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# SHE SAYS. HE SAYS.

## Ferdinand von Schirach

Literary fiction

Katharina Schlüter, a successful TV presenter, claims that her former lover abused her: Initially consensual sex had turned into rape. In the criminal trial, testimony is pitted against testimony - a dilemma that is extremely explosive. Because beyond the professional and private future of two people, nothing less is at stake than the values and prejudices that define us as a society.

Review for the film:

*"SHE SAYS. HE SAYS. is clever, elegant, ravishingly precise, a film of nuances and acting - in many ways a sensation in the Schirach cosmos." - Süddeutsche Zeitung*



- Nearly 100K sold copies
- Luchterhand
- Hardcover
- 144 pages
- February 2024
- Sold to Sweden (Lindelöws)



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# RAIN

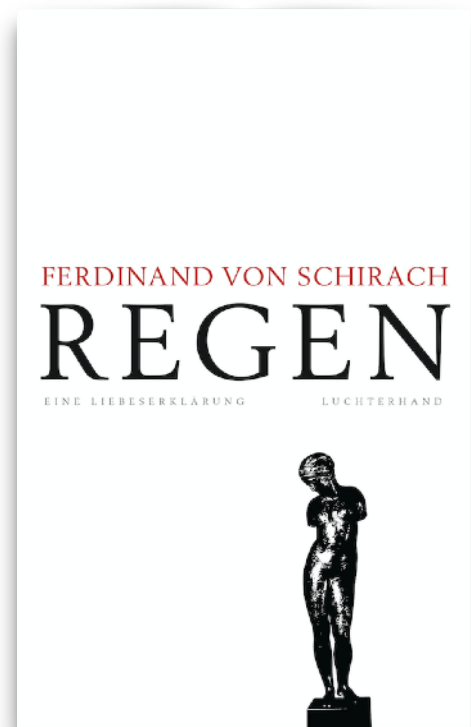
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Literary fiction

Ferdinand von Schirach's RAIN went straight to No. 1 on the SPIEGEL Bestseller list. RAIN is a narrative in the form of a theatrical monologue that Ferdinand von Schirach himself performs on numerous German stages starting in the autumn of 2023 as part of a major premiere tour: A man comes drenched from the rain into a bar - onto the stage - and thinks about crime and punishment, about the great and the terrible of our time, about human dignity, loneliness, love, loss and failure.

*"How can you live, how should you live? Questions that the monologue touches. Casual, but not without answers." - Christian Eger / Mitteldutsche Zeitung*

*"It goes without saying that this book is once again brilliant. Enriched by knowledge and many clever diagnoses." - Jürgen Kanold / Südwest Presse*



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- Luchterhand
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- August 2023
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# BACKLIST

## Ferdinand von Schirach



Essays, 2022, 176 pages



Play, 2020, 160 pages



Essays, 2019, 192 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2018, 192 pages



A play and a speech,  
2015, 176 pages



Essays, 2014, 144 pages



Novel, 2013, 256 pages



Novel, 2011, 208 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2010, 208 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2009, 208 pages

Literary fiction



# MUNK

Jan Weiler

Witty, profound, humorous - bestselling author Jan Weiler writes about love

Successful and alone - that's how architect Peter Munk looks at the age of 51. Or rather, lying there with a heart attack on the escalator on the third floor of a department store. He survives, but there is no one he wants to contact from the hospital. In the rehabilitation clinic, his therapist tells him to start his self-exploration with the people who made him the man he is. And so, for the first time, Peter Munk looks back at the thirteen women in his life and the lessons he has learned from each of them.

*"Jan Weiler has a flair for characters and a knack for writing cheerfully about complicated matters."*  
ZDF Mittagmagazin



- Novel
- Heyne
- Hardcover
- 400 pages
- Publication: 11th September 2024
- First published in 2023/24 as a serialized novel in the NZZ: "The sum of all women"



**Jan Weiler**, was born in Düsseldorf in 1967, attended the German School of Journalism and then worked for eleven years at "Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin" in various roles, the last five years as editor-in-chief. He has been a freelance writer since 2005. He mainly writes novels, columns, radio plays and screenplays. Some of his books have also been adapted for the stage, television and cinema. He lives in Munich and Umbria.

# THE HONEY MAN

Peter Huth

A picture-perfect suburb - but what do model citizens do when their pretty façade crumbles?

In Peter Huth's novel, a suburb of Berlin is the perfect ideal world for middle-class families - until a sinister rumor starts doing the rounds ...

For Fine and Tim, picturesque Fischbach just outside the big city is the family paradise they have been dreaming of. They quickly find friends for themselves and their daughter among the other homeowners. When an elderly gentleman opens a small store selling honey, tea and decorations, he seems to be the last piece in the idyllic mosaic: He always has an open ear for the mothers and a hot chocolate for the children.

Everyone in Fischbach loves the honey man - until a shocking rumor about his past starts doing the rounds. Suddenly everything that seemed so secure is up for grabs: friendships, relationships, prosperity. How far will Fine go to protect her suburban idyll?

*As clever as Dörte Hansen and as topical as Juli Zeh: this is how contemporary literature should be.*

Journalist and author Peter Huth delivers social criticism and clever German literature in one. The novel “Der Honigmann” (The Honey Man) tells pointedly of the fears of the middle classes and the struggle for their seemingly intact world.



- Novel
- Droemer/ Knaur
- Hardcover
- 256 pages
- August 2024
- All rights available

Literary fiction



**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 “Hamburger Förderpreis für Literatur”. He was editor-in-chief of the Berlin B.Z. and Welt am Sonntag and now works as an author specializing in politics, society and culture. Peter Huth lives with his family in Berlin.

