believe it. It couldn't be what wasn't supposed to be."*

Karin Kalisa

# Sunny. Or the geometry of love

- The lives of two dissimilar people intersect in a place that has long been abandoned, and suddenly parallels emerge that no one expected.
- Haunting, epic and precise: Karin Kalisa has an unmistakable tone
- Over 250,000 novels sold by SPIEGEL bestselling author Karin Kalisa



November 2024 · 336 pages

Karin Kalisa lives and works as a freelance author in Berlin. She was born in Bremerhaven. Her family has roots in both East and West Germany. As a Japonologist and philosopher of language, she worked in various places in Europe and Japan before deciding to become a freelance writer. Karin Kalisa's debut novel *Sungs Laden* was followed by her winter story *Sternstunde*, the novels *Radio Activity*, *Bergsalz* and *Fischers Frau*, the literary essay collection *Magst du die Nacht?* and most recently the novel *Sunny oder Die Geometrie der Liebe*.

**A romance novel by the SPIEGEL bestselling author, as stringent and beautiful as a mathematical puzzle**

Before Jon can finish school, she finishes with him. He is out. And Sunny, whom he longs for like he has never longed for anyone before, doesn't get in touch. Under the scorching sun of the summer of the century, he wanders through the woods just outside Berlin and comes across the hidden buildings of the former GDR youth academy - and Benno, who once found the love of his life here, Alemee from Ethiopia, and was expatriated because of this love. After many years in Africa, he has returned alone to a country that has become unfamiliar to him. Jon and Benno become companions who help each other to realise that their paths in life are not steep. Sunny and Alemee, around whom their thoughts never cease to revolve, blend into the glistening present like mirages on the horizon of a frozen time. But then a battered Japanese jeep, freshly brewed coffee from Sidamo and some extremely fortunate technicalities on the part of the Berlin administration suddenly set everything in motion that seemed stuck.

*"The way Karin Kalisa gently yet realistically tells of the great opportunities that exist as treasures in our society, without any kitsch or sweetness, is her great art. A powerful book that gives hope."* NDR Kultur - New books

## Further Titles





Liane Kirchner

## Sanssouci was no longer free

- Three generations of a family become victims of the GDR regime and the Cold War
- Liane Kirchner tells the story of her family with heartfelt candour
- With a foreword by Hera Lind: *"Reading it took my breath away."*



September 2024 · 288 pages

Liane Kirchner is the mother of six children and lives in a suburb of Berlin with her husband and their five children, who have not yet fledged. She loves summer, Goethe and Italy. She spends her evenings writing her next novel with a view of the rose garden.

### Only a tunnel leads to freedom - The true story of a spectacular GDR escape

In 1962, Dieter Hötger dug a tunnel from West to East Berlin. He wants to bring his family to him, but their plan is betrayed: A Stasi machine gun salvo awaits Dieter at the tunnel exit. He survives seriously injured and ends up in the notorious GDR prison Bautzen II, where his wife Brigitte is sent to Hoheneck women's prison and little Axel to a children's home. After years of solitary confinement, the strong-willed Dieter is the only inmate in the history of Bautzen II to escape ...

Brigitte's granddaughter Liane Kirchner tells the story of her family, who still carry the trauma of violence and arbitrariness of the GDR regime within them.

Michaela Küpper

## Love and other secrets

- A touching novel on two-time levels about the challenges of marriage and the question of what sacrifices a woman is prepared to make for her freedom
- For the readers of Katharina Fuchs, Eva Völler and Trude Teige



October 2024 · 320 pages

Michaela Küpper was born in Alpen in the Lower Rhine region and grew up in Bonn. She studied sociology, psychology, politics and education in Marburg. She then moved back to the Rhineland, where she worked as a project manager in a publishing house for many years after completing a traineeship. Today she works as a freelance writer. Visit the author on her website: [www.michaelakuepper.de](http://www.michaelakuepper.de)

### **Two women's fates, two marital histories - and a life lie that connects them both**

To leave or to stay? This is the question Kerstin asks herself after almost thirty years of marriage when she falls in love with another man. But does this young love count for more than a decades-old bond? And is it wise to cut all your roots for a dream? Evelyn feels much the same at the end of the 1950s. She is torn between her sense of duty to her husband and children and her longing for happiness. Despite the six decades that separate them and their different ages, Evelyn and Kerstin's inner struggle is the same. As Kerstin comes to terms with Evelyn's story, she not only gains clarity about her feelings - she also uncovers a life lie concerning her own family.

*"Based on true events: This captivating novel about a Cologne family tells the story of courage and solidarity."* FÜR SIE about The Edelweiss Pirate

*"Exciting to the last page and of high literary quality, which gives hope for another novel by this author."* versalia.de about Kaltenbruch

Hera Lind

## In the name of mercy. Novel based on a true story

- Deported from a children's home to a remote farm, exploited and tortured: the true story of foster child Steffi
- A touching story about a suppressed chapter in history
- With over 20 million novels sold, Hera Lind is one of Germany's most successful authors



November 2024 · 464 pages

Hera studied German, music and theology and was a classical singer before she enjoyed sensational success with novels such as *Das Superweib*. Hera Lind's factual novels, which are all based on true stories, consistently top the SPIEGEL bestseller list. Hera Lind lives with her family in Salzburg, where she also offers writing seminars.

### The new factual bestseller by Hera Lind: Exploited foster children and the belief in justice

In the name of charity, the Styrian farming family Kellerknecht takes in a foster child every year. In the 1970s, Steffi, who was just three years old, came to the remote farm. Amongst the other foster children, she quickly learns that she has to work hard for her meagre meals and the bunk bed in the attic, barefoot. From the age of nine, Steffi is regularly abused by the farmer. At fifteen, she is pregnant and is sent to a convent where compassionate nuns look after unmarried young mothers. Steffi wants to give her child a better childhood and sets off in search of her biological mother ...

