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Nina Blazon · Billy Bock

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Children's Books

Spring 2019

Understanding Granny's death

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Everybody is a star before they come to Earth – at least that is what Emilia's Mummy believes. And so, for the little girl one thing is clear: Granny has just gone back to her friends up in the sky. Mummy says that death is just a word. It means that time on Earth has come to an end. And for Granny that means that her time with the stars has begun.

This poignant story about the stars allows adults give to children a message of hope when a loved and familiar person dies and explains what happens to this person now. This sensitively written and illustrated children's book addresses these emotions and brings consolation with understanding.

- A storytime book for grieving children
- A child-friendly approach to death
- Sensitively told and affectionately illustrated

Anja Kieffer, born in 1978, first trained as a social and youth worker before later studying acting. Apart from her involvement in acting and speaking rolls, she also devotes much of her time to writing. Anja Kieffer lives with her family in Cologne.

Katja Pagel, born in 1978, is a trained graphic designer. She has illustrated numerous books and is the owner of the BICEPS web and advertising agency in Brunswick.



Anja Kieffer
Granny's Journey to the Stars
A children's book on death and mourning

48 pages | 17,0 x 22,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Pagel, Katja
May 2019

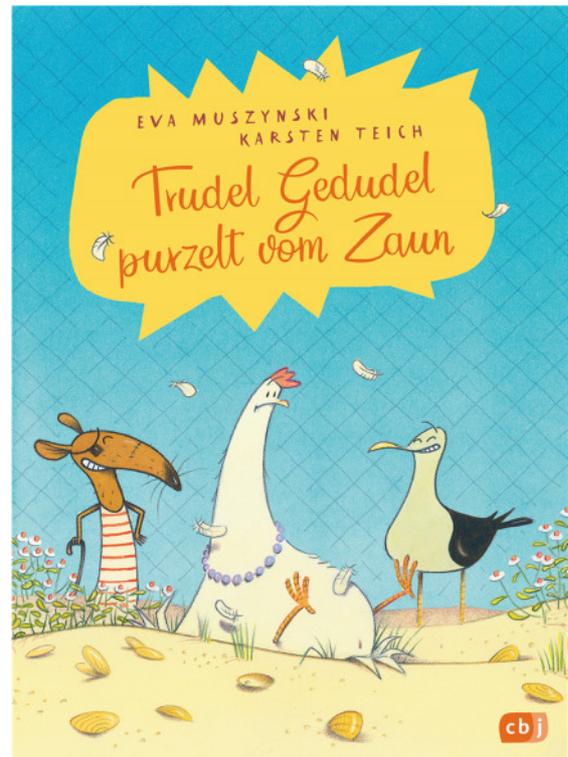
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A hen looking for luck

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Trudel Gedudel is a hen. She lives on a farm and broods over tea and biscuits with her feathered friends. One day, after a quarrel with twin turkeys Finicky and Fussy, Trudel finds herself sitting on the fence again. That's not where nice hens should be, for on the other side of the fence are woods – if not to say the wilderness itself! This throws Trudel so much off balance that she takes a tumble – onto the wrong side! Now she has to come to terms with the big unknown all by herself, and not everyone here means well; some of them even want to get rid of her. But a hen like Trudel Gedudel should never be underestimated ...

- All about the adventure of being brave and venturing onto new ground
- A story full of fun, with word plays and great ideas



Eva Muszynski, Karsten Teich
Trudel Gedudel Takes a Tumble from the Fence

Eva Muszynski, author and illustrator, was born in Berlin. She has been creating pictures ever since she could hold a pencil and writing stories since her elementary school days. She graduated in visual communication and has published more than twenty children's books. She still lives in Berlin.

Karsten Teich, born in 1967, studied art and has been illustrating children's books for various publishing houses since 2001. His characters and stories have become very popular. He works and lives with his family in Berlin.

88 pages | 17,0 x 24,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Teich, Karsten
March 2019

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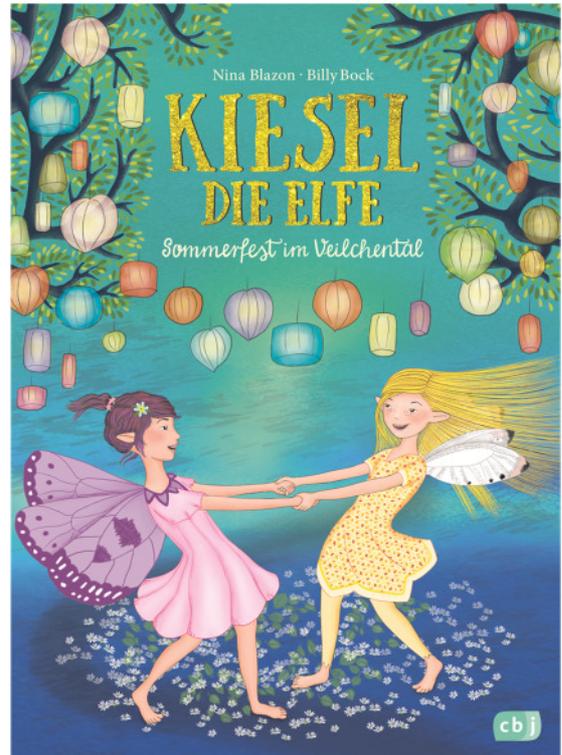
Welcome to Violet Valley! – Fantasy for 6+ by Nina Blazon

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

There is a colourful mixture of all sorts of fairy peoples living in Violet Valley, well protected between rugged mountains. Not always do the river elves and the fire fairies agree about everything, but they throw wild parties and have lots of adventures with the flower fairies and stone elves. They've always had to be especially careful with the sinister night elves ... Or haven't they? The inquisitive little Pebble is determined to find out what these sinister characters are really like.