# FRIENDSHIP AND RETRIBUTION

Helmut Krausser

Literary fiction

When four people disappear without a trace at a venerable English college at the turn of the year 1965, it is not only the teachers and students who are puzzled - the police investigation also comes to nothing. Only Anthony Brewer, a former pupil at the boys' boarding school and now a retired lawyer, cannot let go of what happened back then. He has made it his life's work to rehash the cold case and solve the Raven Hall mystery using present-day methods. A masterfully composed novel with original twists and aftershocking suspense.



*"Krausser should be invited, discussed and awarded prizes, but above all he should be read. Because there really aren't that many geniuses in Germany that one could afford to continue ignoring Helmut Krausser."*

*Daniel Kehlmann/DIE ZEIT*

- Novel
- Piper
- Hardcover
- 352 pages
- June 2024
- All rights available



**Helmut Krausser**, born in Esslingen in 1964, writes novels, short stories, poetry, diaries, radio plays, plays and screenplays, and he composes music. Several of his books have been made into films and his works have been translated into numerous languages. His awards include the Tukan Prize and the Prix Italia, and in 2017 he was nominated for the German Film Prize in the "Best Screenplay" category with the film **"Einsamkeit und Sex und Mitleid"**. He lives in Berlin.

# HOUSE OF LIQUID GOLD

Clemens Berger

Literary fiction

Babies need milk - breast milk or powdered milk. This is where Clarissa comes in with the “House of Liquid Gold”: Women like Maya, a single mother who has lived from odd jobs until now, pump her surplus milk in a pleasant environment and share in the profits from the sale. This goes well until the largest milk powder manufacturer is no longer able to deliver and bought-in breast milk becomes essential for survival. When Maya takes the side of the desperate women with their hungry babies, she becomes a social media icon.

Clemens Berger's fast-paced satire takes us on the rollercoaster ride of emotions that Maya is exposed to on social media: she is celebrated and covered in shitstorms, she receives offers worth millions and death threats - and first has to find her way.

**Clemens Berger succeeds in creating more than just a hilariously funny picture of our society: he tells of solidarity, the struggle for survival and motherly love in a touching way.**



- Social Satire
- Residenz
- Hardcover
- 216 pages
- Publication: 23rd September 2024
- All rights available



**Clemens Berger**, born in 1979 in southern Burgenland, studied philosophy in Vienna, where he lives as a freelance author. He has received numerous prizes and scholarships for his work, including the Austrian State Scholarship for Literature several times and scholarships from the German Literature Fund e.V. He is co-editor of the European online magazine *Versopolis*. Berger has published several novels, plays, essays, poems and short story collections, most recently *THE PRESIDENT*, published by Residenzverlag.



# THE YELLOW RAINCOAT

## Alexa Hennig von Lange

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### *A book like a hug*

In uncertain times and moments of excessive demands, we adults often remember our childhood with nostalgia, when life was easier and we felt protected by our parents and grandparents. We wish for the simplicity of those days back, when we experienced everything for the first time and even small things seemed like big miracles. In six short stories, Alexa Hennig von Lange tells of the storms of everyday life - and the moments of security that suddenly appear in them. The enchanting illustrations by Bonnie & Buttermilk take us back home to a feeling of security.

This very special book reminds us that it often doesn't take much more than an old kitchen bench, a big raincoat, a few apple slices or a smile to know that all is well.



- Short Stories
- Dumont
- Hardcover
- 96 pages
- Publication date: 14th October 2024
- All rights available



**Alexa Hennig von Lange**, born in Hanover in 1973, became one of the best-known authors of her generation with her debut novel RELAX in 1997. Numerous other novels, books for young people, short stories and plays followed. In 2002, she received the German Youth Literature Prize for I JUST GOT LUCKY. Alexa Hennig von Lange lives in Berlin with her husband and five children.



# LIFEGUARD WITH AN EMPTY SKY

Petra Pellini

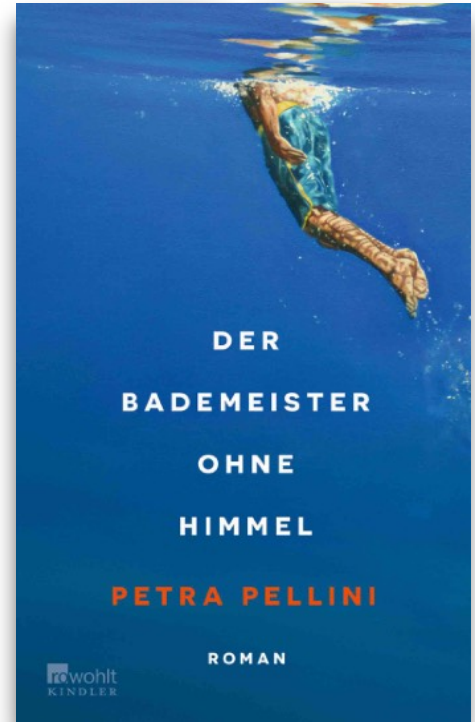
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*"There are two people who put me off the car thing. Kevin and Hubert. Kevin lives around the corner and is fully intelligent, and Hubert lives on the third floor and is fully demented."*

Linda is fifteen. Behind her lies a traumatic childhood, in front of her nothing really tangible. Her plan: She will end her life by stepping in front of a car. But there are two people who are still stopping her from putting her plan into action: her only friend Kevin, who despairs that the world is on the brink of demise as adults are simply doing nothing to stop climate change and the extinction of all species. And Hubert, a retired lifeguard who rarely leaves his apartment anymore, who toasts carrots while waiting for his wife, who died seven years ago. Linda responds sensitively and playfully to Hubert's advancing dementia as she spends the afternoon with him three times a week. And then, completely unexpectedly, life gets ahead of Linda's plans. On the way to the dentist, she is hit by a car and Hubert's condition worsens dramatically. Petra Pellini's debut is about the big things. About life, the (perhaps right) time of death and friendship. LIFEGUARD WITH AN EMPTY SKY is a magical text in which the strengths and vulnerabilities of very different protagonists come together.

