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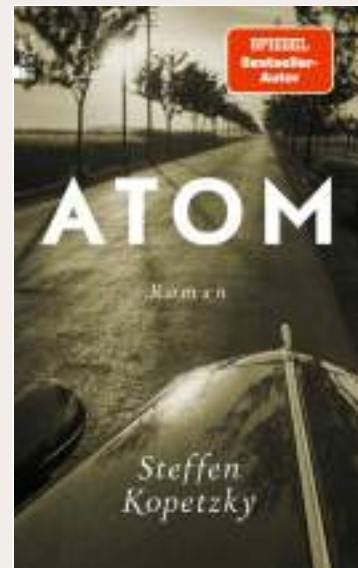
**SPRING & SUMMER 2025**

# FOREIGN RIGHTS FICTION

Steffen Kopetzky

# ATOM

- An espionage story about the atomic bomb and the end of World War II.
- More than 220,000 copies sold of his novels altogether.
- *Risiko* was nominated for the German Book Prize.
- Rights to *Damenopfer* were sold to Hungary (Scolar).
- English sample translation available soon.



March 2025 · 416 pages

**Steffen Kopetzky**, born in 1971, is the author of novels, stories, radio plays and theatre plays. His novel *Risiko* (2015) was on the *Spiegel* bestseller list for months and was nominated for the German Book Prize, while *Propaganda* (2019) was nominated for the Bavarian Book Prize. From 2002 to 2008, Kopetzky was the artistic director of the Theatre Biennale Bonn. He lives in his hometown Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm with his family.

## A tale of a spy, a dangerous technology, and love in the nuclear age.

London at the start of World War II. Simon Batley wants nothing more to do with British intelligence. Years earlier, as a physics student in Berlin, he worked undercover for them, leading to a catastrophe he never understood and the abrupt end of his love for his classmate Hedi von Treyden.

But the war changes everything. Agent Batley uncovers a new German weapon of unprecedented destructive power. Soon, guided by Niels Bohr and Rudolf Hess, he travels to the Third Reich to track down the enigmatic Hans Kammler, the planner of Mittelbau-Dora and one of the most powerful Nazis, who controls the German secret weapon program.

While trying to acquire German uranium before the Soviets and Americans do, Batley also pursues a personal mission: to find Hedi, uncover what happened in Berlin, and atone for his past.

A story of love and betrayal, the trail of a phantom, and a deadly primal energy: Steffen Kopetzky's thrilling novel about the hunt for nuclear technology and a man caught between guilt, love, and hope.

### Further Titles



Sergej Lebedew (Hg.)

## NO! – Voices from Russia Against the War

- A bold anthology showcasing diverse voices for a different Russia.
- On war's moral complexities: guilt, resistance, and the impact of violence.



February 2025 · 384 pages

**Sergej Lebedew**, born in 1981, worked as a journalist after studying geology. His novels explore the Russian past, particularly the Stalin era and its impact on modern Russia. His recent works include the 2021 novel *Das perfekte Gift* and the 2023 short story collection *Titan oder die Gespenster der Vergangenheit*. Lebedew currently lives in Potsdam.

### What does it mean to stay human when your homeland wages a brutal war of hatred and violence?

In this powerful collection, 25 Russian authors say no to the war against Ukraine. They offer a critical look at contemporary Russian culture, exposing societal issues and dangerous developments. These voices represent groups that are now particularly endangered, ostracized, and oppressed, often silenced or driven into exile.

Through a mix of stories, poems, essays, and plays – sometimes playful, sometimes serious – they reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity that once characterized Russia but has now become invisible. The works explore altered daily lives, exile, guilt, and responsibility, providing reflections on moral choices in a time when one's country is aggressively targeting civilian populations – a reality also etched into German history.

Sarah Lorenz

## WITH YOU, I WOULD HAVE COFFEE IN HEAVEN

- A tribute to Mascha Kaléko, an impressive novel celebrating the life-saving power of literature.
- A literary love letter to a great poet and to all the miracles life has to offer.



March 2025 · 224 pages

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**Sarah Lorenz**, born in 1984 in Eckernförde, lives and writes in Hamburg. A trained bookseller, she is currently studying social work. Since 2023, she writes the PMS-Ultras column for *taz*. Online, under the pseudonym Buchi Schnubbel, she puts a small-town's worth of people to bed each evening. *Mit dir, da möchte ich im Himmel Kaffee trinken* is her debut novel.

**“You see, Mascha, I followed your advice: I was wise and believed in miracles.”**

And it is indeed a miracle that Elisa has managed her catastrophic life so far. She shares with the poet Mascha Kaléko, whom she admires, the difficulties she has faced: her time in foster care, being homeless on Cologne's Cathedral Square, always searching for security, which she long found only in books. But she also speaks of her deep longing for love, her fondness for thatched-roof cottages, frothy cappuccinos, books, men, friendship, and, above all, that anything is possible.

*“An incredible debut! The perfect blend of poetry and punk.”* Margarete Stokowski

Lukas Maisel

## HOW A MAN DID NOTHING AND SAVED THE WORLD

- A gripping tale of one man's 1983 decision that averted global disaster.
- Rights to *Tanners Erde* were sold to Italy (Dadò) and The Netherlands (Atlas Contact).



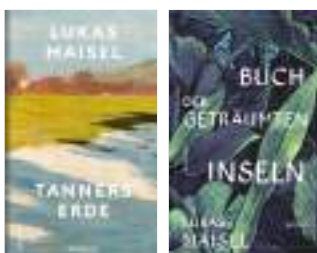
February 2025 · 128 pages

**Lukas Maisel**, born in 1987 in Zurich, trained as a printer. At some point he realized he would rather write than print books and went to Biel to study at the literary institute. For his first novel, *Buch der geträumten Inseln*, he received a grant from the Canton of Aargau, the sponsorship award from the Canton of Solothurn and was awarded the Terra-nova-Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung.

Russia 1983. Stanislaw Petrow leads a quiet life with his wife Raisa and their two children, Jelena and Dimitri. Every day follows the same routine – work, school, mushroom-filled piroshki for dinner. But what "Stasik" does at work is a closely guarded secret. One day, Petrow covers a night shift for an ill colleague and returns forever changed. On that seemingly ordinary evening in 1983, Stanislaw Petrow had to make a decision that could have determined the fate of the world.

Lukas Maisel's new novel plunges us into the Cold War era, where a false alarm in the nuclear defense system nearly triggered World War III. With his uniquely elegant prose, Maisel explores chance and destiny through this hauntingly relevant historical event.

### Further Titles



Barbi Marković

## STEALING, CURSING, PLAYING

- Barbi Marković makes the challenges of daily life and writing seem fresh, different, and vibrant: an exceptional talent.
- Her previous book *Minihorror* (Residenz Verlag) was awarded the Leipzig Book Fair Prize 2024.



May 2025 · 128 pages

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**Barbi Marković**, born in 1980 in Belgrade, studied German Studies and initially worked as an editor. Her debut, *Ausgehen*, was published in 2009 as a translation from Serbo-Croatian. In 2016, her novel *Superheldinnen* was awarded the Adelbert von Chamisso Promotion Prize. For her fourth book, *Minihorror*, Marković received the Leipzig Book Fair Prize in March 2024. She lives in Vienna.