*"A great story about a tragic life and a lot of suffering. And a book that brings history to life very well."* Ruhr Nachrichten about *The Last Promise*

Saskia Louis

## I want this, that and you

- Her unintentionally sent list of intentions and its outrageously charming recipient make Svea Nussbaum's heart beat faster more than once
- Saskia Louis convinces with the perfect mix of lightness, humour, depth and great emotion
- For readers of Anna Bell, Petra Hülsmann and Sophie Kinsella as well as fans of the Netflix series Christmas at Home



October 2024 · 400 pages

Saskia Louis was born in 1993 with a lot of imagination, which she has been using to write stories since the fourth grade. Together with her older brothers, she grew up in the small town of Hattingen and over the years she has found her home in entertaining women's fiction and fantasy. Today she lives in Cologne and wishes that people would sing more than they rant. Her biggest dream is to write the soundtrack to the film adaptation of one of her books.

**Love is always honest ... oh God, that could be a problem!**

Svea Nussbaum is 31 years old, unhappily in love ... and not always completely honest. Which unfortunately makes her a master of awkward situations and excuses. But after a more than embarrassing New Year's Eve, she has had enough. She writes a long list of resolutions that could hardly be more personal. Unfortunately, instead of a working document, she inadvertently sends this list to the CEO of the company she is supposed to win as a client. William Grant is everything she is not. Honest, successful ... and completely different from what Svea would have expected. Not only does the charming company boss entrust her with the management of the project, but he also sends her his list of resolutions. And suddenly Svea finds herself in the strangest deal of her life ...

Gabriella Engelmann

## Winter conjures up dreams by the sea

- Many a story is hidden behind the pastel-coloured doors of Lütteby's gabled cottage – and a Christmas miracle
- Every volume in the series has been on the SPIEGEL best-seller list – the fourth volume is the long-awaited conclusion
- Lovingly illustrated with wintery recipes from northern Germany such as futures, eggnog and lilac berry soup



September 2024 · 272 pages

Born in Munich, Gabriella Engelmann discovered her love of writing in Hamburg and feels right at home in the north. She has long dreamed of having her own little house on the dyke and of North Frisian legends that are still alive. After working as a bookseller and publishing manager, she enjoys the freedom of being an author.

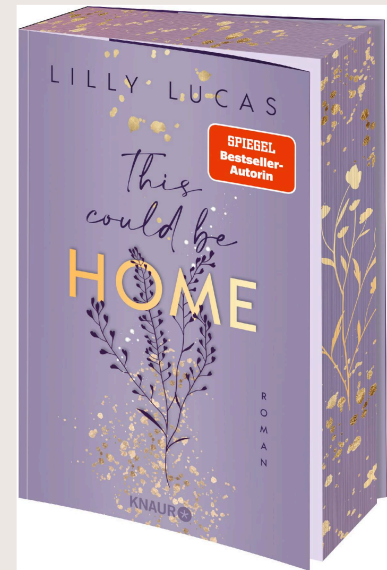
### Christmas enchants Lütteby - the sequel to the successful bestseller series

When snow adorns the roofs of Lütteby's gabled cottages, the coastal town on the North Sea resembles a nostalgic Advent calendar. But behind the cosy, shining windows, many a secret is waiting to be revealed: Lina and Jonas are newlyweds, but Lina is worried about realising her wish to have a child. Will the curse that weighs on all the women in the Hansen family also befall her? How should Pastor Sinje deal with the fact that Sven's daughter is standing in the way of her happiness? And why does Amelie's long-lost love suddenly turn up in her French café? To make matters worse, a dangerous storm blows up at Christmas and threatens magical Lütteby, just as the legend once prophesied ...

Lilly Lucas

## This could be home

- Volume 2 of the new *Hawaii Love Series* of best-selling author Lilly Lucas
- Gaumont production company has secured film rights to 'Hawaii Love'
- rights sold to: France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain, US



January 2025 · 354 pages

Lilly Lucas was born in Ansbach and studied German literature in Bamberg. She now lives in Würzburg with her husband, son and endless books. Her romance novels *New Promises*, *New Dreams*, *New Horizons*, *New Chances*, *Find me in Green Valley*, *A Place to Love*, *A Place to Grow*, *A Place to Belong*, *A Place to Shine* and *New Wishes* became SPIEGEL bestsellers. When she's not writing novels about love and life, she likes to travel the world, stick her nose into books or live out her movie and series addiction on the couch at home.

### When they clash, the waves are high

Sunshine Laurie, a prospective lifeguard, meets Grumpy Lifeguard Tristan in the second New Adult novel of the *Hawaii Love Trilogy* by bestselling author Lilly Lucas.

Ever since Laurie Greenfield (23) saw the celebrated big wave surfer Griffin 'Chip' Chipman (25) save someone from drowning, she has been determined to become a lifeguard. She is to be trained by Chip's brother Tristan, who is a lifeguard, but makes no secret of the fact that he thinks Laurie is completely unsuitable to withstand the harsh conditions on the rough North Shore. It is only when his superior offers him the position of team captain that Tristan begins to reconsider his opinion. One of the conditions is that Tristan gets more women on his team. While Tristan is getting Laurie ready for the selection process, he realises that she is much more capable than he thought. And that she has a pretty enchanting smile. Laurie also has to rethink her opinion of Tristan when she realises that he is not only hard on her, but also on himself. Above all, she wonders what the reason for this is...

### Further Titles





Jennifer Wiley

## Like Fire in the Night

- A mysterious singer and a journalist who needs a story: a thrilling rock star romance in New York
- A novel full of great emotions and sparkling flirtations that gets under your skin like a good rock song
- For readers of Kylie Scott and all fans of celebrity romances



December 2024 · 368 pages

Jennifer Wiley is a qualified social worker from near Cologne. She is now living her childhood dream and devotes herself entirely to her love stories, which she likes to use to make people think. Her favourite places to do this are in lively cafés or on her large terrace, where she can be particularly creative. Secretly, she dreams of a life with a house and a dog - preferably near picturesque hiking routes.