*"A very tender, cheerful and melancholy story, told with such wonderful precision."*  
Ewald Arenz

*"... bright and luminous on each of the 320 pages (...), carried by a delicate cheerfulness, by witty dialogs that make you laugh inside. (...) There are books that resonate for a long time. This is one of them. It's now at the top of my personal bestseller list."*  
Christine Westermann, Der Stern



- Novel
- Kindler/ Rowohlt
- Hardcover
- 320 pages
- July 2024
- Korea (offer accepted)

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**Petra Pellini**, born in 1970 in Vorarlberg, Austria, lives in Bregenz, where she, among other things, has worked in the care of people with dementia. Petra won the Vorarlberg Literature Prize in 2021 with an excerpt from LIFEGUARD WITH AN EMPTY SKY, which became an instant bestseller upon publication.

# THE HOMECOMING TRILOGY

Alexa Hennig von Lange



The HOMECOMING TRILOGY is inspired by the memories of Alexa Hennig von Lange's grandmother, who recorded them on more than one hundred and thirty cassette tapes in her old age.

Alexa Hennig von Lange tells a stirring, intelligent and empathetic story about trying to remain human - even in the darkest times - and about how the past shapes us. The focus is on 90-year-old Klara, who took over a children's home in Oranienbaum at the end of the 1920s and whose life we follow into the 1960s.

- Historical novel
- Dumont
- Hardcover
- 368 pages
- Publication 3rd volume: 13th August 2024
- All rights available

*"The Plaid Girls' illuminates big themes such as guilt and shame in a sensitive tone. Alexa Hennig von Lange paints a captivating portrait of a generation that was torn between a desire for freedom and fear and repressed traumatic experiences that eventually caught up with them."*

*Claudia Cosmo, WDR5 Books*

*"Anyone who wants to know how National Socialism was able to spread in Germany will be fascinated by this book."*

*Stephan Timm, Rolling Stone*



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# PUDEL'S CORE

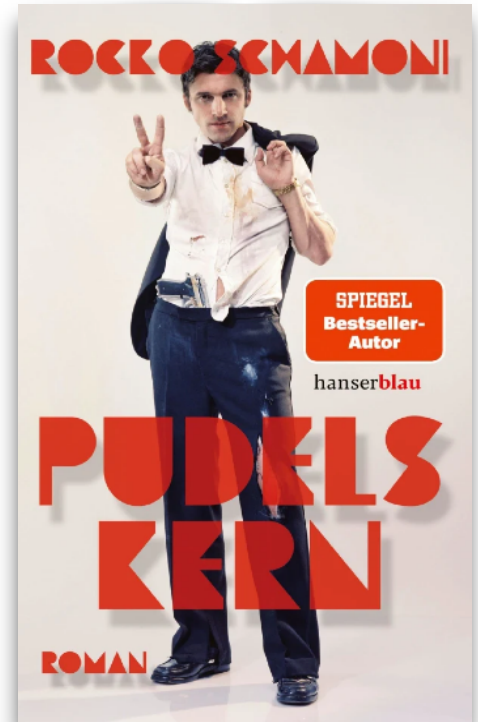
Rocko Schamoni

The poodle is a multidimensional creature: on the surface it is sweet, cute, fine, trained, bourgeois. But at its core, it is mangy, lice-ridden, biting, devilish. Just like me.

Rocko Schamoni

The village punks come to the city:  
Summer 86, a young man travels to Hamburg to be there. He is 19 and wants to make music, celebrate youth, be an artist. He is drawn to Sankt Pauli, the fixed star of the mad. He wants to enter the abyss, “where humidity and dark warmth make strange organisms dance. He meets the lemons, the doctors, the pants, the Neubauten - and searches for his own place in this world. The first thing he needs is a new name: Rocko Schamoni.

“Pudels Kern” takes us back to the years of punk, the basement nights, the broken tour bus and the big record deal. To the hopes and crashes. It is a glowing portrait of the artist as a young man: “Nothing has meaning anymore, everything flows, we are jellyfish of love.”



- Glowing portrait, novel
- Hanser
- Hardcover
- 304 pages
- April 2024
- All rights available

Upmarket commercial



**Rocko Schamoni**, born in 1966, is an author, entertainer, musician, actor and stage artist. He lives in Hamburg. His bestselling novels such as *VILLAGE PUNKS* and *GREAT FREEDOM* have filled concert halls. For many years, he ran the legendary *GOLDENER PUDEL CLUB* in Sankt Pauli together with Schorsch Kamerun. The film version of *GREAT FREEDOM* is currently in development.

# A JUMP INTO EMPTINESS

Heinrich Steinfest

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Klara Ingold works at the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. She is inspired by a deep love of paintings. That is why, unlike her mother, she is also interested in the artistic legacy of her unloved grandmother Helga, who left the family in 1957 without a word - and whose works are now being rediscovered in a warehouse. Among them is a photograph that provides a vague clue as to where she might have gone. Klara Ingold's emotional search for clues leads her to Japan, to a painting entitled "The Blind Cook", which may depict her grandmother.

