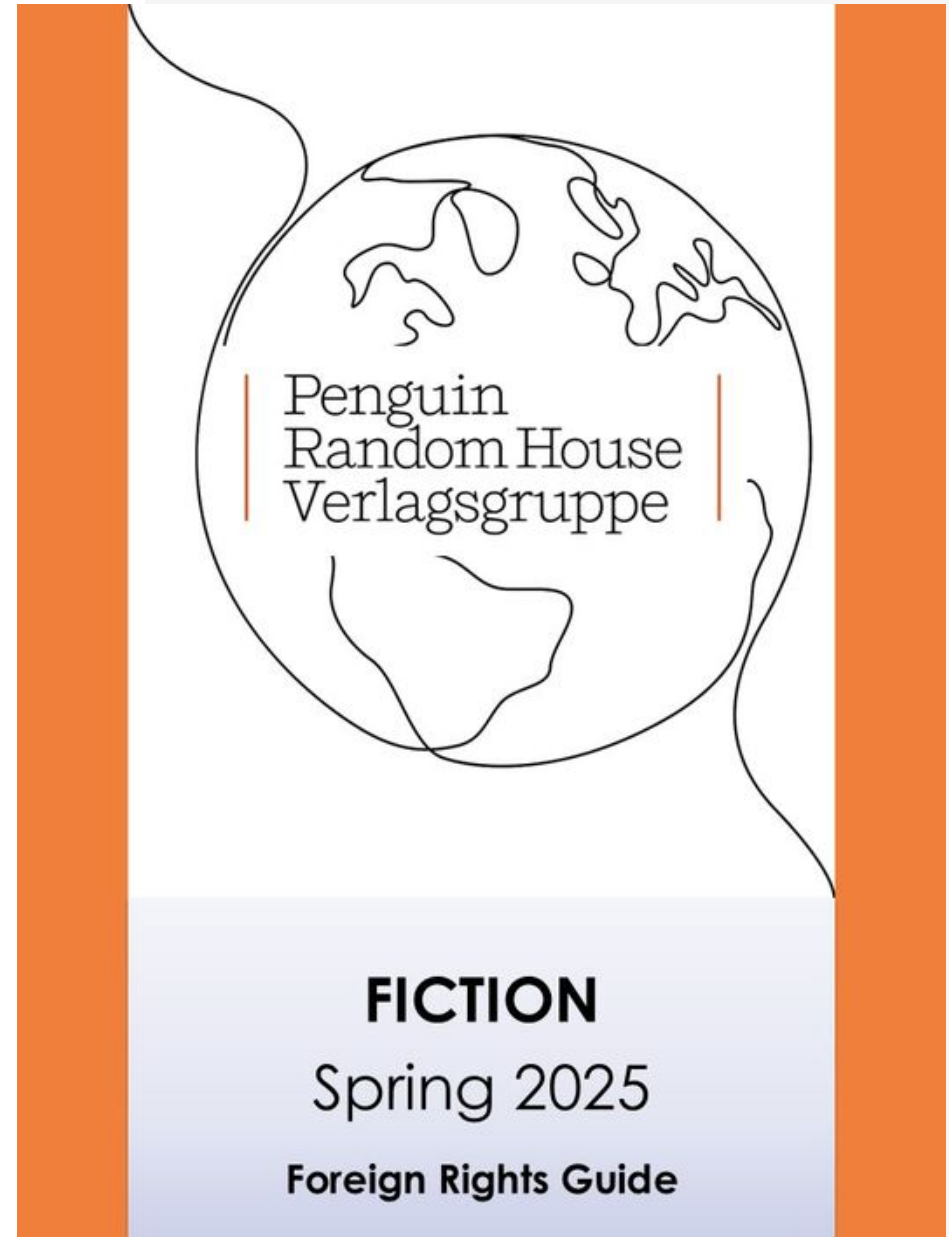


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Fiction, Literary Fiction

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 Original title: Kaltblut

WOLFGANG MARIA BAUER

Cold-blooded

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

English sample translation available

A fatal accident, love between two outsiders, and a life-sapping small town in the mountains.

Stubber is a taciturn loner, strange and inscrutable. He is a blasting specialist, like his father, and has never liked his little home town in the mountains. His fellow townsfolk don't like him either: not only do they blame him for an explosion in which eleven men died, but now Stubber has disappeared and abandoned his child too. "He's a cold one," they say. Driven from his home town, he roams the mountains for years. As he traverses pastures and snow-covered slopes, he recalls episodes from the past; and with each step, his longing for Alaska grows – Alaska, the woman with those strangely glistening blue eyes, and his one true love.

An atmospheric, captivating novel that tells the story of a fossilised town and its inhabitants.

- For fans of Robert Seethaler ("A Whole Life") and Andrea Maria Schenkel ("The Murder Farm")

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Fiction, Literary Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
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Pages & Size: 208 | 12,5x20,0
cm
Original title: Wild wuchern

KATHARINA KÖLLER

Sprawling Wildly

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 26, 2025

Selected by New Books in German
English sample translation available

**“Back where I was planted, I was like a dainty flower in a pot.
Now I’m here, and I’m growing.”**

They couldn’t be more different: Marie, the sharp-tongued Viennese lady, a creature of luxury, simultaneously pampered and despised by her husband Peter. And Johanna, the ‘wild animal in a human body’. Johanna stopped speaking in adolescence and left humanity behind, leading a hermit life on a remote mountain pasture for years. The cousins have not seen each other since she moved there. But now Marie is hurrying up the mountain to Johanna’s hut, panicked, covered in blood. She is on the run from her violent husband and a world in which much, unnoticed, has gone awry. For the two women, this marks the beginning of an extraordinary test of strength to claim their place in this world, and their right to live on their own terms.


In her poetical and political novel – fairy tale, parable and pulsating critique of civilisation all in one – Katharina Köller celebrates two women who empower each other and make each other believe in change.

A dizzying, breathtaking, powerful book.

Maria-Christina Piwowarski

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Is there a more female, more Austrian, more brilliant novel around? I don't think so!

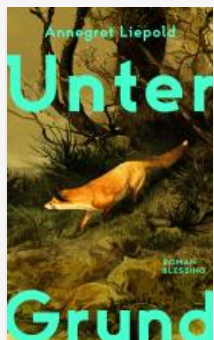
Mareike Fallwickl

Bold, subtle, profound. An irresistible chamber piece.

Daniela Dröscher

A novel like a force of nature: stormy, gripping, but also full of tenderness.

Doris Knecht



**Fiction, Contemporary
Fiction, Fiction, Literary
Fiction**

Publishing House: Blessing
Format: Hardcover
Pages & Size: 256 | 12,5x20,0
cm
Original title: Unter Grund

ANNEGRET LIEPOLD

Underground

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 26, 2025

English sample translation available soon

When home feels like a foreign country: a young woman returns to the village where she grew up. She faces a wall of silence – and dark secrets from the past.

When young teacher Franka sits in on a trial at which five people stand accused of being members of a neo-Nazi group, she is deeply shocked by what she hears. She returns to her village, to the pit lakes and mirror carps, and to the silence that prevails in her family – and not only since her father died: even her grandmother had her secrets to hide. Franka finally decides to face up to the past: she recalls the 2000s, when Germany dreamed of winning the Soccer World Cup at home; when she found like-minded new friends in Patrick and Janna, who covered up their insecurity with brawling, and their frustration with punches; and when she herself descended into a far-right mire. Now, Franka has to ask herself some difficult questions – about her own culpability, as well as her family's. A sensitive and vividly written novel that reveals the legacy of far-right ideas handed down through the generations.