Barbi Marković has turned stealing into a cultural audacity and made it her program. In her new book, she reveals how this came to be and why, despite her open piracy, originality has rarely been denied her.

But it is also about the power and rhythm of a good rant. It is about power dynamics, self-imposed rules, and the balance between objectivity and anger – directed at no one in particular. It is about creating distance to bring the story closer. It is about how texts can end up knowing more than their author and offering insights beyond personal fate. How does that work? This captivating autobiographical essay provides answers.

*"Barbi Marković's books are, for me, the most moving adventure undertaken in German literature." Die Zeit*

*"The pleasure of her witty and seemingly simple sentences, which measure the absurd gap between everyday life and existential conditions, should never end." Jury for the Leipzig Book Fair Prize 2024*

Jacinta Nandi

## SINGLE MOM SUPPER CLUB

- Jacinta Nandi uniquely blends feminism with top-notch British humor.



June 2025 · 256 pages

© Lee Everett Thielert



**Jacinta Nandi**, born in 1980 in East London, is the daughter of a British Indian father and a northern English communist and feminist. She moved to Berlin in 2000 to learn German and has since become a TEFL teacher, single mother, and author. Nandi was a member of "Die Surfpöeten", writes for *Exberliner*, *taz*, and *Missy Magazine*, and founded the PoC artist collective *Parallelgesellschaft*. She is also a columnist for *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and lives in Berlin with her two sons.

Two Brits, two Germans, four single parents, and one major culture clash: Kayla, Tamara, Anja, and Nanna are friends who criticize and support each other with equal fervor. In sharply humorous episodes, we follow these women and their children through their everyday lives, from a kids' birthday party with cocaine in the family bathroom to a parents' evening with a crush on the new teacher.

Jacinta Nandi's debut novel, *Single Mom Supper Club*, offers a very British, zeitgeisty, and hilarious look at life, the bureaucratic hurdles for single parents, and finding comfort in the most unlikely places.

Steffen Schroeder

## ETERNAL DANCE

- Discover the dazzling 20s: an era of avant-garde, expressionism, love, and dance!
- More than 30,000 copies sold of *Planck oder als das Licht seine Leichtigkeit verlor!*



March 2025 · 304 pages

**Steffen Schroeder** was born in Munich in 1974. After training as an actor, he joined the ensemble of Vienna's Burg Theater before moving to the Berlin Ensemble. He has played many TV roles, appearing on several shows as well as playing film roles in movies. His book *Was alles in einem Menschen sein kann. Begegnung mit einem Mörder* (2017) received widespread attention. His debut novel *Mein Sommer mit Anja* was published in 2020, followed by *Planck oder Als das Licht seine Leichtigkeit verlor* in 2022. Steffen Schroeder lives with his family in Potsdam.

### **Life as a dance – Steffen Schroeder's captivating novel about the beautiful and scandalous artist Anita Berber.**

Summer 1928: Anita Berber lies weakened in a Berlin hospital. Once a star who embodied the new era on stage and in countless films, she lived and loved extravagantly – until a scandal in Vienna revealed a dark future. Anita reflects on her beloved grandmother Lu, who raised her, her path to divine dance, the great Fritz Lang, and the ambitious yet less talented Leni Riefenstahl. As friends like Otto Dix, who painted her, visit, Anita searches for the crucial misstep on her journey. She aimed to elevate dance to an art form and a celebration of life, but others only saw scandal. Her thoughts also revolve around her great lost love and her father, Felix Berber, the famous violinist – whom she has missed all her life. After World War I, everything solid seems to waver, and the world is both unexpectedly free and dangerous.

Steffen Schroeder tells the captivating story of Anita Berber's life, capturing the essence of an era marked by self-determination, immense freedom, and risk – a compelling panorama with a fiery heroine.

### Further Titles

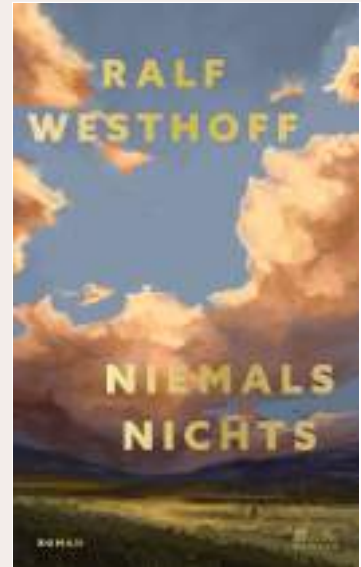




Ralf Westhoff

## NEVER ANYTHING

- A timeless and sensitive tale of a rural world and a young couple reclaiming their fate.



March 2025 · 224 pages

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**Ralf Westhoff**, born in 1969 in Munich, is a director and screenwriter. His films *Shoppen* and *Wir sind die Neuen* were big hits, each attracting over a million viewers. He has won the Bavarian Film Award for his screenplays and has been nominated for the German Film Award several times. *Niemals Nichts* is his first novel. Ralf Westhoff lives in Munich.

### Love, a rural world, and the fateful power of knowledge – Ralf Westhoff's vibrant and intense debut novel.

At the beginning of the 19th century, two farms in the middle of nowhere. Lisa and Maximilian marry, knowing each other like siblings, with Lisa being the only one who understands Maximilian's speech impediment. It is a marriage of necessity. Farmer Andres has disappeared, having mortgaged the farm for a passage to the New World and leaving Maximilian with massive debts. The young couple risks losing everything.

But Lisa awakens a fighting spirit. She sets off alone for the city and soon uncovers years of exploitation by grain merchants. The couple realizes they must question everything and learn to manage the farm anew to save it. As they take control of their fate, their love grows. Meanwhile, Andres continues his adventurous journey to America, struggling through unfamiliar lands as he comes to terms with the mess he has made.

A novel that, with great intensity, explores the power of knowledge and blends an archaic agrarian life with the story of an unusual love and self-liberation.

Anne Barns

## THE ISLAND WOMEN: Scent of Cake and Sea (Vol. I)

- A heartwarming island fresh start with family secrets and the flavors of vanilla, cinnamon, and the sea.
- Bestselling author Anne Barns stands for feel-good novels, soft and warm like a favourite blanket, tender love stories, family, feeling safe, culinary delight and lots of coastal flair.



March 2025 · 368 pages



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**Anne Barns**, the pseudonym of Andrea Russo, left her teaching career to follow her passion for writing. Her bestselling feel-good novels, including *Apfelkuchen am Meer*, are set in charming coastal locales. She often retreats to places like Amrum and Rügen to recharge and find inspiration for her stories.

### Sea, baking, and a big dose of longing and new beginnings.

A house on Amrum, a gift from Grandma Undine? Maren can hardly believe her luck. Since her partner passed away four years ago, life has been tough for the single mother. Now, unexpected opportunities arise. With her six-year-old daughter, Maren travels to the charming North Sea island. The thatched cottage behind the dunes instantly captivates them. Discovering a beautiful, dusty baking table in the garden shed fills their senses with the aroma of vanilla and butter. But then, Grandma's brother Ocke makes it clear they are not welcome on Amrum. Maren is determined to uncover the secrets of the past: Why did Undine leave the island so abruptly and never return? In her quest for answers, Maren meets not only her new relatives but also the islander Mattes. Could the island be a fresh start – for her daughter, for herself, and for her heart, which opens with every breath and every view of the water and horizon?