Luckily Pebble has some friends like flower fairy Liliane and mini-monster Mino, who are at hand with help and advice!

- A glitzy group of faithful friends and a fast-paced race by the river
- Magically charming illustrations by Billy Bock



Nina Blazon Pebble, the Elf – Summer Festival in Violet Valley

Nina Blazon, born in 1969 in Koper, Slovenia, studied German language and literature. She loves reading fairytales from other countries, but it is during her journeys of adventure that she finds inspiration for her books. She particularly likes Iceland. Real elves and trolls, the tracks of which Nina Blazon set out to follow, are said to live here between the glaciers and volcanoes. You can find out a lot of what she discovered in Pebble's adventures.

Billy Bock lives and works in Berlin. She is a graduate in communications design and illustrates and designs children's books. She particularly has fun developing her own projects for the senses, from feel-and-stroke books to 3D pop-up books. Every detail is important to her and she sometimes even letters titles by hand. She places particular value on humour and playful aspects.

144 pages | 17,0 x 24,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Bock, Billy
March 2019

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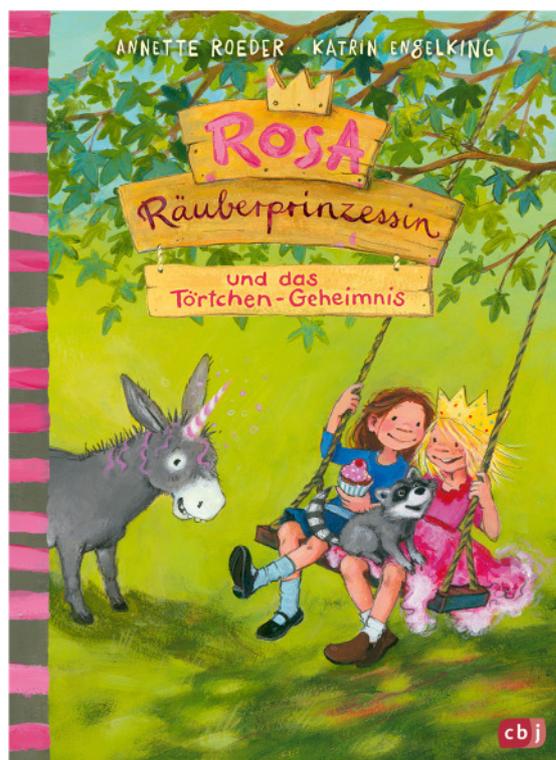
**Volume 1, volume 2 – Riding Dragonflies
for Beginners out in July 2019**

A thief with a sweet tooth

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

There is a thief at large in Sonnenbühl. A thief with a definite sweet tooth ... Of all things he has pinched the yummy strawberry tartlets from Zopf the Baker – and a chocolate muffin to top it all! Rosa, donkey Unicorn and their best friend, Irmela, would so much like to solve the case. Yet just now the three of them don't have any time for playing detectives. After all, Rosa has found a racoon in the woods, and the little fellow is really keeping them on their toes!

- "The stories about little Rosa are delightful. And Unicorn the donkey is the coolest pet you can imagine!"
Buchhandlung Löffler, Menke & Koch, Eutin, on *Rosa Robber Princess* volume 1.
- A little racoon keeping everyone on their toes



Annette Roeder
Rosa the Robber Princess and the Secret of the Tartlet

Annette Roeder, born in Munich in 1968, is a writer, illustrator and architect. She has been writing picture books and children's books and novels for adults since 2001. She lives on the outskirts of Munich with her three children.

Katrin Engelking, born in 1970, studied illustration at the University of Design in Hamburg and has been freelancing as an artist since 1994. She is now one of the major and most popular illustrators in Germany and her amusing and charming pictures have put life into many children's stories, including the new edition of *Pippi Longstocking*.

96 pages | 17,0 x 24,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Engelking, Katrin
March 2019

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Volume 1, volume 2 out in October 2019

Reading is magic

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Amelie and her friends are excited: there's going to be a Reading Night at school! The gym has been beautifully decorated, but other things are much more important – who will be sleeping next to whom; who's got the cutest pyjamas; and why Mrs Rödelmeier's cuddly bear is called Mozart.

When the children at last begin to read, the evening turns into something really magical. Or are they all so enchanted by the story about a reading night in which strange and creepy things happen? But then curious noises can be heard up in the attic, and the whole class sets off on an adventurous safari all through the schoolhouse ...

- The story is precisely tailored to the length of a reading night



Thomas Montasser
The Magic Reading Night

112 pages | 11,8 x 18,7 cm | Hardcover |
April 2019

8+

Thomas Montasser consists mainly of chocolate because that is what he likes eating so much. He grew up at his Granny's and loves monsters, so it hardly surprising that the German word for Granny – Oma – is in his first name. Best of all he loves cooking, collecting old books and new ideas. And sometimes he discovers that there is a story hidden in a new idea. When that happens, he sits down in every spare minute as he has to write it down. The idea for *The Magic Reading Night* came from an invitation to a reading at his daughter's primary school.