### Can Milo light up the night that Ivy has been fleeing for years?

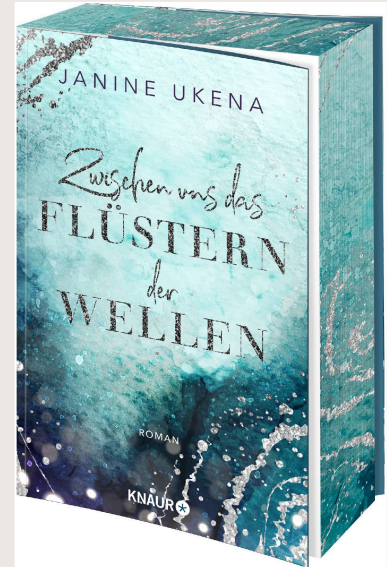
Overnight, 21-year-old musician Ivy Cohen becomes a star. Suddenly the whole of New York wants to know who the woman with the raspy voice is in private. When young journalist Milo Harrison is given the task of infiltrating Ivy's circle and finding out as much as possible about her, it seems to be the solution to his biggest problem: he can finally get rid of the bill collectors who are breathing down his neck because of his father's debts. But Milo hasn't reckoned on how vulnerable Ivy is behind her sexy stage persona. Nor with the dark past she is trying to escape. As the feelings between Milo and Ivy grow stronger and stronger, they both fall deeper and deeper into the maelstrom of Ivy's secret ...

*"This is where Jennifer Wiley really shows what a phenomenal writer she is. I was simply mesmerised."* - Blog Addicted 2Books about Cliffworth Academy 1

Janine Ukena

## Between us the whisper of the waves

- Thrilling romance
- The second and third volumes of the romantic and exciting Sylt Suspense trilogy
- For readers of Kristina Moninger's *Breaking Waves* and Lena Kiefer's *Westwell* series



October 2024 · 384 pages

Janine Ukena was born in 1995 and lives in the north of Germany. When she's not writing, she uses her time to disappear between the pages of books. She also drinks more caffeine than is good for her and has a passion for South Korea, which inspired her successful debut series *Seoul Dreams*. She posts book recommendations and insights into her everyday life on Instagram.

### Dark secrets, great emotions and dramatic twists and turns on the beautiful island of Sylt

The whisper of the waves between us: Erik hasn't set foot in the sea since a windsurfing accident. That night, which he only remembers in fragments, his rival died. Now a financial emergency forces him to take part in the surf cup, and his ex-girlfriend of all people is supposed to take over his training. What gradually comes to light shakes him to the core.

Above us, the roar of the storm: As a newly qualified lawyer, Jette has to represent Joshua, of all people, who know more about her past than she would like. To protect her career, she makes a deal with him. But the more time she spends with him, the deeper the abyss into which she falls. Soon she could not only lose the case but also her heart.

### Further Titles



Nina Bilinszki

## Two Hearts, One Lie

- Scotland as a setting of longing and the New Adult Suspense trend: an unbeatable combination for all fans of Kristina Moninger and Bianca Iosivoni
- Whether Enemies or Friends-to-Lovers – the love stories in the Glencoe View novels are gripping and melt-in-the-mouth beautiful!



October 2024 · 400 pages

Nina Bilinszki grew up in the centre of the Ruhr region before moving to the Rhine-Main area in 2009. Books have accompanied her throughout her life, and writing has also become an integral part of her life. When she's not dreaming up new stories, she can usually be found in the countryside, running her Labrador mongrel across the fields.

### Wild Highlands, great emotions ... romance meets suspense in Nina Bilinszki's new thrilling dilogy!

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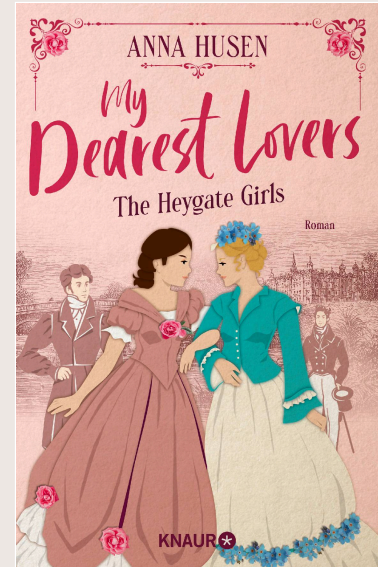




Anna Husen

## My Dearest Lovers. The Heygate Girls

- The prelude to the addictive boarding school trilogy: Lucie is supposed to become a real lady at an English boarding school for girls, but why is her flatmate suddenly giving her palpitations?
- Anna Husen combines the highly romantic setting of historical romance with the strong, modern themes of New Adult
- Victorian setting, heroines with a strong sense of identity and modern, empathetically described relationship dynamics



November 2024 · 416 pages

Anna Husen, born in 1996, is a qualified media specialist, works as a content marketing manager in a software company and lives on the beautiful Baltic coast. She became passionate about writing at an early age, as she has always loved reading and wanted to create her own stories. The author is active on her Instagram channel [annathiessenhusen](https://www.instagram.com/annathiessenhusen), where she shares her passion for writing and her love of books with other reading enthusiasts.

**An English boarding school arranged marriages and girlfriends who have a mind of their own**

Southend-on-Sea, England, 1860: For the unconventional Lucie from Lübeck, a world collapses when her parents send her to the prestigious Heygate boarding school for girls. There she is to prepare for her duties as a lady and get to know Arthur, the man who has already been chosen for her. Lucie quickly clashes with her flatmate Amabel, who is determined to fulfil the wishes of her family and her fiancé. It is only after a summer ball in London that the two girls confess their worries about the future to each other. A tender friendship develops and Lucie feels attracted to her, which confuses her. Especially when the attractive Arthur begins to court her ...

*"With 'My Dearest Lovers,' Anna Husen impressively shows how easily the boundaries between friendship and love blur and that we can't choose who we give our hearts to. This story is full of longing and hope - I felt like a Heygate girl looking for love myself." - Regina Meissner, author*

Basma Hallak

## Between My Worlds

- A new voice for Young Romance that explores themes of self-discovery, escape, racial microaggression, grief, loss and mental health
- Authentic own-voice author who captures the tone of her generation



September 2024 · 464 pages

Basma Hallak was born in Berlin in 1996 to Palestinian parents. Berlin, where she studied library and information management. studied library and information management. She can often be found browsing through bookshops, sipping iced coffee at the popular Berlin hotspots or on Instagram Instagram, where she talks about books as @basmabooks.

