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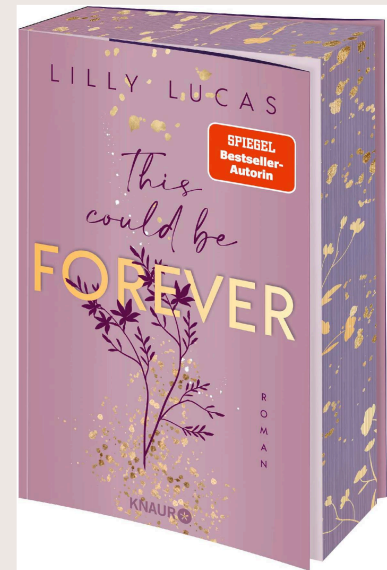
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Lilly Lucas

# This could be forever

- Unexpected romantic sparks between big wave surfer Chip and his ex-girlfriend Millie, who has to make a documentary about him
- Lilly Lucas wows romance fans and is an extremely popular and No. 1 SPIEGEL and TikTok best-selling author
- Total circulation: over 1 million copies



September 2025 · 352 pages

Lilly Lucas was born in Ansbach and studied German in Bamberg. Today she lives in Würzburg with her husband, her son and an endless amount of 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*, *New Wishes* and *This could be love* have all been SPIEGEL bestsellers.

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## The eagerly awaited finale of the *Hawaii Love* series by Lilly Lucas, Queen of Cosy Romance

When her colleague falls ill at short notice, Millie Preston is sent to Hawaii by her boss. On her home island, she is to finish shooting a Netflix documentary about big wave surfing. The focus is on shooting star Griffin 'Chip' Chipman, of all people, her first great love, from whom she separated for good reason. She couldn't forgive him for continuing to risk his life to chase the biggest waves and set new records, even though a deadly surfing accident had shaken both of their lives. Millie left the island after the breakup and has since built a new life for herself in California. When she runs into Chip again, however, she quickly realises that the past isn't as past as she thought...

*'Heart pounding and surfer boys. I am sure that you won't be able to put this enemies-to-lovers story down.'* myself on *This could be love*

*'Hearing the name Lilly Lucas usually makes you think of wonderful new adult love stories that touch the heart, and that's the case with her new series too.'* desired on *This could be love*

### Further Titles



Jennifer Wiley

## Like secrets in the dark

- The conclusion of the captivating New Adult duology *New York Love Songs* featuring the popular tropes of *Fake Dating*, *Broken Hero*, *Slow Burn*
- For readers of Kylie Scott and Maren Vivien Haase
- ‘A wonderful story about two people who shouldn't fall in love. Highly recommended.’ Rebekka Weiler on *Like fire in the night*



July 2025 · 368 pages

Jennifer Wiley is a social worker by training who lives near Cologne. She is now living her childhood dream and devoting herself entirely to her love stories, with which she would like to inspire reflection. She loves to sit in busy cafés or on her large terrace, where she can be particularly creative. She secretly dreams of a life with a house and a dog – preferably near picturesque hiking trails.

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### Emotional rock star romance in New York about a broken hero and his saviour

At one of the legendary parties in a notorious New York nightclub, 22-year-old event manager Lennon overhears something that no one is supposed to know: Blake Meester – until recently a celebrated rock star and heir to the club – is at risk of losing everything. Since Blake's father died in a house fire in which the singer also suffered burn injuries, he has avoided the public eye. And he is not complying with the terms of the will, which are: no drugs, no scandals – and participation in public appointments. When Blake realises that Lennon has overheard the conversation with his manager, a heated exchange of words ensues. But the manager has an idea of how the situation could benefit both of them...

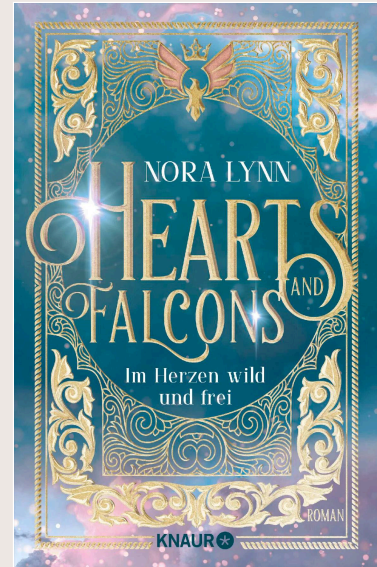
### Further Titles



Nora Lynn

## Hearts & Falcons. Wild and free at heart

- A strong heroine who never compromises. A confident nobleman who always gets what he wants. A hunting tournament full of sizzling rivalry
- A firework of a dialogue guaranteed – sharp-tongued, adventurous and hopelessly romantic!
- New Adult Romance in the Vienna Woods of the 19th century – for readers of *Bridgerton* and the *Wallflower* series



April 2025 · 400 pages

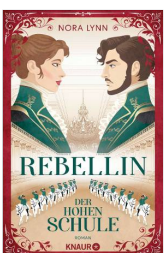
Austrian author Nora Lynn lives with her husband and two children on the outskirts of a small Austrian town, where she enjoys the quiet and serenity of country life. With her previous novel, *Rebellin der Hohen Schule* (Rebel of the High School), set at the historic Vienna Riding School, she fulfilled a long-held dream: to write a genre mix of Spicy Historical Romance meets New Adult. The novel was shortlisted for the best historical novel in the LovelyBooks Community Award 2024. Now the author is continuing her work in this genre with *Hearts & Falcons. Wild and free at heart*.

### **A sparkling rivals-to-lovers romance about a tough female falconer and an influential nobleman**

Hedwig, a strong and determined young falconer, has long dreamt of winning the upcoming hunting tournament with her beloved hawk to demonstrate to the nobility the true capabilities of a woman. But then everything takes a turn for the worse: The influential nobleman Konrad blackmails her into teaching him falconry so that he can win the tournament himself. Hedwig has no choice but to accept the deal. For the boldly confident yet completely inexperienced Konrad, grueling weeks in the rough forests of the Vienna Woods begin. He wants to win the tournament – after all, he has always gotten what he wanted. As the rivalry reaches a fever pitch, the tension between them ignites, setting their hearts aflame and sparks flying. Until a dastardly act suddenly calls everything into question...