Valerie Jakob

## DON'T ASK ABOUT AGNES

- A moving story of three generations of women and the impact of inherited trauma since World War II.
- Engaging, well-researched, and emotionally powerful.



March 2025 · 416 pages

**Valerie Jakob** is the pseudonym of one of the most successful translators of novels from English and French. In her works, she shares thoughtful and touching stories of how personal lives are connected to the flow of history.

### Three women, three generations – one trauma.

Lilo, a young goldsmith, has always had a strained relationship with her mother, Monika, and knows almost nothing about their family's past. But when a mysterious letter surfaces, revealing a connection to her grandmother Agnes, Lilo begins asking questions. The tension between mother and daughter quickly escalates, and Monika finally bursts out, "Your grandmother destroyed my life!" Stunned by this revelation, Lilo becomes determined to uncover the truth. She soon discovers that Agnes had been imprisoned after the war – her own grandmother, a convicted murderer. But then Lilo uncovers a truth that changes everything.

After years of waiting, Agnes was hopeful when her husband, Walter, returned from war. But he was no longer the man she remembered. Tormented by nightmares and distant, he became cold and controlling. Agnes found comfort in her work at the French occupation administration, where she met Etienne Montard, who brought joy back into her life. But after the birth of their daughter, Monika, she slipped into isolation again. When one of Walter's former comrades visited, Agnes overheard something that made her question his war record. Could Walter have been involved in atrocities? Fearful and desperate, Agnes struggled to escape the truth.

### Further Titles



Stefan Kuhlmann

## DETOUR TO SUMMER

- Heartwarming summer road trip with humor and adventure.
- A book like fries by the sea. A story as big as summer.
- Rights to his previous novel *Herr Winter taut auf* were sold to Korea (Mindbuilding).



May 2025 · 320 pages

**Stefan Kuhlmann** grew up in northern Germany and now lives as a freelance author in Berlin, where he writes mainly for film and television. He has written scripts for over 50 feature films and episodes of various series. *Umweg zum Sommer* is his second novel.

### One coast down, always along the sea.

For Martin, 49, a worn-out musician and one-hit wonder from 20 years ago, the route is set: his goal is a music festival in Portugal, his big chance at a comeback. When his sister asks him to watch her son Karl while she undergoes rehab, Martin's answer is clear: no. He cannot deal with a 12-year-old right now. He sends the boy to stay with Grandma and sets off in his old station wagon, heading south. But soon after he hits the road, a stowaway makes himself known: Karl is determined to join him on the journey to Portugal.

The unlikely travel companions – Martin, the man-child, and Karl, who is much too grown-up for his age – set off on an adventure-filled journey. They will help refugees, commit petty theft, and perform as street musicians. And Karl will experience his first love, in the glow of a summer that changes everything.

### Further Titles



Sarah Martens

## FOREVER BY YOUR SIDE – A Heart on Four Paws

- A heartwarming love story set in Scotland.
- Touching, uplifting, and filled with humor.



April 2025 · 416 pages

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**Sarah Martens**, born in 1978, completed a traineeship after her studies and worked as a newspaper editor in various media. For several years, she was part of the research team at *Stern* in Düsseldorf. She now works as a foreign correspondent. She has published two crime novels under a pseudonym and lives in Italy with her family, married to a police officer.

Emma and Daniel are living their great love and planning to marry next summer. But Daniel begins to suffer from back pain and is eventually diagnosed with cancer. Instead of planning the wedding, Emma starts the new year with Daniel's funeral. The loss is unbearable, and Emma withdraws into her grief. On her birthday, she receives an unusual gift: a small stuffed dog with "Sam" written on its triangular scarf. This was Daniel's idea. He had made arrangements so Emma would not lose all joy in life after his death. At a local animal shelter, a mixed-breed terrier named Sam is waiting for her. Initially, Emma is not thrilled, but Sam will not let her hide away. Their walks become longer, and visits to the dog school more frequent. When Sam gets injured in the woods, Emma gets to know the local vet, Benjamin, who is charming, empathetic, and great with Sam. Emma starts to wonder if there might also be healing for the deep wounds in her heart.

Janne Mommsen

## LIGHT IN THE WAVES

- A Friesian woman, raised with the tides, unshaken by the city that never sleeps.
- Bestselling author Mommsen explores how we find the courage to follow our own path.



April 2025 · 400 pages

**Janne Mommsen** was born on the Baltic Sea coast. Before becoming a writer he was a nurse, a shipyard worker and a pianist on a cruise ship. Now he mostly writes novels, scripts and plays. He lived in northern Frisia and often returns to take in the invigorating coastal atmosphere.

### **From the tides of life to the streets of New York: a journey across seas and generations.**

On the island of Föhr, everyone knows Inge Martensen, who is almost 100 years old. Her milestone birthday is set to be celebrated with full honors. But just before the big event, to everyone's surprise, Inge takes off. Along with her great-granddaughter Swantje, she boards a ship bound for New York: she wants to see the Statue of Liberty one more time, just as she did as a young girl when she emigrated all alone in the early 1950s. At that time, life seemed already mapped out for the farmer's daughter from Föhr. Never would she have dreamed that she would one day dance on the 40th floor of a skyscraper overlooking the Hudson, conquer Manhattan with German home cooking, and host John F. Kennedy at a yacht club on Long Island.

During the voyage to New York, Inge shares with her great-granddaughter Swantje the story of her colorful life between continents, between worlds that could not be more different. She also speaks of what truly defines a life lived: the courage to make decisions, but also the regrets about what could have been. With this journey, she hopes to help Swantje find her own path, and finally come to terms with what she has always kept to herself. Because no life comes without secrets ...

### Further Titles



Tamar Noort

## THE SLEEP OF OTHERS

- The story of two women fighting to give their lives their own rhythm.
- 30,000 copies sold of *Die Ewigkeit ist ein guter Ort*!



June 2025 · 304 pages

**Tamar Noort** was born in Göttingen in 1976 and grew up in the Netherlands. She studied art and media sciences, as well as English in Oldenburg and Newcastle upon Tyne and completed the Masterclass in Non-Fiction at the International Film School in Cologne. She has been making documentaries for ZDF, Arte and 3sat since 2009, with a focus on science. She won the Hamburg Literature Prize in 2019 for an excerpt of her debut novel *Die Ewigkeit ist ein guter Ort*. She was a scholarship holder in the Writers' Room Hamburg and in the Artist Residence Worpswede. Tamar Noort lives near Lüneburg.

**A novel about time, friendship, and inner balance.**

Janis works the night shift in a sleep lab, observing strangers as they sleep. Her own life lacks structure and connection, but meeting Sina, a teacher with a seemingly perfect routine, sparks Janis's longing for change. When Sina's sleep issues lead her to Janis's lab, she finds temporary relief from her life's pressures. However, as Sina struggles with her crumbling world, Janis becomes her anchor. Through their growing friendship, both women discover the value of finding their own rhythm in life.

### Further Titles



David Safier

## LOVE IN SEARCH FOR A ROOM

- A dramatic love story from the Warsaw Ghetto between three young actors.
- A tribute to the power of laughter in the face of death.
- Based on a rare discovery of Jewish plays from that time.
- More than 5,5 million copies of David Safier's novels were sold in Germany and 1,2 million copies internationally!