*"Steinfest's narrative is lively, clever and captivating."- Süddeutsche Zeitung*



- Novel
- Piper
- Hardcover
- 496 pages
- February 2024
- All rights available



**Heinrich Steinfest** invented the detective Cheng and is the author of numerous novels for which he received, among others, the Heimito von Doderer Literary Award and the Bavarian Book Prize.



# PERHAPS LIFE HAS BETTER THINGS IN STORE

Anne Gesthuysen

*Anne Gesthuysen on a life that finally wants to be lived*

A young pastor on the Lower Rhine, a mother who fights tirelessly for her child, and a village community that plays with fate: Anne Gesthuysen's new novel is here!

In the small community of Alpen on the Lower Rhine, preparations for the annual asparagus festival are in full swing. While the tents are being set up and the choir led by Otilie Oymann is arguing about “discrimination-sensitive language” in old song lyrics, pastor Anna von Betteray has completely different worries. Raffaella, a girl who has been mentally handicapped since an accident, is in a coma. She was found unconscious and no one knows what happened. All the more reason for the rumor mill to be buzzing. Was the girl the victim of violence? Are drug dealers or asparagus cutters behind it?

The police follow the sparse leads and the village eagerly joins in the investigation. Her sister Maria is struggling with addiction and anxiety, her nephew Sascha is looking for support and her mother is constantly trying to set her up. When unforeseen events bring the families together, it becomes clear that hope can blossom when you least expect it.

Full of psychological sensitivity and captivating wit, Anne Gesthuysen tells of feelings of guilt and motherly love, the power of a community and a life that finally wants to be lived.



- Novel
- Kiepenheuer & Witsch
- Hardcover
- 432 pages
- Publication: 7th November 2024
- All rights available

Upmarket commercial



**Anne Gesthuysen**, born in Veen on the Lower Rhine in 1969, works as a journalist, presenter and author. She presented the ARD morning show for many years and has appeared on the ARD show *Paarduell* together with Frank Plasberg since 2016. Her books are major bestsellers and have been translated into several languages and made into films. In China, she was awarded the most prestigious prize for international literature. Anne Gesthuysen lives with her family in Cologne.



# DANGEROUS OBSERVATIONS

## THE THOMAS MANN CASE



Tilo Eckardt

*“An artist remains to the last breath ... inclined to deviousness and the abyss, open to the dangerously harmful.” (Thomas Mann)*

In this series of novels, the famous author lives dangerously and has a “Watson” at his side: the faithful translator and narrator Zydrunas Miuleris. The emotional adventurer and the young Lithuanian with the photographic memory solve puzzles and cases together and become something like friends, although it is always clear who is the magician and who is the apprentice.

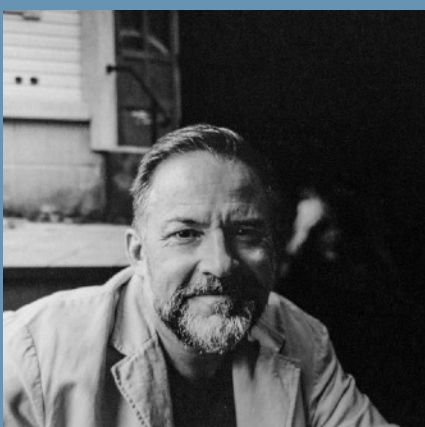
Mann and the man he called “Müller” met on the Curonian Spit in 1930, when the Lithuanian and ardent admirer of Thomas Mann wanted to gain the great poet's support for his translation. Artists, dropouts, spa guests and National Socialists meet in the tiny fishing village of Nida, situated between the sea and the lagoon, a threatening shifting sand dune and a primeval elk forest. When parts of a highly sensitive speech manuscript threaten to fall into the wrong hands through Müller's fault, the two must investigate together for the first time.

A highly interesting play with the possibilities of biographies. The beginning of a unique series of novels that takes Thomas Mann seriously and is serious about entertainment.



- Crime Novel
- Droemer/ Knauer
- Hardcover
- 304 pages
- Publication: 1st May 2025
- All rights available

Upmarket commercial



**Tilo Eckardt** is a German-Swiss editor, publisher, author and literary agent. He was invited to Nida in Lithuania by the renowned Nordic Culture Foundation and the Klaipėda County Ieva Simonaitytė Public Library to work on this novel. DANGEROUS OBSERVATIONS was largely written in the author's residence there in the immediate neighbourhood of Thomas Mann's former summer house.

# EMPTIES

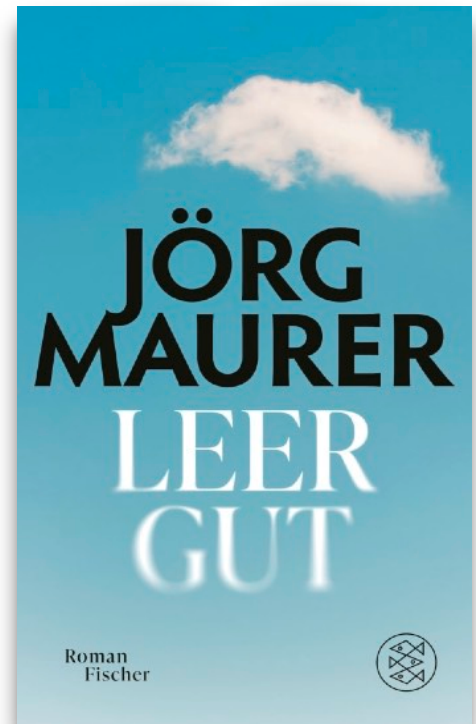
Jörg Maurer

## The adventures of a forgetful man

Daniel Koch is sporty, friendly and feels in top shape. He doesn't care that he sometimes forgets things - it happens to everyone. But then his doctor tells him that he has Alzheimer's and that the progression of the disease is unstoppable. And indeed, Daniel quickly drifts further and further away from reality.