The latest activity book by Nico Sternbaum

This book is full of fun and is for active children. They should shake the book, rock it, thump on it and blow at it from all angles – depending on what needs to be done in each short story. Scratch a dino, for example, rescue a mouse or set a robot going. This is a book packed with surprises and will provide all manner of games, fun and excitement!

- After the bestselling *Shake the Apple Tree*, here is the new activity book that literally moves
- What happens when the book is given a shake or turned round? How does the story go on when children bark or shout "Booh!"
- Interactive storytime fun by bestselling author Nico Sternbaum.

Nico Sternbaum is a bestselling writer and illustrator. Already as a child he loved drawing and making up his own stories. When he was older he studied at an art academy and now freelances as an illustrator and writer. When he is not in his atelier he is travelling, reading books or visiting museums and exhibitions.

CHILDREN'S BOOK



Nico Sternbaum
Rock the Sheep – An activity book for children age 2 to 4

64 pages | 21,0 x 21,0 cm | Hardcover |
March 2019

2–4

**More than 250,000 copies of his books
have been sold**

The Muscleteers



- Children's books series
- Target group: 7+
- More than 170,000 copies of the series sold
- Rights sold in 2 languages:
Chinese (Simplified), Hungarian



Ute Krause was born in 1960 and grew up in Turkey, Nigeria, India and the USA. She is successful as a writer, illustrator, screenplay writer and director. Her picture and children's books have been translated into several languages and adapted for television. Ute Krause has been awarded prizes by the Book Art Foundation and nominated for the German Children's Literature Award.

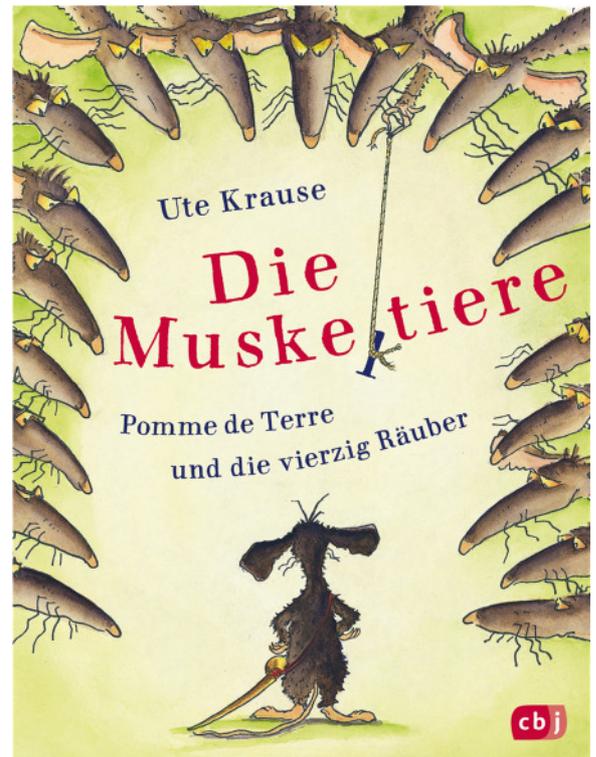
Read more at www.ute-krause.com

Pomme de Terre has a secret

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Muscleteers are marked. A gang called Ali Rat and the Forty Robbers is hogging all the dustbins behind the supermarkets and everywhere small rodents are starving. That is why Pomme de Terre's family, all fourteen of them, are suddenly sitting in Mrs Jolly's garden and nibbling at the delicious things in her rubbish bag. When then Gruyère is kidnapped, the Muscleteers are keen to know one thing: who is behind this Ali and his forty robbers?

- Splendid reading fun and guaranteed to be a bestseller: *The Muscleteers*
- Plucky heroes, a nasty rat gang and a dastardly kidnapping



Ute Krause The Muscleteers – Pomme de Terre and the Forty Robbers

128 pages | 15,5 x 21,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Krause, Ute
February 2019

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Volume 3

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**Read it Yourself series The Muscleteers –
Backlist: 7+, 128 pages**

CHILDREN'S BOOKS



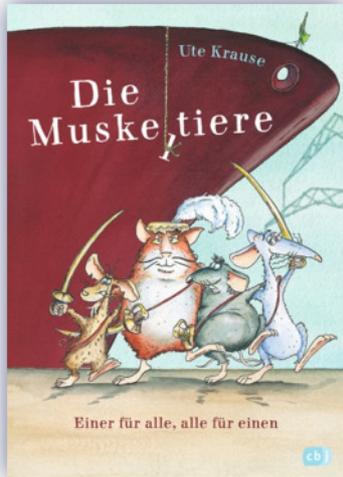
**Picandou and the Little Cry-Baby
Vol. 1**



**Hamster Bertram is Living
Dangerously
Vol. 2**

**Reading Aloud series The Muscleteers –
Backlist: 8+, 200 pages**

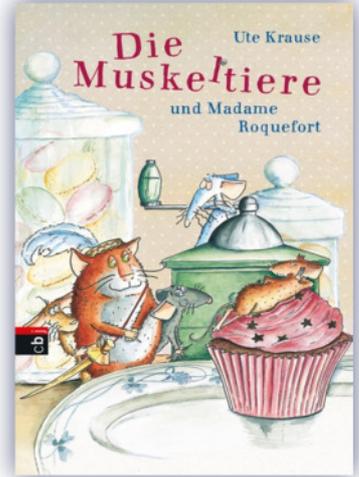
CHILDREN'S BOOKS



**One for All, All for One
Vol. 1**



**The Muscleteers on a Long
Journey
Vol. 2**



**The Muscleteers and Madame
Roquefort
Vol. 3**



Discover the World with ... The Little Dragon Coconut

- Children's series with 26 volumes available
- Target group: 2 - 6+
- More than 14.5 million products sold worldwide
- Filmed (Cinema and TV)
- Rights sold in 26 languages:

Afrikaans (NB Publishers)
 Brazilian Portuguese* (Companhia das Letras)
 Chinese Complex*(Greenland)
 Chinese Simplified*(21st Century)
 Croatian (Planet Zoe)
 Czech* (Vikend)
 Danish* (Nordisk)
 Dutch (Baeckens Books)
 Estonian (Ajarkirjastus)
 French* (Bayard)
 Greek (Metaixmio)
 Hungarian (Kossuth/Ventus)
 Icelandic* (Aeskan)
 Italian (EL)
 Japanese* (Hikuman Shuppan)
 Korean* (Knowledge Power Station)
 Latvian (Janis Roze)
 Polish (Prozynski)
 Slovak (Pro Solutions)
 Slovenian* (Tehniska)
 Spain/Castilian (La Galera)
 Spain/Catalan (La Galera)
 Thai* (Nanmeebooks)
 Turkish (ABM)
 Ukrainian (Books-XXI)
 Vietnamese (Women's Publishing House)

* Rights available again



Ingo Siegner, born in 1965, studied history and French, spent two years in France as an au pair and trained as a bank clerk. He is an autodidact who prefers to always carry his paints with him. He has been writing and drawing for years for neighbours' children and loves to read them stories.

His *The Little Dragon Coconut* series is one of the most successful children's books series nationally and internationally.

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An exciting time journey to ancient Rome

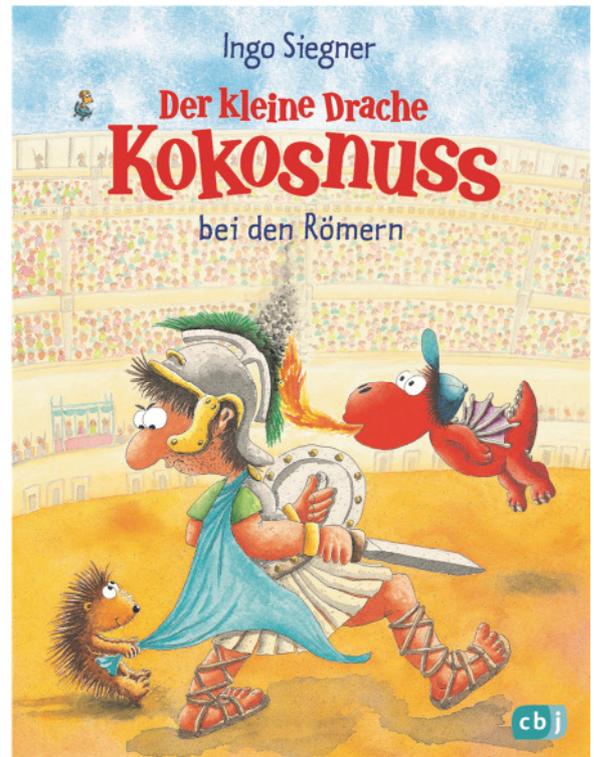
"Oh boy! How I would love to see a real live gladiator fight!" Oskar sighs while he is reading an exciting comic about ancient Rome with his friend Coconut. Matilda can't understand why the two little dragon boys are always so interested in fighting, but then she can be persuaded after all to join them on a laser phaser time journey to ancient Rome. They land in a wood just outside Rome, where they meet a runaway slave. Even while the slave is still telling them his story they are captured by the emperor's henchmen and taken off to the gladiator school ...

- Exciting, instructive and huge fun – a story about ancient Rome
- A new time journey adventure featuring the popular children's book characters.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Ingo Siegner
The Little Dragon Coconut Visits the Romans

80 pages | 15,5 x 21,0 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Siegner, Ingo
May 2019

6+

Volume 27

Classic Stories - Backlist



Coconut Comes to School
Vol. 1



Don't Be Afraid
Vol. 2



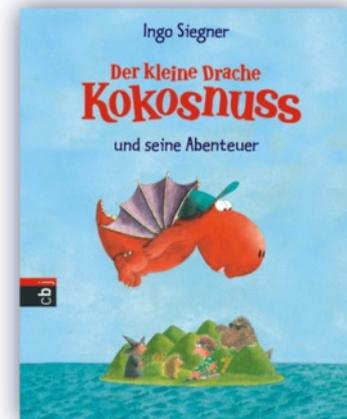
Coconut and the Magician
Vol. 3



Coconut and the Black Knight
Vol. 4



The School Festival
Vol. 5



Coconut and his Adventures
Vol. 6



Coconut Visits Santa Claus
Vol. 7



Coconut and the Witch
Vol. 8



Coconut and the Pirates
Vol. 9

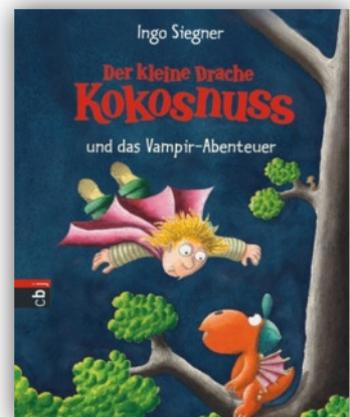
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Coconut in the Jungle
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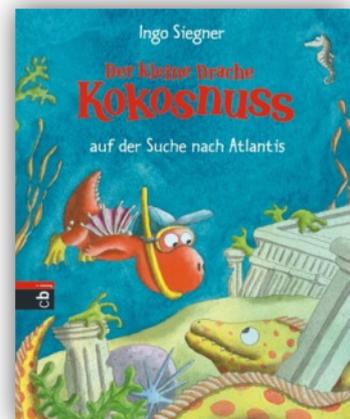
The Vampire Adventure
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Coconut and the Mystery of
the Mummy, Vol. 14