### **Iceland's breathtaking nature, a young woman in search of her place in life and great love**

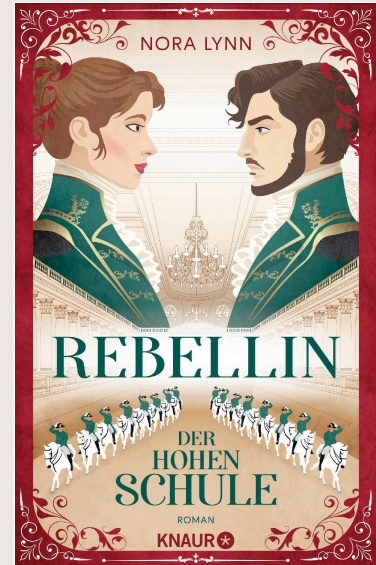
After Berlin photographer Kalima's first exhibition ends in a gigantic shitstorm, she flees to Iceland. In her luggage: her lostness, her panicked fear of rejection, which has plagued her for ages, and her Iceland photo book, which she has been carrying around with her for half her life. When she meets Nói, the boy with a penchant for flowers who is temporarily running his parents' pub, she immediately feels a deep connection. She persuades him to take her on and pay her with tours of Iceland's natural wonders, where the two become closer. But the demons of her past, lurking between the pages of her illustrated book, not only stand in the way of her love but also her life.



Nora Lynn

## Rebel of the high school

- Patriarchy Riding School Vienna – yet the talented 20-year-old Margarete has a big dream: she wants to become the first female rider ...
- TikTok Historical Romance trend: over 102 million views for the hashtag
- Historical Romance meets New Adult at the Riding School in 19th century Austria
- New Adult Romance in magnificent 19th century Vienna – for readers of Bridgerton and the Wallflower series!



October 2024 · 400 pages

Austrian author Nora Lynn lives with her husband and two children on the outskirts of a small Austrian town, where she enjoys the peace and tranquillity of country life. Growing up on a horse farm run by her father, she was born with a love of horses.

### **The splendour of the Vienna Riding School, a talented rebel and an obnoxiously charming adversary**

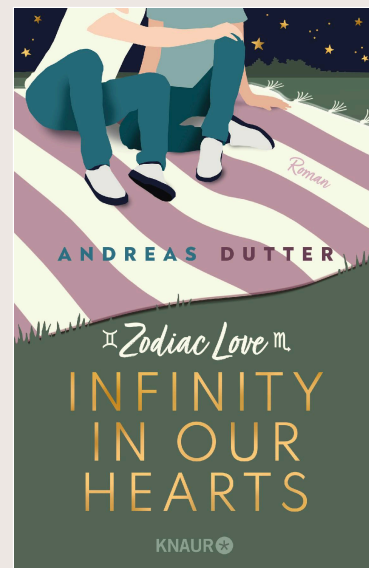
Vienna, 1875: Empress Sisi, who rides in a gentleman's saddle, inspires 20-year-old Margarete to realise her great dream. She wants to be the first woman to become a rider at the Vienna Riding School. Anyone who sees her on a horse knows that Margarete has what it takes - but her goal still seems unattainable. Instead, her mother wants her to marry the arrogant son of the head stable master. The rebellious Margarete flees to a stud farm in Slovenia alongside the handsome groom Marjan, whom she secretly loves. When she learns that there is still a chance for her to ride the quadrille in front of Empress Sisi in Vienna, Margarete has to make a difficult decision. What does her heart really burn for?

*"Historical Romance meets New Adult. With her vivid writing style, Nora Lynn transports us to the Spanish Riding School and creates a very special backdrop for a love triangle in historic Vienna."* Jennifer Wiley, author

Andreas Dutter

## Zodiac Love: Infinity in Our Hearts. Novel

- Will the stars align for a second chance between Robin and the love of his life, astrology podcaster Brodie?
- For readers of Casey McQuiston or Alexis Hall and all fans of Heartstopper
- Own-Voice author – well connected in the LGBTQIAP+ community, on Instagram and TikTok.



January 2024 · 400 pages

Andreas Dutter lives in Austria and studied culture and social anthropology at the University of Vienna. He entertains his followers with writing and book content on social media: on Instagram under @andreasdutter and on TikTok under AndreasDutterAutor. Besides books, he loves series, anime and manga, although his thoughts are always on his next romance idea.

### The heartwarming conclusion of the queer Young Romance series on the TikTok trend astrology

After some serious disappointments, Robin has finally sworn off love and concentrates fully on his job at the luxurious Royal Hotel in Cork. But one day there is a poster announcing the star astrology podcaster Brodie Merrick - who broke Robin's heart years ago. Now Brodie will not only be giving astrology seminars at University College Cork, he is also to stay at the Royal Hotel while he teaches. The stars obviously don't mean well for Robin ... He becomes more and more entangled in a web of lies, until finally everything is at stake: Robin's career, his reputation - and his heart.

*"I lost my heart to Felix and Owen. A reading highlight that I will remember for a long time!" - SPIEGEL bestselling author Maren Vivien Haase about Zodiac Love: Starlight in Our Dreams*

### Further Titles



Alicia Zett

## Who, if not us

- The start of a young romance dilogy about the young photographer Lena, who breaks out of a deadlocked life and love situation
- For readers of Colleen Hoover, Becky Albertalli or Casey McQuiston
- Well-connected SPIEGEL bestselling author with a large social media reach: Alicia Zett is very close to her readers



November 2024 · 416 pages

Alicia Zett was born in 1996, studied film and currently works at a local TV station. When she's not talking about queer books, films and series on her social media channels, she prefers to spend her days with her husband and three cats. Alicia writes books that she would have needed in her youth. Now she uses her stories to show that love comes in all shapes and colours.

**If you don't know who you are - how are you supposed to know who your heart belongs to?**

Leo is Lena's first great love: they were the dream couple of her graduating year and have lived together in her home village ever since. Nevertheless, Lena is not happy. What has become of her dreams? And who is she without Leo? Then, after five years of silence, her former best friend Kate reappears, with whom she has had no contact since an incident on the night of the graduation ball. Kate is now an internationally successful model and asks Lena to accompany her on a three-week trip as her photographer. Lena is soon torn between this completely different, exciting life and her fear of not being good enough. And between Leo and Kate ...