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KATJA KEWERITSCH

Alice and the Deep Blue Sea

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

Sometimes you have to swim wildly to rediscover your dreams

When her husband leaves her on their 27th wedding anniversary, Alice finds herself alone – as well as jobless. She needs to get away, and registers with a home swap site to find a cheap holiday. Alice accepts the first offer she gets, and heads to Guernsey. Maybe there, far away from home, she'll be able to find her feet again – and discover exactly who she is, beyond social stereotypes and expectations. Can she be a real woman, even if she doesn't have a husband and kids? What should she do with her life, now that she alone is in charge of her future? And what happened to her dreams from all those years ago?

Alice literally dares to jump in at the deep end, discovering the joys of wild swimming in Guernsey's coastal waters. Along the way, she meets people whose friendship gives her strength and a newfound confidence, and opens up new opportunities.




Fiction, Contemporary Fiction

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EMMA STERNBERG



**Fiction, Contemporary
Fiction, Fiction, Women's
Fiction**

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 368 | 12,5x18,7
cm
Original title: Der Wind und
die Wellen und wir

The Wind, the Waves, and Us


NOVEL

Date of publication: April 16, 2025

Hanna leaves her old life behind and drives off in a camper van. Will she find the freedom she's looking for, and her place in life?

Hanna and Moritz have a plan: they'll marry and take over his parents' old hotel. But the night before the wedding, Hanna panics. Does she actually want all this? On the spur of the moment, she jumps into the camper van that was meant to take them on their honeymoon, and sets off for the north, driving all the way to Sweden. She visits lonely beaches, gazes across open fields, feels the wind in her face, and finally ends up in Katrinegård, right by the beach. Iris, the old woman who owns the farm where Hanna parks the van, needs help renovating the farmhouse. It's meant to be just for a few days – but life has other ideas, and slowly, Hanna finds herself... not only by the sea, but in her heart too.

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JESSICA AMANKONA

The Secret of Murano

THE MURANO SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 11, 2025

The secret glassblower: Flavia must try to keep her true identity hidden from the man she loves

Murano, 1895. In a Venice where women are still excluded from the glassblowing profession, beautiful Flavia Volpato has for a long time now been secretly producing her family's crystal creations under the name of her far less gifted twin brother. Now she has to stand by and watch helplessly as her father enters a merger with their arch rival, Dal Corso. On top of that, nobleman John Pomeroy, a renowned glass expert, has been hired by Sibilla Veridiani to sniff out Flavia's secret. If he finds out the truth, she'll be excluded from the Venice Biennale, and her whole family will be ruined. But Flavia and John grow closer... will the gifted glassblower win her dangerous game, or will she sacrifice all for love?




Fiction, Historical Fiction

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Goldene Zeiten.
Die Münchner Ärztinnen

INA BACH

The Munich Doctors: Golden Years

THE DOCTORS SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 15, 2025


Three young women with big dreams who will forge their own paths, no matter what

Munich 1903. Friends Lulu, Elsa and Fanny are finding the path to university rockier than they'd expected, given that the kingdom of Bavaria still won't allow women to study medicine. On top of that, Lulu is worried that she'll fall even at the first hurdle, and fail to finish high school at all. Elsa, who's a carer at the children's hospital, is having a difficult time too: she's being bullied by a young assistant doctor, who is desperate to get rid of her; and when an old admirer shows up out of the blue, it all threatens to become too much. Meanwhile, Fanny, who is studying at the university under the pretence of being her own twin brother, realises that her future as a doctor is far from guaranteed. Yet the three young women refuse to give in: after all, they were born to be doctors!

• Vol. 3, the finale of the series, to be published in March 2025

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 592 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Die Frauen vom Rosenhag. Traum vom Neubeginn

CORINA BOMANN

The Women of the Rosenhag: Dream of a New Beginning

THE ROSENHAG DUOLOGY (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 01, 2025

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti), The Netherlands (Meulenhoff Boekerij)

English exposé available


Two women from two very different worlds – with a shared dream of freedom and love...

Karlskrona, Sweden, 1910. Liv feels constricted – and not just by the corset she puts on every day. Her loveless marriage to shipowner Sten Boregard, too, is stifling her. Her desire for freedom grows stronger when she meets Marlene, a sailor's widow, who has been ostracised by the other sailors' wives ever since her husband and his crew died on the high seas. But Marlene won't let anyone bring her down, and Liv is impressed by her free spirit and energy. The pair become close friends, and when Liv unexpectedly inherits a rose-covered gamekeeper's cottage in the woods, she and Marlene boldly decide to create a refuge where women can fulfil their true potential. They secretly breathe new life into 'Rosenhag' and its wildflower garden – but little do they know that not only their secret, but they themselves, are in grave danger...

• Vol. 2 of the Rosenhag series to be published in August 2025

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**Fiction, Historical Fiction,
Fiction, Women's Fiction**

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cm
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Jasminschwwestern

CORINA BOMANN

The Jasmine Sisters

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 14, 2025

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*Rights available again

Re-release – first published in 2014

A friendship that blossoms like jasmine in springtime

When Melanie's fiancé has an accident and ends up in a coma, young Melanie fears for his life, and for their future. After weeks of desperation and paralysis, she seeks refuge and distraction on her 96-year-old great-grandmother Hanna's estate. In the attic of the manor house, she discovers a Vietnamese fairy tale – and then Hanna tells her about her eventful past: how she grew up in Vietnam as the daughter of a wealthy family, and how she met her 'jasmine sister' Tanh, a girl born into poverty. As Melanie listens, fascinated, her great-grandmother regales her with tales of adventure among temples and rice fields, and the story of an extraordinary friendship between two girls separated by a fateful event. But Melanie finds solace not only in Hanna's memories and unshakeable zest for life, but also in the company of widower Thomas, who looks after the manor's gardens. And suddenly, she feels a little spark of hope stirring in her heart...

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CATHERINE DURAND

Paris, City of a Thousand Colours

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 19, 2025

A bewitching city – a moving love story – a dark secret that brings the past back to life

It's 1951, and Jack has just moved from the US to Paris. He yearns to be free, to see everything this fascinating city has to offer, and to make a living from his paintings. One dawn, working down by the banks of the Seine, he meets enchanting photographer Rose. The two fall head over heels in love. But their delicate bond is soon threatened by an old acquaintance of Jack's, who tasks him with unmasking a spy in the Latin Quarter. Strangely, Rose seems to know something about this mysterious person... Can their love survive against all odds? Or will the recent war cast its dark shadow over their new romance?