*'Rebel of the High School is New Adult in a historical guise, excellently researched with lots of atmosphere and big feelings.'* Lisa Buddensiek, book blogger

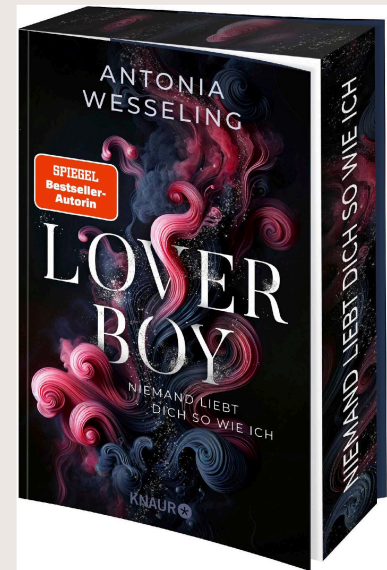
### Further Titles



Antonia Wesseling

## Loverboy – Nobody loves you like I do

- Seduction with false promises, manipulation and dependency – until there is no escape: a novel about the dangerous loverboy scam
- An author with an excellent network of over 80,000 followers on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube
- For readers of the bestsellers *Sorry* by Bianca Losivoni or *Whispers* by Ayla Dade



June 2025 · 352 pages

Antonia Wesseling was born in 1999. Even as a child, she was inventing stories and later began publishing young adult books. She is now a *SPIEGEL* bestseller author of New Adult novels and the romance thriller *Insight – Dein Leben gehört mir* (Insight – Your life belongs to me). She also blogs on YouTube, TikTok and Instagram about books, writing and other topics that are important to her. Since 2021, she has been running the podcast *Die Schreibmaschinen* (The typewriters) together with author Maïke Voß, where she shares experiences and tips from her everyday writing life.

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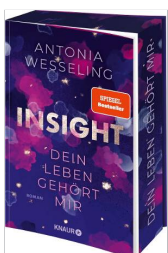
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### Following her *SPIEGEL* bestseller *Insight: the new addictive romance thriller* by Antonia Wesseling

Lola hopes with all her heart that her flatmate Vivian has finally found true happiness with Pascal. But after a few weeks with her new boyfriend, Vivian is no longer recognisable. Elias, Vivian's half-brother, who comes to Berlin because he is worried, also thinks so. When Vivian doesn't return home after an argument with Lola, and the police can't do anything, they decide to look for Vivian on their own and help her. While Lola and Elias grow closer and closer during their search, they have no idea what lines Vivian has long since crossed for the sake of *love*.

*'Antonia Wesseling knows exactly how to crack rib cages to reveal hearts, with unfiltered authenticity, but always full of love and sensitivity. So now that coupled with a trip into suspense – Toni, I have fallen for you unservedly.'* Romy Hausmann about *Insight*

### Further Titles



Justine Pust

## That which the night never forgets

- New Adult Suspense about the dark depths lurking behind the dazzling façade of a reality TV show: a dangerous game with high stakes
- Justine Pust is very active on TikTok and Instagram and has an extensive network of followers
- For fans of romantic suspense, e.g. Tami Fischer's *Manhattan Elite* series



August 2025 · 352 pages

Justine Pust is a typical coastal girl, loves to dance to 80s songs and often gets lost in thrilling stories. She discovered her passion for writing at an early age, and she enthusiastically shares her love of reading on her Instagram channel. When the author isn't lost in books, she is working in the social sector or out walking dogs.

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### Will you choose love or truth?

Mona is one of the chosen few for the second season of the reality TV show *Celebrity Cache*. Together with five others, she will take part in a GPS scavenger hunt in Finland, where well-hidden clues and challenges lead to 100,000 euros. But it's not the money or the fame that drives Mona. She wants to find out what happens behind the scenes of the reality show, because her friend Marie took part in the first season and hasn't been the same since. To uncover the dark machinations, Mona will use (almost) any means necessary. Only she doesn't expect Samu when she flies to Helsinki the day before shooting begins. A harmless flirtation turns into a hot night. Then it turns out that Samu is also taking part in the show – and wants to win at all costs. Like Mona, he seems to be pursuing his own mission...

*'Disturbing, honest and a reckoning with the film industry that will break your heart and allow it to heal alongside the protagonist.'* Basma Hallak

Alicia Zett

## Who, if not you

- Queer New Adult Romance by own-voice and SPIEGEL bestselling author Alicia Zett
- Thrills with the tropes *Friends to Lovers*, *Slow Burn* and *Queer Awakening*
- For readers of Colleen Hoover, Becky Albertalli or Casey McQuiston



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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 (aliciazett), she likes to spend her days taking long walks in nature, creating book playlists or talking to her friends for hours on end. Alicia writes books that she herself would have needed in her youth. Now she uses her stories to show that love comes in all shapes and colours.

Instagram: @aliciazett

TikTok: @aliciazett

### The finale about the young photographer Lena, who finds herself and love after a break-up

After her break-up with long-term boyfriend Leo, Lena needs some time to herself. But she can't get him or Kate out of her head. A photography workshop in Portugal offers the perfect distraction. Through the artistic work and the exchange with the other, very different participants, Lena slowly finds out who she wants to be and what she wants to do with her life. She asks Kate to visit her in Portugal and the two become close again. But then Leo turns up, determined to win Lena back ...

*'A must-read for all bisexual women who have only ever dated golden retriever boyfriends. Alicia captures all the confusing feelings of first queer love and brings them to life between the pages.'* SPIEGEL bestselling author Inka Lindberg on *Who, if not us*

### Further Titles





Inka Lindberg

## All the things (s)he said

- SPIEGEL bestselling author with a large fanbase: over 60,000 followers on Instagram
- Hot topic: quarter-life crisis. What do I want to do with my life? What makes me truly happy?
- Featuring the popular tropes of *Slow Burn*, *Enemies to Lovers* and *Found Family*



April 2025 · 400 pages

Inka Lindberg lost her heart somewhere between Cologne Cathedral and the Rhine and now lives in Cologne with her two dogs. The author shares her life as a professional procrastinator on social media under @einfachinka. Queerness, justice and mental health are topics that are particularly important to her.

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### Skylar is in love with love, but can she also discover love for herself?