Hanna Caspian

## To the beat of freedom

- At the end of the 19th century, the two-wheeler began its triumphal march – and became a symbol of freedom for women
- Over 500,000 novels sold by the SPIEGELbestselling author *The daughter of a railway tycoon* discovers freedom on two wheels – and love for an unconventional young man



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The SPIEGEL bestselling author Hanna Caspian prefers to shed light on almost forgotten topics of German history with her emotional and suspenseful sagas.

Hanna Caspian studied literature, political science and languages in Aachen and then worked for many years in PR and marketing. She now lives with her husband as a freelance author in Cologne when she is not travelling the world.

### **Women discover cycling - Hanna Caspian takes us back to the time when two-wheelers conquered the road**

Berlin, 1888 - Felicitas Louisburg, daughter of a railway tycoon, has endless opportunities, but she has no personal freedom. She can only afford everything if it pleases her father. The only thing she can decide for herself is the colour of her next ball gown. At a summer ball, she is supposed to look for someone to marry. But to seal a major contract and secure the future of his empire, her father has already secretly promised her.

Now, of all times, she meets Lorenz - student, inventor and anything but proper. When he secretly teaches her how to ride a bike and shows her the light-heartedness of life, she never wants to give up this freedom or this fascinating man. She has little time left to rebel. Otherwise, her dreams and plans will be buried forever.

Regina Meissner

## The duellist. No heart is invincible

- Elena, a young woman from a good family, loves fencing in Milan's underground until she comes face to face with the notorious and mysterious Valentino in a duel ...
- TikTok Historical Romance trend: over 102 million views for the hashtag
- The perfect mix: dark historical setting, exciting sport, great romance and spice
- These popular tropes appear: slow burn, female gaze, enemies-to-lovers, love triangle, ugly cry
- New Adult Romance in mysterious and romantic 19th century Italy – for readers of Bridgeton & Dana Schwartz' "Anatomy" !



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Regina Meissner was born in Hesse in 1993 and has made a name for herself as a fantasy author. She grew up with novels by Jane Austen ("Pride and Prejudice") and Charlotte Brontë ("Jane Eyre") and thus discovered her love of literature. She has also been fascinated by fencing for many years. With "The Duellist", she has now fulfilled her heart's desire: to write a historical romance - set in the 19th century about a young woman who defies the conventions of her era and follows her great passion. Regina shares her enthusiasm for books on Instagram and TikTok at: [regina\\_meissner\\_author](https://www.instagram.com/regina_meissner_author).

**Between illegal fencing tournaments and elegant evening balls: A young woman lives and loves dangerously**

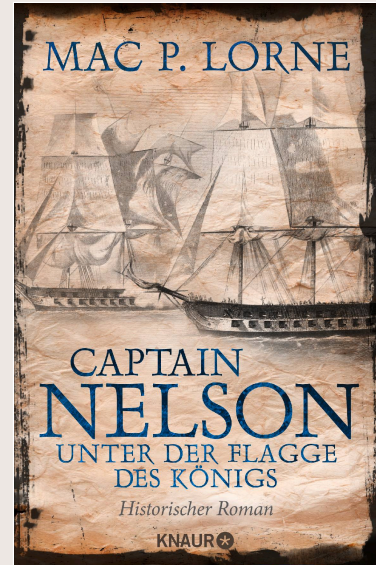
Milan, 1850: Elena's family dreams of a proper wedding - but the 24-year-old prefers to practise fencing with her best friend. She even stands in for him in a duel against Valentino, of all people, who is as famous as he is notorious for his fencing skills. During the fight, Elena not only discovers her strength: but she feels attracted to her opponent in a way that was previously alien to her. A passionate connection develops between the young woman from a good family and the mysterious and charismatic fencer, which tests more than just Elena's heart. But can she trust Valentino? And will she find her way in a world dominated by men and her family's expectations?



Mac P. Lorne

## Captain Nelson. Under the flag of the king

- Lord Nelson's exciting life in a dilogy – experience his greatest adventures on the high seas and his fabulous forbidden love for the beautiful Lady Hamilton at first hand
- For readers of C.S. Forester, Patrick O'Brian or Alexander Kent



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Mac P. Lorne (\*1957) has so far published twelve historical novels with Droemer Knaur, six of which have been honoured with major literary awards. With *The Pirate* - a Francis Drake novel and *Jack Bannister* - Lord of the Caribbean, he has very successfully focussed on maritime themes and reached a large readership. He is now continuing this theme in his trilogy about England's most famous naval hero.

**England's greatest naval hero - from young captain to scandal-ridden admiral and war hero of Trafalgar!**

**Captain Nelson:** Young Captain Horatio Nelson's ambition pays off for the first time in the Caribbean. He later meets the love of his life on a diplomatic mission in Naples - but Emma Hamilton is already the wife of the British ambassador.

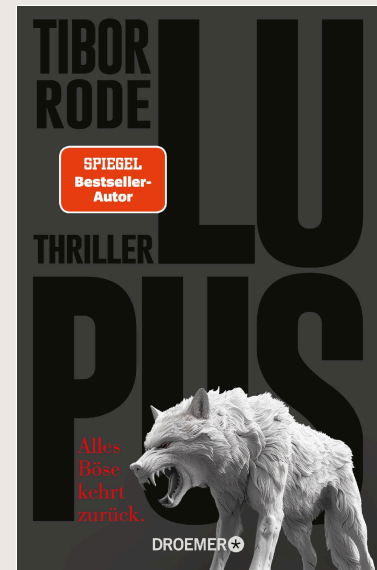
**Admiral Nelson:** While Admiral Nelson inflicts a devastating defeat on Napoleon's fleet, he is seriously wounded. It is Emma Hamilton who nurses him devotedly. Their love becomes a social scandal, but soon England needs its greatest naval hero more than ever before ...