May 2025 · 320 pages

**David Safier** was born in 1966, and is one of today's most successful authors and screenwriters. His books *Mieses Karma*, *Plötzlich Shakespeare*, *Happy Family*, *MUH!* and *28 Tage lang* sold millions. His books are also bestsellers in markets outside Germany. He won both the International Emmy and the Grimme Prize for his screenplay for the TV series "Berlin, Berlin". He lives and works in Bremen, is married and has two children and a dog.

### Three young actors and a life-or-death decision.

In the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942, music, laughter, and applause emanate from a small side street. A theater piece, a light-hearted musical comedy called *Die Liebe sucht ein Zimmer*, is premiering. Young actress Sara nervously awaits her turn, her eyes shining as she watches her beloved Edmund captivate the audience and momentarily make their suffering disappear. Suddenly, Michal, the theater's director and her former lover, approaches her with a tempting offer: he will escape the ghetto after the performance and promises her a ticket to freedom. He wants to save her from the Nazis, typhus, and starvation. But escaping with him would mean leaving Edmund behind, perhaps forever. Sara must choose between love and survival. She has only the ninety minutes of the show, amidst a tense atmosphere intensified by a trigger-happy SS soldier causing terror in the theater.

### Further Titles





Teresa Simon

## CYPRESS SUMMER

- More than 650,000 copies sold of bestselling author's Teresa Simon emotional historical novels.
- A sweeping German-Italian family saga set in Tuscany, weaving through two eras.



May 2025 · 448 pages



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**Teresa Simon** is the pseudonym of the historian and author Brigitte Riebe. She is intrigued by unusual fates and continually draws inspiration from historical events and atmospheric settings. *The Spiegel* bestselling author is known for her intensely researched and gripping novels that evoke deep emotions. Her books *Die Frauen der Rosenvilla*, *Die Hollunderschwester*, and *Die Oleanderfrauen* all became bestsellers. Her latest work is the two-part series *Die Reporterin*.

**"He missed the light of his homeland, the buzz of bees, the green gold of olive oil, fruity and lightly bitter on the tongue, a taste of a hundred summers. Warm sun on the skin. Vito's infectious laughter."**

As evening falls, the sky over the Tuscan Chianti valley turns golden. The cicadas begin their song until the sun starts to set, and everything becomes still. Sometimes the moon rises among the cypress trees, holding onto the last light. When Hamburg goldsmith Julia Matthiesen, in her late twenties, first visits the picturesque village of Lucignano, she is captivated by the magic of the landscape. Her recently deceased grandfather was from here, and his family has always grown olives, but he never returned to his homeland and remained silent about what had happened.

Julia follows her grandfather's footsteps, aided by the attractive Italian Matteo Conti. They hear about a woman known as the "Black Owl" during their search. The story takes them back to the 1940s, the era of the "Resistenza", when Italian partisans hid in the mountains and fought against the fascists. It leads to two brothers, olive growers Vito and Gianni, and a tragic love story ...

*"Teresa Simon is a master at creating well-researched and gripping historical stories." Für Sie*

Anette Strohmeier

## THE WOMAN AND THE FJORD

- A geologist rediscovers life in Norway's stunning Lofoten Islands.
- The vivid setting captures the raw beauty of the fjords.



April 2025 · 368 pages



**Anette Strohmeier**, born in 1975 in Göttingen, spent several years in Copenhagen and now lives on the Danish island of Møn, where she writes novels, crime stories, and radio plays with a view of the sea. Specializing in Scandinavian literature, she incorporates her experiences from Denmark and other Nordic countries into her books. She has also participated in various Writers' Rooms, where she collaborated with other authors on developing TV series ideas and concepts.

### A lonely fjord, a life attuned to the rhythm of the tides.

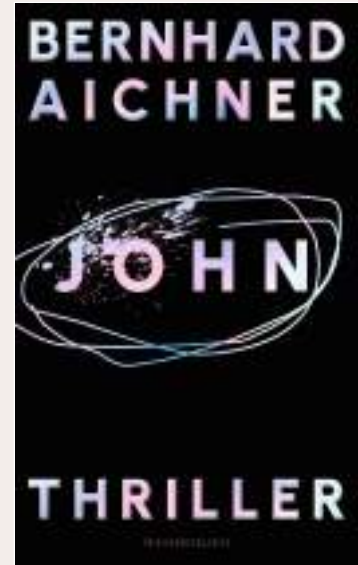
A small wooden house with a view of the fjord, mountains behind it, and a dock with a little boat in front. This is all Gro Kristjánsdóttir needs for her fresh start on Norway's Lofoten Islands. After making a career in the oil industry, renowned for her exceptional ability to read nature and discover oil deposits, everything changes with the unexpected death of her husband Nicklas. The harsh, unforgiving nature of the Arctic Circle becomes a backdrop for Gro as she learns to love her new life by the fjord, embracing the icy winters and bright summer nights, the countless shades of blue, and the golden light that makes the mountains shine. As she wanders the area or watches an eagle while fishing, she gradually finds her way back to life.

One stormy evening, a distress call over the radio shatters her solitude. Fisherman Jens has wrecked on the rocks. As Gro nurses him back to health, she is surprised to find that this stranger rekindles her sense of connection. Later, she discovers two former colleagues in the area scouting for oil fields. Suddenly, the fjord, which has become Gro's home, is in danger.

Bernhard Aichner

## JOHN (Vol. II)

- Vol. II in the bestselling revenge series: Yoko returns, more relentless than ever!
- 40,000 copies sold of *Yoko* (Vol. I).
- 1 MIO copies sold of his thrillers altogether!
- His thriller *Totenfrau* was adapted into a Netflix series.
- English sample translation will be available soon.



June 2025 · 352 pages

**Bernhard Aichner**, born in 1972, lives in Innsbruck and Southern Burgenland. Following his studies in German literature, he worked as a photojournalist and subsequently as a commercial photographer for fourteen years. He has written several radio plays and novels, achieving international acclaim as an author in 2014 with his thriller *Totenfrau*. His books have been translated into 16 languages, and the *Totenfrau* trilogy has been adapted into a series by Netflix. With more than one million copies sold, Aichner is one of the most successful German-language thriller authors. *The Times* describes his work as "original, powerful and gripping". In addition to his novels, Aichner writes plays, organizes Austria's largest crime fiction festival, and is also successful as a visual artist.

### From Yoko to John: until the past returns to hunt her.

Yoko, a wanted murderer on the run, lives under a new identity as John on a small Greek island. Working in a restaurant high above the sea, she has found friends and peace. Yoko is her past, John is her future. In addition to working at the taverna, John takes care of Ingrid's estate, a wealthy woman who only spends summers on the island. He tends the garden and enjoys the tranquility and favor of his employer. But while John feels safe, Yoko is still being hunted in Germany. A television program revisits the "Yoko Case", uncovering new evidence and reopening her file. As John's past is exposed, the hunt begins.

