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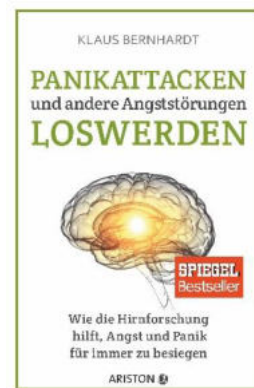
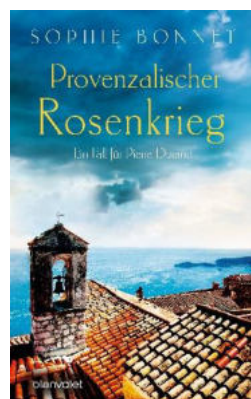
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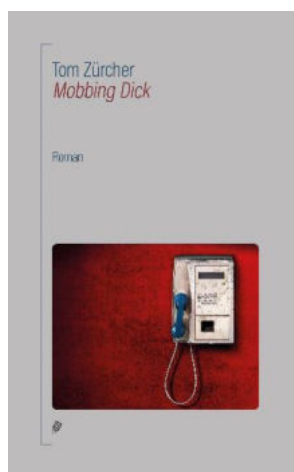
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Jan Christophersen

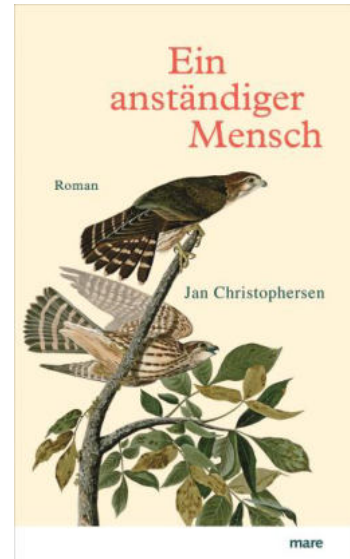
A Man of Decency

„A Man of Decency belongs to the tradition of Goethe's *Elective Affinities* or John Irving's *The 158-Pound Marriage*. Closely resembling Martin Walser's novella *Runaway Horse*, here too a worldview is shattered, facades crumble, deceptions are exposed.“

SWR 2

„An exciting island tale with lots of Danish flair. (...) The constellation of protagonists is compelling, psychological, well-written, mysterious.“

Bremen Zwei



352 pages, mare Verlag, 24 €
Publication Date: July 2019
English sample translation

Other titles by this author:
Schneetage (mare 2009),
Echo (mare 2014)

Steen Friis, a practising philosopher, is regarded as a public intellectual. As the author of several bestsellers concerning decency and morality he is quoted in the national press whenever debates flare up on the correct stance in political or current affairs. Even his friends affectionately refer to him as „Mister Morality“, a role he is perfectly at home with – that is until the events of one weekend derange the bearings of his moral compass.

He and his wife Frauke are visited on their Danish island home by Steen's old friend and sales representative Ute and her attractive sailor boyfriend Gero. They make small talk and collect mushrooms when out of the blue Frauke reminds Steen of the promise he made to her years before: that they would allow each another total freedom, even in love. Things spiral out of control and culminate in an accident, for which Steen feels responsible, and which threatens not only his sense of self but his entire view of the world.

Jan Christophersen was born in Flensburg in 1974 and lives with his family near Kappeln. He studied at the German Institute for Literature in Leipzig and is a member of the PEN Centre Germany. He won the *Buddenbrookhaus Prize* for best debut novel for his novel *Schneetage*, which was a success with critics and readers alike. It has since been translated into Danish (*Forlaget Vandkunsten*).

Ulrike Draesner

The Channel Swimmer

“Ulrike Draesner's novel proves impressively how you can give a familiar subject a new voice. (...) The way she describes the physical borderline experience of the swimmer and the accompanying gliding into another state of consciousness is just as powerful as her descriptions of the English coast (...).”

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

“Ulrike Draesner is a language artist, and more than ever in this book.”

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“Ulrike Draesner poeticizes the world.”

Joachim Ringelnatz Prize jury nomination



176 pages, mare Verlag, 20 €

Publication Date: August 2019

English sample translation

Please contact Kathrin Scheel:

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Other titles by this author:

Mein Hiddensee (mare 2015)

He has ‘been living too safely’: this is what Charles realises in his early sixties, shortly before retirement. When his wife Maude announces she wants another man to share their home from now on, his first response is to turn to his own dream: to swim across the English Channel. The water – strong, tempting, dangerous – changes Charles’s perspective on his life: on those three summers of love in the seventies, on human passions, and on failed utopias.

With intense poetic and psychological insight, Ulrike Draesner crafts a story both gritty and humorous of how one man attempts to cross the Channel and in so doing tests his physical and mental limits. Can you really make a new start later in life? Can you still follow past ideals – or find new direction in them? The Channel is cold, the current strong. In the end Charles realises that he doesn’t have to jump over his own shadow. He can swim right through it.

Ulrike Draesner was born in Munich in 1962. Her works include novels, short stories, poetry and essays. She has been the recipient of many awards, including the *Joachim Ringelnatz Prize*, the *Nicholas Born Prize for Literature* (2016) and the *Gertrud Kolmar Prize* (new German poetry prize) in 2019. Two of her five novels have been nominated for the *German Book Prize*. Draesner has lectured in poetry, most recently at Goethe University in Frankfurt (2017), and was Writer-in-Residence at Oxford University. Since 2018 she teaches Creative Writing at the German Institute for Literature in Leipzig.

Alexander Häusser

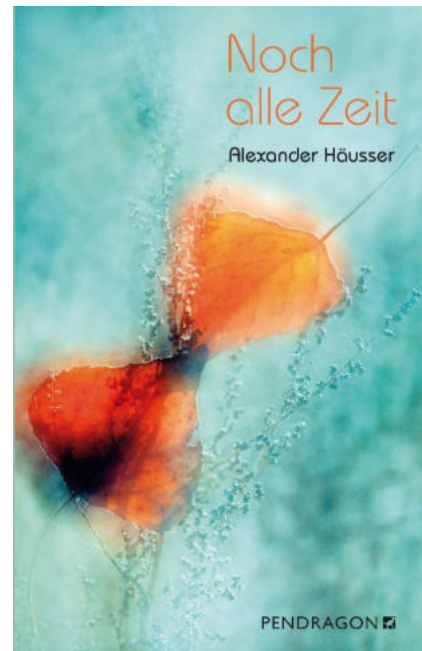
All the Time in the World

"With sparse means, Häusser succeeds at creating oppressive situations."

Deutschlandfunk

"Häusser tells his story in quietly haunting images."

Focus



256 pages, Pendragon Verlag, 24 €
Publication Date: August 2019

The act of tracking down his father becomes the search for personal happiness for Edvard. He undertakes a trip far up into the northern reaches of Norway, a journey that becomes the trip of his lifetime.

After his mother's death, Edvard discovers a bank book in his name. A small fortune has accumulated in a certain account. Why didn't his mother mention the bank book to him? Could his father, who disappeared fifty years ago, possibly be behind it?

Edvard now wants to know the truth, and the first clue leads him to a bank in Oslo. On his ferry crossing, he meets Alva, a young journalist from Berlin. She is also trying to find herself. And, thus, a journey through fjords, mountains, lonely plateaus, and magical places begins, changing the two of them forever.

Alexander Häusser studied German, philosophy and history in college. For his literary works, he has received numerous accolades. His novel *Zeppelin* was turned into a feature film. In addition, he has written screenplays for various feature and television movies. Häusser's first two novels, *Zeppelin* and *Karnstedt verschwindet*, were highly acclaimed by the critics.

Daniel Mezger

Everything Except For Me

Summertime. A trip straight through Europe from Kiel to Zurich.

Three individuals searching for a single "I." And the stories in which we invent, lose, and find ourselves.



432 pages, Salis Verlag, 24 €
Publication Date:
May 2019

Ursina, a Danish woman with Czech roots, is searching for her Swiss biological father: Hans Meier. This is also the name of *D.*'s father, and a tale of almost cinematic quality is set in motion: His father's secret affair, a sister that was never mentioned. All this sounds better than the story he had been able to tell about himself before now. *Stine* shares the tale about Hans and herself, about that one happy summer at the end of the eighties, about her flight from Czechoslovakia, and about all her new beginnings that had led to dead ends.