Tibor Rode

## Lupus. All evil returns

- Tibor Rode with the polarising topic of "wolves" and a little-known, dark chapter in the history of German research on the island of Riems, where biological weapons were researched during the Nazi era
- Following the SPIEGEL bestseller *Der Wald* (The Forest), this is yet another top-researched and scientifically sound piece of entertainment about the tensions between man, technology and nature
- For readers of speculative what-if and science thrillers à la Frank Schätzing, Wolf Harlander or Marc Elsberg



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Tibor Rode, born in Hamburg in 1974, lives in Schleswig-Holstein. He studied law and worked first as a journalist and later as a legal adviser for a major daily newspaper. Today he works as a notary and lawyer specialising in IT law. Major social issues and scientific topics arouse his interest and inspire him to write exciting and sophisticated stories. *Der Wald*, his first novel published by Droemer, was a SPIEGEL bestseller.

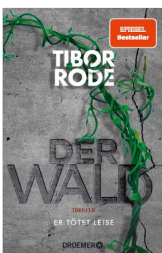
**In Germany, no wolf has ever attacked ever attacked a human being. Until now ...**

Hunters disappear at night without a trace while stalking - including the father of vet Jenny Rausch. At the same time, attacks by apparently wild wolves in German forests are on the increase. The cameras on a specially installed protective fence controlled by AI are recording strange data, which brings public prosecutor Frederik Bach onto the scene. Have the missing hunters really fallen victim to wolves or is it a case of murder? Prosecutor Bach and Jenny get caught up in a maelstrom of events that link crimes committed during the Nazi era, one of the best-kept secrets of the GDR dictatorship and a family drama. The two finally find answers in Jenny's own past - and on the most dangerous island in the world.

*"If you didn't know what a page-turner is, you'll know after reading this! Brand-new, in the truest sense of the word!" n-tv.de about *Der Wald**

*"A real page-turner! Read on, read on, read on!" NDR DAS! about *Der Wald**

### Further Titles



Christine Grän, Marianne von Waldenfels

## The young lady must die

- Murder, secrets and the abysses of the String-pullers in the Bonn Republic: a female inspector against powerful men, between the beginning of emancipation and the decree of the radicals
- Two experienced authors bring the 1970s and the Bonn Republic back to life: informative and exciting, enigmatic and brilliantly written
- A witty thriller and great social novel in one: for readers of Susanne Abel, Kerstin Cantz and Marc Raabe



December 2024 · 352 pages

**Christine Grän** wrote for the Bonner General Anzeiger in the 1970s and then worked as a journalist and author in Botswana Hong Kong, Frankfurt, Bonn and Munich. She has published numerous novels, including the Anna Marx crime novels. She now lives in her native city of Graz.

**Marianne von Waldenfels** is a journalist and author. After completing her traineeship at the Axel Springer Academy and working for Gruner & Jahr and ProSieben, she was deputy editor-in-chief of InStyle magazine for many years. She has written non-fiction and travel books and lives and works in Munich.

**Ladies of the night, spies and politicians: Immerse yourself, into the glittering years of the Willy Brandt era!**

Bonn, 1972: In her penthouse, journalist Nelie Hendriks celebrates the fact that Willy Brandt has survived the vote of no confidence. Her illustrious guests include a few ladies of the night as well as spies and politicians. Is one of them involved when Nelie falls to her death? Inspector Clara Frings is allowed to investigate as a subordinate, but quickly reaches her limits in Bonn's world of men. Clara makes mistakes and has to pay for them. The emancipation of women has only just begun, and social life is dominated by Paragraph 218, student protests, RAF bombs and the Radical Decree. Only on the day of Willy Brandt's resignation will Clara finally find answers ...

Andreas Winkelmann

## Murder in the kingdom of heaven

- A dead man on the lake, bumbling police work and a campsite full of idiosyncratic originals. The thwarted crime scene detective Kupernikus and painter Annabelle are always one clever thought ahead of the police
- The first in the humorous crime series is set at the Himmelreich campsite on Lake Schwielowsee – the best reading fodder for all cosy crime readers
- Total print run of the SPIEGEL bestselling author: 3 million copies sold



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Andreas Winkelmann, born in 1968, is a born storyteller. He wrote his first novels in maths exercise books while still at school. From there to becoming a bestselling author, he has had an eventful professional life. He has worked as a baker, soldier, taxi driver and in a honey factory.

Whether thrillers, non-fiction adventure books, novels or cosy crime: writing is his passion. He is just as passionate about travelling the world on foot, by bike or in a camper van. That's why he knows all about life in the wilderness and on the campsite.

**Andreas Winkelmann with a difference: get to know the bestselling SPIEGEL author from his cosy side!**

This is not how former actor Björn Kupernikus imagined his retirement - or maybe it is? He has barely made himself comfortable at the idyllic Himmelreich campsite when he has to rescue a small dog floating on a paddleboard in the middle of the lake. Kupernikus pulls the animal to shore - and with it a corpse that has been elaborately strapped under the board. Although the police assume it was an accident, the officers don't seem particularly experienced. What's more, if you want to find out something in the kingdom of heaven, you need someone who knows their way around the campsite microcosm. That's clear, Kupernikus has to do it himself - after all, camping is in his blood and he has spent his life meticulously preparing for the role of crime scene commissioner. He is supported by Annabelle, a well-travelled artist who knows the strangest things, lives locally and therefore has a good connection to the locals.

*"I love campsites. Because that's where all-too-human things with unexpected abysses condense into wonderfully curious stories." Andreas Winkelmann*

Steffen Weinert

## Eisfeld – The case of Katharina S.

- A recent murder brings movement into a 10-year-old, unsolved missing persons case that has never let Eisfeld go
- A thrilling case with an absolute maelstrom effect that plays with our primal fears
- For thriller fans and readers of Andreas Franz, Sven Koch and Sabine Thiessler



September 2024 · 304 pages

Steffen Weinert, born in 1975, graduated from the Baden-Württemberg Film Academy and now works mainly as a writer and director. His short film *Der Aufreißer* was screened at over 60 national and international film festivals and has won more than 20 awards. His feature film debut *Finn und der Weg zum Himmel* was shown at festivals in Shanghai, Stuttgart and Biberach, among others, and was broadcast on SWR and BR. His second feature film, the drama *The Life of My Daughter*, was released in German cinemas in 2019. After two humorous novels, he is launching his first crime thriller series with LKA investigator Mara Eisfeld.