Fiction, Historical Fiction

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AGNES JOHANNA FLÜGEL

The Bee Queen

HISTORICAL NOVEL

Date of publication: May 14, 2025



Fiction, Historical Fiction


Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 400 | 11,8x18,7 cm
 Original title: Der Weg der Bienenfrau

A young woman speaks the language of bees – and fights for her future in the shadow of the Thirty Years’ War

It’s 1649, and Johanna is living a quiet, happy life on the Schwansen peninsula on the Baltic coast. She lives on her father’s farm, where she looks after the garden and keeps bees. The Thirty Years’ War seems far away. When her father’s dies, however, Johanna’s idyll is shattered. Being a woman, she isn’t allowed to run her family’s farm. Her cousin Lorenz is the next in line to take over, and offers his help. But this turns out to be a ruse: he wants to keep the farm for himself, and throws Johanna and her gravely ill mother out. But Johanna is a brave young woman, and won’t give up. A long journey and the biggest challenge of her life are before her. Just when all seems lost, she encounters the secretive honey hunters, who seem to understand bees almost as well as she does – and decides to enlist their help to get her farm back.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6
 cm
 Original title: Die Akte
 Schneeweiß

FELICITAS FUCHS

The Snow White File

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 14, 2025

Two women, four decades, and the fight for justice

It's 1963, and the economic miracle is in full swing. Katja wants to be a doctor, but she's from a working-class family that has no time for pipe dreams. Her granddad is the only one who believes in her. But one day, he disappears. The rest of the family refuse to mention his name, and Katja is left alone with her questions. Years later, she makes a discovery which shows that everything she thought she knew about her family was a lie.

Back in 1936, Mathilde Schneeweiß has started her new job as a receptionist for Dr Bönisch. She falls in love with him, and is drawn into a dangerous enterprise: together, they secretly help women in need. But their bravery comes to the notice of the Gestapo – and Mathilde must make a decision that may cost her everything, including her life. But the fight for women's rights must go on...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: Ritter Sport - Ein Traum von Schokolade

ROMY HEROLD

Ritter Sport: Chocolate Dreams

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 26, 2025

How a dream about chocolate turned into perhaps the most famous square object in the world: an unforgettable family saga about Clara Ritter, creator of Ritter Sport chocolate

Its seductive smell, deliciously melting texture, rich flavours: from the moment young Clara tastes chocolate for the very first time, she knows that one day she'll make a living from it. In 1912, she and her husband Alfred Ritter set up a chocolate and sweet factory, and she eventually invents the square bar, which ends up conquering the world with its many flavours. But the path to success is rocky – and the couple have to face many a challenge to secure the future of their family business...

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
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 Original title: Montmartre - Licht und Schatten

MARIE LACROSSE

Montmartre: Light and Shade

THE MONTMARTRE SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 23, 2025

Two young women from very different walks of life seek happiness in late 19th-century Paris

Paris, the summer of 1866. Elise Lambert and Valérie Dumas are born the same day, but other than that, they have little in common: Elise is the daughter of a simple washerwoman, and grows up in poverty on the hill of Montmartre; Valérie, meanwhile, is the daughter of a wealthy art dealer from the boulevard de Clichy. At a time of few opportunities for women, the two of them have big dreams: Valérie is a gifted painter and wants to study at the academy of arts attended by Toulouse-Lautrec and Van Gogh. Elise wants to become a famous dancer on Montmartre's glittering variety stages. Fate and love pose unexpected challenges for both these strong young women, but they refuse to give in...


• Vol. 2 to be published in November 2025

Marie Lacrosse's books are unrivalled: breathtakingly gripping, passionate and captivating.

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
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cm
Original title: Haribo - Goldene
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KATHARINA VON DER LANE

Haribo: The Golden Years

THE HARIBO SAGA (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 19, 2025

From a bag of sugar to a global corporation: the extraordinary story of one of Germany's most successful business dynasties


Bonn, 1945. Following Hans Riegel's premature death, his wife Gertrud becomes acting head of the Haribo firm. Together with her daughter Anita, she manages to keep the company afloat in difficult times. When her sons Hans and Paul return from POW camp, they take over the reins and bit by bit transform it into a global player. And with the birth of the gummy bear in 1960, Haribo's golden age has well and truly begun.

- Volume 1 has sold over 25,000 copies so far



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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 656 | 12,5x18,7 cm

Original title: Little Germany - Der Duft der Neuen Welt

MARIA NIKOLAI

Little Germany: The Scent of a New World

THE LITTLE GERMANY SAGA (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: May 01, 2025

English sample translation available

Two women, two worlds, two lives at a crossroads


Germany, 1901. Domestic servant Lissi has embarked on a foolish affair with the scion of the family she works for. But her hopes of a romantic wedding are shattered, and when she finds herself pregnant, alone and desperate, she decides to leave her home town. Meanwhile, Julia Varrell has been lured into an arranged marriage under false pretences, and feels lonely on her husband's idyllic estate. She, too, wants out. And so Lissi and Julia find themselves on board a ship bound for New York.

The two of them quickly become close friends, and agree to help each other make a fresh start. A bakery in Manhattan's Little Germany offers them work and a roof over their heads. Soon, the bakery and its heavenly sweet pretzels gain a reputation among the upper echelons of New York society. What no one suspects, though, is that disaster is looming on the horizon – one that will disrupt not only Julia's and Lissi's lives, but the whole of Little Germany...

- Based on a true story
- Vol. 2 to be published in October 2025

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Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 560 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: Danzig

HILKE SELLNICK

Danzig: Years of Freedom

THE DANZIG SAGA (VOL. 3)

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 11, 2025

Rights sold to: Italy (Giunti), Poland (Czarna Owca)


After some dramatic twists of fate, Johanna can finally look forward to the future with confidence. But can she finally land her true love?

Following her husband's death, young Johanna must fight for her place in the shipyard. Pawel, the rightful heir, has taken over managing his father's business; but secretly, he is yearning to have Johanna by his side as more than just a business partner. But the shipyard's future is at risk, and the two argue all the time. Johanna's friend Auguste, meanwhile, is trying to prevent the pair from growing closer – and introduces what seems to be a far more suitable marriage prospect.

When a sensational scandal rocks Danzig, and an accident seems to spell the shipyard's demise, Johanna and Pawel's relationship starts crumbling. Will they be able to swallow their pride and finally admit their love? But then an unexpected ally appears on the scene...

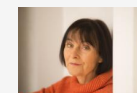
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BETTINA STORKS



The Sisters of Kraków

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 15, 2025

The fate of two sisters, Poland’s Jewish resistance, and two granddaughters’ search for answers

When Édith’s father Simon Mercier dies in Paris in 2016, she discovers to her surprise that her family has German-Polish roots. It appears that Simon was adopted by the Merciers after his father fell victim to the mass deportations of July 1942. But how did Simon end up with the Merciers, and what happened to his mother Helene? When Édith tracks down her second cousin Tatjana near Stuttgart, the two women join forces to find answers, and to break a decades-long silence. What was life like for Helene’s sister, Tatjana’s grandmother Lilo, in German-occupied Poland? In Kraków, they discover a pharmacy that played a key role not only in Lilo’s life, but in the Jewish resistance.

- Based on true events

Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
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Bettina Storks has a PhD in literature. She worked as an editor for many years before publishing her first book. She combines her passion for family secrets and her love for France in her multi-layered novels. "The Sisters of Kraków" is the first time that she has written about German-Polish history – a history that plays a significant part in her own family.