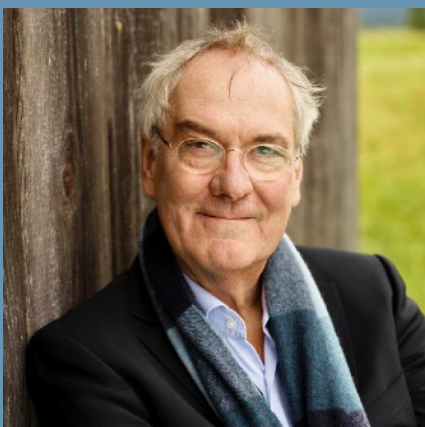
But as his familiar world disappears, a new one opens up: a world of amazing, weird and funny stories. And Maurer's forgetful hero plunges from one adventure into the next...

*"I love Jörg Maurer's novels." Denis Scheck*



- Novel
- S. Fischer
- Hardcover
- 304 pages
- 25th September 2024
- All rights available

Commercial fiction



**Jörg Maurer** is the No. 1 bestselling author of crime novels featuring detective Jennerwein. Jörg Maurer has received numerous awards both as an author and as a cabaret artist, including the Cabaret Prize of the City of Munich, the Agatha Christie Crime Thriller Prize, the MIMI Audience Crime Prize and the Radio Bremen Crime Prize. He was also named Munich Tower Writer. His Jennerwein novels have been made into films. Jörg Maurer comes from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, where he still lives today.

# HIDDEN (LAKES OF LIES 1)

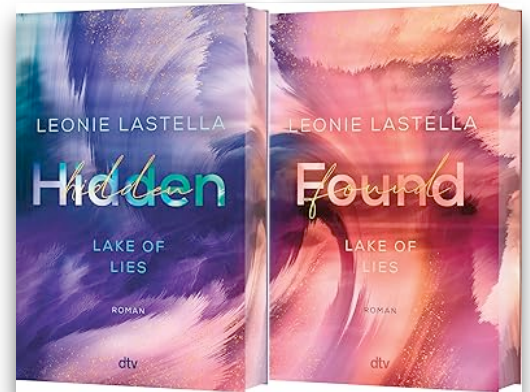
Leonie Lastella

## Via and Miles - between threat and desire

After the sudden death of his sister, Miles feels disoriented - and guilty. He wants to overcome his grief at idyllic Lake Tahoe. But when he meets the mysterious Via there, it is she who gives him new hope. In her presence, he can forget his feelings of guilt and finally feel happy again. But Via seems driven and panicky and seems to be hiding something. What is scaring her so much? Does her ex-boyfriend's accident have something to do with it? Slowly, Via begins to open up to Miles. Because he also touches something inside her, upsets her heart. But then events take a turn for the worse and not only Via but also Miles finds himself in danger. Does your new love stand a chance if your past puts you both in danger?

**An irresistible mix: the protagonist between romantic feelings and dangerous revelations**

**Hidden Identity, Dark Secrets & Enemies to Lovers - a romantic love story with a high level of suspense!**



- New Adult, romantic suspense
- dtv
- Hardcover
- 464 pages
- Publication HIDDEN: 15th August 2024
- Publication FOUND (Lake of Lies 2) in October 24
- All rights available

Commercial fiction



**Leonie Lastella** was born in Lübeck and lives with her family in a small village northwest of Hamburg. Since 2017, she has devoted herself exclusively to writing and has published for Fischer Verlag, Penguin Random House and Dtv, among others.



# AZZURRO MORTALE

Andrea Bonetto

**A new case for Commissario Vito Grassi and his power women**

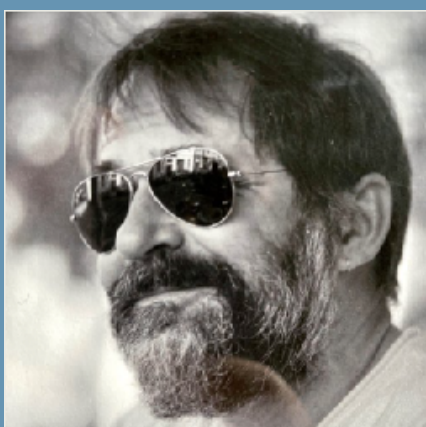
While Grassi tries more or less successfully to manage his private life (his wife and son are visiting the rustico and his flatmate is less than enthusiastic), a body washes up in the tranquil village of Corniglia - the smallest village in the Cinque Terre. The identity, location and cause of death - "dry drowning" - puzzle the police. Grassi is convinced that the young man was murdered. Through an anonymous witness, he and his quick-witted young partner Marta Ricci are able to establish a surprising link between the dead man and the collapse of the Morandi Bridge. When Grassi narrowly prevents another murder and finds himself in mortal danger, he realizes that his investigation has gotten in the way of a bigger enemy.

*"A highly entertaining manhunt in the Ligurian province. We can look forward to the promised sequel with Commissario Grassi and his team."*

*Westfalenpost about Farewell in Italian*



- Crime Novel
- Droemer/ Knauer
- Hardcover
- 304 pages
- April 2024
- All rights available



**Andrea Bonetto** is a pseudonym. The author lives in Italy's northernmost city and first discovered the coast between Sestri Levante and La Spezia at the end of the last century when he got lost on the winding roads during an extended motorcycle tour. The landscape, culture, good food and good friendships have been drawing him back to Liguria ever since.