Coconut and the Vikings
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Coconut Looking for Atlantis
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Coconut and the Indians
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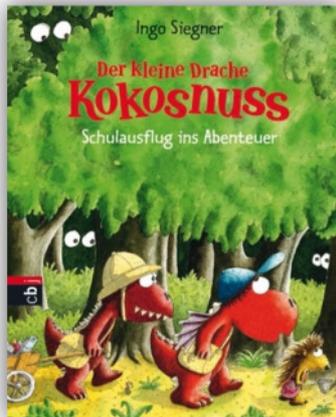


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Coconut Travels to Stone Age
Vol. 18

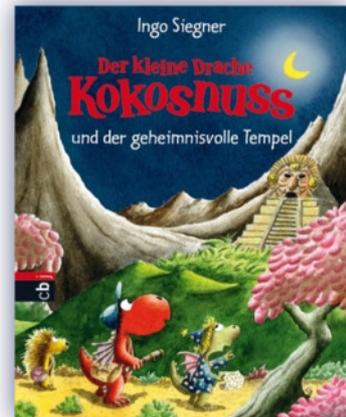
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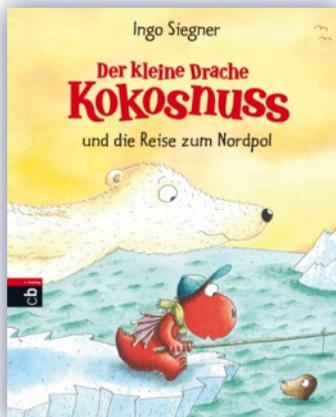
School Trip-Adventure
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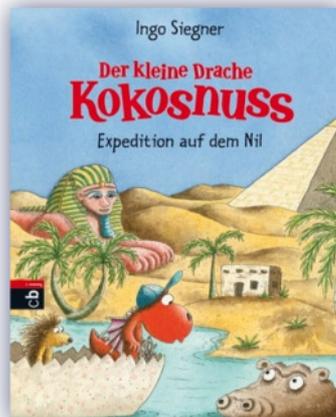
Coconut and the Dinosaurs
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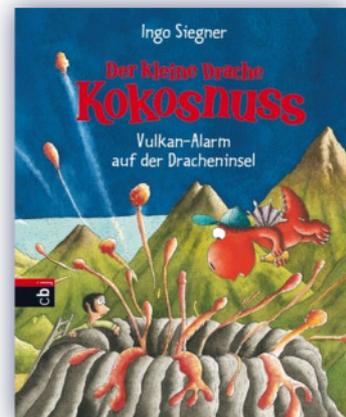
Coconut and the Mysterious
Templar, Vol. 21



Coconut Travels to the
North Pole, Vol. 22



The Nile Expedition
Vol. 23



Volcano Alert on Dragon
Island, Vol. 24



Coconut and the Wild Animals
Vol. 25



Coconut and the Magic Student
Vol. 26



Middle Grade

Spring 2019

The division of Germany told to children

MIDDLE GRADE

Nora lives in Berlin, Wolliner Straße 10. That is on the west side of the Wall. What she wants most of all is a practical little pet. Aron lives in Wolliner Straße 56. That is on the east side of the Wall. Aron loves making kites and constructs all kinds of flying objects. The two of them unexpectedly rescue Bommel, an orphaned guinea pig: Katja Ludwig tells two very different stories set in Berlin in the 1980s but with one main character, put together in one book – a turnaround book. With two covers.

- A turnaround book on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Wall
- Bommel the guinea pig surmounts the insurmountable Wall
- Two stories in their own right that meet in the middle



Katja Ludwig
The Guinea Pig and the Wall
A turnaround book

216 pages | 13,5 x 21,5 cm | Hardcover |
February 2019

9+

Katja Ludwig lives with her family in Brandenburg and Berlin. When she's not writing she works as a surgeon. This story about Bommel is based on a true incident a friend told her about many years ago. The guinea pig that swapped owners in an extremely unusual way really did exist, and so did the two boys that helped both the guinea pig and the little girl whose biggest wish so miraculously came true.