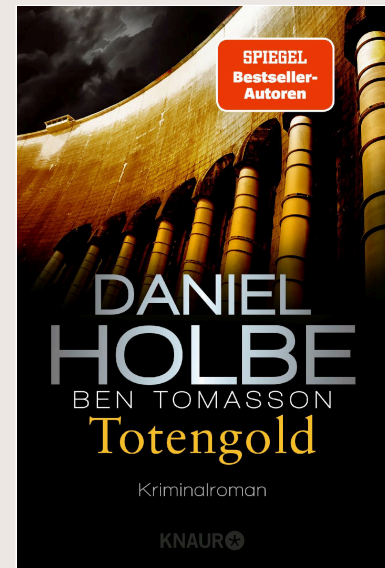
**Mara Eisfeld, the new strong female detective at the LKA Berlin - you should remember this name!**

Mara Eisfeld - who has just been promoted to the new head of the 9th homicide squad at the Berlin LKA - was only supposed to be investigating the death of a burglar. But in the house on the northern outskirts of the city, she comes across a secret basement room that harbours a sinister secret. Here she finds clues about Katharina Stellkamp, who disappeared without a trace ten years ago as a teenager. Mara was briefly involved in the investigation at the time and the case has stayed with her ever since. That's why she now does everything she can to find the young woman and free her from her kidnapper.

Daniel Holbe, Ben Tomasson

## Dead gold

- Old graves, new corpses and a family with a lot to hide
- The Hesse detectives investigate a highly explosive mixture of criminal, political and private abysses
- Over 400,000 crime novels sold by the bestselling duo Holbe / Tomasson



February 2025 · 368 pages

Daniel Holbe, born in 1976, lives with his family in the Vogelsberg district of Upper Hesse. In addition to the successful Julia Durant series, which he has continued since the death of Andreas Franz, he has created his own crime series centred around the investigative team of Ralph Angersbach and Sabine Kaufmann, which he has been writing together with Ben Tomasson since volume 3. Totengold is the 9th crime novel in this series. Ben Kryst Tomasson, born in 1969, is a Germanist, educationalist and holds a doctorate in psychology. Tomasson's passions are the stories that life writes and the multi-layered inner worlds of people. Tomasson is married and lives in Kiel.

### **A Skull in a Lake and Nazi Gold on the Darknet - the 9th case for Sabine Kaufmann and Ralph Angersbach**

The tourist idyll on Lake Edersee is severely disrupted when two anglers pull a skull out of the water. Then there is a suspected right-wing extremist attack on a politician and a clue from the Darknet that also leads to the region: Someone is trying to sell Nazi gold. Ralph Angersbach and Sabine Kaufmann soon find out that the skull is old and was probably washed up from a grave that sank in the lake. Is there a connection between the gold and the attack on the politician? The Erdmann family keeps cropping up at the centre of the investigation, but there is no concrete evidence. Then the Edersee releases more body parts ...

*"An entertaining reading experience with humour, originality and a whole lot of local colitis."* StadtRadio Göttingen about Glutstrom



Eva Völler

## Old deeds, new anger

- The murder of a judge shows Detective Inspector Carl Bruns how strongly the judiciary is still infiltrated by old Nazi bigwigs even years after the Second World War
- SPIEGEL bestselling author Eva Völler is an outstanding storyteller who carefully researches historical contexts, creates multi-faceted characters and inspires her readers with great suspenseful arcs
- For readers of Mechtild Borrmann, Susanne Abel or Anne Stern



October 2024 · 400 pages

Born and raised on the outskirts of the Ruhr region, Eva Völler has enjoyed making up stories since she was a child. Despite this, she first earned her living as a judge and later as a lawyer before finally hanging up her robes and making writing her main profession. After her major SPIEGEL bestseller successes with the Ruhrpottsga and Die Dorfschullehrerin, the author turned her attention to a subject that has long fascinated her from both a human and legal point of view: the involvement of the police and judiciary in the criminal machinations of the Nazi regime and the post-war reappraisal.

### The thrilling sequel to the SPIEGELbestsellerBright days, dark guilt

A particularly sensitive case lands on the desk of detective inspector Carl Bruns in 1949: in Essen, the respected judge Dr Vahrendonk was the victim of a murder by poison. Initial investigations reveal that the dead man was a real tyrant at home and abused his young wife when he found out about her affair. Is she the wanted murderer? Suddenly, accusations formulated as indictments appear, accusing Vahrendonk of having cruelly abused his power during the Nazi era. As a result of the judge's judgement, a father has lost his slightly handicapped daughter, a son his father, a Jewish lawyer his entire family. They all have a motive for the murder. But for whom is retribution above all else?

*"The author brilliantly combines a murder investigation from the Ruhr area in 1948 with the investigation of a massacre of forced labourers in Essen shortly before the collapse of the Nazi regime. [...] A fantastic book!"*  
Westfälische Nachrichten about Bright Days, Dark Guilt

### Further Titles





Kästner &amp; Kästner

## Crime scene harbour – Death in the shadow of the Elbe flood

- A new case for the team of investigators from Hamburg harbour: a dead body in the water, stowaways, an environmental crime – and a violent hurricane
- The author – a psychologist and crisis intervention specialist – and her husband, former chief inspector of the Hamburg harbour police, guarantee authentic investigations
- For readers of crime novels with an exciting background theme, true crime fans and anyone who loves the successful TV series about WaPo teams



December 2024 · 384 pages

Angélique Kästner was born in Hamburg in 1966. After studying psychology, she worked in psychiatry before setting up her own practice in 2005 as a psychotherapist with a doctorate. She met her current husband Andreas Kästner during her voluntary work in the DRK crisis intervention team. Andreas Kästner, born in Wismar in 1963 and raised in Rostock, has lived in Hamburg since his expatriation from the former GDR in June 1989. He went to sea in the GDR and worked as chief inspector of the water police in Hamburg harbour from 1992 to November 2023. His experiences and detailed insider knowledge are incorporated into the series.

Only 24 hours to catch a murderer: The Hamburg police investigate a storm surge!