Commercial fiction



# KLUFTINGER 13: LÜCKENBÜßER

Volker Klüpfel & Michael Kobr

Commercial fiction

**It's about time, zefix: Klufiti investigates again**

It's a big day for interim police chief Kluftinger, who is leading his first counter-terrorism exercise in the mountains. But the exercise gets completely out of hand and a policeman dies. Is Kluftinger's chaotic planning to blame for his colleague's death? Now, of all times, he doesn't need bad headlines because he is running for the local council - initially only as a stopgap to fill the list. But when he learns that his intimate enemy Doctor Langhammer is running against him, his ambition is awakened and he enters the election campaign. It soon becomes clear that there is more to the death in the mountains than a tragic accident. Kluftinger is faced with an important question: Why did his colleague have to die? And what does this mean for the safety of the well-known ex-politician whose bodyguard he was?



- Allgäu Crime Thriller
- Ullstein
- Hardcover
- 512 pages
- Publication: 26th September 2024
- All rights available



**Volker Klüpfel**, born in Kempten in 1971, studied politics and history. After his studies, he worked for BR and Augsburgener Allgemeine, among others. He has been a freelance author since 2012. He lives with his family in Kempten.

**Michael Kobr**, born in 1973 in Kempten, worked as a teacher after studying German and Romance languages and literature. Today he devotes himself entirely to writing. He lives with his family in the Allgäu region. The authors have been friends since their school days and write the Kluftinger bestsellers together. They were awarded the Bavarian Art Prize for Literature for THANKSGIVING in 2005, the Corine in 2008, the MIMI (Crime Thriller Audience Prize of the German Book Trade) in 2008 and 2009 and the Bavarian Culture Prize in 2011.



# FOG OVER RØNNE

Michael Kobr

Commercial fiction

Dense fog over Rønne airport. Late in the evening, a small private plane lands, taxis out and stops at the end of the runway. But the doors remain locked and no one responds to the tower's radio messages. This is because - as airport security soon discovers - all three occupants are dead, victims of a sophisticated assassination attempt.

Lennart Ipsen from the Bornholm criminal investigation department and his two colleagues are faced with an absolute mystery: What was the connection between the three passengers? What exactly happened on the plane? And who disturbed the peace on the tranquil Danish vacation island in such a brutal way?

*"A real feel-good thriller that offers great reading pleasure, humor, local color, information and interesting culinary facts." - Allgäuer Zeitung Kempten*



- Novel
- Goldmann
- Hardcover
- 416 pages
- April 2024
- All rights available



**Michael Kobr**, is already an established author thanks to the Allgäu detective series **KLUFTINGER**, which he wrote together with his co-author Volker Klüpfel. This unprecedented success story continues to this day. Over the years, the authors have received numerous awards for their work.

Michael Kobr is a passionate traveler, and one of his declared and long-standing favorite destinations is the Danish Baltic island Bornholm. This is where **SUN ABOVE GUDHJEM** is set, the start of his first solo crime series about the investigator

# IN THE BEAT OF FREEDOM

## Hanna Caspian

**When women discovered cycling:**

Hanna Caspian's historical novel "Im Takt der Freiheit" takes us back to the German Empire to a young woman for whom the bicycle shows the way to a self-determined life - and to her great love.

Berlin, in the tri-imperial year of 1888: as the daughter of a railroad tycoon, Felicitas Louisburg has seemingly endless opportunities and can afford whatever her heart desires. There is only one thing her life is not meant to be: personal freedom. The young woman painfully realizes this. At an opulent summer ball, she is not supposed to be looking for a suitable marriage candidate - her father has long since chosen one for her. According to his wishes, Felicitas is to marry the son of a count in order to secure a huge contract for his company. But then she meets Lorenz, who is passionate about two-wheelers and whose light-heartedness calls into question everything that Felicitas previously thought was inevitable ...

*An emotional historical novel that brings to life an exciting time of women's emancipation*

When the two-wheeler began its triumphal march at the end of the 19th century, it not only made a completely new form of mobility possible: in a time of social upheaval, it became a symbol of freedom for women. Bestselling author Hanna Caspian lets us experience this attitude to life and the growing self-confidence of women at first hand.



- Novel
- Droemer/ Knaur
- Paperback
- 448 pages
- 1th October 2024
- All rights available

Commercial fiction



**Hanna Caspian**, born in 1964, studied German and political science in Aachen, worked as a press officer, PR manager and for many years in marketing for specialist publishers. She writes historical novels. She prefers to set her stories in the German imperial era, because back then there were similar social upheavals to those we see today. As a result, almost forgotten aspects of German history crop up again and again in her novels. She lives in Cologne.