Robin & Melvin – two friends like monster spit and hydrangea juice

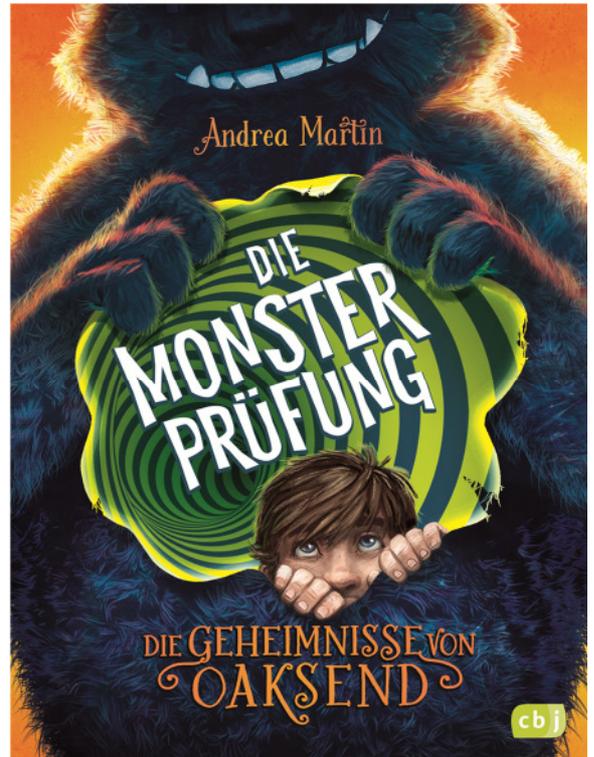
MIDDLE GRADE

Oaksend is a place of magic. Legend has it that not far from the little town, near the old druid's stone, there is a linkup between the human world and the mentora, the monster world. Robin knows nothing about it until one day he accidentally opens the gate to a cosmos of amazing creatures.

Robin can't believe his eyes when one evening Melvin, a real live monster, is standing in the middle of his room! And he himself summoned it. As a budding protection monster it is Melvin's job to protect his protégés from all manner of evil. And Robin is in urgent need of such help. What will happen if the world as he knows it goes out of joint? With his hatchpatch, a kind of magical express tunnel, Melvin manages to get his friend to safety. But Melvin is not the only monster in Oaksend and not all monsters come with the best of intentions ...

- Many-faceted and warm-hearted – for all fans of Cornelia Funke
- Unusual: Narrative master-piece, profound and with commercial potential

Even as a child **Andrea Martin** suspected that there was much more to things than people said there was. She grew up in the USA, Austria and Germany. In 1995, after training as a graphic designer, she set up a medical and communications agency, where she worked as the art director, graphic designer and illustrator, developing marketing strategies for clients in the fields of medicine and pharmaceuticals. *The Secrets of Oaksend* is her fantasy debut.



Andrea Martin
The Secrets of Oaksend – The Monster Test

320 pages | 15,5 x 21,0 cm | Hardcover |
March 2019

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**Volume 1, volume 2 – *The Monster Oracle*
out in November 2019**

A four-footed hero

MIDDLE GRADE

Little Wolf is camping with Emma and Leon! And the best part is that his doggy friend, stray dog Shaggy, is there as well. But then Shaggy disappears and simply cannot be found. Emma and Leon discover that a stranger took the big dog onto his yacht and sailed off to the next island.

This is a clear-cut case: they have to set off after him and find out what's going on! But none of the people living on the island have seen the dog. It is with sadness in their hearts that the friends set off back home. But Little Wolf feels it in his bones that his friend needs help – and he makes off! Will he be able to rescue Shaggy?

- Told from the dog's point of view
- Contains a lot of doggy know-how

Jan Andersen is a pseudonym. The author has written over a hundred stories and novels that have also been translated into other languages. Already as a boy his favourite reading was about dogs, and he himself of course has always owned a dog, inevitably Border Collies. He is certain that the day will come when he will be sitting at table with his Border Collie and the dog will suddenly start to speak ...



Jan Andersen
Little Wolf – Best Friends Doggy Forever

144 pages | 12,5 x 18,7 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Ionescu, Catherine Gabrielle
April 2019

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Volume 2

Nalumas FANTASIE- REISEN

Kindergeschichten für
mehr Selbstbewusstsein,
Zuversicht und innere
Stärke

Hilft gegen
Kinderängste,
Schulstress
und andere
Sorgen

Non-Fiction

Spring 2019

Ways towards lasting sources of strength

Children frequently face situations that give rise to stress, anxiety and doubts. These child-oriented trance texts open the gate to their inner strength and personal abilities to enable them help themselves. Moreover, parents will find gentle access to their child's emotional world.

- Playful access to a child's emotional world
- Child-oriented hypnosis based on Milton Erickson, with many 4c illustrations
- Children's stories for greater self-confidence, optimism and inner strength – helpful for childhood anxieties, stress at school and other worries

Cornelia Rohse-Paul works as a consultant and therapist with children, teenagers and adults, as a supervisor and coach and in her own anger surgery for helping children and teenagers cope with their outbursts of rage.

NON-FICTION



Cornelia Rohse-Paul
Naluma's Fantasy Journeys

128 pages | 13,5 x 17,5 | Quality
Paperback |
May 2019

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The new movie tie-in fan book

NON-FICTION

This is where anyone wanting to know more about the latest *Windstorm* movie and revel in images from the film can find what they are looking for: profiles of the actors and a mass of interesting info about the latest movie about *Ari's Arrival* guarantee an exclusive glimpse behind the scenes. And then there are pages for horse-lovers to use for their own records and notes, not to mention riding hints, a horse horoscope, a personality test for riders and a lot more besides. This is a must-have for all *Windstorm* fans!