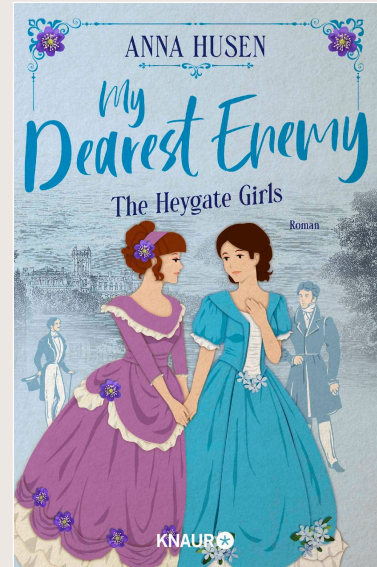
Skylar is a 'serial monogamist': She has been hopping from relationship to relationship her whole life and never stays alone for long. But when she breaks up with Lukas, everything is different. This time, the young woman from Cologne swears to remain single for a year to find out what she really wants in life. Who is she without a partner? What does she really like and what did she only do for her boyfriend? And how do you go about making new friends in your mid-twenties? Finding the answers to these questions turns out to be not so easy. Of all people, Skylar's new neighbours Amir and Naima put her good intentions to a hard test. Does she feel a deep friendship for Amir or does she have butterflies in her stomach after all? Or is it Naima who really endangers her plan to stay single?

*'I have rarely read anything as intense, enlightening and relatable as this. I wish I had had this book to accompany me during my inner coming-out.'* Lena from @lenalieber on *We fell in love in October*

Anna Husen

## My Dearest Enemy. The Heygate Girls

- A magical boarding school, romantic summer balls and a regency romance between two ladies who fall in love with each other
- For fans of *Bridgerton* who dream of romantic balls and self-determined love



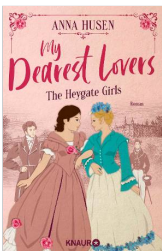
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Anna Husen, born in 1996, works as a content marketing manager in a software company and lives on the beautiful Baltic Sea coast. The author is active on her Instagram channel @annathiessenhusen.

**The second instalment of the addictive *Heygate Academy* duology!  
*Sometimes you fall in love with the person you least expect...***

England, 1861: Amabel is engaged to the attractive young nobleman John, and their wedding is imminent. But at the summer ball, he gives her the cold shoulder, and not for the first time. Instead, Amabel comes to blows with John's best friend Harriet, who seems to know more about his strange behaviour. Could John have a secret lover? In her search for answers, Amabel notices that she has butterflies in her stomach when she is around Harriet...

### Further Titles



Beril Kehribar

## Empire of Sins and Souls 3 – The torn heart

- Sexy, dark, irresistible: the gripping finale to the spicy dark romantasy trilogy by SPIEGEL bestseller Beril Kehribar
- For readers of Jennifer L. Armentrout, Kerri Maniscalco and Marie Niehoff
- The tropes *Enemies to Lovers*, *Why-Choose Vibes* and *He'd Destroy the World for Her* make readers' hearts beat faster



March 2025 · 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 everything dark and loves to create equally dark characters and mysterious worlds. Writing has always been a refuge for her, and in 2021 she managed to turn this passion into a profession. And she has been more than successful: her debut *Schattenthron* (Shadow throne) repeatedly topped 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 reading and writing life, as well as from her personal life.

**When everyone you love betrays you... then who can you trust?**

Zoé Durant has already been through a lot: she died a sinner and awoke in the limbo of Xanthia, was sent on an impossible mission by Count Alexei and betrayed by the dark prince Kaspar. And although she knows she can trust neither of the two men, her heart beats faster whenever she encounters either of them...

*'Dark, sensual, heartbreaking. I couldn't put the book down.'* Carina Schnell on *Empire of Sins & Souls 1*

*'This book thrives on dark romance and a tragically beautiful narrative tone against its bitter backdrop. I'm hopelessly in love!'* Juli Dorne on *Empire of Sins & Souls 1*

### Further Titles



Sita Maria Frey

## Days like saltwater

- An inspiring novel about farewells and new beginnings, told in a way that is both raw and tender
- ‘*Absolutely wonderful!*’ Rudi Novotny, *DIE ZEIT*
- For readers of Paolo Giordano, Caroline Wahl and Anna Gavalda



May 2025 · 320 pages

Sita Maria Frey was born in Mülheim an der Ruhr in 1983. After studying and completing her doctorate at the University of Freiburg and working for Rowohlt and Hanser, she spent ten years working for S. Fischer Verlag. Today she lives with her family on Lake Zurich. *Days like saltwater* is her debut novel.

***‘A road movie with light luggage and a lot of feeling.’ Daniel Speck, author of *Bella Germania* (published in English as *Anywhere but home*)***

Life is causal, only the circumstances are rarely perfect. This thought occurs to Atlanta, a mathematician, when she runs into a cyclist, streaming with tears. A few months earlier, her boyfriend Malte made a radical decision, despite her being pregnant. Now an accident. And she wanted to leave. Perhaps to that address in Sicily that Malte left in his notebook? The woman on the bike, Enza, is also heading south. She would rather stay at home with her mother, who is dying. But her mother wants Enza to leave and revive the old family ties in Noto on the east coast of Sicily. One of the places in Maltese's notebook, of all places. In the pouring rain, the two women set off together on an old Honda Rebel. And suddenly there is a hint of lightness, maybe even happiness. But every journey is more than the sum of its kilometres...

Sita Maria Frey tells the story of how you can find what you are looking for in the wrong place with sensitivity and perfectly timed language and drama. The result is a touching road movie that takes us from Frankfurt to Marseille and on to Sicily.