CLAIRE WINTER

The Heiress

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 16, 2025

English sample translation available

A tale of love, power, and a murder that exposes an industrial dynasty's dark past

It's the 1950s, and Cosima Liefenstein is the scion of a powerful industrialist family in Cologne. But she wants to do things her own way, and creates a charitable foundation for mothers and other women in need. Then journalist Leo Marktgraf enters her life: Leo is investigating the death of a lawyer friend of his, who was found dead on the banks of the Rhine shortly after he publicly accused the Liefensteins of harbouring a terrible secret. Cosima investigates her family's dark past, and soon realises that nothing is as it seems. But in these early years of the young republic, when most people just want to forget the Third Reich, there's a network of people from the old establishment who haven't given up their power – and who will stop at nothing to ensure that Cosima and Leo never find out the truth.



Fiction, Historical Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
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MANUELA INUSA



Sea of Flowers

THE COASTLINES SERIES (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

Amid roaring waves, the scent of roses and golden beaches, Iris searches for a fresh start

Artist Iris lives in Boston with her partner Tristan. She and best friend Mia are almost like sisters, and have been there for each other since childhood. When Iris discovers that Tristan and Mia are having an affair, there's a terrible fight. Mia gets upset, runs into the road without looking, and is killed by a car. Wracked by grief and guilt, Iris finds refuge at her grandma June's house on Martha's Vineyard. As she rediscovers her zest for life, the only question is: can this magical place, with its endless beaches and gentle waves, open her up to the possibility of new love?


- The start of a new tetralogy by the Spiegel bestselling author

Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Heyne
Format: Paperback
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Original title: Blumenmeere

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MEIKE WERKMEISTER

Dreams Beyond the Clouds

NOVEL

Date of publication: April 23, 2025

17-year-old Morlen yearns to see the big wide world – and Heather longs for another shot at happiness

A whole year in sunny California! Morlen can't wait. The 17-year-old flies to Cardiff by the Sea, where she will be staying with her mother's old friend Heather. In this small coastal town south of LA, everything seems somehow bigger than at home on her tiny North Sea island: the houses, the tall palm trees, the huge ocean waves... Heather welcomes her with open arms, but the atmosphere between her and her husband Gary is nowhere near as good as the Californian weather. While Morlen tries to make sense of her feelings for surfer boy Charlie and fellow lodger Tom, Heather secretly dreams of one last adventure. Will the two of them get what they want?

- Meike Werkmeister's books have sold nearly 600,000 copies in total




Fiction, Women's Fiction

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 672 | 12,5x18,7 cm
 Original title: Über den Wolken wohnen die Träume

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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 512 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: A Million Stars
Above

AYLA DADE

A Million Stars Above

THE SKY CIRCUS SERIES (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: January 29, 2025

English sample translation available


I'm meant to trust him. But will he catch me when I fall?

Trapeze artist Heaven, daughter of a circus director, has dreamt all her life of becoming the star attraction at Sky Circus. The spectators waiting with bated breath and shining eyes, glittering costumes and dangerous acts – this is where she feels at home. But despite all her hard work, she hasn't made it to the top yet. Only when her rival is injured does Heaven finally have a chance to prove herself. Overnight, she becomes the star of the show – but being in the limelight comes at a price: she is told to pretend that she and her professional partner, the recently hired strongman Hell, are romantically involved. But she can't bear him: he's brash, arrogant, and clearly thinks he's irresistible, what with his big muscles and tattoos. Heaven has taken an instant dislike to him – and how is she meant to train with someone like that, let alone trust him with her life? But the more often he throws her high into the air and catches her, the more often she has to tell herself that the fire in his eyes and the wild pounding in her chest are just for show...

• Tropes: Enemies to Lovers, Fake Dating, Bad Boy x Good Girl, Forced Proximity, circus setting without animals

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AYLA DADE

A Thousand Flames Below

THE SKY CIRCUS SERIES (VOL. 2)

NOVEL


Date of publication: March 19, 2025

Will Heaven recover from her accident and will she find true love with her trapeze partner?

She was the star of the show, but now she's nothing. Ever since her accident at the big Sky Circus show in Las Vegas, trapeze artist Heaven can remember nothing about the past few months. Not being able to trust her memory – or her body – is the worst feeling in the world. Because she has to relearn everything from scratch, Heaven joins a beginners' trapeze class. Then irresistibly handsome strongman Hell unexpectedly offers his help. Despite the critical looks he gives her, and although he drives her hard, she realises that they're the perfect partners on the trapeze... and when he wraps his strong arms around her, she finds it hard not to give in to the chemistry between them. But the more her body recalls the sensuous movements of the past, the more Hell pulls back – almost as if he were afraid of what else she might remember...

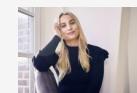
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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 496 | 13,5x21,5
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Flames Below

ANN-KATHRIN FALKENBERG

Feels Like Butterflies

THE TENNESSEE DREAMS TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

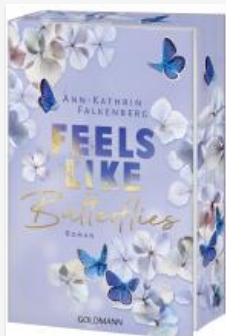
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 19, 2025

The Tennessee woods, a fresh start in the small town of Hazelwood, and a thousand butterflies...

As far as Charlie is concerned, her parents' butterfly farm in the woods of Tennessee is the most beautiful place in the world – so she's heartbroken when she hears that the farm is facing bankruptcy. She reluctantly presses pause on her studies and returns home to picturesque Hazelwood. There, she meets her father's new right-hand man, grumpy Nate. He is an ex-convict, and this job is meant to help him make a fresh start in life. While Charlie and Nate can't stand each other at first, the chemistry between them is palpable. Yet the more they get to know each other, the more Nate's dark past puts Charlie's faith to the test. Though while she tries to forget all about him, her heart has already decided otherwise...

- Tropes: grumpy x sunshine, opposites attract, forbidden love, small town, found family, one tent/one sleeping bag
- Vol. 2 to be published in June 2025




Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Goldmann
 Format: Paperback
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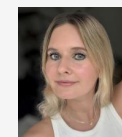
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MAREN VIVIEN HAASE

Songs for the Broken

THE RISE-AND-FALL DUET (VOL. 2)

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

Sometimes a single song can destroy your life...

Presley Wren is a major US pop star. But then a media shitstorm puts a sudden end to her turbulent career, and her label severs all connections. Presley is determined to make a comeback – even if it means agreeing to a pretend-relationship with football star Kane Crawford to create some positive publicity. Her new producer insist on it, in fact – but this music mogul’s demands won’t stop there. Soon, Presley’s wondering how far she’s willing to go for fame...

- Tropes: fake dating, good guy x bad girl, he falls first
- Volume 1 has sold over 50,000 copies and was a #6 Spiegel bestseller

Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet
 Format: Paperback
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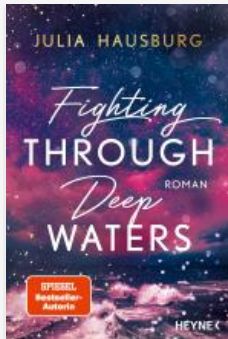
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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Heyne
 Format: Paperback
 Pages & Size: 464 | 13,5x20,6 cm
 Original title: Fighting Through Deep Waters

JULIA HAUSBURG

Fighting In Deep Waters

THE DEEP WATERS TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

When childhood friends Henriette and Lukas reunite on a sailing yacht, things take a dramatic turn...