### Press about *Yoko*:

*„A masterfully arranged, incredibly suspenseful, highly elegant and extremely concentrated thriller.“ (WDR 5)*

*„The way Aichner lets this young woman grow, how he lets her overcome fear and find coolness, is simply really good.“ (NDR Kultur)*

*“Yoko is a merciless, thrilling novel that requires nerves of steel and a good stomach. In short: just the thing for fans of hard thrillers.“ (Die Presse am Sonntag)*

### Further Titles



Hedda Anders

## DEAD OVER THE FENCE – An Elbe Mystery

- Hamburg detective meets quirky village life: Hedda Anders' feel-good crime debut!



March 2025 · 256 pages



**Hedda Anders** was born in Bremen in 1979 and has lived in Hamburg since 2008, where she makes a living enforcing grammar rules and hunting for misplaced apostrophes. When she is not stopped, she also writes, recently focusing on crime novels. In her series featuring Wencke Dierksen, she draws on her rural past and her love for sharp-witted dialogue. Hedda Anders is a pseudonym.

**A detective in her childhood village. An alpaca in the kitchen. And a murder case with a dachshund as the only witness.**

Detective Wencke Dierksen has retired to the peaceful village of Sorum, living on her uncle's farm with her quirky alpaca, Christopher. She is ready for a new chapter until her former colleague Theo Kleist asks for her help. A crime has been accidentally filmed by Theo's dachshund, Bootsmann, capturing a lifeless hand and suggesting a possible murder. Although Wencke has sworn off police work, she is drawn back into the investigation. Known by everyone in Sorum, she dives into the case, uncovering startling secrets amidst quirky local legends and suspicious organic produce.

Hubertus Borck

## THE GOOD DEED (Vol. IV)

- More than 70,000 copies sold of Vol. I–III!
- A chilling thriller: Are good deeds a death sentence?
- High-stakes suspense with an unforgettable investigator duo.



May 2025 · 416 pages

**Hubertus Borck**, born in Lübeck in 1967, was the creative head of the Hamburg music-cabaret duo Bo Doerek. Today he works as a successful theatre and screenwriter. Hubertus Borck lives in Hamburg.

### **Do good, and you will be punished.**

In Hamburg, the body of a woman missing for weeks is recovered from the Elbe. It is clear she was murdered, not a victim of natural causes. Detectives Franka Erdmann and Alpay Eoğlu uncover a pattern: all the victims were volunteers. Is someone targeting people who do good? As another body surfaces in the harbor, a man confesses his grisly crimes to a priest, revealing that the killing is not over. Can Franka and Alpay stop the murder spree?

*"An incredibly fast-paced thriller that truly gets under your skin." Münchner Merkur on Das Profil*

### Further Titles



Vera Buck

## DARK SUMMER – Only One Knows What Happened That Night

- A top-notch thriller: The gripping new page-turner by bestselling author Vera Buck.
- With her usual skill for atmospheric suspense, the author takes us to Sardinia this time.
- 70,000 copies sold of her previous thrillers *Wolfskinder* and *Das Baumhaus*.
- Rights to *Wolfskinder* were sold to 5 countries.
- English sample translation will be available soon.



May 2025 · 400 pages

**Rights sold to:** France – Gallmeister

**Vera Buck** was born in North Rhine-Westphalia, and studied journalism, European literature and scriptwriting in Europe and Hawaii. Her debut novel *Runa* and her first thriller *Wolfskinder* were both nominated for the Friedrich Glauser Prize. Her book *Das Baumhaus* reached the bestseller list and is up for a Crime Cologne award. Now living in Switzerland, Vera Buck draws inspiration for her thrillers from her exciting adventures.

### A house in an old ghost village in Italy, a dream that turns into a nightmare ...

A house in Italy for one euro: For German architect Tilda, the dilapidated villa in Sardinia seems like a stroke of luck. She decides to leave everything behind and dive into the renovation. However, the quaint village's charm is deceptive. Is the ghost town really as deserted as it seems? On Sundays, the bells ring, and strangers claim that a curse is on her house. Teaming up with journalist Enzo, who is researching the village's history, Tilda seeks to uncover the truth. The only resident who knows more is the old man Silvio, but he remains tight-lipped. When Tilda's younger brother Nino unexpectedly shows up at her door, she reluctantly lets him stay, bringing with him memories she desperately wants to forget. Then Nino mysteriously disappears. Driven by the desperate search for him, Tilda and Enzo uncover a truth in the island's rugged hinterlands that is darker than any ghost story – and closely tied to Tilda's own past.

### Further Titles



Ines Calic

# INSPECTOR IVA MARKULIN AND THE SHADOWS OVER THE ADRIATIC (VOL. I)

- The gripping debut of a new atmospheric crime series.
- With a fresh setting in paradise-like Istria, blending suspense, culture, and cuisine.



April 2025 · 400 pages



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**Ines Calic** is a jurist and crime author. Born in Berlin, she studied law in Salzburg and completed her PhD with research at the Institute for European Legal History. She now works at a Salzburg law firm and writes successful crime novels. Calic is a Roundtable member of the International Thriller Writers and a member of the English Crime Writers' Association.

## Meet Iva Markulin: a fearless prosecutor, single mother, and the Mafia's worst nightmare.

Iva Markulin, a former prosecutor in Zagreb, quits her job after her husband is killed in an assassination. She moves with her young son Matteo to her grandfather's olive farm, Terra Rossa, in Istria. Surrounded by scenic towns, turquoise beaches, and delicious food, she finds solace in her homeland. But she does not rest for long. Determined to find her husband's killers, Iva forms a special task force. As a well-known "Mafia hunter", she soon encounters powerful figures and uncovers a brotherhood, the "bratstvo", shielding its corrupt members. Despite threats, Iva presses on, seeking justice, not revenge.

Christiane Franke, Cornelia Kuhnert

# BRITTLE SPRATS SWIM POORLY – An East Frisian Mystery

- A thrilling mystery set in a senior residence, full of secrets, rivalries, and unexpected twists.
- Keeps you guessing until the very end!



February 2025 · 272 pages

**Christiane Franke** enjoys living on the North Sea coast. In addition to her work as a writer and editor, she works as a lecturer for creative writing.

**Cornelia Kuhnert** lives in Hannover and worked there as a teacher. She has published numerous crime novels and anthologies.

A peaceful retirement? Not quite! As soon as the residents move into the brand-new Beninga Senior Residence, a body is found in the pond. With an accident ruled out, the Wittmund police must find out who wanted the successful entrepreneur Erich Beninga's young wife dead. Her much older husband had a motive. Rumor has it she had an affair. But she also made many enemies, including local policeman Rudi Bakker, postman Henner, and teacher Rosa. Adding to the complications, Rudi's ex-wife Denise is involved. The trio begins their own investigation, uncovering plenty of conflicts in the senior residence. It does not take long to find a second body.

*"Murders in the North: thrilling, witty, and above all, told with a lot of heart." WDR 5*

## Further Titles





Susanne Kaiser

## RIOT GIRL – A Case for Obalski (Vol. I)

- The beginning of an explosive new series.
- A contemporary crime novel about male violence: fast-paced, modern, and told from a female perspective.



April 2025 · 416 pages



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**Susanne Kaiser**, born in 1980 in Berlin, is a journalist and author known for her work with *Die Zeit*, *Der Spiegel*, and *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*. She appears as an expert on various media channels and has spent two decades studying gender power dynamics in different societies. Her book *Backlash: Die neue Gewalt gegen Frauen* was published in 2023, and her debut novel is *Riot Girl*. She lives in Munich with her family.