*‘What an elegant book! Never loud, never clumsy. But delicate and yet powerful. A debut as radiant as the colours of summer! Absolutely wonderful!’ Rudi Novotny, DIE ZEIT*

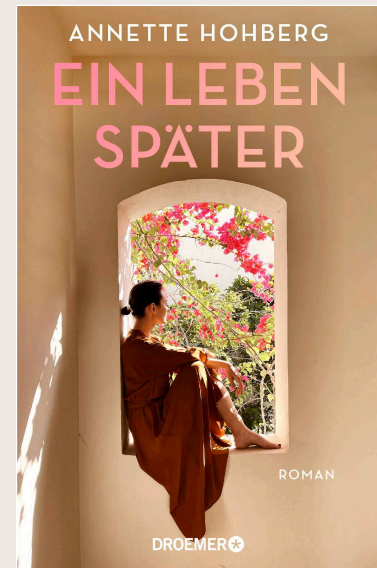
*‘A captivating debut novel of quiet intensity and full of nuances. Grippingly written. Clever. Tender. The brilliant epilogue alone makes this book worth reading!’ Clara Maria Bagus, bestselling author*

*‘Beautiful, light and exciting, yet profound. The story of the two women immediately captivated me and their fate never left me.’ Sabine Haarmann, branch manager Orell Füssli Thalia AG*

Annette Hohberg

# One lifetime later

- A novel about a woman's journey from darkness to light, about love, resilience, and the art of starting over
- Annette Hohberg brings to life a true heroine who fights, is reborn through her own strength and could be any one of us
- *Sleeping with the Enemy* by Nancy Price meets *A Good Year* by Peter Mayle



May 2025 · 320 pages

Annette Hohberg was born in Schleswig-Holstein in 1960. She left northern Germany for Munich after finishing school. She studied linguistics, literature and sociology and began working as a journalist. Annette Hohberg has now returned to Schleswig-Holstein a good thirty years later. She now lives on an estate on the Baltic Sea; however, that doesn't stop her from travelling time and again. She and her husband have visited France many times. In recent years, they have spent several months in the south of the country. The landscape, the people, the cuisine – all this inspired the author to set her novel, which has a dark side to it, in a place where light and brightness provide the contrast that life often brings about.

### The story of a woman who has been bent by life but will not be broken

Jule, a pianist, leaves Vienna in a hurry to escape her violent ex-boyfriend. She finds unexpected refuge in a house in Provence. The property belongs to Jo, whom she met in a museum in Vienna and who, without knowing it, gives her the opportunity to make a fresh start. In the picturesque landscape of southern France, she opens her heart again to the beauties of everyday life – and faces her demons. Her encounter with Jo, who is also seeking to heal his wounds, teaches her that healing lies in confronting one's own history and unconditionally accepting one's own fragility. But when the past catches up with her and danger comes knocking at her door, Jule has to make a decision...

*'Annette Hohberg writes sensitively and profoundly about the relationship issues of our time.'* For You about *Stellas Traum* (Stella's Dream)

### Further Titles



Thesche Wulff

## The Women of Heligoland. Windswept

- Set against the impressive backdrop of a small island in the North Sea, the first part of the duology tells of family ties, unspoken guilt and the power of forgiveness
- Atmospheric and wise, for the readers of Anne Prettin, Christiane Wünsche and Monika Peetz
- *'My new novel is about wind, waves and the storms of this island's history. About the mystery that changes a woman's life forever.'* Thesche Wulff



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Thesche Wulff is the pseudonym of the author Rebekka Wulff, who has already published several crime novels and written film scripts. She was born in 1962 and loves the wind and endless expanse of the north. She lives with her husband in a place where the sea washes many a story onto the beach.

### Four generations of women, a tragic legacy and the powerful beauty of wind and sea

For 38-year-old Doro, a dream has come true with her job in an off-shore wind farm – until she has to be evacuated from a wind turbine during a storm. Doro suffers a panic attack that still has an effect on her the next day: she just wants to get from Heligoland to the mainland, to her grandmother Elsie's house. But as soon as she approaches the shore, she is seized by dizziness and violent trembling. Is this what Elsie had repeatedly warned her about? But where does this inexplicable fear come from? Her sense of self-understanding shattered, the pragmatic Doro finally begins to ask all the questions that were never allowed to be asked in her family.

### Further Titles



Hera Lind

## At any price. Novel based on a true story

- The moving fate of the Black Sea German Lydia, who as a young woman was deported to a Siberian Gulag
- The master who weaves facts with fiction: the new non-fiction novel by the No. 1 *SPIEGEL* bestseller
- With more than 20 million books sold, Hera Lind is one of the most successful German-language authors of all time



April 2025 · 400 pages

Hera Lind studied German, music and theology and was a singer before she enjoyed sensational success with numerous novels. 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.

### Her novels shake, touch, and captivate millions: The new bestselling non-fiction novel by Hera Lind

In 1944, a nightmare begins for 16-year-old Lydia, a native of the Black Sea region of Germany. As the Red Army advances on her small village near Odessa in Ukraine, her family flees and even makes it to Germany! But they are rounded up and deported. Lydia, her mother and four siblings are taken to Siberia, where temperatures drop to minus 50 degrees Celsius. For twelve years of relentless hardship in a Gulag, she fights for survival – and becomes the mother of eight children, of whom six survive. When she is finally released from the camp, the Iron Curtain is in place. For another twelve years, she and her children drift through the Soviet Union, always with only one goal in mind: to reach West Germany at any cost, even if she has never been there. Germany is her home!

*'Harrowing to read, superbly written, Hera Lind brings war stories close to her readers.'* *Recklinghäuser Zeitung* about *Time to forgive*

Regine Kölpin

## The Zweisteins – Family shapes character

- In order to take over her inheritance – an old hotel – Juna Zweistein moves to a sleepy coastal town with her rather unconventional family
- A cheerful family novel with North Sea flair by the popular *SPIEGEL* bestselling author Regine Kölpin
- Perfect reading for readers of Andrea Sawatzki or Susanne Fröhlich



February 2025 · 304 pages

Regine Kölpin has been living in a picturesque, historic village near the North Sea for many years. She has written historical novels set in the region (e.g. *Die Lebenspflückerin* / *The life picker*), and over a long period of time she has organised costume tours at the original locations. She is very familiar with the conditions in northern Germany and the Frisian way of life. The author is a mother of five and grandmother several times over and is very familiar with family issues.