Marine biology student Henriette has landed a much sought-after spot on the sailing yacht Sapien Sailor, and is spending a semester on the high seas. On board, she bumps into Lukas, her best friend from when she was a kid. But he's changed a lot, and their first meeting is distinctly frosty. However, between study projects and diving sessions in the South Pacific, the tension between them quickly becomes electric. Until a fateful kiss, old wounds and unspoken truths threaten to stifle their love even before it's had a chance. When the yacht is dragged into a violent storm, Henriette and Lukas must fight against their past – and for love.

- Tropes: Childhood-Friends-to-Lovers, Forced Proximity, Emotional Scars
- Vol. 2 and 3 to be published in July and November 2025

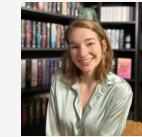
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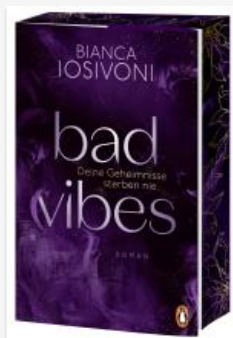
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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
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Original title: BAD VIBES.
Deine Geheimnisse sterben nie

BIANCA IOSIVONI

Bad Vibes: Secrets Never Die

THRILLER

Date of publication: February 19, 2025

English sample translation available


It is his best friend Dahlia whom bestselling author Jake calls shortly before his violent death – and she is determined to find out what happened to him

When Dahlia arrives at the gates of MacRaven Manor, a shiver runs down her spine: dark shadows have wrapped their tendrils around this Highland castle, shadows as dark as the secrets of the people who live there. Dahlia has come to pay her last respects to her best friend Jake – or, as the world knew him, bestselling author JJ Burnett – who has died in what seems was a tragic accident. When she unexpectedly inherits a big part of his estate, though, his family are outraged. What none of them know is that Dahlia is on a secret mission: she is convinced that Jake's death was anything but an accident, and intends to bring his killer to justice. While searching for clues, she gets much too close to Jake's twin Evan – but also to mysterious Ayden. What starts as a seductive game for the threesome gradually turns dangerous – soon, Dahlia doesn't know who she can still trust. Only one thing is clear: she has to uncover the truth before it's too late. A murder, a cover-up, a million-pound fortune, and a love affair that couldn't be more risky... a gloomy, atmospheric, gripping and passionate tale.

• Tropes: Spice & Thrills, Secrets & Lies, Enemies to Lovers, Dark Past, Forced Proximity

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JENNI KRAWIEC

A Mountain Between Us

NOVEL

Date of publication: May 21, 2025

She travelled the world to realise her dreams. He stayed behind in their Alpine home town. Years later, they meet again...

Young photographer Vic's return to her home town is bittersweet. She left the small holiday resort in the German Alps overnight four years ago, and has travelled the world ever since. Now she's been called back there on a job – she's to accompany the local mountain rescue team on missions and take photos. Vic loves the mountains, but then she unexpectedly runs into Samu, who once banished her from his life. He was her first love, and broke her heart. The pair end up spending a lot of time together in the idyllic Alps, but the past is a heavy burden. Meanwhile, someone is trying to sabotage Samu, and threatening the course of true love...

- A slow-burn romance with a cosy small-town atmosphere

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Jenni Krawiec always yearned to enter the worlds of her favourite reads, and eventually started writing her own stories. She's so passionate about it, that she'll often end up working late into the night. Jenni also loves exploring Europe's stunning landscapes. "A Mountain Between Us" is her first novel.

Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Blanvalet

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 448 | 13,5x21,5 cm

Original title: A Mountain Between Us

SASHA REED

Syndicate: Freedom Is Mine

THE SYNDICATE TRILOGY (VOL. 1)

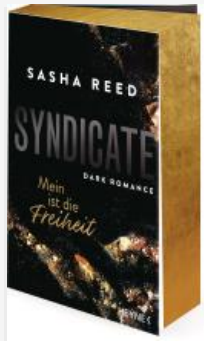
DARK ROMANCE

Date of publication: May 14, 2025

An arranged marriage. A painful truth. An all-consuming love.

Elena Osorio's sheltered life is turned upside down when her father arranges her marriage to his business partner Nathan O'Connell. Nathan is wealthy, unbelievably handsome and secretive, and Elena is quickly attracted to him, despite his dark aura. What she doesn't know is that Nate is the most powerful Irish mob boss in America, and her life so far has all been a lie. Thanks to Nate, she discovers the painful truth about her roots in the Mexican cartel, and a burning passion gradually turns into real love. But Nate has many enemies, who will shrink from nothing to remove him. He, too, is more dangerous than Elena suspects. Will she take her rightful place by his side in the brutal world of organised crime? Or will she die trying?

- Tropes: Arranged Marriage, Forced Proximity, Strangers to Lovers, Emotional Scars



Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Heyne

Format: Paperback

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SARAH STANKEWITZ

No Matter When

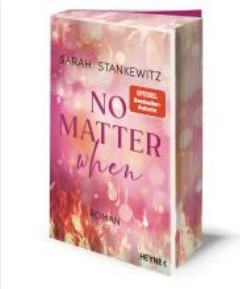
THE LOVE BURNS TRILOGY (VOL. 2)
NOVEL

Date of publication: February 12, 2025

Gracie is wracked with guilt. Fynn is there for her. Every time he looks at her it hurts, but she can't help falling for him. Which will prove to be stronger: guilt or love?

Gracie Jones is enjoying life studying art in Blossom Lake. But when her sister Stella returns to the town, Gracie is forced to face her demons. Memories of the night her father died come flooding back, and she is no longer her hopeful self. When, to top it all, she runs into Fynn, her best friend from childhood, at a party, she seeks solace in alcohol – and causes a car crash. At the hospital, she discovers that Fynn works there as a nurse, and the more time they spend together, the stronger the attraction between them. But Fynn has no idea that he is only making Gracie's confusion worse, and awakening feelings of guilt she has long suppressed. Can she let go of her past? Or will the chemistry between her and Fynn fizzle out under the burden of her guilt?

- Tropes: Second Chance, Friends-to-Lovers, Small Town Romance
- Vol. 3 to be published in May 2025



Fiction, New Adult

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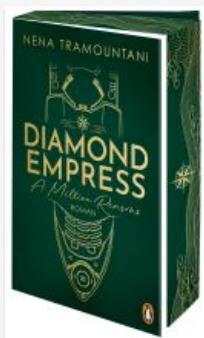
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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 528 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Illustrations: 58 b/w
illustrations
Original title: Diamond
Empress. A Million Reasons

NENA TRAMOUNTANI

Diamond Empress: A Million Reasons

THE STOLEN DREAMS SERIES (VOL. 1)
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 12, 2025

English sample translation available

The goal: break into the safe. The chances of success: low. The motive: eat the rich!

Pianist Noemi feels trapped. Thanks to a series of missteps, she has no job and no money. Desperate, she joins the luxury liner Diamond Empress on its 100-day-long maiden voyage to play piano for the rich and famous. When she meets handsome acrobat Victor on her very first day, the trip promises to be more fun than expected. And when the pair accept an invitation to a secret meeting in the ship's library at midnight, they enter a world of thrills and temptation: there's a gang of thieves on board, and they're planning the biggest robbery in history. But to prove they're worthy of joining the gang, Noemi and Victor must pass a test that brings them unexpectedly close to each other – and suddenly, Noemi realises that she isn't risking just her freedom and her life on board the Diamond Empress, but also her heart.