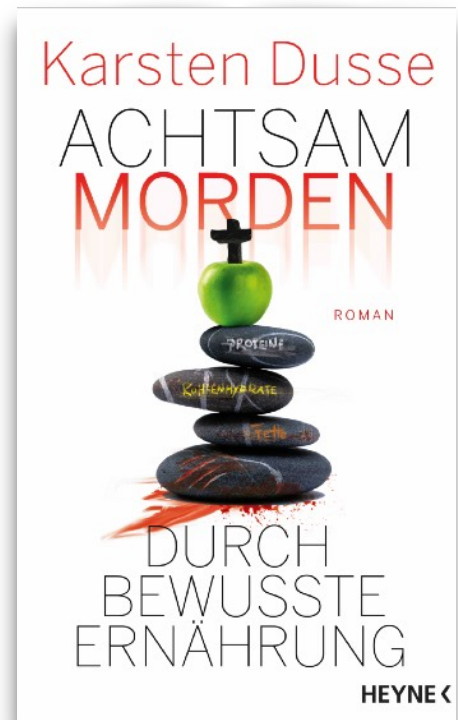
# MINDFUL KILLING THROUGH HEALTHY EATING

**Karsten Dusse**

Thanks to mindfulness, Björn Diemel has found his core. However, his problem areas are now the edges of his body, which are moving further and further away from this center. Björn realizes that resting and lack of movement are two very different things.

When strangers try to kidnap Björn's daughter, he is only able to flee with difficulty due to his fullness. So Björn asks Joschka Breitner to coach him on the principles of conscious nutrition. He immerses himself in the fascinating world of therapeutic fasting and nutritional building blocks. Björn has no idea how wonderfully nutrition, relaxation and the dissolution of violent fantasies can be combined.

*"Very entertaining and actually helpful for everyday life."- Hörzu*



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Commercial fiction



**Karsten Dusse** is a lawyer and has been working as a writer for television formats for many years. His work has been awarded the German Television Prize and the German Comedy Prize several times, as well as being nominated for the Grimme Prize. He worked for several years as a radio presenter for the public broadcaster and has also been successful in front of the camera. For example on "Freitag Nacht News", "Anke Late Night" or as a legal expert on the VOX show "Verklag mich doch!".

Following three non-fiction books, he writes satirical crime novels, all MURDER MINDFULLY volumes are bestsellers and are being filmed as a Netflix series.



# LOVE FRIENDS

Ole Liebl

## Why we need to rethink friendship

Friendship and sex don't go together. That's what countless relationship guides, romantic movies and often our own environment claim. Nevertheless, more and more people are looking for friends with benefits. Traditional family images and the ideal of one great love seem to be completely overloaded with expectations and demands.

Non-fiction

Ole Liebl looks at the development and practice of this unusual form of relationship. He examines its emotional and ethical conflicts as well as its utopian potential: Is there really no escape from the romantic norm and its claims to ownership? Are our intimate relationships subject to mere market mechanisms? What sexist narratives shape our ideas of friendship and where do they come from? Is there a friendly eroticism? And in what ways do we allow ourselves to love amicably?

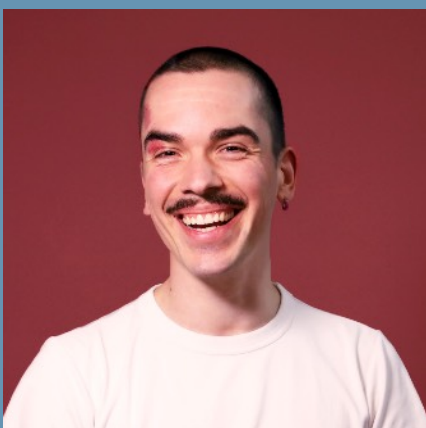
In a radical, critical and visionary way, Ole Liebl shows how we can rethink friendship and find a fairer way of being together: self-empowering, free of taboos and deeply intimate.



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*"An encouraging, important book!"*

*Seyda Kurt, author of the bestseller RADICAL  
TENDERNESS*



**Ole Liebl** likes to keep people away from work with texts and videos. On his TikTok channel and Instagram (@oleliebl), tens of thousands of young people watch him talk shop about feminist issues. Always with sources. He studied computer science and philosophy, but feels at home in sexology. Ole Liebl lives with his family in Berlin.

# TAKEOVER OF POWER

## Arne Semsrott

What happens when right-wing extremists rule  
A guide to resistance

These are worrying times: A few years ago, right-wing extremists were still largely isolated in the party spectrum. Today, parts of the CDU/CSU are openly considering a coalition with them. And while anti-democratic positions are steadily gaining support across society as a whole, the AfD is recording top ratings in the election polls for 2024. It is high time to address the real danger of an authoritarian takeover.

*"In this unfortunately terribly necessary book, Arne Semsrott shows what could come at us from the right and what can be done about it. Highly recommended reading."*

*Marc-Uwe Kling*

*"Required reading for anyone interested in a defensible democracy."*

*Samira El Ouassil*



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**Arne Semsrott**, born in Hamburg in 1988, heads the transparency organization FragDenStaat, which caused a stir with the publication of the “NSU files”, among other things, and has already gone to court more than a hundred times to enforce access to information. During and after his studies of political science in Berlin and Istanbul, he worked as a freelance journalist for Le Monde Diplomatique, fluter and netzpolitik.org, among others. Together with his brother Nico Semsrott, he created the “Calendar of Failure”. He runs the “Hochschulwatch” project for Transparency International. As the founder of the Freedom Fund, he has freed more than 850 people from prison for driving without a ticket.



# WHAT IS FOREVER?

Katja Lewina

It's always the others who die. The old perhaps, the sick. But what if death is closer than you think? Katja Lewina has known about her heart condition for two years and that it could cost her her life at any time. She was diagnosed shortly after the sudden death of her seven-year-old son. All of a sudden, the possibility of dying became part of her everyday life.

Non-fiction

In 'Was ist schon für immer', Katja Lewina deals with the subject of mortality and loss. Based on her own situation, she explores an experience that ultimately affects us all. What does our finiteness do to love? How do we explain this to our children? What do we want to leave behind? What do we get out of our lives - should we take it easy for the sake of our health and miss out on a lot or, on the contrary, step on the gas? How do people react to illness and death? Are there right and wrong words? Katja Lewina addresses these questions in eleven essays without the usual carpe diem platitudes and with the unwelcome reminder that dying concerns us all.