### There's nothing better than family ... is there?

Juna Zweistein is thrilled when she inherits her aunt's old hotel, which stands in the tranquil village of Tulpenboom on the North Sea coast, right next to the lighthouse. Unfortunately, her family is not quite as enthusiastic: banker Matthis is attached to his habits, and for teenage daughter Leonie, it is an imposition to have to move from Wilhelmshaven to the village. Only 13-year-old Friedrich, with his penchant for history, can get something out of Tulpenboom. But even the Tulpenboomers are very much in favour of keeping everything exactly as it is. Including the disused hotel in need of renovation. But Juna gets her way, and so the Zweisteins set out on a new life full of stormy moments, in which they all have to join forces for better or for worse...

*'Reading Regine Kölpin's The Zweisteins – Family shapes character offers a wonderful break from the turbulence of everyday (family) life. Lovingly told, wonderfully authentic, full of warm-hearted humour and North Sea charm.'* Sabine Ley, editor



Emma Jacobsen

## The happy studio by the sea

- After a stroke of fate, Stella seeks refuge with a friend on the island of Norderney and finds herself and an old passion by the sea
- A touching feel-good novel about female friendship, the magic of the sea and the power of love
- Island feeling and enchanting romance for readers of Meike Werkmeister



April 2025 · 336 pages

Emma Jacobsen, born in 1979, studied history and ancient cultures after training in the book trade before devoting herself entirely to writing. She lives with her family in Westphalia. She successfully writes island novels under the pseudonym Julie Peters.

### **A fresh start on Norderney: a small photography studio, friends for life and the great love**

After the sudden death of her husband, Stella and her young daughter Mira are left with nothing: the luxurious condominium is actually only rented, the accounts are empty. The young widow finally finds refuge with her best friend on Norderney. Stella and Norderney, it's love at first sight! Mira also settles in quickly and finds new friends. By the sea, Stella rediscovers her passion for photography and dreams of having her own little studio. But she doesn't have the money for professional equipment. Then there's Georg, who was there for her in the first difficult weeks and whom she left behind in Düsseldorf. Can there really be a future for her on the island?

*'For anyone looking for a heart-warming story, this book is a worthwhile read that will bring a smile to your face.'* Blog Sheenas creativ Book-world on *The happy bakery by the sea*

### Further Titles



Pia Casell

## Summer in Sicilian

- A feel-good summer novel with plenty of Sicilian flair
- For readers of Marie Matisek, Cristina Caboni and Jenny Colgan



April 2025 · 320 pages

Pia Casell is a part-time globetrotter who has worked in tourism for many years and loves the Mediterranean way of life. She is particularly taken with places that have remained unspoilt, away from the well-trodden tourist trails. Whenever possible, she travels with her family and is passionate about collecting recipes, local ceramics and particularly flowery dialect expressions along the way.

### Lovable, quirky villagers, la dolce vita and the one true love

Journalist Helene has always tried to hide her Italian roots. But now she is supposed to report on the culinary heritage of Sicily for a travel and culture magazine and reluctantly travels to the small town of Castelbuono. There she encounters not only all kinds of delicacies and the island's weirdest flat-share community, but also the attractive pasticciere Gaetano, who challenges her convictions.

*'The perfect holiday read for anyone who loves the Mediterranean way of life.'* Buch Magazin about *Oliven zum Frühstück* (Olives for breakfast)

Anny Widmer

## Hearts & Homes – Love finds its home

- A charming small town is getting a new coat of paint – but will the hearts of its residents also find a home?
- Love meets ‘Home and Garden TV’: interior design and renovation formats with a feel-good factor are all the rage
- A fresh, modern love story for the readers of Ella Thompson and Julie Caplin



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Anny Widmer has been writing for 15 years and has written copy for almost everything imaginable. She learnt the dramaturgical tools of the writing trade during her studies in German literature and the years she spent working in the story development department of a film production company, and rounded them off with a year of further training in screenwriting. The author lives in Berlin, enjoys being around people, listens carefully and brings a wealth of life experience to the table – all of which is reflected in her books.

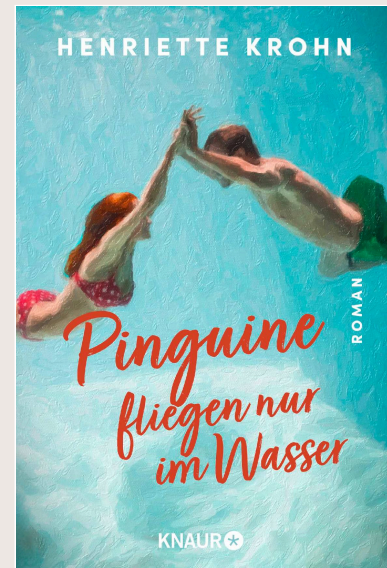
**A must for all romantics who like to dream themselves to beautiful places**

Matt Jameson has made a name for himself as an expert on various interior design programmes. When he receives the offer to take part in a major new TV format, he is thrilled: he is supposed to travel to his hometown and give it a new coat of paint – what could go wrong? Back in the charming Californian wine town of Wellington, however, Matt realises that the once idyllic world has cracks. The friendly and dedicated Kelly Bellham comes at just the right time: her youth centre is to be renovated in the programme. But then Kelly inexplicably backs out, and Matt is confronted with some unpleasant truths...

Henriette Krohn

## Penguins only fly in water

- Henriette Krohn writes nimbly and with true-to-life humour about loneliness and the courage to allow intimacy and vulnerability
- An inspiring novel for readers of Ildikó von Kürthy or Petra Hülsmann



July 2025 · 400 pages

When Henriette Krohn is not writing, she is passionate about design, art and architecture. The author lives near Stuttgart with her husband, two daughters and a handful of animals.

### Can two people who are busy running away get closer to each other?

Greta is everything Vincent doesn't want to be: loud, colourful and full of bubbling emotions. But when he ends up in her taxi, he has just been thrown out of his job and flat by his boss and lover. He is forced to accept Greta's offer: if he helps her renovate the old villa, he can live with her. As Greta and Vincent transform the building into a place of well-being, they discover that they are not so different after all. But how can you get closer to someone when you're busy running away?

### Further Titles



Anna Husen

## The women of Villa Sommerwind. Love on the horizon

- Hotel heiress Gerda investigates the fate of her parents – and finds true love in the process
- Book 3 of the great family saga: In Timmendorfer Strand, the women of Villa Sommerwind struggle to rebuild their lives after the Second World War
- Captivating entertainment for readers of Caren Benedikt and Sylvia Lott



March 2025 · 432 pages

Anna Husen, born in 1996, is a trained media manager, works as a marketing manager in a digital agency and lives on the beautiful Baltic Sea coast. She developed an enthusiasm for writing early on, as she had always loved reading and wanted to create her own stories. The author is active on her Instagram channel @annahusen, where she exchanges ideas with other reading enthusiasts about their passion for writing and their love of books.