- For fans of "Ocean's 11" and "Money Heist" (La casa de papel)
- Tropes: Secret Identity, Opposites Attract, Strangers to Lovers, Only One Bed, Found Family, Eat the Rich
- Vol. 2 and 3 to be published in June and September 2025

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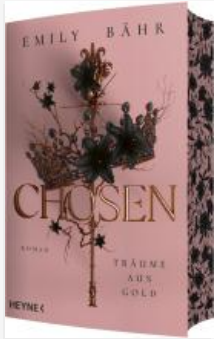
EMILY BÄHR

Chosen: Dreams of Gold

THE CHOSEN DUOLOGY (VOL. 1)

Date of publication: February 12, 2025

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Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction, Fiction, New Adult

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Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x20,6
cm
Original title: Chosen – Träume
aus Gold

Her beautiful sister was meant to be the one competing for the crown prince's hand – but now shy girl Iris is forced to take her place. Yet if she wants to be queen, she must first survive a deadly contest...

This is the day the daughters of Vesmon's aristocracy have been preparing for all their lives: the day of the Royal Games, whose winner will marry the crown prince. Without her training in magic, Iris would never have qualified for the contest, but now that her sister Hyacinth is suddenly out of the running, she has no choice. The moment Iris arrives at the royal court, she is drawn into a web of intrigue. Her mentor Cylus is her only hope of survival – but despite his stand-offish ways, he soon makes her lose sight of her original goal...

- "The Hunger Games" meets "The Royals"
- Perfect for fans of Jennifer L. Armentrout's "Blood and Ash", Sarah J. Maas' "Throne of Glass" and Tracy Wolff's "Crave"

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EMILY BÄHR

Chosen: House of Ashes

THE CHOSEN DUOLOGY (VOL. 2)

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**Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction, Fiction, New Adult**

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Original title: Chosen – Haus
aus Asche

Young noblewoman Iris fights for her life – and true love

After the assassination of Prince Cilian and the revelation that Prince Cylus is the true crown prince, the king will do anything to preserve the integrity of the Royal Games. Iris is faced with a cruel choice: continue to take part in this fatal contest, or be executed. Only the top three will survive, but victory – and thus a chance at happiness with Cylus – is impossible. While Iris keeps up her tough fighter's façade in front of the cameras, deep down she's finding it increasingly harder to hide her true feelings for Cylus. But ever since his cousin Cilian's assassination, the prince is convinced he can't trust her. Will she be able to win his heart – and survive the Royal Games?

- "The Hunger Games" meets "The Royals"
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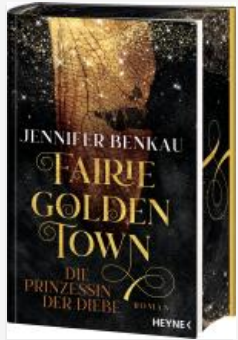
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JENNIFER BENKAU

Fairygolden Town: Princess of Thieves

THE FAIRIEGOLDEN SAGA (VOL. 1)

NOVEL

Date of publication: February 12, 2025

Thief Bria plans a daring coup in magical England, and risks not only her life, but her heart...

Bria, princess of thieves, has spent her life in the shadow of her famous mother. All she wants is to be taken seriously. So she sets out to steal a signet ring belonging to a dangerous clan chief – and lands in a cauldron of intrigue, injustice and power struggles. Yet she also finds friendship, empathy and love, and learns more about herself than she ever wanted to know. Ultimately, Bria has to decide: will she return to her gang of thieves a celebrated hero, or risk everything and follow her heart into an adventure that she can only survive with non-earthly weapons?


- The start of a new Romantasy series for all fans of Leigh Bardugo's "Six of Crows"
- Vol. 2 to be published in July 2025

**Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction, Fiction, New Adult**

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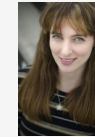
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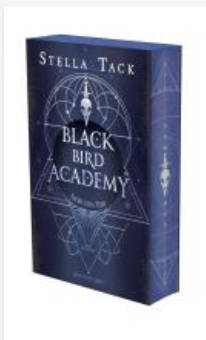
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Jennifer Benkau was born in 1980. After she had been writing stories on her antique typewriter in her childhood, she fell into a literary slumber during her teenager years. But in December 2008 she finally awoke after being kissed by her first novel. She was awarded the DeLiA literature prize for her dystopian novel "Dark Canopy" in 2013.



**Fiction, Fantasy & Science
Fiction, Fiction, New Adult**

Publishing House: Penhaligon
Format: Paperback
Pages & Size: 656 | 13,5x21,5
cm
Original title: Black Bird
Academy - Liebe den Tod

STELLA TACK

Black Bird Academy: Love Death

THE BLACK BIRD ACADEMY TRILOGY (VOL. 3)
NOVEL

Date of publication: June 19, 2025

Rights sold to: Poland (Jaguar), Russia (AST), Spain (Alma Books), Ukraine (BookChef)

War breaks out between humans and demons – the divide deepens – and suddenly, Leaf and her one true love are on opposites sides of the fight...

Leaf is in Tokyo on a secret mission. One of the last remaining illegal homunculus labs is hidden somewhere in the city's labyrinthine alleyways, and she must find it. Its shadowy scientists have the power to resurrect the dead – but at what cost? Meanwhile, a team of corrupt exorcists from Black Bird Academy has infiltrated the humans' government. As Leaf and her comrades try to evade their clutches they stumble across a human–demon resistance movement, and everything they thought they knew about the world is turned upside down. When war looms and Falco gets involved with the Academy, Leaf must decide which side she's on. But her decision may just break her heart...

Tack's overflowing imagination – now all grown up, sexy and dark. Brace yourselves!

Jennifer Benkau

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CASSIDY CANE

Searching for Sunshine

BASED ON KEVIN'S TRUE STORY
NOVEL

Date of publication: March 19, 2025

A turbulent office romance full of humor and empathy for the emotional wounds

Emilian is a real nice guy. Everyone thinks so. Except his supervisor Vienna, who seems immune to his charms and constantly makes snide comments. Unfortunately, now the two of them are supposed to trial a new dating app for a new marketing client... The more closely they work together, the hotter their chats get, and the more they confide in each other. For the first time, Emilian feels like he can really open up to someone else, including about his painful childhood. And Vienna, too, is relieved to finally be herself again around a guy. But just as their secret office affair is about to turn more serious, Emilian's stepdad shows up and threatens to ruin his life. Emilian has to make a difficult decision, which will affect not only him and Vienna, but Vienna's young son too...

- This new adult novel is based on true events
- Tropes: grumpy x sunshine, office romance, found family
- Topics: emotional blackmail, emancipation, liberation



Fiction, New Adult

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Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: {heartlines}

Format: Paperback

Pages & Size: 368 | 13,5x20,6 cm

Original title: Out of Line – Based on Batul's True Story

RABIA DOĞAN

Out of Line

BASED ON BATUL'S TRUE STORY

NOVEL

Date of publication: June 19, 2025

Dancing is my inner strength

Leyla is still little when her family leaves Lebanon for Germany. But her mother never gets over having to leave her homeland, and commits suicide. In her grief, Leyla finds solace in dancing. She and her brother Said are close, but when she moves to Berlin to start up her own studio their relationship becomes strained. One day, Leyla bumps into Emir, Said's best friend. Emir used to take her to her dance lessons every evening, and always believed that dreams can come true. He also once kissed her on a cold November night – even though kissing your mate's sister is against the rules. As Leyla and Emir grow closer, they can't resist recalling those old feelings. But Said isn't too happy about it: the reason he sent Emir to Berlin in the first place was to sabotage Leyla's dream...