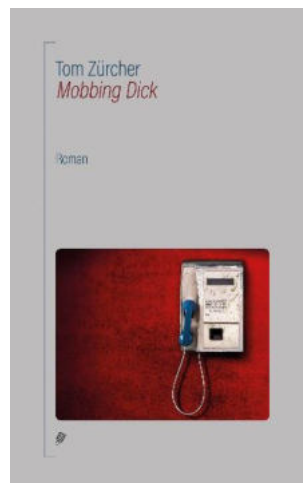
Daniel Mezger trained as an actor at the Bern Academy for Music and Theatre, and completed a degree at the Swiss Literature Institute. Since 2004, he has been working as an independent author, actor and musician. He has also received several grants and nominations for literary prizes. His debut novel *Playing the Country* was published by Salis Verlag in 2012.

Tom Zürcher

Dastardly Dick

**Nominated for
German Book Prize 2019 (Longlist)**

A darkly comic coming-of-age story, *Dastardly Dick* is comparable to titles like Joshua Ferris' *And Then We Came to the End* for its satirical take on the intricacies and incessant frustrations of corporate life.



288 pages, Salis Verlag, 24 €
Publication Date:
February 2019

Selected by *New Books in German*:
English sample translation

Tom Zürcher's novel follows a young man who tries to escape the confines of his parental home by getting a job in a Swiss bank with arcane working practices and obscure hierarchies. Under mounting stress, he starts to act out his fantasies of revenge through his alter ego, 'Dastardly Dick', embarking on a downward spiral as the pressures of work and home come to a head.

Tom Zürcher, born in 1966, lives in Zurich and is Switzerland's best-kept secret. He earns a living writing advertising slogans, and has published two previous novels, *Der Spartaner* (2016) and *Högo Sopatis ermittelt* (1998).

Silke Böschen

Dreams of Freedom

Flames on the Sea

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by Gmeiner Verlag



439 pages, Gmeiner Verlag, 15 €
Publication Date: July 2019

Two women. Two lives. One drama. One sunny winter morning in 1875, the Bremerhaven Harbour bustles with activity. The *Mosel* is about to depart. Her destination: New York. All of a sudden, a boom rends the air. People, animals, entire conveyances are hurled in all directions. A dynamite explosion with numerous fatalities and injuries. The so-called *Thomas Catastrophe* makes headlines around the world.

At the funeral service, two women stand across from one another. The one has lost almost every member of her family. The other one is the wife of the “Dynamite Fiend”. The two women begin new lives until, years later, one of them shows up unannounced on the other’s doorstep in New York...

Silke Böschen was born in Bremerhaven. She travels frequently as a television reporter and shares her knowledge as a communication trainer. *Flames on the Sea* is the first of a three-part series about the fates of women in the nineteenth century. The second volume, *Only the Ocean is Wide Enough*, will be released in Spring 2021.

Felix Leibrock

The Stars Only Shine for You in the Dark

A Tale for Searchers

- A sensitive and poetic counselling guide in novel form
- Felix Leibrock tackles contemporary themes, such as housing shortages and homelessness
- A high level of authenticity: The author himself spent two and a half years living as a homeless person
- For the readers of Paulo Coelho, Jorge Bucay, Sergio Bambaren, and John Strelecky



240 pages, Europa Verlag, 16 €
Publication Date: July 2019

When you lose it all, you need someone who believes in you unconditionally.

“Stalter, you’re out.” This WhatsApp message is the start of Stalter’s inexorable descent. Until recently, he had been a successful businessman with a wife and children, and an option on an elegant house in Munich-Solln. Now his marriage is over, his business partners have kicked him out, and his last bank accounts have run dry. Thanks to the Hartz IV reforms, the rents in Munich are unaffordable, and Stalter lands on the street, where he encounters the hard, ugly reality of homelessness and finds himself among society’s outcasts.

At the *Star Express*, a mobile homeless charity, Stalter meets the storytellers Vasile and Samir, as well as other homeless individuals. In their evocative folk tales from their homeland, the storytellers describe grief and loss, love and hope, and the search for happiness. Stalter begins to write down the tales and to hand them out to passers-by. This soon draws the attention of Amelie, one of the *Star Express* employees. She, too, believes in the deeper meaning of the stories, and she makes Stalter a business proposition. This is Stalter’s chance to create a new, fulfilling life.

The sensitive story of one man’s development - a man who falls to the very bottom and who fights his way back up to the top - interwoven with old fairy tales from various cultural contexts.

Felix Leibrock (born in 1960) studied German literature, history, and Lutheran theology in college. He is the director of the Lutheran Training Institute in Munich and a chaplain with the Bavarian riot police division, besides being a speaker on the *Nachgedacht* program for the Antenne Bayern radio station. Leibrock spent two and a half years as a homeless person. He now regularly delivers soup, bread, tea, and clothing for the Munich Homelessness Initiative. He also established the *ohne Klischee* café for homeless and destitute individuals in downtown Munich. In addition, he is a successful crime fiction author and regularly hosts literary evenings. Felix Leibrock divides his time between Munich and Weimar. www.felixleibrock.de

Pendragon Verlag – Berlin Crime Series

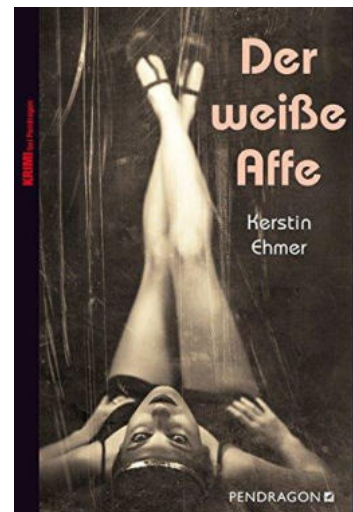
Kerstin Ehmer evokes the **Golden Twenties era in Berlin** in all its facets. The capital of the Weimar Republic was characterised by opulent bars and sexual freedom, as much as by antisemitism and the smouldering signs ultimately leading to the rise of the National Socialists.

“Kerstin Ehmer’s debut mystery is extremely tense and fascinating, set against the glittering atmosphere of the not-so-golden Twenties.” - GALA

“On the historical stage that Cologne author Volker Kutscher has been tapping into for years, Kerstin Ehmer has created something brand new.” – TAGESSPIEGEL

The White Monkey - Spiro’s First Case

The Golden Twenties in Berlin. Young police officer Ariel Spiro recently moved from his provincial hometown to the vibrant capital and is now investigating his first murder case straight away: A Jewish banker has been found beaten to death after a rendezvous with his mistress. When the fascinating daughter of the deceased seems to take a particular interest in him, it becomes more and more complicated for Spiro to stay level-headed in order to untangle the obscure web of lies and silence.



280 pages, Pendragon Verlag, 17 €
Publication Date: 2017, 3rd print run



376 pages, Pendragon Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: August 2019

The Black Fairy - Spiro’s Second Case

Berlin is dancing atop a volcano. Sparkling dance palaces, wild parties, drugs, sexual freedom - during the Weimar Republic, the German capital is considered one of Europe’s most exciting cities. Russian emigres, including writers, scholars, politicians, and anarchists, have taken refuge in Berlin in the years since the Revolution, hiding as best they can from the Soviet secret police. Caught at the centre of all this is Inspector Ariel Spiro, who is heading up the inquiry into the poison deaths of two individuals in the Russian subculture. And then there is Nike, his great love, who asks him to help her find her new boyfriend Anton. The two of them unintentionally find themselves caught up in a maelstrom of politics and violence.

Kerstin Ehmer is an experienced travel and portrait photographer. She and her husband run the legendary Victoria Bar in Berlin, which opened 16 years ago. Kerstin Ehmer is the author of the long seller *The School of Sophisticated Drinking* (*Die Schule der Trunkenheit*), which has been translated into several languages. In 2017, her first crime novel *The White Monkey*, the first case for Inspector Spiro, was released.