### The fate of Villa Sommerwind: the exciting finale of the great family saga

Timmendorfer Strand, 1951. Gerda runs the *Villa Sommerwind* hotel with her Aunt Julia, although she would much rather become a doctor. The post-war period repeatedly presents women with major challenges, and Gerda suffers greatly from the fact that her parents' fate remains unknown. Henning Ahrens might know something about her mother; after all, he delivered a letter from her a few years ago. However, the Ahrens' hotel is giving the *Villa* a run for its money. Henning's family is strictly opposed to the two young people associating with each other. Nevertheless, Henning wants to help Gerda find her parents. However, before they can set off, disaster strikes...

*'Makes your heart beat faster!'* OK! Magazine on *Das Glück am Horizont* (Happiness on the horizon)

*'Historical family saga full of compelling destinies and strong women. Exciting and captivating.'* Orell Füssli Magazine on *Die Hoffnung am Horizont* (Hope on the horizon)

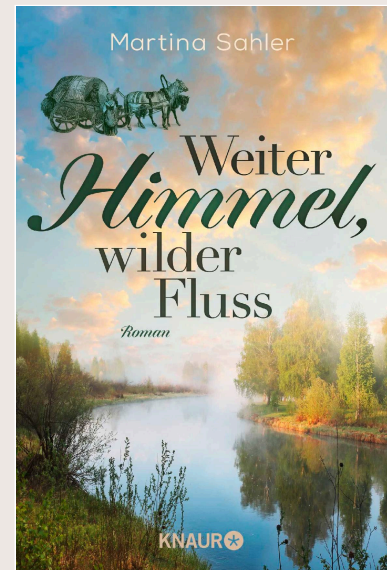
### Further Titles



Martina Sahler

## Wide sky, wild river

- For fans of historical novels set in rarely told locations – Russia at the beginning of the 19th century
- From the *SPIEGEL* bestseller author who won the *HOMER* literary prize for the first volume of her Volga trilogy!



March 2025 · 352 pages

Martina Sahler, born in Leverkusen in 1963, studied German and English in Cologne. She worked for many years as a permanent and freelance editor of fiction before enthusiastically devoting herself to writing. She has been writing novels for adults and young people for 15 years now. She lives in the Bergisches Land near Cologne with her family and two cats. Martina Sahler received the silver *HOMER* literary prize in the biography/historical event category in 2014 for her novel *Weisse Nächte, weites Land* (White nights, wide land).

**The emigration saga along the Volga comes to an end with the final volume of the bestselling trilogy!**

Russia at the beginning of the 19th century. The settlement founded by the Weber sisters two generations ago has changed. Once built and blossomed by the hope of finding love and happiness, the inhabitants now have to face the next threat that history imposes on them: Napoleon's campaign against Russia. But not only the political situation, but also personal destinies threaten their happiness. Christina has established herself as a fashion empress in St. Petersburg, but must prove herself against an unexpected rival. Eleonora wants nothing more than to return to her homeland, but a serious illness thwarts her plans. Amelie Mai must keep her forbidden love for a married man a secret, and Frannek Müller goes to war against Napoleon. A long time passes and Klara is the only Weber sister left, who must now fight alone to ensure that her family's legacy continues to survive.

In the thrilling finale to the Volga Trilogy, *HOMER* literature award winner Martina Sahler takes enthusiastic readers back to the vast expanses of Russia and delves one last time into the gripping and emotional story of the Weber sisters.

### Further Titles



Jeanette Limbeck

## The Colours of the Revolution. Éléonore and Robespierre

- A young couple torn between the fight for the freedom of their nation and the desire for personal happiness
- A great love story set during the French Revolution: Robespierre's love for the painter Éléonore Duplay
- The perfect blend of highbrow and emotional entertainment for readers of Noah Martin *and* Anne Stern's *Dresden* series



February 2025 · 464 pages

Jeanette Limbeck has been fascinated by stories from history since she was a child. At the age of twelve, she was captivated by the French Revolution. During the seven years she spent working on this book, she spent a lot of time in Paris and personally visited the locations featured in the novel. She now lives near Heidelberg, where she also teaches writing. After *Die Fliegerinnen* (The female pilots), published by Grafit Verlag in 2022, this is her second novel.

### The hope and terror of the French Revolution and an immortal pair of lovers

Paris, 1791. The young painter Éléonore Duplay is on the Champs de Mars to sign a petition – and only just escapes a bloodbath at the hands of the assembled citizens. Éléonore flees to her father and other opponents of the absolutist monarchy in the Jacobin Club. When the charismatic revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre finds refuge in the Duplay home, they become close, even though Éléonore is already promised to another. While Robespierre, a convinced humanist, works on his dream of a free republic, Eleonore fearlessly fights for her rights as a woman and as a painter. Eleonore and Robespierre become engaged. For a much too short time, their shared happiness seems perfect... But soon the cruel turmoil of the revolution begins to demand ever greater sacrifices.

*'But that was not all the portrait was meant to show. What I was striving for was the embodiment of the revolution. [...] In hundreds of years, when my hand had long turned to dust, people would look at this picture and know why he had been trusted with the revolution above all others. And why I had loved him.'*

Pierre Martin

# Madame le Commissaire and the dangerous desire

- A psychopath, knockout drops and a conspicuous bracelet – their 12th case takes Madame le Commissaire and her loyal assistant Apollinaire to dream destinations on the French Riviera
- Eight No. 1 *SPIEGEL* bestsellers, 120 weeks on the best-seller list, over 3 million crime novels sold
- In his Provence crime novels, Pierre Martin offers the perfect mix of exciting cases, likeable characters, dream-like holiday flair and a pinch of humour



May 2025 · 384 pages

Pierre Martin is the pseudonym of a successful author who has taken on a new identity for his main character Madame le Commissaire. All of his crime novels about Isabelle Bonnet from Fragolin landed in the top 10 of the bestseller list shortly after publication. *Madame le Commissaire and the secret dossier* was recently No. 1 on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list. *Monsieur le Comte und die Kunst des Tötens* (Monsieur le Comte and the art of killing) - the successful start to a new series in the south of France about an aristocratic contract killer who is determined not to kill anyone - also reached No. 1.