- The ultimate tie-in fan book for the latest *Windstorm* movie
- With an opulent picture section, wonderful new photographs and info all about the latest *Windstorm* film
- Fan book plus: in addition to the picture section, the book contains many pages for personal records and notes



Almut Schmidt
The *Windstorm* Fan Book about *Ari's Arrival*

144 pages | 16,2 x 21,5 cm | Quality
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**With exclusive film material and record
pages for *Windstorm* fans**

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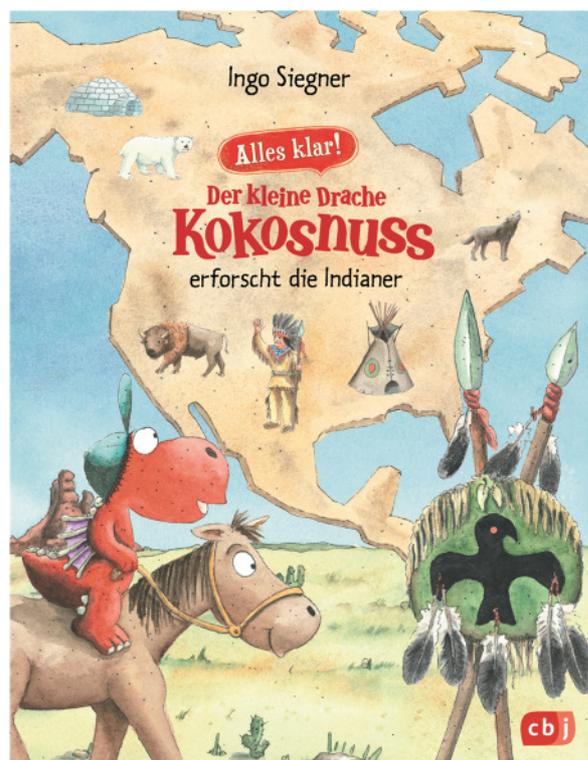
Almut Schmidt was born on the Lower Rhine, trained as an elementary school teacher in Münster and then went into publishing. She moved to Munich, became a publisher's editor and on the side wrote several books for children. She has been freelancing as an editor for several publishing houses since 2012. Already as a girl she was horse-crazy and even now still loves riding.

The new non-fiction series featuring the little dragon Coconut

NON-FICTION

Where did real North American Indians live? And where do they still live today? What are the names of the various tribes? Do all Indians live in tents? How old are Indian children when they get their first horse? When do they first go on a bison hunt? These are just some of the questions the little dragon Coconut, guzzle guts dragon Oscar and porcupine Mathilda want to find the answers to, and so they go and visit the little Indian girl, Wild Bumble Bee, again. Here in this book they have noted down for Coconut fans everything they have learned.

- Facts presented in a playful and easy-to-understand way
- Top topic for children age 6 and up: North American Indians
- With numerous relevant illustrations and Coconut images



Ingo Siegner
Now We Know! The Little Dragon Coconut Investigates – Indians of North America

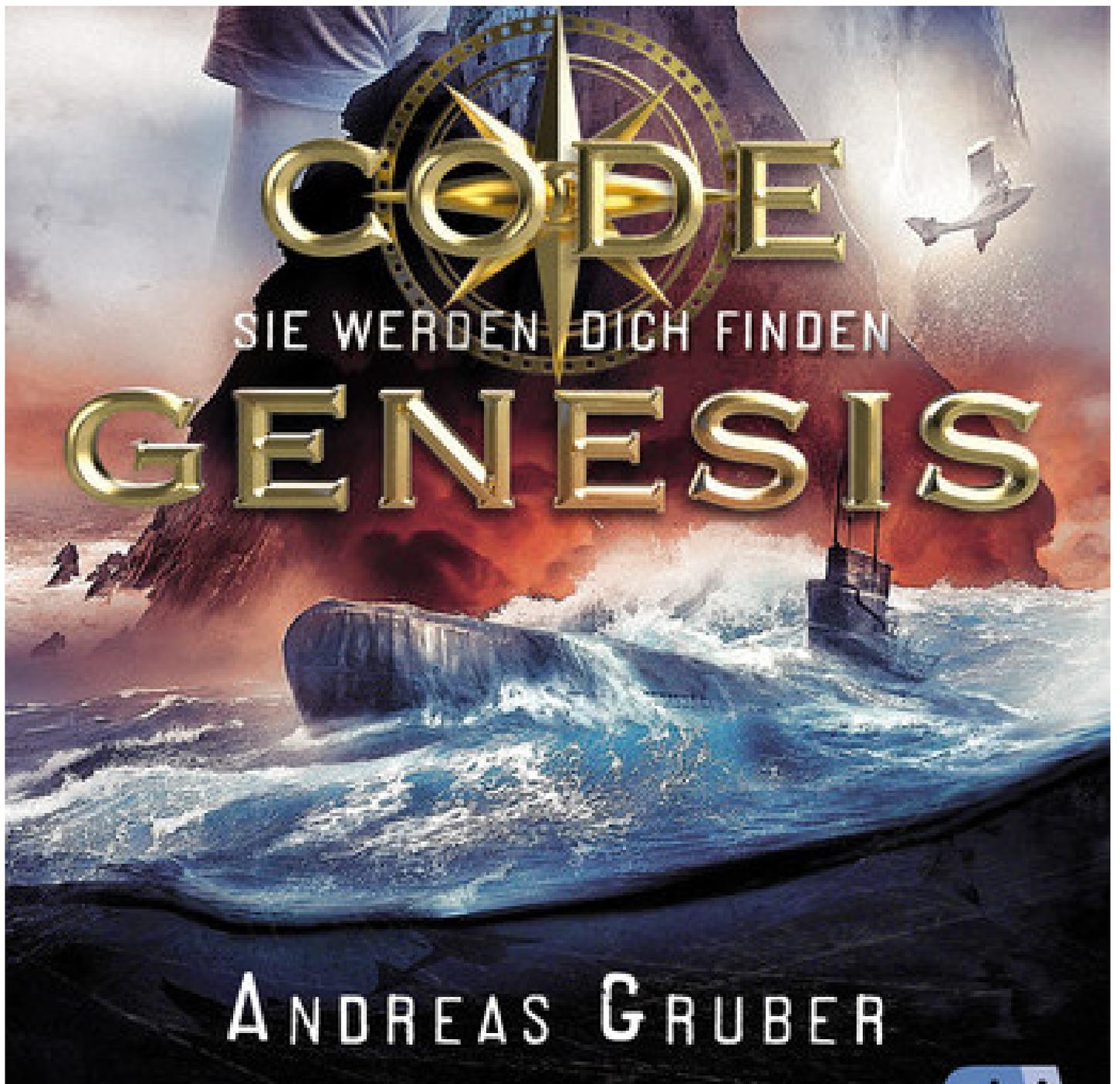
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illustrated by Siegner, Ingo
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Young Adult