Dryas Verlag - New Titles:***New Volume of Dryas' most successful crime series set in Cornwall*****A Murderer Pulling the Strings**

Sandra Flemming, Manager of the Higher Barton Romantic Hotel in Cornwall, is looking much forward to the upcoming festive season. Even her parents from Scotland want to join for Christmas in the fully booked hotel. But then events come thick and fast: After having escaped from prison, a serial killer murders again, one of Sandra's friends averts disaster, one of her employees disappears and a thief makes trouble at the hotel. Sandra gets on to the killer, but must keep silent to save the lives of her loved ones.

Volume 9 of the Cornwall Mysteries, 330 pages, 13.50 €
Publication Date: October 2019

**Selection of Further Titles:**

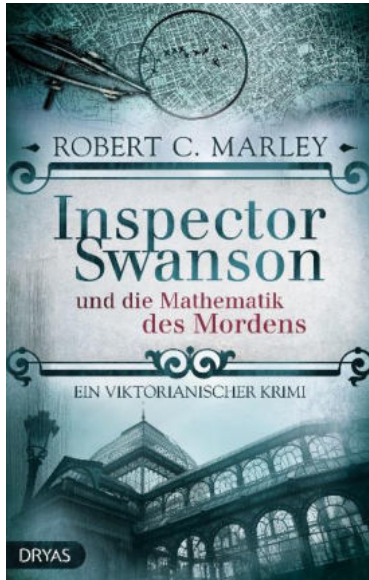
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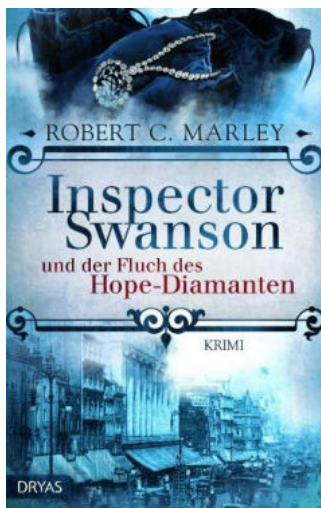
Rebecca Michèle has been writing novels under different pseudonyms for 35 years. As Ricarda Martin, she writes for Droemer Knaur, where she also made the bestseller lists with *A Summer in Ireland*. When she's not writing, she works as a travel guide in Cornwall.

Dryas Verlag – New Titles:

New Volume of Marley's Victorian Mysteries in the Baker Street Library**Inspector Swanson and the Maths of Murder**

London 1895 – During the coldest January of the Century, a naked and frozen to death body has been found on the highest platform of the Watkin Tower in Wembley. As the man's brother is found burnt to death in a boys' school in Blackheath and another relative dies during an attempt to fly, Inspector Swanson realises that someone wants to extinguish a whole family. The murderer seems to act according to a mathematic system, so Swanson and his team have to expect further murders.

Volume 6 of the Victorian Mysteries, 280 pages, 12 €
Publication Date: November 2019

**Selection of Further Titles:**

Vol. 1: Inspector Swanson and the Curse of the Hope Diamond

Vol. 2: Inspector Swanson and the Woman with the Second Face

Robert C. Marley is author, historian specialised in crime history, goldsmith and member of the *Syndikat* - an association of German-speaking crime writers. Since his youth, he has been loving Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie, and owns a private crime museum.

Lotte Petri

The Devil's Work

*New crime series from Denmark
starring forensic anthropologist
Josefine Jespersen*



Complete Danish manuscript,
English sample and extra material
Rights sold: Germany (two-book-deal),
Czech Republic, Slovakia

Over 1000 skeletons are to be moved from *Assistens Cemetery* in Copenhagen to make way for a new metro station. This causes an outcry, with many people fearing this will disturb the peace of the graves. But this is not enough to stop the metro construction. Forensic anthropologist Josefine Jespersen leads the exhumation work while also studying the bones as part of a research project before they are reburied.

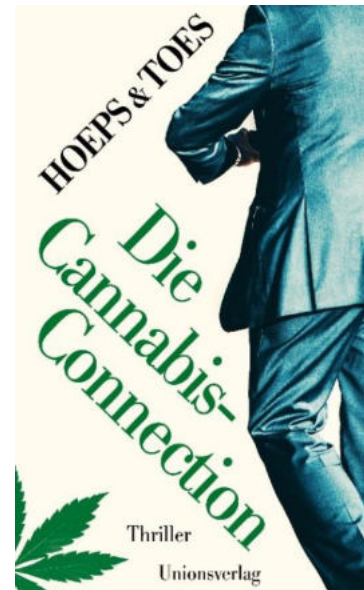
One evening, her colleague, archaeologist Rita Magnussen, is brutally murdered and pushed into an open grave with a cross carved into her skull. Later, another young woman is murdered in the street in central Copenhagen and marked with the same cross. Everything suggests a devil-worshipping murderer is on the loose, which prompts police detective Alexander Damgaard to consult an exorcist. The Catholic priest is convinced that the exhumation work in the cemetery has opened a gateway to hell, and that the devil himself is the culprit.

Danish author **Lotte Petri**'s first novel *The Fifth Plague* was nominated for the *Danske Banks Debutantpris*, a literary award for first-time writers. Her most recent crime novel, *Black Notice*, was named digital series of the year, and when *The Devil's Work* was published by *Lindhardt og Ringhof* in 2017, she was shortlisted as one of the 10 best crime writers in Denmark, featuring alongside names such as Jussi Adler Olsen. Lotte Petri chairs the board of the *Danish Authors' Society* and is a board member for the *Danish Crime Academy*.

Thomas Hoeps & Jac. Toes

The Cannabis Connection

The new thriller by the international writing duo that has already been nominated for the *Gouden Strop* and the *Diamanten Kogel* awards.



260 pages, Unionsverlag, 22 €
Publication Date: July 2019
English sample translation

Dr. Marcel Kamrath has almost reached the zenith of his career. After a brief year as an undersecretary, he is within striking distance of a ministry post. If he can manage to push through a law to legalise cannabis, he will be the shooting star of the young coalition. But then an old schoolmate shows up and reminds Marcel of the old, wild times...

They were *the* duo in Amsterdam's squatter's movement, and they did everything for each other until a drug deal careened out of their control. When the dust settled, all that remained of Sander was a blood-smeared leather jacket and the dead body of their shared girlfriend, Kiki. Decades later, Sander suddenly appears in Marcel's chic office, intent on making it clear that not only the Dutch Weed Mafia, but also politicians in the upper echelons are seriously interested in seeing his law fail. Kamrath is the key figure who could derail the initiative. During a secret meeting in a park, they are attacked by a junkie whom Sander murders in cold blood. Kamrath realises that his old friend is not averse to murder and fears the worst when his girlfriend vanishes without a trace...

Meanwhile, the draft bill is passed. Kamrath knows that he has finally reached the top when his cell phone goes off, and it is the Chancellor on the other end.

Thomas Hoeps and **Jac. Toes** have been working together as an international bilingual co-author team for over a decade. Hoeps writes in German, Toes in Dutch. Between 2007 and 2012, they published three crime novels. *The Cannabis Connection* is their first thriller.

Marina Heib

The Calm before the Storm

A luxury yacht is making its way to the Caribbean.

Seven friends on board.

One castaway.

One murderer.



376 pages, Pendragon Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: September 2019

The three sons of a Kiel shipping magnate are looking forward to a summer cruise with friends. However, from the very start, things go other than planned. One of the sons doesn't appear at the casting off from the Cape Verde Islands. There are tensions within the group, and shortly after their departure, they have to pick up a castaway.

Then a murder occurs. Fear and distrust spread like wildfire. And they don't have any connection to the outside world. Suspicion quickly falls on the stranger on board. But is he actually the murderer? When someone else is murdered, panic takes control of the wheel...

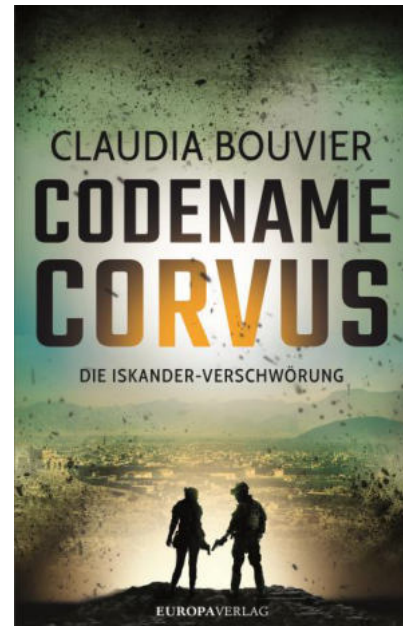
Marina Heib is one of the highest profile thriller and crime authors in Germany. Her novels have been published by Piper and Heyne. *The Calm before the Storm* is her eighth book. With degrees in philosophy and Oriental studies, Marina has worked for many years as an editor for consumer publications. For the past twenty years, she has also been working successfully as a screenplay author for television. Her novels have been translated into numerous languages (Dutch, Czech, etc.).