### **Empathetic, smart, and unconventional: Investigator Obalski makes a unique debut on the crime stage.**

When a young protest movement shakes Germany with dangerous actions, LKA investigator Obalski is assigned to infiltrate the Munich Youth Welfare Office. Her task is to secretly gather information about the movement's methods and goals. Obalski seems perfect for the job, given her special ability to read people and their behaviors. Soon, the empathetic forensic expert gains the trust of her charges and encounters a young woman with rune-shaped scars on her arm. It becomes clear to Obalski that this case involves much more than protesting teenagers – it is about violent extremisms. Obalski faces a dilemma: Who is the perpetrator and who is the victim? And how far are the activists willing to go? Then a body is recovered from the Isar Canal ...

Waldi Lehnertz

## MURDER AT APPRAISAL – An Antique Mystery (Vol. II)

- An entertaining cozy mystery with a charming protagonist and antiques expertise.



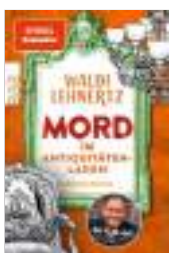
April 2025 · 304 pages

**Waldi Lehnertz**, born in 1967 in Prüm, has become a cult figure, much like the popular tv show "Bares für Rares" in which he has been an antique dealer since the first episode. When he is not in front of the camera for the show, this trained horseman runs an antique shop in the Eifel region. Here, he welcomes busloads of fans and entertains guests at the antique café with anecdotes from his life as an antique dealer. Some of these stories may have inspired this crime novel. If he has any spare time, he enjoys fishing or creating his own artworks.

**Miriam Rademacher**, born in 1973, grew up on a small Baroque castle in Emsland. She now lives with her family in Osnabrück, where she writes books and teaches dance. She has published numerous fantasy novels, crime stories, and children's books with various publishers.

On appraisal day at Siggis antique store, a crowd gathers. Amid the chaos, Siggis makes a horrifying discovery: a body on his property. Again. It is nearly impossible to drown in the replica Roman Trevi Fountain. Someone must have pushed the man under the water. Siggis fears the worst: was the murder attempt meant for him? The victim, with a similar build and wearing the same baseball cap, looks just like him. Or could it be related to the suitcase full of junk he just bought from the man?

### Further Titles



Daniele Palu

## MARCONI AND THE MISSING WATT PROTECTOR (Vol. II)

- Cozy crime meets culture clash: the second case for Massimo Marconi, the Italian in the North.



April 2025 · 368 pages

**Daniele Palu** writes as a journalist for many prominent magazines and periodicals, and serves as the head writer for the True-Crime podcast "Hollywood Crime", narrated by television host Steven Gätjen. He has already published two crime novels with Emons: *Tod im Alten Land* and *Mord zur Apfelblüte*. Both received extensive media coverage thanks to the author's wide reach and connections. In the summer of 2023, Daniele Palu was a writer in residence in Otterndorf, where he found the northern region's peculiarities intriguing, much like his detective character.

On a June night, environmentalist Piet Lorenzen disappears. The initial suspicion links his vanishing to the controversial oil drilling platform "Mittelplate A" which many locals in St. Peter-Ording despise. However, this is not the only lead that Marconi and his team – once again working independently – are following. Rumors suggest Lorenzen was about to inherit a lucrative property for which a real estate shark had offered him a fortune. And what about the argument with his pregnant girlfriend the night before he vanished?

Marconi is also dealing with personal chaos. His niece Klara is infatuated with Marconi's arch-enemy Fabian Holthausen from the environmental organization GreenPlanet. Amid trying to be a good surrogate father, cooking "Labskausagne" (a mixture of the north German dish labskaus and the Italian lasagne) with the kids, and facing challenges with the youth welfare office, Marconi must also contend with this tangled case. When a body is discovered, covered in oil and scattered with seagull feathers, the evidence in Lorenzen's case converges into an unexpected tragedy.

### Further Titles



Sabine Steck

## MURDER BY RECIPE – Emma Ferrari's Second Case (Vol. II)

- Italian cuisine meets Bavarian coziness in this charming cozy crime, perfect for comfort and enjoyment.



June 2025 · 352 pages

**Sabine Steck**, born in Germany, took a different path as an entrepreneur before deciding to pursue her passion for writing full-time. She now lives in Northern Italy, where she runs a writing retreat and incorporates her love for Italian cuisine into her crime novels featuring Emma Ferrari, which sometimes also include settings in Bavaria.

### **A cooking contest, a noble finalist, and a murder in the jury.**

A cooking competition in the quaint village of Himmelsricht creates a stir with glamorous names on menu cards and tempting aromas in the air. Emma Ferrari, who runs a gourmet shop in town, is excited to support her friend Konstanze von Hohenfels, who is in the finals. But when Konstanze's eccentric 92-year-old mother, Isadora, collapses face-first into her risotto and dies, shock waves hit the village. Emma starts her own investigation, and soon Detective Gieseking arrives to uncover that Isadora was poisoned. As Emma digs deeper, she discovers a web of secrets and motives from those who might have wanted the noblewoman dead.

### Further Titles



Sophie Tammen

## BUNK GRAVE: Mrs. Scholle's Murder Instinct (Vol. II)

- The second volume in bestselling author Sophie Tammen's coastal mystery series!
- Brimming with charm and intrigue.



April 2025 · 320 pages

**Sophie Tammen** is the pseudonym of a bestselling author Anne Barns whose successful novels (e.g. "Apfelkuchen am Meer") often take place on the German coast. Even in her cozy mysteries featuring Mrs. Scholle, you can feel the fresh sea breeze and the sand under your feet. Whenever the author needs a break, she travels to Amrum. She has lived there for an extended period and has truly taken the island and its people to her heart.

### Sea breezes, coastal charm, and guaranteed comfort.

Police secretary Gabriele Scholle and her dog Dolores are on summer vacation on the North Frisian island of Amrum. To learn more about the island's history, Gaby visits the Öömrang Hüs museum in Nebel. She finds it odd that a very lifelike female mannequin is sitting in a much-too-short alcove bed. Upon closer inspection, she realizes it is a dead body! The woman is dressed in traditional Frisian festive attire and holding a bouquet of flowers. Gaby contacts Captain Frerk Behrendsen, who knows the island and its secrets like no other. Why is the deceased journalist Greta Jansen wearing clothes from Sylt, not Amrum? Does it relate to her research on the traditional feuds between the Frisian islands? Had she uncovered something that needed to stay hidden? Gaby Scholle and Captain Behrendsen start their investigation.

### Further Titles



Andreas Winkelmann

## YOU WILL NOT FIND HER

- Number-one bestseller author Andreas Winkelmann at his best!
- A thriller where nothing is as it seems, diving deep into his protagonists' dark depths to uncover a shocking truth.
- 1,4 million copies sold of his thrillers by Rowohlt altogether!



June 2025 · 384 pages

**Andreas Winkelmann**, born 1968 in Lower Saxony, is married and has one daughter. He lives with his family in a lonely house on the edge of the forest near Bremen. When he is not diving into the depths of the human soul, he crosses the Alps on foot, climbs the highest mountains or fishes and hunts with a bow and arrow in the Canadian wilderness. He believes, "border experiences expand the horizon".