- This new adult novel is based on true events
- Tropes: forbidden love, brother's best friend
- Topics: false pretences, losing someone's trust, traditional family, cultural differences

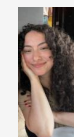
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VANESSA HUßMANN

Pieces of Me

BASED ON TARA'S TRUE STORY
NOVEL

Date of publication: May 21, 2025

A daughter with two mothers, the search for her own place in the world and a great love

25-year-old Tara has everything she's ever dreamed of. She is a promising law student and has a wonderful boyfriend, and loves her adoptive parents. She's never had much interest in her Nepalese roots, and usually ignores anything to do with the country. But on her birthday, a stranger called Kiran gets in touch claiming he's her brother. Tara is shocked and has a thousand questions – and in the hope of finding some answers, she flies to Kathmandu. There, she meets the family she never knew. She also meets Ravi, and starts developing feelings for him. But the more Tara settles into the country of her birth, the more alienated she feels from her old self. Where – and to whom – does she really belong?

- This new adult novel is based on true events
- Tropes: slow burn / finding yourself / new beginnings
- Topics: where do I belong? And to whom?



Fiction, New Adult

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Original title: Pieces of Me –
Based on Tara's True Story

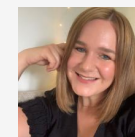
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Vanessa Hußmann, born in 1992, loves getting to know unfamiliar worlds – be they books or fascinating countries and cultures. Her favourite way to immerse herself in a novel is surrounded by fairy lights and scented candles. She constantly longs to visit faraway countries, and has spent a year in the US and travelled around Thailand and Vietnam. She got to know Kathmandu thanks to Tara, who mentally guided her through the city's alleyways and temples. Vanessa found its mystical atmosphere and welcoming people inspiring: 'Pieces of Me is like a journey to Nepal, and I hope you'll fall in love with it, as I did – and perhaps with Ravi, too.'

JUSTINE PUST

When the Rain Burns

BASED ON SINA'S TRUE STORY

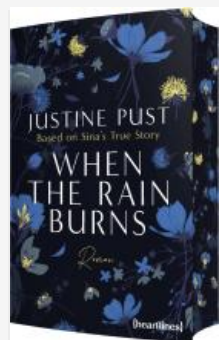
NOVEL

Date of publication: April 23, 2025

A second chance novel that brings a hidden trauma to light and awakens healing powers

Following a tragic shooting at her school that ended in the death of her best friend, Lina wants nothing more than to get out of town and forget the past. She leaves everything behind – including Liam, who was there for her during the bad times. Years later, when she meets Tom and falls in love, Lina finally starts feeling safe again. But what starts as a blissful relationship soon turns into a nightmare: Tom is controlling, and humiliates and gaslights her. It takes a long time for Lina to pluck up the courage to leave him and go back to the people who were there for her last time. To her surprise, she discovers that Liam is still there too... and the mess in her head seems to quieten down whenever he's around. But can two broken hearts help each other heal?

- This new adult novel is based on true events
- Tropes: second chance, broken heroes, childhood sweethearts, friends to lovers
- Topics: trauma, healing, mental health



Fiction, New Adult

Publishing House: {heartlines}

Format: Paperback

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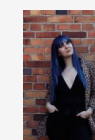
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ANTONIA WESSELING

A Thousand Pieces of You

BASED ON LENA'S TRUE STORY
NOVEL

Date of publication: February 19, 2025

Because it takes courage to love

Nothing is more important to journalist Ellie than justice. She dares to speak the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. Yet no one suspects the true reason she fights so passionately for those who have no voice. Or why she avoids relationships. Or why she broke up so suddenly with Louis, her first true love. Being sexually abused as a child shattered Ellie's heart into a thousand pieces, and each day that she walks her own path means putting one more piece back in place. When Ellie is assigned to cover an explosive story about abuse of power, her investigation takes her to none other than Louis. Soon, she finds herself caught between the truth and her deepening feelings...

- This new adult novel is based on true events
- Tropes: second chance, friends to lovers
- Topics: sexual abuse, mental health



Fiction, New Adult

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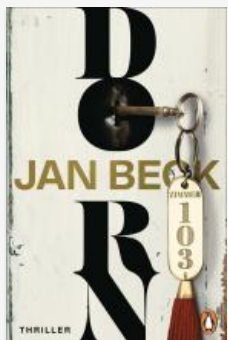
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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Penguin
Format: Paperback
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cm
Original title: Dorn

JAN BECK

Dorn: Room 103

A CASE FOR SIMON DORN UND LEA WAGNER (VOL. 1)

THRILLER


Date of publication: January 29, 2025

A derelict hotel as a museum for unsolved cases – forensic psychologist Simon Dorn is determined to find the truth

Forensic psychologist Simon Dorn has retired following one tragedy too many, and taken up residence in the disused Hotel Dornwald in the mountains near Salzburg. There, he is continuing the investigations that won't let him go. Room by room, he has transformed the hotel into a museum of unsolved cases. His only connection to the outside world is Karla Hofbauer from the Vienna cold case team. When Hofbauer is murdered in Hamburg, everything points to a serial killer. Young police detective Lea Wagner follows Hofbauer's trail to Austria, and intrudes on Dorn's solitude. But Dorn and Wagner soon join forces to hunt a killer who knows no bounds.

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: Limes
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 Pages & Size: 416 | 13,5x21,5
 cm
 Original title: Der Küstenpfad

ERIC BERG

The Coastal Path

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: March 26, 2025

Hiking is a killer

Four women and three men meet online and decide to go on a hike along the Baltic coast, from Wolgast to Travemünde. Their path takes them from dunes to steep cliffs high above the clear-blue Baltic Sea – but what starts as an idyllic trip ends in a horrific nightmare, when one of the group is murdered. Journalist Doro Kagel investigates, and follows in the group's footsteps accompanied by son Jonas. The further the pair hike, the more sure they are that someone is following them – and by the time they realise it's the killer, it may be too late...

- For readers of Ulf Kvensler and Sharon Bolton

If you want to be a successful crime writer, you have to come up with something special. Eric Berg has. And he ratchets up the tension in such a subtle, sneaky way, that it makes it even more effective.

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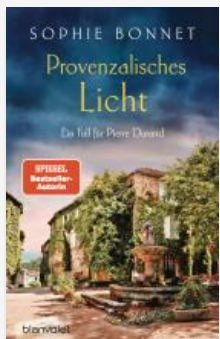
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Eric Berg has long been one of Germany's most popular authors. In 2013, he achieved his long-cherished ambition to become a crime author with the publication of "Das Nebelhaus" ("The house of fog"), which was turned into a film in 2017. Ever since then, he has been a big hit with both readers and critics, and his novels are regular bestsellers. Alongside his crime novels set on the Baltic coast, he now has a new series, "Roter Sand" ('Red sand'), set on Gran Canaria.