Claudia Bouvier

Code Name Corvus

- The new thriller star from France is a woman
- Insider knowledge about the intrigues behind the ongoing war in Afghanistan

An extraordinary thriller about a NATO conspiracy that reaches all the way to Afghanistan.



650 pages, Europa Verlag, 16 €
Publication Date: August 2019

A thriller that even Clancy didn't have the courage to write - the real warmongers aren't sitting in Afghanistan, but in the control centres in Washington and Brussels. Woe to anyone who dares to infiltrate their circles...

During its deployment in Afghanistan, a French unit is attacked by an unknown terrorist group. Despite their attempt to rescue their injured comrades, the only survivors of this attack are German army doctor Carla Rossi and French frogman Kérmovan. They are taken hostage by the terrorists, whose mysterious leader is an American. He orders their execution, but the two prisoners are able to escape at the last moment. They become a well-oiled team on their adventurous flight to Pakistan.

Once back in Europe, Rossi and Kérmovan are assigned to a special unit of French and German intelligence operatives, who are supposed to track down the mastermind behind the attack in Afghanistan. Carla soon finds herself on the hit list as the only person who has seen the face of the man who is pulling all the strings.

Claudia Bouvier is the pseudonym of a German-educated attorney. She worked for various international corporations and organizations around the world, including the cities of Paris, Moscow, Kabul, and Brussels. She is a Colonel in the French armed forces. These days, she lives on an estate in France with numerous cats and five horses. She has written military history works, non-fiction books, and political analyses.

Judith Grohmann

Sebastian Kurz

The Official Biography



Sebastian Kurz is considered an extraordinary political phenomenon.

He was elected the Chancellor of Austria at the age of thirty-one.

The media dubbed him various things, such as “prodigy” (*FAZ*) and “political popstar” (*Tagesanzeiger*), all the way to “Trojan horse” (*Le Monde*).

In order to take over Austria’s government affairs, the young conservative had to enter an alliance with the right-wing FPÖ party.

250 pages, FinanzBuch Verlag, 24.99 €
Publication Date: September 2019

Further Titles available:

Fighting the War on Terror: Global Counter-Terrorist Units and their Actions
(riva Verlag, 2013)

Translation rights sold to:
UK, Czech Republic, France/Belgium &
Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovakia
Complete English & French edition

Over the years, Judith Grohmann has intensely covered Sebastian Kurz’s career from a journalist’s perspective. In this authorized, thoroughly researched biography, she describes the path to power taken by this career politician. She also analyses his attitude toward the FPÖ and illuminates his position with the EU and the global arena. To this end, she poses these cardinal questions:

What would Kurz like to achieve as a politician? What do his strategies and his marketing approaches look like? How far to the right does a party have to move in order to work with populist right-wingers? After 526 days and a no-confidence motion, what has Kurz been doing in office to lead his party back to the pinnacle of power in the new elections?

Judith Grohmann is an Austrian investigative journalist and author. She is an alumna of the Private School *Lycée Français de Vienne* and a graduate from the University of Vienna in Political Science, Journalism and Japanese Studies. As a managing editor and journalist, Judith has worked for various Austrian magazines, like *profil*, *Der Standard* and *Die Presse*, and she has also been a foreign correspondent from Austria for the *Münchener Merkur*.

Phyllis Omidó
& Andrea C. Hoffmann (co-author)

With a Mother's Fury

The Story of Africa's Erin Brockovich

- Phyllis Omidó is one of the most prominent environmental activists in the world and was honoured with the *Goldman Environmental Prize*
- Filming of the book is underway with an international production company

One mother's fight against lead smelting in Kenya



220 pages, Europa Verlag, 18 €
 Publication Date: September 2019

"In Africa alone, 800,000 tons of lead - most of which comes from Europe - are recycled every year without compliance with the environmental regulations. The financial interests behind this process are enormous."

In 2007, Phyllis Omidó threw herself enthusiastically into her new job in the administrative offices of a battery recycling facility close to Mombasa. But then her young son suddenly fell seriously ill. His blood lead levels had increased by 37%, and the child was suffering from severe poisoning. When the young mother started researching what had made her son sick, she stumbled across some alarming information. Since the opening of her factory, the local population's health problems had spiked sharply. Phyllis quickly quit her job in order to take care of her child and to gather evidence against her former employer's life-threatening environmental sins.

With a mother's fury, Phyllis Omidó challenged international corporations and even sued the Kenyan government for compensation and the right to undamaged health. In her much-anticipated book, the most courageous environmental activist in Africa tells her entire story for the first time, linking it to other global contexts and associations. After all, the majority of the lead that has been causing the health problems comes from Europe. This lead is disposed of in Africa under environmental regulations that many view with disdain.

Phyllis Omidó (born in 1978) is an environmental activist and the founder of the *Center for Justice, Governance and Environmental Action* (CJGEA) in the Kenyan city of Mombasa. In 2015, she was awarded the prestigious *Goldman Environmental Prize* for her engagement. She was invited by French President Emmanuel Macron to the Paris Peace Forum in 2018. Phyllis Omidó receives death threats from her enemies, who have also tried several times to abduct her son. She has been celebrated by the international press as "Africa's Erin Brockovich."

Andrea C. Hoffmann is a journalist, and she has published extensive reports and articles from Turkey, the Near and Middle East, and various African and Latin American countries. She is the co-author of numerous successful bestsellers, including *Das Mädchen, das den IS besiegte* (2016), *Die Hölle von innen* (2016), and *Freiheit für Raif Badawi* (2015).

Mark Pieth

Gold Laundering – The Dirty Secrets of the Gold Trade

In this eye-opening book, Mark Pieth gives an in-depth insight into how the global gold market works, what role Switzerland plays in it, where the hidden abuses lie and how human rights in the gold industry can be protected in a credible way.

German edition:

***Goldwäsche – Die schmutzigen
Geheimnisse des Goldhandels***

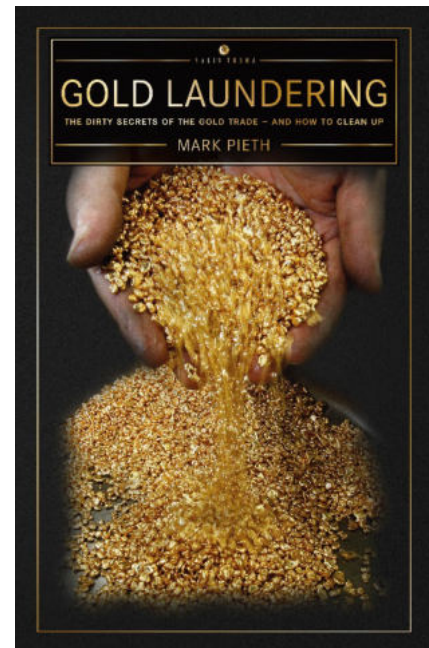
320 pages, Salis Verlag, 24 €
Publication Date: June 2019

English edition:

288 pages, Salis Verlag, 18 €

Publication Date: July 2019

English sample and complete translation



This hard-hitting, exclusively researched depiction of a key area of economic policy takes us both to the glittering world of gold refining and to the world's worst mining regions. Mark Pieth illuminates the historical roots of the gold trade before turning his attention to today's supply chains, from mines to refineries and clandestine intermediaries to consumers: central banks, investors, jewellers and watchmakers. He reveals some of the horrific problems caused by gold mining that still receive little attention due to a lack of binding regulations: severe environmental destruction, forced labour and human trafficking, land grabbing, stolen assets and money laundering. The author manages to make these complex topics easy to understand and hard to ignore.

Switzerland is not only a major power in the financial sector and commodity market – whose scandalous workings were revealed by the Swiss NGO Berne Declaration (now Public Eye) in the book *Rohstoff* (Salis, 2012). Switzerland is also a leader in global gold trading. But while the EU, for example, has recently turned existing OECD guidelines into binding law, Switzerland continues to rely on voluntary self-regulation.