**A girl goes missing. Her father holds a suspect accountable. Seven years later, a life filled with too many unanswered questions. And a young woman, the only one who knows what really happened back then – but she has vanished without a trace.**

Jonas was once a police officer until he killed a suspect in connection with his daughter's disappearance. Franka is a private investigator with a talent for tracking digital footprints, currently searching for a missing person. Her investigation uncovers ties to an old case – that of Jonas's daughter, who was never found. Franka's first suspect: Jonas. But soon, the two begin working together, as the missing person seems to know something about what really happened back then

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### Further Titles



Axel S. Meyer

## LORDS OF THE SEA

- A thrilling and richly detailed adventure and seafaring novel.
- Meet the legendary privateer Paul Beneke, who terrorized the North and Baltic Seas during the Hanseatic-English War.



March 2025 · 480 pages

**Axel S. Meyer**, born in Braunschweig in 1968, studied German Language and Literature, and History. He lives in Rostock, where he works as a reporter and editor for the *Ostsee-Zeitung*. He has already published several historical novels with the Rowohlt publishing house, including a successful series about Hakon, the Viking, and most recently *Der Mann, der die Welt ordnete* about the Swedish naturalist Carl von Linné.

Northern Europe, 1471. Amidst a fierce naval war between the Hanseatic League and England for control of the North Sea, young merchant Till Landers from Wismar joins the crew of the "Mariendrake", a privateer ship captained by the legendary Paul Beneke. Landers soon discovers that Beneke is driven by dark demons. Since losing his great love Margreta, Beneke has become a broken man, blaming Margreta's father, Danzig merchant Bernt Pawest, for her mysterious death. Now, Pawest commands the "Peter von Danzig", the largest warship of its time, heading to the North Sea to secure victory for the Hanse. Using cunning, Beneke seizes control of the "Peter von Danzig" and captures a legendary treasure in a spectacular naval battle: the "Last Judgment" triptych, commissioned by the Florentine Medici family. This invaluable painting also brings Beneke closer to unraveling the mystery of Margreta's fate.

### Further Titles



Michael Römling

# TANKRED: Banner and Storm (Vol. V)

- The popular series featuring the brave and learned Tankred: Power struggles, clashing swords, and history come alive.



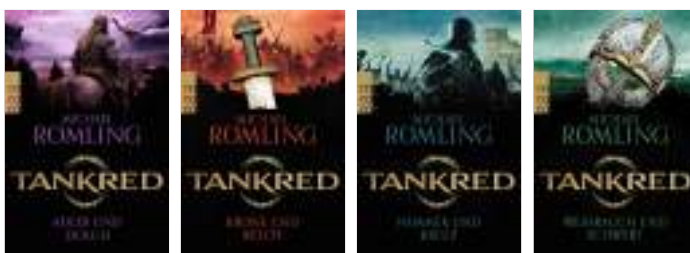
May 2025 · 448 pages

**Michael Römling** was born in Soest in 1973. He studied history in Göttingen, Besançon and Rome. After completing his PhD, he founded a publishing company, and wrote many history books and historical novels for young readers.

## The Danes are besieging Paris. Can Tankred save the city and the life of his loyal friend?

Autumn 885: Danish warlord Siegfried has gathered the exiled Danes from Friesland and is ravaging the French coast, heading west. As he sails into the Seine estuary, overrunning fortress after fortress, it becomes clear: he intends to plunder Paris. Count Odo, who is leading the defense, calls on Tankred for help. The experienced fighter and strategist arrives with his Danish lover Alva just in time, before Siegfried can blockade the entrances to the city on the Seine island. As the Danes assault the walls with increasing force and the situation grows more desperate, they discover a traitor within the city walls who intends to hand Paris over to the enemy. Suspicion falls on Alva. Tankred now fights on three fronts: he must repel the Danes, save Alva, and unmask the enemy within their own ranks.

### Further Titles





Renate Bergmann

# YOU ARE LUCKY TO HAVE ME – Online Granny Runs for Office

- How high can cemetery fees be? Who has the most beautiful balcony box? Local politics has never been more entertaining than with the famous online grandma.



July 2025 · 240 pages

**Renate Bergmann** lives in Berlin. She helped clear bombing debris after WWII, worked for the East German state railway, is a household professional and a four-time widow. In 2013, she took to Twitter and began microblogging about her insights and exploits. Her books, meanwhile, have won over the analogue world.

**Torsten Rohde**, born in 1974, studied business administration and worked as a financial controller. His Twitter account @RenateBergmann, in which he tweets about Renate's exploits, became an internet phenomenon. His book *Ich bin nicht süß, ich hab bloß Zucker*, published under his pseudonym Renate Bergmann, was a phenomenal success, and was followed by many other successful books and reading tours.

## We would vote for Renate!

Renate Bergmann is making her escape: out of Berlin and into the supposedly peaceful Spreeweide in Brandenburg, where her new retirement home awaits, alongside Stefan, Ariane, and the kids. It needs a good cleaning anyway! But no sooner has she arrived than she clashes with Mayor Brummer. "Why do you not run for office yourself?" they say. And they did not have to tell her twice! At 82, Renate – just like Adenauer – is just getting started. Soon enough, her election posters are hanging on every streetlamp, no diamond symbol, but a chic blazer. Because looks count!

Whether it is at the opening of the "Wurzelzwerge" kindergarten carousel or the contest for Spreeweide's best flower box, Renate is right in the middle of it, getting all the attention as local reporter Trutsch snaps his photos. Who knows more about overpriced cemetery fees, grimy park benches, or the bus schedules defaced by the "rowdies"? Renate is knee-deep in the campaign – no official car or bodyguard needed, just her trusty Koyota and her gang: Gertrud, Kurt, and Ilse. Mayor Brummer better watch out!

## Further Titles



Dietmar Wischmeyer

# BOTCHED, MESSED UP, SCREWED UP – Memories of the Present

- From mindfulness to a turning point in history – and all the madness in between.
- The new contemporary portrait by bestselling author Dietmar Wischmeyer.



April 2025 · 272 pages

**Dietmar Wischmeyer**, radiomaker, author and columnist, is one of the most successful comedians in Germany. He tours every year through Germany with his comedy shows. And he regularly appears on television in the "heute show". His most recent novel was *Als Mutti unser Kanzler war* and *Immer is was, nie is nix*.

**From mindfulness to change: Dietmar Wischmeyer humorously exposes today's madness.**

What is really going on? Nothing is the same as before. The changes of our times are turning against us in everyday life and defying all reason. Vegan obsessives drink three liters of water a day to save themselves and, a bit, the climate. Greenwashing, pinkwashing, and brainwashing rule the world, while everyone scrambles to claim victim status on the Titanic. Why has everything humans have touched since 2000 gone wrong? Will No Mow May or Dry January save us, is our life still a livestream, and can we still get quality time on public transport for 49 euros? Are monogamy and Mettbrötchen part of German culture? Everything has become so damned opaque.

Dietmar Wischmeyer's book might not show us the way out, but it finds the funny and beautiful sides of the horror.

## Further Titles



Oliver Maria Schmitt

## LAKE COMA

- A fun and exciting chase for fame and fortune.
- Filled with secrets, ambition, and a dash of romance.