A huge hurricane is approaching Hamburg. While water police officer Tom Bendixen is working flat out to prepare the harbour for a storm surge, the body of an African man is found in the Elbe. Homicide investigator Jonna Jacobi discovers that the dead man was on a container ship that has just entered the harbour. When the ship is searched, the water police discover a stowaway with a small child – and a crew member appears to be missing. Jonna asks Charlotte from Victim Protection to look after the frightened mother. Meanwhile, warning level 3 is in force and the harbour is evacuated. But somewhere on the premises, another stowaway is in mortal danger, and the police aren't the only ones looking for him as a witness ...

The press on volume 1, Tatort Hafen - Tod an den Landungsbrücken:

### Further Titles



Beril Kehribar

## Empire of Sins and Souls 1. The betrayed heart

- Intrigue, secrets and sexy princes of hell: spicy dark romance from SPIEGEL bestselling author Beril Kehribar
- The first volume of the page-turner trilogy is full of bloodthirsty demons, mysterious counts and a heroine for whom death is not the end
- A must-read for all readers of Sarah J. Maas, Kerri Maniscalco and Jennifer L. Armentrout



September 2024 · 400 pages

Beril Kehribar, born in 1991, lives with her husband and their two cats in an old house in the countryside - with its own small library. She has a penchant for all things dark and favours creating equally dark characters and worlds shrouded in mystery. Writing has always been a refuge for her and in 2021 she managed to turn this passion into a career. Her debut *Schattenthron* (*Shadow Throne*) repeatedly conquered the SPIEGEL bestseller lists with both volumes and continues to inspire thousands of loyal readers to this day. On Instagram (@beril.kehribar), the author regularly shares news from her everyday reading and writing life, as well as from her private life.

When your death is just the beginning and love lurks in the forecourt of hell ...

Zoé Durand is a sinner. A liar, a prostitute and a notorious thief who, after one fateful night, has to add another title to her list: Murderer. But Zoé's life ends abruptly when she is condemned and executed for her sins. Her head rolls and her soul ends up in Xanthia, the last stop before the gates of hell. Her last resort is Alexei, the handsome count of the underworld - and blood-sucking Xathyr. If Zoé steals three powerful relics for him, he promises to send her back to the world of the living.

But Zoé is not the master thief Alexei believes her to be. A theft fails and she runs into the arms of his greatest enemy, the dark prince Kaspar, of all people. And although he is feared by everyone, Zoé feels irresistibly drawn to his darkness. Little does she realise that she should trust neither Kas nor Alexei ...

*"Dark, sensual, heartbreaking. I couldn't put the book down."* Carina Schnell

### Further Titles



Beril Kehribar

## Empire of Sins and Souls 2. The Stolen Heart

- Spicy enemies-to-lovers romance full of lies, intrigue and dark secrets
- Close to the target group: high-calibre romantic fantasy from the well-known book blogger with a large fan base
- Sexy, dark, irresistible: Volume 2 of the new romantic fantasy trilogy by SPIEGEL bestselling author Beril Kehribar



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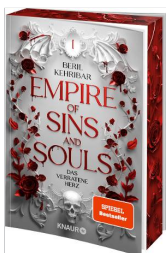
**A dark prince and an irresistible count, but only one tells the truth ...**

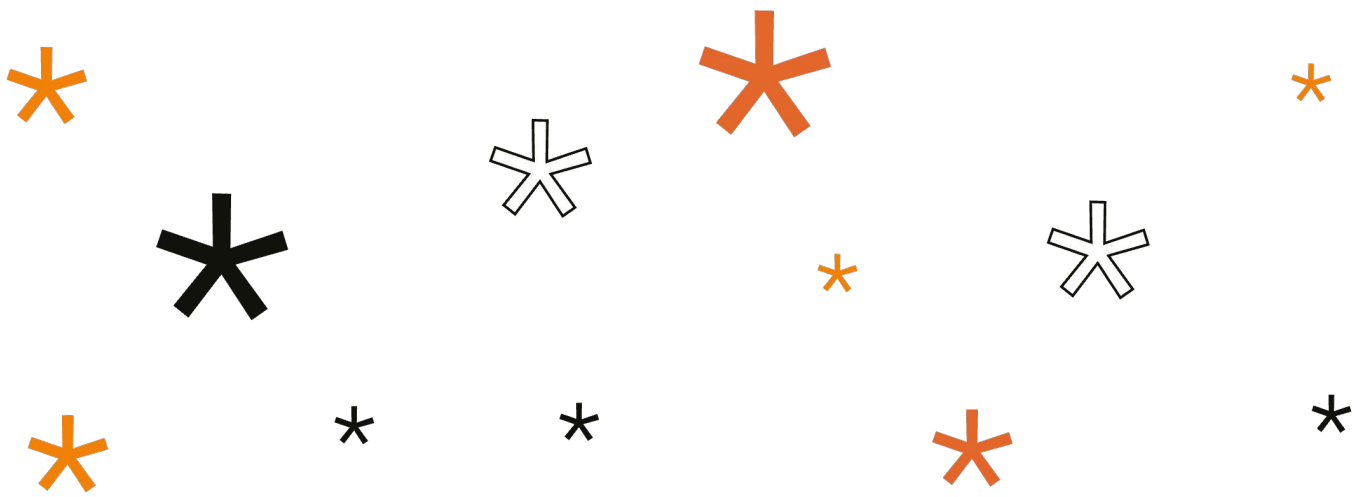
Back in the world of the living, Zoé Durand realises that her mission is doomed to failure. She must find a missing relic and bring it back to Count Alexei in Xanthia, otherwise she will be trapped forever as a ghost between the two worlds. And as if the search wasn't nerve-racking enough, she is now also being hunted by a mysterious stranger. Zoé has no choice but to accept the help of the arrogant Prince Kaspar, who knows more about the secret organisation surrounding the Église des Saints that is after the two Xanthia fugitives. Once they arrive at the heart of the church, they have to fight side by side, and the boundaries between enemies and allies soon become blurred. Zoé tries with all her might to suppress her burgeoning feelings for Kas - not only does she have a guilty conscience towards Alexei, she also suspects the abysses that lie behind the dark prince's façade. However, she only discovers just how dark these abysses really are when it is already too late ...

*"Dark, sensual, heartbreaking. I couldn't put the book down."* - Carina Schnell

*"This book thrives on dark romance and a tragically beautiful narrative tone against its bitterly evil backdrop. I am hopelessly in love!"* - Juli Dorne

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