Mark Pieth, born in 1953, has been Professor of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedural Law and Criminology at the University of Basel since 1993. He also holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Sussex in the UK. He is the founder and President of the *Basel Institute on Governance* and is known for his pioneering role in initiatives to combat corruption and money laundering. From 1990 to 2013 he was President of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions and in 2004 he was a member of the Volcker Commission charged with investigating the UN Oil for Food Scandal. In 2016, Pieth was a member of an expert panel set up by the Panamanian government to improve the transparency of the country's financial and legal systems, from which he withdrew together with the head of the panel, Joseph E. Stiglitz, in protest against work restrictions.

**Stefanie Molthagen-Schnöring
& Dietmar Molthagen**

Let's Talk

- Substantiated discussion guidebook
- For successful political communication
- With many practical tips and examples

Talking beyond the boundaries of opinions



144 pages, Dietz Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: September 2019

This book shows how we can successfully discuss controversial topics. Many people feel strong speechlessness. They find it difficult to talk to others beyond regional, gender or political boundaries of opinion. All research studies show that society is crumbling into partial public sectors that only communicate within their filter bubbles. This endangers societal cohesion and democracy.

Analysis, examples and practical tips – the authors use this mix to explain what is necessary so that people can successfully talk about topics that are difficult both socially and politically.

A substantiated practical guide for political institutions, NGOs, foundations, media and corporations.

Professor Stefanie Molthagen-Schnöring teaches business communication management and is Vice President for Research and Transfer at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin.

Dietmar Molthagen, holds a doctorate in philosophy and heads up the regional office North Germany of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Hamburg.

Hans-Joachim Lang

Hans-Joachim Lang is a journalist from Tübingen and has been awarded with several prizes for his work, one of them the highly renowned CMATH „Champions Award“. In 2019, he was decorated with the *Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande)* for his work on the history of the victims of National Socialism and the Holocaust.

The Names of the Numbers

How can we keep the memories of those who lost their lives in Nazi crimes?

In giving them back their identity, like 86 Jewish victims, who are followed until their last station.

In Austria, Jewish cemeteries were plundered for racial-political expansion of anatomical collections. A change in paradigm followed: intentional murder for

the benefit of NS-oriented science. The Reichsuniversität Strasbourg selected 86 Jewish prisoners in Auschwitz in June 1943 and deported them to the concentration camp at Struthof near Natzweiler, where they were murdered. The bodies were delivered to the anatomy department in Strasbourg for preparation and used as anatomical specimens.

303 pp. | Hoffmann und Campe Verlag | 2004 | English extra material | Rights sold: France

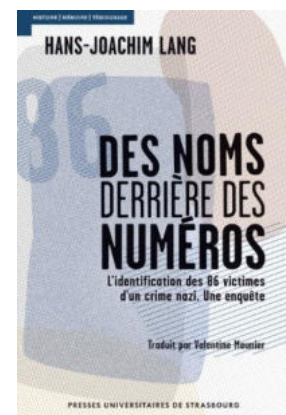
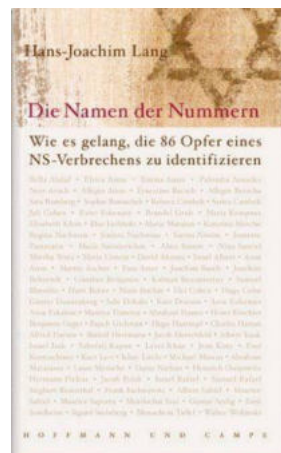
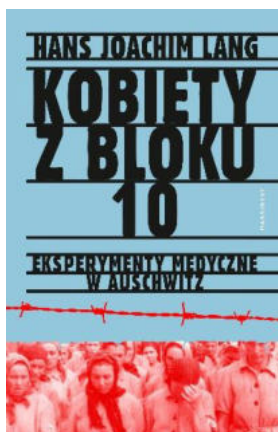
The Women of Block 10. Medical Research in Auschwitz

A moral portrait of Block 10 in Auschwitz where Nazi doctors used Jewish women as subjects for cruel and barbaric experiments.

A number of publications have carried out what has happened in Block 10. But Lang

adds another dimension by following some of the young women, all Jewish, from their arrival at the ramp where they were chosen to become the subjects of sterilization experiments. Lang also paints a moral portrait of the nurses and prisoner-doctors in Block 10, using survivors' testimonies.

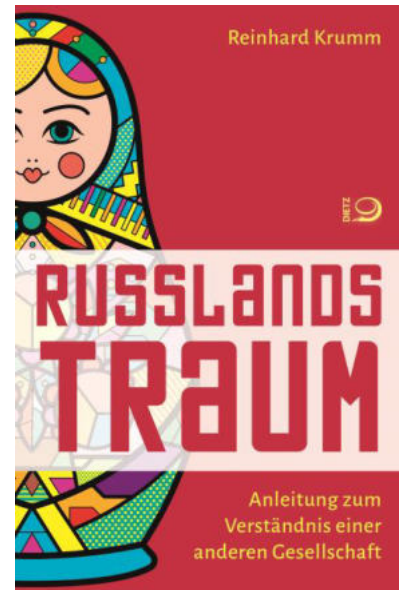
320 pp. | Hoffmann und Campe Verlag | 2011 | Rights sold: Czech Republic, Greece, Poland



Reinhard Krumm

The Other Side of Russia

- A new look at Russian society
- By the SPIEGEL's long-standing Russia correspondent
- A small social history of Russia



136 pages, Dietz Verlag, 16.90 €
Publication Date: September 2019

Russian society has an old dream – the dream of freedom. Regardless of who is currently ruling the country, the dream continues. The vast majority of the population is freer than ever before, even if injustice still prevails in the country. But the semblance that society allows itself to be governed by the state without any resistance is wrong. This brilliant essay explains why.

Like so many things in Russia, the Russian dream is also contradictory. On the one hand, society expects the state to provide support in social matters. On the other hand, the people demand that they should be allowed to decide upon their own fate. This requires a freedom that is often inconsiderate and does not respect the freedom of others. Those wanting to understand Russia should read this book.

Reinhard Krumm, born in 1962, holds a doctorate in philosophy. He heads up the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's regional office for collaboration and peace in Europe. Before that, he headed up the FES offices in Central Asia and in the Russian Federation, reported as a German press correspondent from Riga and as a SPIEGEL correspondent from Moscow. He lectures East European history at the University of Regensburg.

Gustav Dobos

The Stressed Heart

What We Can Do to Protect our Most Sensitive Organ

The new handbook by the pioneer of scientifically based natural medicine on the topic of heart disease - an ongoing, severe condition

SPIEGEL bestselling title



192 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: May 2019
English sample translation

The heart is not only especially sensitive in its reactions to emotions, stress and exertion, it is also the metronome that sets the tempo for our lives. It will beat up to three billion times during a lifetime - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, sometimes irregularly and then back to its regular, persistent beat. What can we do to maintain and strengthen this motor?

Cardiologists specialise in saving lives in emergency situations and treating illnesses with the help of high-tech instruments. But what happens before the heart attack? Ninety percent of all heart attacks are caused by lifestyle factors. This means they can be prevented - by us directly. Effective methods exist to reduce stress and its detrimental impact on the heart. These natural medicine methods can be easily integrated into your daily life, so that heart problems won't even become an issue for you.



Professor Gustav Dobos teaches natural healing and integrative medicine at the University of Duisburg-Essen, and heads up a specialist clinic at the *Kliniken Essen-Mitte*. In 2018, his successful first book *Finally Pain Free and Able to Live a Good Life Again* was published by Scorpio Verlag.

Finally Pain Free and Able to Live a Good Life Again
320 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 20 €
Publication Date: August 2018

Thomas Beck

Bio-Identical Hormones

Natural hormone therapy for more vitality and wellbeing

- The book on the trend topic written by the leading hormone expert
- For all those seeking alternatives
- Answers to all important questions regarding 'bio-identical hormones'



192 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 16 €,
Publication Date: September 2019

The topic 'bio-identical hormones' has seen a huge rise in popularity as studies have documented the risks of conventional hormone replacement therapies. Many people are now searching for alternatives – be it for issues arising during menopause, menstruation problems, loss of libido, mood swings, virility issues, erectile dysfunction, thyroid disorders or simply as a preventative measure. The treatment with natural human-identical hormones is a healthy alternative. A manual for all those affected and interested, from the practice for the practice.