May 2025 · 240 pages

**Oliver Maria Schmitt**, born in 1966, is a novelist and journalist. He has published two novels, several reports, and co-edited the successful satirical *Titanic* volumes. He writes travel reports for *Die Zeit* and *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. His reporting has earned him multiple awards, including the Henri Nannen Prize. Oliver Maria Schmitt lives in Frankfurt am Main.

**A woman who knows what she wants – but not how to get it. A wonderfully funny novel about fame, money, and George Clooney.**

Elena Barone, a famous paparazza, is determined to prove herself – especially to men. She aims to capture the ultimate, incredible, scandalous photo of George Clooney: the star in his private life, at his villa on Lake Como, with his mysterious affair that everyone is whispering about!

So Elena heads to Lake Como, checks in, and starts spying to get close to Clooney. It is tougher than she thought. Elena tries everything, with the help of several odd men and eventually her glamorous mother from Milan. No wonder things around the lake soon become wilder than in Hollywood Hills. Will Elena manage to get into Clooney's villa and snap the photo that will secure her future?

A very funny, satirical novel about the eternal chase for money and fame, the nature of men and women, and the romantic tensions that ensue – all set against a stunning southern Alpine backdrop, with George Clooney himself as an elusive star.

*"Offbeat, politically incorrect, and uproariously funny." Der Tagesspiegel on Anarchoshnitzel schrienen sie*

### Further Titles



**SPRING & SUMMER 2025**

# **TOP BACKLIST TITLES**

Ruth-Maria Thomas

## THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VERSION

- Longlisted for the German Book Prize 2024!
- 50,000 copies sold since publication!
- The movie rights have been optioned.
- English sample translation available.
- Recommended by *New Books in German*.

**"Our autumn was a century summer well into November".**

Jella loves Yannick very much. Yannick also loves Jella very much. They recognize each other. They do it differently. They do it right. Until it shifts. Now Jella lies in her old childhood bedroom "with a pounding neck and a distant feeling", wondering how things got this far, taking another close look at her upbringing in Lusatia. Small town and gravel pits, glitter and gloss. At friends who carried her through so much. And at that moment when Yannick's hands closed around her neck.

*Die schönste Version* is an introspection: Ruth-Maria Thomas writes about becoming a woman, being a woman, about bodies, desires, and deep abysses.

**Rights sold to:** Slovakia – Vydavatelstvo E.J.



July 2024 · 272 pages

Caroline Peters

## ANOTHER LIFE

- 70,000 copies sold!
- A very personal, impactful, and touching debut.
- On a daughter's questions to her mother – and to herself.
- English sample available soon.

Who was Hanna? A woman who defied expectations, married three college friends, had three daughters, and lived between family duties and her love of poetry. Years after her death, her youngest daughter reflects on their unique life in the 1970s and 80s Rhineland, filled with champagne, Pushkin, and bohemian adventures. Caroline Peters shares this heartfelt journey of a daughter exploring her mother's legacy and finding her own path.



October 2024 · 240 pages

Alexander Schimmelbusch

## KARMA

- A dark, enlightening, and intoxicating read in the age of AI.
- 40,000 copies of *Hochdeutschland* sold!
- English sample translation available.

Brandenburg, autumn 2033. A ceremonial event celebrates the retirement of the leading figures of Omen SE, Germany's most valuable technology company. For them, a new era of leisure begins, "the time of melons and figs". Glass smart houses stand ready in the company's own settlement by Lake Aue. There, they find themselves and settle into peace. But over the end moraines, a distant storm brews on the horizon ...

Alexander Schimmelbusch takes us to a place in the near future where exhausted educated citizens and followers of new dictatorships are left alone with their anger and longing, facing invasive species and technologies. *Karma* is a futuristic vision, a social novel that aims to explore the concept of "the good life". But what is good? Who decides, and who judges whom? And what are the consequences of attraction and contempt on all sides?

**Rights sold to:** The Netherlands – Prometheus



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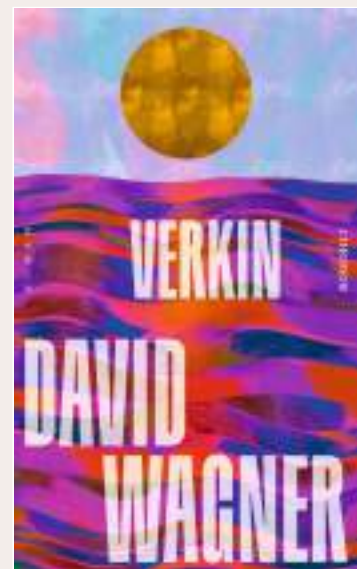
David Wagner

## VERKIN

- A West-East adventure from Istanbul across continents, exploring the 20th century's history.
- *Leben* won the Leipzig Book Fair Prize 2013, with rights sold to 15 countries.
- English sample translation available.

Verkin, around seventy years old, is Turkish-Armenian, cosmopolitan, an entrepreneur, and a politician. David, in his mid-forties, is a writer from Berlin who grew up along the Rhine. They explore Istanbul and travel across Anatolia, to the Lycian coast and Lake Van near the Iranian border. Verkin shares stories from her childhood on the Bosphorus, her grandmothers who survived the 1915 genocide, and her father who founded

Turkey's largest electrical company. She talks about her Swiss boarding school years, Paris in 1968, and her work in divided Berlin's GDR. She also describes her time in New York art circles in the 1970s and her marriages (including one to a German). An accident led her on a decade-long journey. She speaks about her fight for the Armenian cause and her political work in the AKP, reflecting a life full of contradictions.



August 2024 · 400 pages

Bernhard Aichner

## YOKO (Vol. I)

- 35,000 copies sold!
- Film rights have been optioned.
- 1 million copies sold of the author's thrillers altogether!
- English sample translation available.

Yoko's life is transformed when a violent encounter shatters her world. In her late twenties, she runs a small artisanal shop, turning her father's butcher shop into a place of joy, creating fortune cookies instead of butchering pigs. Her life is light and full of love – until one day, while delivering fortune cookies, she tries to help a dog in need and is attacked by its tormentors. The brutal assault leaves her shattered, but Yoko decides she will not let fate determine her story. She will fight back – ruthlessly, against the men who destroyed her life, risking everything she holds dear.



August 2024 · 336 pages

Ulrike Schweikert

## WHERE WE CAME FROM

- The series *Die Charité* (Vol. I–III) and *Berlin Friedrichstraße* (Vol. I–II) sold 360,000 copies altogether!
- Rights to *Die Charité* were sold to Czech Republic (Euro Media) and Spain (Grijalbo/PRH).
- English sample translation available.

When Jane learns at the reading of her father's will that she has inherited a house on Cape Cod, she is utterly shocked. What is the story behind this house and the stack of letters – written in German – from her mother's estate? Since her traumatic deployment as a medic in the Iraq War, Jane has been plagued by nightmares. She has even given up on music, which once meant everything to her. The daughter of a black US Marine and a white nurse with German roots, she always felt torn, belonging nowhere. As she clears out the house on Cape Cod, which belonged to her grandparents who emigrated from Germany, she gradually uncovers the story of her heritage. Especially the letters deeply touch her. Her grandfather wrote them in 1915 from Baghdad to his future wife. A particularly dark chapter of history unfolds, but also the story of a great love ...



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