*"Touching and brilliant, serious yet upbeat and so well written: Katja Lewina leads us through the most difficult realms of life with bold lightness. Is it possible to write a beautiful book about dying? Not really. Katja Lewina has succeeded nonetheless."*

*Daniel Schreiber*



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**Katja Lewina**, born in Moscow in 1984, writes as a freelance author for everything from parenting magazines to men's magazines. Her first non-fiction book SHE IS KEEN was published by DuMont in 2020, followed in 2021 by KEEN. MEN AND SEX. Katja Lewina lives with her family in Potsdam. Two of her books have been made into films.

# OUCH!

## THE STORY OF MY BODY

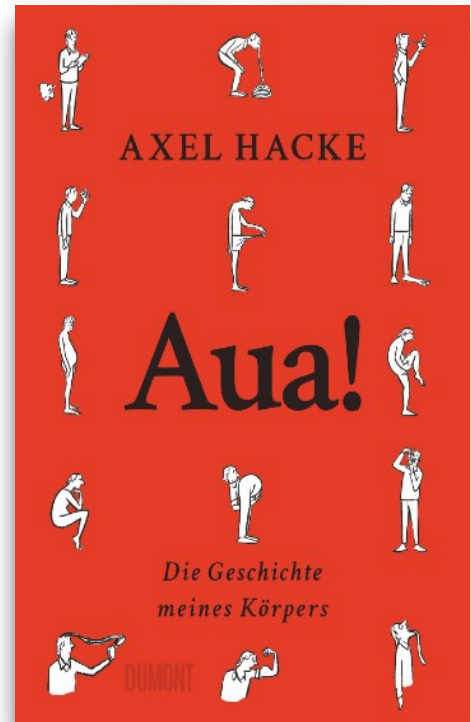
Axel Hacke

The body is a strange creature.

What is it like to live with a whistling sound in your ear for fifty years? And where does it even come from? How can an invitation to the “Literary Quartet” lead to a knee injury? How do you break a bone while meditating?

Axel Hacke knows, and in this book he tells the history and stories of his own body from the point of view of a man in the second half of his sixties: It is about the infirmities, but also about the triumphs of the body and the great, never-ceasing amazement at how it works.

Axel Hacke searches for answers to some old questions - Do I have a body or am I my body? And who does it actually belong to? To the one who lives in it? - and provides insights into the banal and the mysterious, the touching and the magnificent, the funny and the terrifying, the beautiful and the repulsive of his own body and ultimately of all our bodies.



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**Axel Hacke** lives in Munich as a writer and columnist for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin*. He is one of Germany's best-known authors, and his books have been translated into numerous languages. For his work, he has been awarded the Joseph Roth Prize, two Egon Erwin Kisch Prizes, the Theodor Wolff Prize, and most recently the Ben Witter Prize 2019, among others.

# “YOU ARE NOT ON THE LIST”

## Amonte Schröder-Jürss

Sentences that have changed a life forever.  
And the stories behind them.

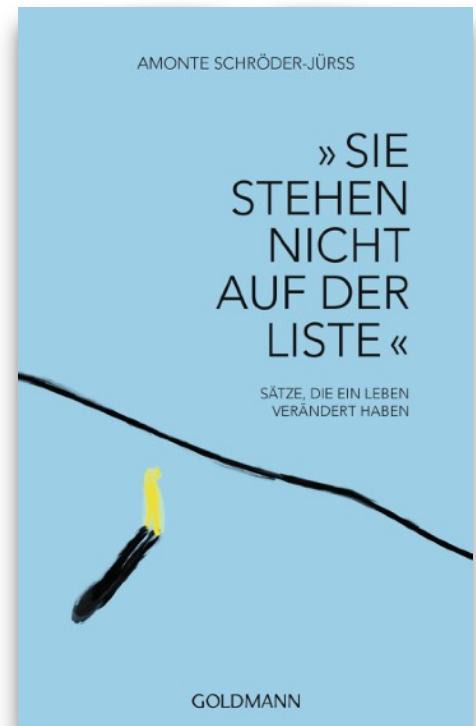
“You're not on the list.”

Sometimes it only takes one sentence - and life takes a turn. It can be a simple sentence, an everyday sentence. One that is political, encouraging or hurtful. Amonte Schröder-Jürss has compiled these life sentences from the memories of prominent and non-prominent people. The stories behind them are beautiful and sad, hopeful and angry. And they are all unique. Doesn't everyone remember a sentence like this?

Schröder-Jürss tells of the war officer in the Siberian winter, the policeman who defended the Reichstag, the last WhatsApp message from a mother. Unforgettable sentences, collected over the years. Told by people who were willing to share them.

This book contains the stories of 25 life sentences.

*"A whole book full of clever, beautiful, heavy, scintillating, golden sentences. Where else can you find something like this?" - Michael Ebert*



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Non-fiction



**Amonte Schröder-Jürss**, born in 1992, studied literary writing at the Hildesheim Literature Institute and then went on to study at the Reutlingen School of Reportage. She has been awarded the Hansel Mieth Prize and the Axel Springer Prize, among others. In 2022, she was also nominated for the Nannen Prize in the Egon Erwin Kisch category and the Michael Althen Prize for Criticism. After stints at SZ and NDR, she has been working for DIE ZEIT in the Discover department since 2022. The author lives in Berlin.