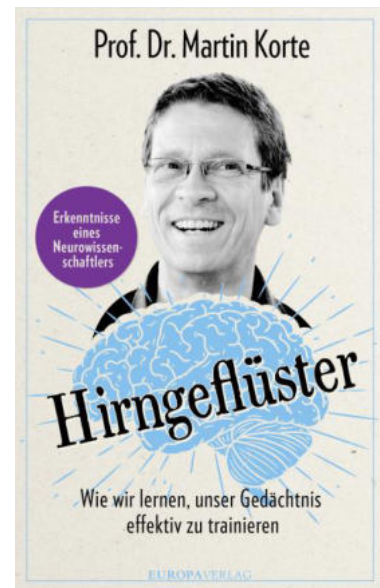
Dr MD Thomas Beck is Chairman of the Hormone Network, which he founded together with Dr. Rimkus. He chairs the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft für biologische Medizin* (AG-BioMed) and regularly gives seminars on hormone treatment. He has a naturopathy practice in Munich and Karlsruhe. www.beckdoc.de

Martin Korte

Brain Whispering

How we can learn to effectively train our memory

- New findings from the realm of memory research, entertaining and suitable for daily use
- Concrete tips and exercises for improving individual cognitive performance
- For the readers of *Lassen Sie Ihr Hirn nicht unaufbesichtigt*



180 pages, Europa Verlag, 16 €
Publication Date: September 2019

“Korte’s descriptions of his new research conclusions are interesting and challenging. [...] If we can’t remember this, what can we?” - Mannheimer Morgen

The Baby Boomers are advancing in age, and their worries about their memory performance are increasing. However, even the younger generations are attempting to keep their cognitive performance up to par, since in the international marketplace, every learning and knowledge advantage translates into individual - and by extension, economic - gain. But how do we keep our minds fit? In *Brain Whispering*, neurologist Martin Korte explains why we don’t feel the benefits from all the kinds of mental acrobatics that are out there.

Sudoku, memorising rows of numbers, the famous knots in our handkerchiefs - there are numerous methods out there to help our memories stay nimble. However, many of the common techniques only train specific abilities, which might make some tasks easier for us but which have no effect on other cognitive processes. The only real success comes from understanding how our memories function and which factors influence our memory performance. Based on scientific studies but with practical applications, Martin Korte explains which memory techniques can help us in specific areas of life. He also clarifies why students should train their minds differently than retirees, and how external factors, such as nutrition, sports, sleep, and social interactions, impact our mental performance.

Martin Korte (born in 1964) is Professor of Neurobiology at the Technical University of Braunschweig. His research specialties are the cellular foundations of learning and memory, and the process of forgetting. Martin Korte is one of Germany’s leading neurologists, and he is widely known for his numerous television appearances. Besides his scientific work, he regularly gives lectures and is the author of the books *Jung im Kopf*, *Wir sind Gedächtnis*, and *Wie Kinder heute lernen*.

Yves Seeholzer

Life and the Two of Us

- An important book full of courage, strength and inspiration
- A blunt encounter with cancer



240 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 16 €
Publication Date: August 2019

Yves Seeholzer is diagnosed with cancer at the age of 21. Following his therapy, he was considered cured, but the cancer returned, and Yves realised that it was time to deal with his illness and take responsibility for it.

And so, Yves Seeholzer set off on his travels to South East Asia, New Zealand and India. He rediscovered himself, faced his illness on an equal footing for the first time and he realised how much he has been restricting himself for many years.

Today, Yves has a 'deal' with his cancer: they are both allowed to exist alongside one another. He has realised that his cancer can also be a teacher and friend to him. With his book, in which he emotively tells his story, he would like to encourage other young people to embrace themselves and their lives and to follow their heart.

Yves Seeholzer is a trained chef and meanwhile a successful writer of cookery books. He also works as a yoga teacher and loves to travel around the world.

More information at www.yvesseeholzer.com & www.zweipfannen.com

Aurelia Hack

Put a Leash on the Black Dog

Find Your Way Back into the Light

- A young, fresh approach to handling depression and burnout
- The 4-week programme against depression – clear and practical



320 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 20 €
Publication Date: September 2019

Aurelia Hack started fighting depression at the age of twelve. Anti-depressants and weekly therapy sessions did help, but she had no zest for life. It is only when she decided to take on responsibility for her healing process that she managed to get in touch with her inner light once more. She started dealing with the self-healing mechanisms of her own body, and developed a holistic concept, supported by scientific research, that managed to permanently lift her out of her depression.

In this book, Aurelia Hack guides the reader step by step through her tried and tested 4-week programme that consists of the following individual components: mindfulness, reflection, joy, exercise and nutrition. It offers the afflicted a set daily routine that provides one of the best foundations to successfully overcoming depression. With the help of numerous exercises and methods, it is possible to finally bring an equilibrium back into body, mind and soul.

Aurelia Hack is an alternative practitioner for psychotherapy and a coach. She is dedicated to the prevention of burn out, depression and the destigmatization of psychiatric illnesses.

Jana Haas

Listening to Your Soul

'Our life becomes richer if we follow our true thoughts that come from the depths of our soul; wonders can then happen.'

The new book by best-selling author
Jana Haas



256 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: October 2019

How do we attain caring self-awareness and overcome our doubts when it comes to how to find suitable ideas and solutions for our life? Our intuition is a good guide. We receive it through our heart and thereby achieve wisdom beyond logic and hidden knowledge of our subconscious. However, in these fast-moving times, 'listening to our soul' is often neglected. Best-selling author Jana Haas shows us which gentleness and at the same time powerful strength is contained in our soul and how we can awaken this dormant source of power within ourselves. Includes a lot of meditation and realisable instructions for daily life.

Jana Haas was born as a Russian in Kazakhstan and today lives by Lake Constance. Due to several near-death experiences during her childhood, she has managed to stay connected to the afterworld, has strong clairvoyant powers and can see spiritual dimensions just as clearly as the material world. Using her caring and vivid charisma, she gives people an understanding of the connection between both worlds. She passes on her knowledge in lectures, seminars and books.

www.janahaas.com

Janice Jakait

Find Yourself and You'll Have Nothing to Lose

- The new book written by SPIEGEL best-selling author Janice Jakait
- Evocative, passionate and powerfully eloquent
- An adventurous journey from head to heart



200 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 18 €
Publication Date: September 2019

'Can you also start to feel how external factors fall in line with your attitude, that you are forever only meeting what you yourself are? Do you suspect that the world only circles within you – in your heart, in your attitude and perspective? That there must be so much more out there and that you are so much more than you can possibly imagine? The big noisy world out there is not the answer, you are the answer. Everything you look for externally needs to first be realised internally. You have already sensed this!'

Most people have no idea who they really are. They exist and function just the way they were shown and taught. The world urgently needs people who are free and totally at ease with themselves. It is only then that they can be with others, thereby enriching the world. This book wants to encourage readers to take on the adventurous journey from head to heart. NOW!

Janice Jakait is a theophilosoph and publisher in Trier. In 2011, she single-handedly rowed across the Atlantic Ocean and after this experience, thoroughly questioned all her previous life goals. She shares her insights in her best-selling books, lectures and interviews.
www.Jakait.com

Fabian Ries

Free Spirits Live Longer

- Poetic, practical, honest, clear: a book that simply gives joy
- Stories, exercises and inspiration that make life richer



240 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 14 €
Publication Date: September 2019

Already at the age of sixteen, Fabian Ries had the notion that our view of the world shapes our lives. When he realized that the level of our thoughts and feelings define our life, he began seeking out his destructive, limiting beliefs and replacing them with positive and productive thoughts.

An entertaining book, which incorporates the best of psychology and spirituality, with numerous exercises taken from everyday life. A book that is free of self-doubt, which leads to mental strength and a life filled with purpose.

Fabian Ries began his training as a holistic coach at the age of 21 with one of Germany's top 100 trainers. He studied psychology and is an author and blogger. His stories have been published in *HuffPost* and shared more than 30,000 times online. He also successfully accompanies his clients as a breath-work teacher and coach on their path to self-discovery. Almost ten years of experience in meditation practice helps him accomplish this.