**At No. 1 on the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list: Madame le Commissaire's latest case!**

Isabelle Bonnet is shocked when she is contacted by a psychiatric clinic: A patient with amnesia is being treated there. The woman is her best friend Clodine. She was picked up a few days ago early in the morning on the beach at Pampelonne, stark naked and completely confused. As memories begin to return, Clodine talks about a party on the beach. Were knockout drops involved? Madame le Commissaire notices a striking bracelet that she has never seen on her friend before - and Clodine doesn't know where she got it either. When Apollinaire comes across a similar case in which the victim was wearing the same bracelet, the case takes a dangerous turn. Because this young woman is dead ...

*'A varied plot and French flair guarantee fans of the series the reading enjoyment they desire.'* Frankfurter Neue Presse on *Madame le Commissaire and the secret dossier*

## Further Titles





Achilles

## Lies have fast legs. Ongoing investigation. Crime novel

- On the home straight to justice – using unorthodox methods, wit and speed, Peer Pedes has to solve a new case that costs him a lot of brainpower but also sweat
- Exciting ongoing investigations for readers of Tommy Jaud and Thomas Raab
- The film rights to volume 1, *Nur der Tod ist schneller* (Only death is faster), have been sold. A multi-part television series is in the planning stage



May 2025 · 304 pages

Dr Hajo Schumacher, born in 1964, has worked for *DER SPIEGEL* and was editor-in-chief of *MAX*. He is a journalist, TV presenter and author of numerous non-fiction books, including the best-sellers *Restlaufzeit* (Remaining time) and *Solange du deine Füße auf meinen Tisch legst* (As long as you put your feet on my table). Under the pseudonym Achim Achilles, he has already reached many runners with his Achilles' Verses on *SPIEGEL ONLINE* and his numerous running books.

Michael Meisheit – born in 1972 – studied screenwriting. Since 1997, he has written almost four hundred episodes of the long-running German TV soap opera *Lindenstraße*, developed more than a thousand episodes and, as head writer, played a major role in shaping the endless series for ten years. *Lies have fast legs* is their second crime novel together, featuring the running investigator Peer Pedes.

### Race against crime! Inspector Peer Pedes solves his 2nd case

Seventy thousand people witness a treacherous murder. In the Olympic Stadium, a politician in the VIP tribune is shot by a sniper. Inspector Peer Pedes is in the stadium with his mother, but is not allowed to take over the investigation. His luck changes when DNA traces are found that belong to Marina Gabor, the best marksman of the Berlin SEK. Peer and Marina once trained together in the police sports squad and became close. Now Peer is to prove his colleague's innocence as the Romeo investigator during their joint training. To do so, Peer not only has to tie his running shoes, but also put on his hated swimming trunks and unpack an old bicycle. Because Marina is an enthusiastic triathlete. As further sniper killings rock the city, the boundaries between work and affection continue to dissolve for Peer.

*'Entertaining, exciting, with a good mixture of humour and seriousness. Reading it puts you in a good mood, like a brisk 'ten' as a training run in spring. A real pleasure to read.'* Main-Echo on *Nur der Tod ist schneller* (Only death is faster)

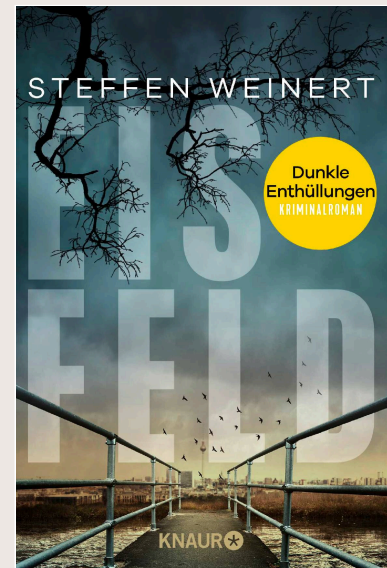
### Further Titles



Steffen Weinert

## Eisfeld – Dark revelations

- A dark and compelling crime novel set in Berlin: Mara Eisfeld's second case
- The multi-award-winning screenwriter and director writes in a gripping and scenic style – for all *Tatort* fans
- A fast-paced crime thriller for thriller fans and readers of Andreas Franz, Sven Koch or Sabine Thiesler



July 2025 · 304 pages

Steffen Weinert, born in 1975, graduated from the Film Academy Baden-Württemberg and now works mainly as an author and director. His short film *Der Aufreißer* (The player) was shown at over 60 national and international film festivals and has won more than 20 awards. His debut feature film, *Finn und der Weg zum Himmel* (Finn and the way to heaven), was shown at festivals in Shanghai, Stuttgart and Biberach, among others, and broadcast on SWR and BR. His second feature film, the drama *Das Leben meiner Tochter* (The life of my daughter), was released in German cinemas in 2019. After two humorous novels, he is starting his first crime series with homicide detective Mara Eisfeld.

### Suspense guaranteed: a dead journalist and a dark secret

Detective Chief Inspector Mara Eisfeld has to deal with two unpleasant matters at once: in addition to the mediation talks at the youth welfare office, which her estranged husband Matti insists on attending to make the separation as easy as possible for their son, her father also turns up in town unannounced. Then, in the middle of Berlin, in broad daylight, the investigative journalist Peter Hester is shot dead by a passing motorbike. At first, everything points to an act of revenge by the powerful Tiznit drug gang, but as Mara delves deeper into the investigation, the connections become increasingly confusing – and soon the case develops a momentum that demands everything from the homicide detective...