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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 Original title: Provenzalisches Licht

SOPHIE BONNET

Provençal Light

A CASE FOR PIERRE DURAND (VOL. 11)

Date of publication: May 14, 2025

The picturesque Rhône valley, colourful Provençal textiles – and an impending murder...

It's the end of June, and Sainte-Valérie is the scene of Cyril Fontanel's latest fashion show. Pierre Durand is in charge of security, but the impulsive designer is hard to keep in check – as are the locals, who aren't at all pleased to have their quiet village turned upside down like this. When Fontanel receives anonymous death threats, Pierre is alarmed: is someone out to harm the designer's career? Or is Fontanel hiding some dark secret from his past? One thing is clear: Sainte-Valérie must under no circumstances become a crime scene... The search for the wannabe murderer takes Pierre to Tarascon – and to a dead woman who appears to be at the centre of it all.

- More than 1.1 million copies sold of the Pierre Durand series

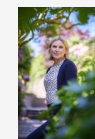
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CHRISTINE BRAND

Missing: Emily's Case

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: May 01, 2025

A desperate mother, a girl who has been missing for years, and a shocking twist for ex-police officer Malou Löwenberg

Former police detective Malou Löwenberg is a PI specialising in cold cases. She is something of a rebel, and puts her all into finding people who have been missing for years, helping their loved ones find closure. Her first client is Vera König, who has been searching for her daughter for four years. Emily would be seven now, and Vera is convinced she's still alive. In the course of her investigations, Malou stumbles on an international child trafficking ring, but Emily's father is also behaving suspiciously. Then Malou makes a shocking discovery – one that brings her face to face with an evil she never thought possible.

- The first volume of the "Missing" series has sold over 55,000 copies



Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

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cm
Original title: Deiner Seele
Grab (Dühnfort 6)

INGE LÖHNIG

A Grave for Your Soul

A CASE FOR DÜHNFORT (VOL. 6)

CRIME NOVEL


Date of publication: March 12, 2025

A staged murder scene, and a killer on a mission: it's Inspector Dühnfort's toughest case yet

When Inspector Dühnfort arrives at the crime scene, he is met by a strange sight: the dead old lady is resting in her bed like a queen, with a red apple and a bunch of grapes in her hands. It's clearly the work of a killer who enjoys performing to an audience. But the neighbours haven't noticed anything suspicious, and the mysterious cleaner, Elena, has disappeared without a trace. Will there be another victim? Inspector Dühnfort is in the dark. To top it all, internal affairs are on his case. Solving this murder could help restore his damaged reputation, so he makes a risky decision: he calls the killer out. Will he catch them before they strike again?

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Fiction, Thriller & Crime

Publishing House: btb
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 cm
 Original title: Haltlos

SARAH NISI

Untenable

PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

Date of publication: January 15, 2025

English sample translation available

Your best friend has been murdered. You saw it happen. But you can't remember anything...

Emily has been feeling like an outsider for months now. The Londoner can't cope with everyday life any more, and has to give up her studies. Three months ago, her friend Liv fell onto the Tube tracks and died – Emily was standing right next to her, but can't recall anything about the incident. The police thinks it was an accident, but Emily suspects there's more to it. She must find a way to remember. But why is everyone she tries to talk to about it being so evasive? And what if she discovers a terrible truth about herself in the process? Little does Emily know that her life is already in serious danger...

A brilliantly constructed psychological thriller about unreliable memories, and a perilous hunt for the truth.

• For fans of Sarah Pearse, Claire Douglas, and Paula Hawkins

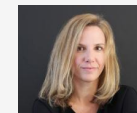
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Sommergast

FELICITY PICKFORD

The Dead Summer Guest

A CASE FOR MARY MCTARR (VOL. 1)


Date of publication: May 21, 2025

The murder of a holidaymaker causes commotion on the idyllic island of Jersey. But who had it in for the English gentleman?

When young Mary McTarr inherits a lighthouse on the magical island of Jersey, she can finally fulfil her lifelong dream of running a hotel. She transforms the lighthouse into her very own luxury boutique hotel, and its wildly romantic setting, Mary's passion for delicious cooking, and her delight in spoiling her guests make the Corbière Lighthouse Hideaway a very special spot indeed. When her first guest, Mr Plummer, arrives, she's in her element. But shortly after, she discovers him down by the sea, dead, a knife sticking out of his back. Together with journalist Robert Peabody, Mary goes in search for the truth – and discovers that her beloved island has a dark side she never knew about...

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Felicity Pickford has worked in a small bookshop for many years. She has known and loved grand hotels ever since she won a prize in her early twenties and used it to spend a few nights at Vienna's legendary Sacher Hotel. What she loves more than anything, though, are the little boutique establishments. That's why she prefers to seek out the lesser-known jewels, be it in Florence, Prague, Paris or Edinburgh. The idea for Mary McTarr's lighthouse hotel came to her when, during a holiday on the magical island of Jersey, she discovered the unbelievably stunning lighthouse of La Corbière. And since she was already planning to set her new cosy crime novel in a hotel, she thought, why not open one here – at least a fictional one?



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SIA PIONTEK

The Wolf in the Woods

A CASE FOR CARLA SEIDEL (VOL. 2)

CRIME NOVEL

Date of publication: March 19, 2025


They took everything from you – and now you want to watch them die...

In the Wendland Forest, a member of a hunting party goes missing. Shortly after, the man is found in a clearing, brutally murdered. Everything points to the victim having known his killer – but Inspector Carla Seidel doubts it. In such a public place, anyone could see you. Why take such a big risk? Meanwhile, Carla's daughter Lana has her own worries: why did her crush Fabian insist on taking her to the woods the night before the murder? Does he know more than he lets on? While Carla desperately tries to track down the killer, the killer already has their next victim in their sights. And Lana is getting dangerously close...

- For fans of Nele Neuhaus
- The first volume of the series has sold over 30,000 copies

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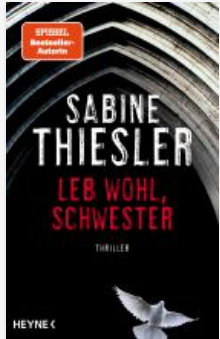
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SABINE THIESLER

Goodbye, Sister

THRILLER

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"It was a warm night. Too warm to die. An unbelievably beautiful night."

Anne and Michael are spending a wonderful holiday in a little tent on the edge of an idyllic forest, with views across the stunning Tuscan hills. One night, the couple are brutally murdered. Commissario Neri is deeply worried. Are they the victims of a serial killer targeting young lovers, just like the Monster of Florence? As he feared, the killer soon claims their next victim. Thankfully, Neri has his resourceful young colleague Romina Roselli to help him with the investigation. The trail eventually leads the pair to a remote convent...

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cm

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CHRIS WARNAT

15 Seconds

THRILLER

Date of publication: May 14, 2025


Two people come running out of the woods. But which is the victim – and which the perpetrator?

The accident that changes Farah's life for ever took just 15 seconds. It was night and dark on the road, so she didn't see the man who came running out of the forest until it was too late. When he hits her windscreen, her heart seems to stop. But then he gets up... and keeps running. Dazed, Farah follows him into the night. But little does she know that there's someone else lurking in the dark...

- A breathtaking psychological thriller for fans of Romy Hausmann

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