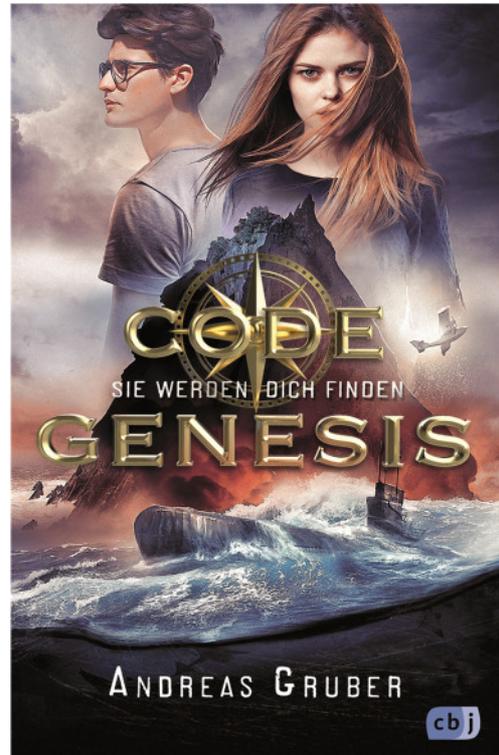
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A relentless hunt round the globe

YOUNG ADULT

Terry West (14) grew up on the seven seas aboard the research submarine Kopernikus. The crew: ferret Charlie; Terry's Uncle Simon; her nerdy cousin Ethan; and Simon's faithful assistant, ex-convict Johann. A stopover in Miami, during which Terry goes to see the house of her childhood and which she hadn't been to since her mother's mysterious death, comes to a nasty end: Terry is suddenly wanted by the police and her uncle accused of murder. While getting away via New York, the Niagara Falls and the Bermuda Triangle they realise that they are up against a powerful adversary – somebody who tracks them down, no matter where they are ...

- Fast-paced, nail-biting suspense, cool plot: typical Gruber!
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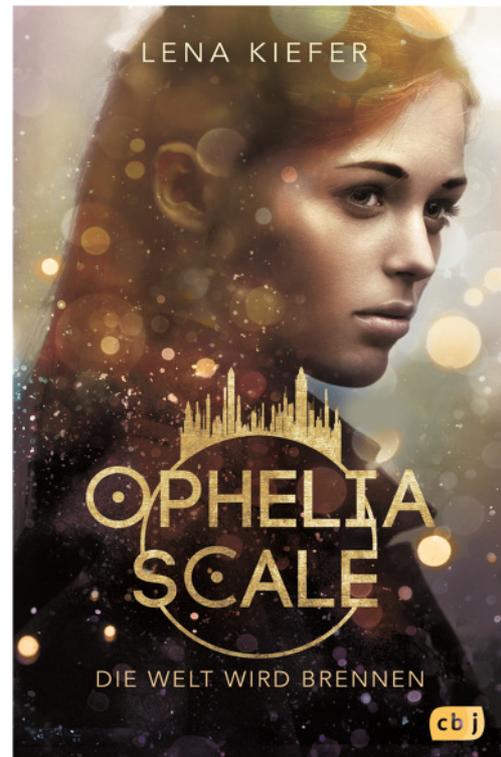
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Hope is stronger than hate, love is stronger than fear

YOUNG ADULT

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Lena Kiefer, born in 1984, already as a child was a keen reader and loved making up stories. Initially it never occurred to her to make her hobby into her profession. After school she strayed into the world of paragraphs but just in time found her way back to literature and studied German. Lena Kiefer now lives with her husband near Freiburg and spends every minute at her disposal – or not at her disposal – writing. *Ophelia Scale – The World Will Burn* is her debut novel and the first of a trilogy.

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Anne Freytag, born in 1982, studied international management and worked for an advertising agency before devoting herself entirely to writing. She has already published several novels for adults. With her first young-adult novel *My Best Last Summer* she wrote her way straight to the hearts of readers. The novel was highly acclaimed by booksellers and the press alike and nominated for the 2017 German Youth Literature Prize. Anne Freytag loves music, serials and the idea that with her stories she is able to lead a thousand and more different lives.

YOUNG ADULT



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- Fake news and filter bubbles were called the biggest danger to democracy by Obama in a recent interview – a danger that has been underestimated for a long time

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