*'Mara Eisfeld has what it takes to become a cult investigator. The start of the crime series from Berlin is a celebration for fans of strong female detectives.'* *Kriminetz* on *Eisfeld – Der Fall Katharina S.*

### Further Titles



Carine Bernard

## Lavender rage

- A brazen theft and a murdered racing cyclist with no past: Young police officer Lilou Braque's seventh case
- The scent of lavender, summer feeling and the majestic Mont Ventoux, which towers over the Provence like a mystical guardian
- Cosy Crime from the south of France for readers of holiday crime novels from writers such as Pierre Martin, Sophie Bonnet and Jean-Luc Bannalec



May 2025 · 288 pages

Carine Bernard was born in Lower Austria in 1964 and lives with her husband near Düsseldorf. She has a soft spot for France and loves to explore the country and meet its people by taking the campervan along small side streets. For years, Provence, with its picturesque villages and exquisite cuisine, has been her favourite destination.

### Lilou Braque investigates at Mont Ventoux: the holiday crime series from Provence continues

The lavender is in full bloom and the local racing bike community of Carpentras is in an uproar: the famous summit sign of Mont Ventoux has disappeared! Instead of the stolen sign, a search party comes across the body of a cyclist – apparently he died days ago in the rough terrain of the mountainside. Lilou Braque, a young police inspector, takes on the investigation and is in for a surprise: the dead man lived near Carpentras, but until two years ago, this man seems not to have existed at all. Is this why no one has missed him?

*'I find the inspiration for my Provence books off the beaten track, in hidden places that tell me their story.'* Carine Bernard

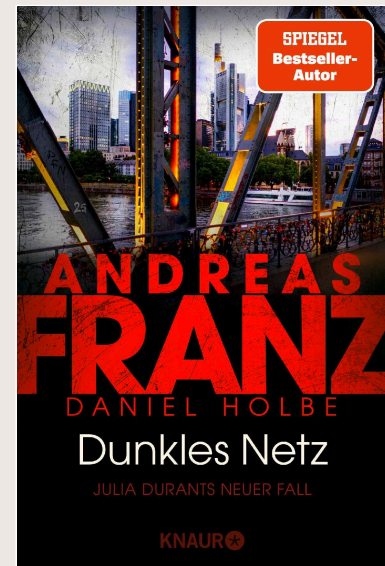
### Further Titles



Daniel Holbe, Andreas Franz

## Dark Net. Julia Durant's new case

- Crime scene Darknet: cybergrooming and the murder of a prominent politician
- An especially perfidious case that confronts Julia Durant with the darkest sides of crime and pushes her to her limits
- All Franz/Holbe crime novels have topped the *SPIEGEL* bestseller list – over 8 million copies of the series sold



August 2025 · 448 pages

Andreas Franz's great passion was writing. With his first successful novel, *Jung, blond, tot* (Young, blond, dead), he managed to captivate countless crime novel readers. Since then, bestseller after bestseller followed, making him one of Germany's most successful crime novelists. Andreas Franz died in March 2011.

Daniel Holbe, born in 1976, lives with his family in the Vogelsberg district in Upper Hesse. He has always been particularly fascinated by crime novels set in the Frankfurt and Hesse area. This is how he became an Andreas Franz fan – and eventually an author himself. He continued writing *Todesmelodie* (Death knell), the unfinished project of the successful author who died too young, and has been continuing the series ever since.

### Major anniversary: Cult police inspector Julia Durant solves her 25th case

A murder case presents Julia Durant with a mystery: the victim, a naturalist, seems to have a proverbially clean record. The only thing that stands out is that a large part of his technical equipment is missing. It takes a lucky break for the investigators to make any headway: one of the victim's bird-watching cameras, which is connected to an external server, recorded the sexual assault of a minor.

Shortly afterwards, another person is found dead, and once again, a mobile phone and computer are taken from the scene. This time, the victim is a prominent politician. Evidence points to links with a paedophile network. However, the investigation is proving difficult. Julia Durant is increasingly confronted with legal obstacles and bureaucratic pitfalls. When a schoolgirl is reported missing, she is forced to enter into an unholy alliance...

*'Sometimes Julia will speak to me before I've even had my first cup of coffee, and quite loudly. There's nothing for it but to quickly get to the computer and start hammering on the keys. Who needs coffee?'* Daniel Holbe on Julia Durant

### Further Titles



Hellmuth Klöckner

## Betrayal in the highest circles

- A police major against his will and high treason in Prussia!
- A highly suspenseful historical criminal case meets dramatic personal destinies



August 2025 · 400 pages

Hellmuth Klöckner is the pseudonym of an author who lives near Munich with his wife and has already enjoyed great success in other genres.

### The start of a gripping historical crime series set in the time of Bismarck

Berlin, 1864: After being wounded in the Danish War, the battle-hardened Major Dirk von Marun is transferred to the police force. He is not particularly welcome there, and he himself had imagined a different future. Nevertheless, the public prosecutor entrusts him with a particularly sensitive investigation: highly sensitive state secrets have been betrayed to the Tsarist Empire. Apart from Otto von Bismarck, only five other gentlemen from the highest circles of society have access. Marun must be as discreet as he is skilful if he does not want to put himself in grave danger.

Sven Koch

## Dune mania

- The North Sea crime series scores with plenty of East Frisian atmosphere, action-packed thriller feeling and a dash of tongue-in-cheek humour
- Sven Koch's dune thriller series has been successfully adapted into a TV series – with Hendrik Duryn and Pia-Micaela Barucki in the leading roles
- For readers of coastal crime novels by Klaus-Peter Wolf, Eva Almstädt and Anette Hinrichs



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Sven Koch, born in 1969, works as an editor at a daily newspaper. He has also made a name for himself as a photographer and rock musician. He became well known through the publication of his dune series, which has already been successfully adapted for the screen. Sven Koch lives with his family in Detmold.

More information about the author at: [www.sven-koch.com](http://www.sven-koch.com)

### A coastal crime thriller: part 8 of the successfully screen-adapted dune series

A hot tip leads inspectors Tjark Wolf and Femke Folkmer to a ship off the East Frisian coast. On board, a large consignment of drugs is to be smuggled from Amsterdam to the Baltic. Despite heavy seas, Tjark's team is finally able to stop the smugglers' ship, but some of the cargo is missing. Were the drugs thrown overboard? While Dutch cartel boss Cliff van Doorn pulls out all the stops to get his goods back – whatever the cost! – the killer who calls himself 'Sandmann' ('sandman') sets off for Germany. Tjark still has a debt to pay, and the Sandmann will see to it that he pays up...

### Further Titles