Living Mindfully – Scorpio's Most Successful Series

- Total print run: 220,000 copies
- 27 titles available
- Experienced authors and renowned mindfulness teachers
- Practical ideas to be implemented with ease in everyday life, and plenty of exercises for immediate start
- Attractive, stimulating bicolour design
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New Title Autumn 2019:



Thomas Hohensee

Living Intuitively – Follow Your Inner Voice

As children, we had a natural sense of what was right for us. Unfortunately, most people lose this somnambulist certainty by the time they reach adulthood. We lose the connection to our inner compass and begin to let our decisions be influenced by external rules and criteria. This does not make us happy. In six steps, the author brings us back into contact with our intuition. With the ability to once again listen to and trust our inner voice, we hold the key to an authentic life and true happiness.

128 pages, Scorpio Verlag, 7.99 €
Publication Date: July 2019

Thomas Hohensee has written more than 30 books, making him one of the most successful authors in the German-speaking world. As a life coach, he encourages his clients to let their feeling of happiness guide them on the right path through life.
www.thomashohensee.de

Bestselling titles of the series:



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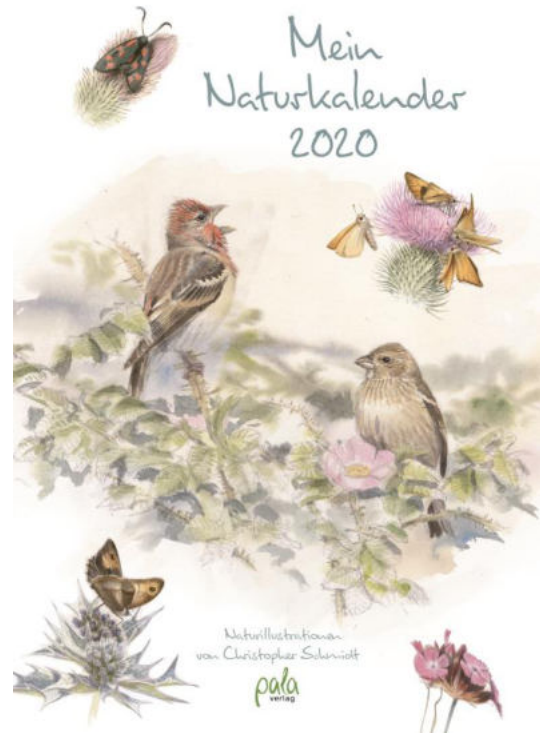
Christopher Schmidt

My Nature Calendar

Illustrations of nature
by Christopher Schmidt

'The most beautiful observations of nature are often less spectacular but touching.'

For Fans of Marjolein Bastin



144 pages, pala Verlag, 19.90 €
Publication Date: June 2019

Those interested in realistic illustrations of indigenous birds, plants and personal images of nature have made the right choice with Christopher Schmidt's new weekly calendar. It has a handy spiral binder and offers enough space for appointments and notes. One's own encounters with nature in the garden, on walks or travels can be recorded here, as can valuable moments throughout the year. The known and the unknown, the striking and the overlooked, the quiet and the vivid accompany the nature-loving observer through the seasons.

The calendar awakens the joy at discovering the beautiful and the particular and recognising the connections and significance of diversity.

Christopher Schmidt has been drawing everything he encounters in nature on an almost daily basis since his earliest childhood. Books illustrated by Christopher Schmidt published with pala so far: *'Schräge Vögel'*, *'Mehr Platz für den Spatz!'* and *'Das große Buch der Gartenvögel'*. He has received international awards for his work.



Kraniche mit Küken



Rauchschwalbe
und
Mehlschwalben



Peter Wohlleben

International non-fiction bestselling author since 2015

His book The Hidden Life of Trees is translated in more than 30 languages

Crane Flight and Floral Clock

Expeditions into nature begin right outside our front door. Thousands of small and large processes occur that are fascinating and revealing – if you are able to notice them. In his book, Peter Wohlleben invites the reader to train their senses in order to observe the signals sent out by the winds, clouds, plants and animals.

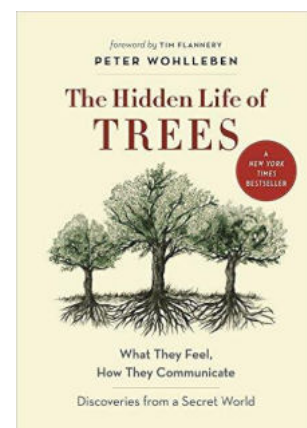
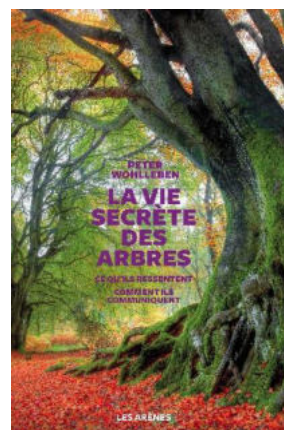
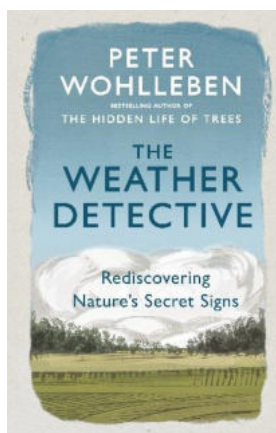
160 pp. | Pala Verlag | 2012 | English sample |
Rights sold: France, Italy, Poland, Taiwan, UK



Understanding Trees

Peter Wohlleben invites the reader to participate in a very special language course. He demonstrates impressively: Trees only seemingly stand still and silent in our gardens. Beech, apple and co. not only communicate with one another, but also with us – if we learn their language.

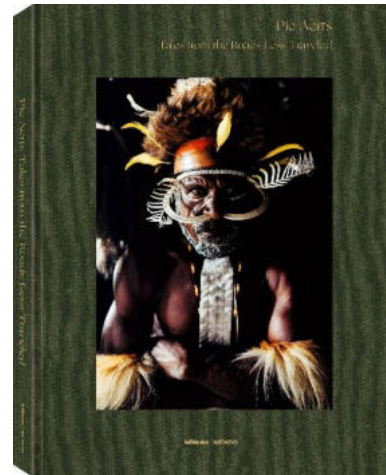
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teNeues Media - New Titles:

Dutch native **Pie Aerts** is regarded as a shooting star of the photography scene. Suspenseful animal photography and personal portraits of people he encounters on his travels characterise his work. ***Tales from the Roads Less Traveled*** is the Instagrammer's first illustrated book, taking readers along on his journeys to beautiful corners around the globe.

288 pp. | c. 190 colour photographs |
English / German / French | July 2019



In ***Heroes of the Sea - A Marine Journey with the Protectors of our Great Oceans***, **York Hovest** accompanies those acting and campaigning to protect our oceans, both above and below water. The result is a fascinating work of breathtaking ocean photography as well as a startling document of the grave threats to our largely "blue" planet.

224 pp. | c. 150 colour photographs |
English / German | August 2019

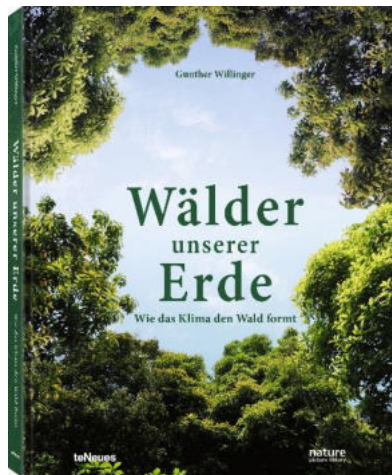


Water - A Journey through the Element is the result of 17 years of work during which photographer **Rudi Sebastian** explored the essential substance of water. This truly unique book is filled with amazing images of water in all its diverse forms and locations, enriched by a wealth of facts and information about this life-sustaining compound.

288 pp. | c. 200 colour photographs |
English / German | August 2019



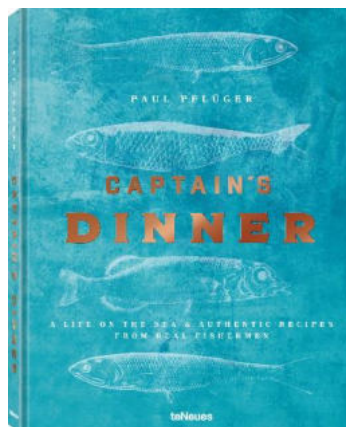
teNeues Media - New Titles:



Forests in our World - How the Climate Affects Woodlands is an illustrated book that opens our eyes to the planet's unique green ecosystems and how they work. With atmospheric pictures and expert contributions from biologist **Gunther Willinger**, this is an instructive overview of the planet's green lungs - from the boreal forest to the Amazon tropics.

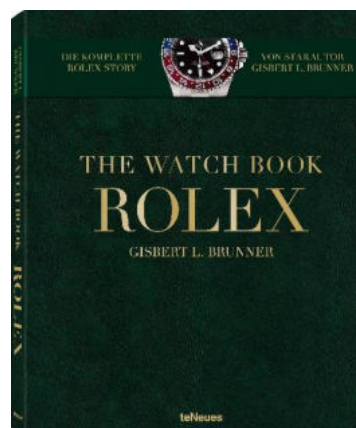
c. 240 pp. | c. 120 colour photographs |
English / German | October 2019

Selection of Further Titles:



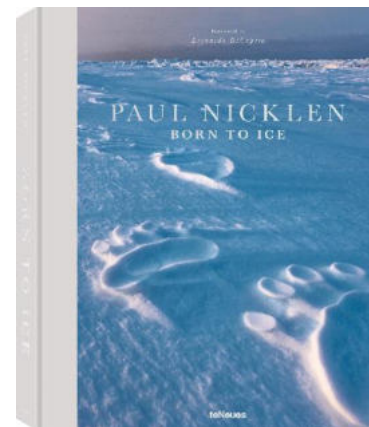
Paul Pflüger
Captain's Dinner

192 pp. | c. 100 colour and
b/w photographs
English / German | 2018



Gisbert L. Brunner
The Watch Book - Rolex

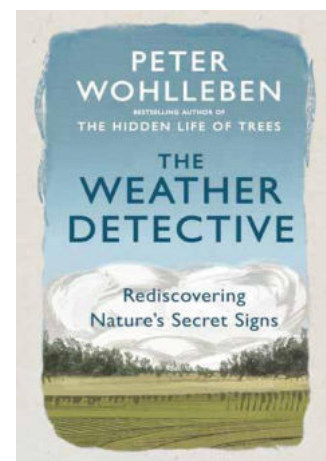
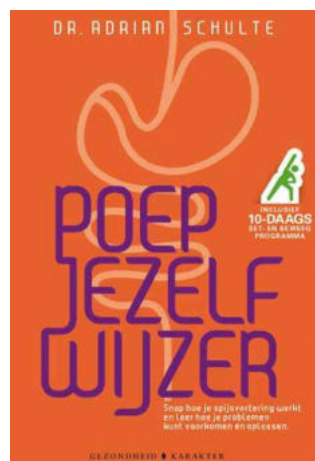
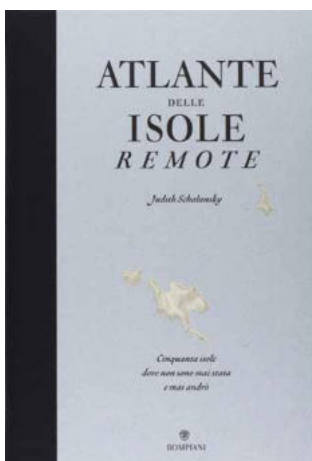
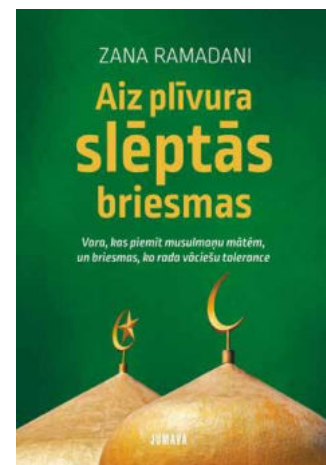
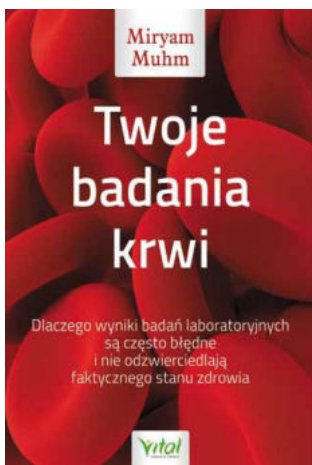
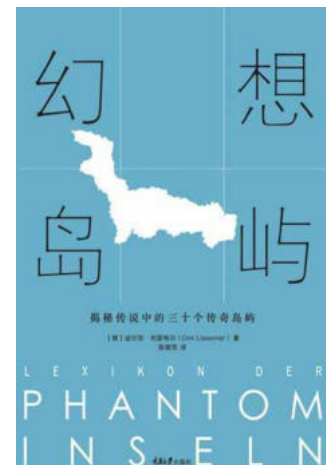
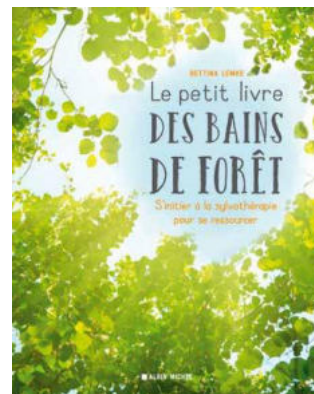
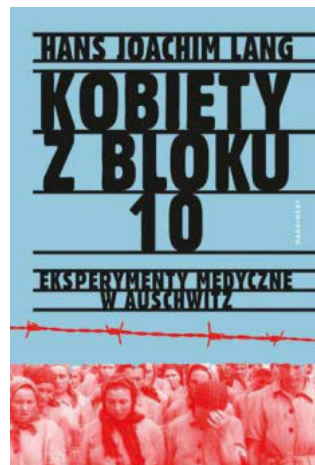
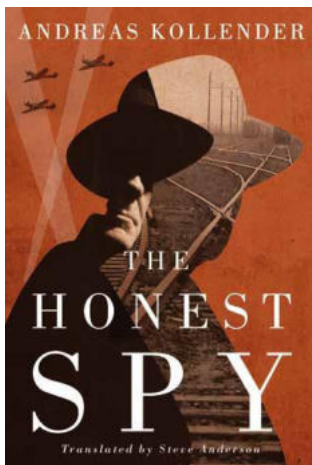
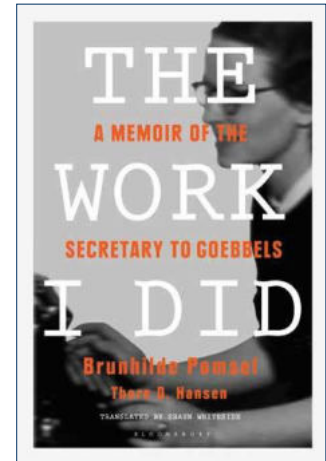
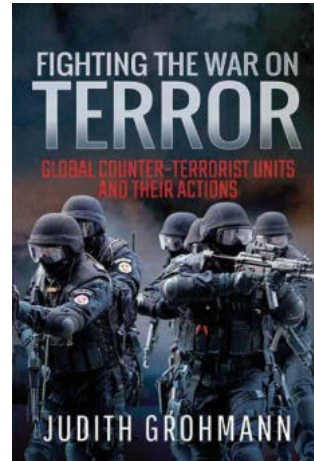
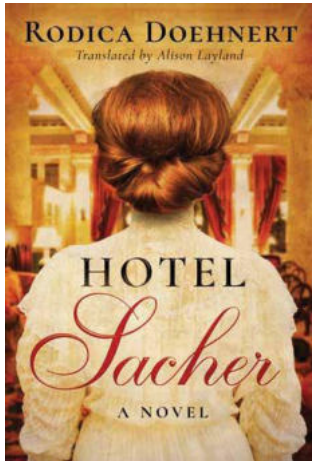
224 pp. | 295 colour and 49
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English / German / French |
2017



Paul Nicklen
Born to Ice

344 pp. | c. 200 colour and
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