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## Forests liberate the body and the soul – but not in this camp

For employees of a law firm, an outdoor team-building exercise turns into a horror trip

The theme of "back to nature" is transformed into a heart-stopping and riveting thriller

Marc, a young lawyer, and his brother Jens are committed to spending four nights in a forest with their colleagues. The idea is to find inner peace in the seclusion of nature under the supervision of a wilderness trainer, boost their performance and – along the way – take steps to prevent burn-out. During the day, meanwhile, they work in their offices as usual. Yet the training is so tough that Jens collapses on the very first night and has to be removed to a hospital. Marc is worried because his brother claims to have noticed someone in the woods. Then, another night, a man is shot through with arrows and dies. By now, at the latest, Marc realizes that in this case "back to nature" means only one thing: death.

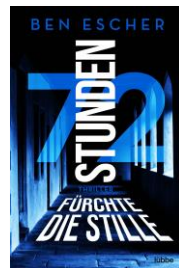


Ben Escher  
**FOUR NIGHTS**  
– FEAR THE DARKNESS

Vier Nächte  
– Fürchte die Dunkelheit  
349 pages  
Paperback  
October 2023

**Ben Escher** is a pseudonym used by an award-winning German author of suspense novels. Before he began to write thrillers and indulge his passion for dark, psychological stories, he worked as a journalist and advertising copywriter, among other things.

### Also available:



**72 HOURS**  
– FEAR THE  
SILENCE

365 pp  
Sep 2022

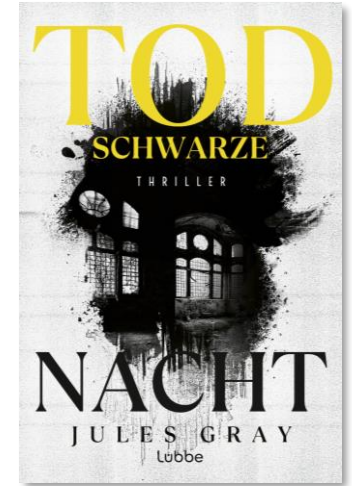


## Find the killer before he finds you

**A devious serial killer is preying on homeless women, the most vulnerable members of our society**

**A gripping thriller about a woman in danger that will leave readers breathless**

It's winter, and it's the middle of the night in a major German city. The streets are dark, cold, and lonely. A dangerous time for Lou who has recently become homeless and lacks any defense against hunger, disease, violence, and the cold. When Lou steals an old jacket on a particularly icy evening, she doesn't realize that she is foiling the plans of a brutal killer and thereby putting him on her trail. Everything she has experienced until now is harmless compared to what she will face going forward. Soon the killer has only one goal: to destroy her.



**Jules Gray**  
**THE DEADLY DARK OF NIGHT**

**Todschwarze Nacht**  
**Approx. 400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**April 2024**

**Jules Gray** worked as a lawyer in the field of criminal law, among other areas, before giving up her profession and devoting herself entirely to writing. Crime novels and thrillers are her great passion. Jules Gray lives in a major city, even though she dreams of a small cottage in Cornwall.

## Cinnamon cookies, snow, and a dead lord

**Cosy, reflective, deadly – a classic whodunit in the most beautiful time of the year**

**A locked-room mystery set in a country manor as a winter storm rages on a British island**

**A Christmas mystery in the best Agatha Christie tradition**

As it happens, Chief Inspector Timothy Smart is already on his way home to his wife and a Christmas roast, when his foppish friend Robin Chandler asks him to come to Crannock Hall. At the personal invitation of the mysterious Lord Bainbridge, some of the country's richest and most illustrious people have gathered at this country estate off the coast of Cornwall. Chandler fears that disaster is about to strike – and of a murderous kind, at that! The inspector yields to Chandler's urging and arrives on the island just as a storm cuts it off from the outside world. And that's not the end of it. Soon afterward Lord Bainbridge is found stone-dead. The killer must be among those present at Crannock Hall – and may strike again at any moment!

**Christian Humberg** writes novels, comics, plays, and non-fiction for children and adults. He has written for *Star Trek* and contributed to the science fiction novel series *Perry Rhodan Neo*, among others. His columns and articles appear in the press nationwide. In 2015, he was awarded the GERMAN FANTASY PRIZE at the Frankfurt Book Fair.



**Christian Humberg**  
**MURDER KNOWS NO HOLIDAYS.**

A Christmas Thriller

**Mord kennt keine Feiertage**  
**287 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**October 2023**

## Two women, a mysterious podcast, and a dark secret

**A thriller on the trendy topic of true-crime podcasts**

**A riveting thriller debut by a talented German author**

**For readers of Sebastian Fitzek**

Nina is overjoyed when the famous podcaster Malu M. hires her as a cleaning woman. For months she has been a spellbound follower of Malu's true-crime show, which is keeping the entire city in suspense. The house is polished to a high shine, but soon mysterious incidents begin to mount, and Nina suspects that yawning dark abysses lurk behind the immaculate facade. Why does Malu hermetically seal off her family from the outside world? What's she trying to conceal? Then an anonymous podcast is published on the net about the mysterious disappearance of a girl whose description bears a striking resemblance to Malu's daughter. Nina begins to suspect how horrific the podcaster's secrets really are – and how deeply enmeshed she herself has already become ...

**Cleo Konrad** was born on Christmas in 1981 in the snowy foothills of the Alps. She now lives and writes in the beautiful city of Nuremberg. Employed at a research institute as a science journalist, she uses every free minute remaining after work and family to craft suspenseful stories. A LETHAL PODCAST is her thriller debut.



**Cleo Konrad**  
**A LETHAL PODCAST**

**Tödlicher Podcast**  
**Approx. 384 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**March 2024**

## We have to change – but that could be our downfall

Total circulation to date of Dirk Rossmann's OCTOPUS novels is 800,000 copies

All OCTOPUS novels were #1 on the SPIEGEL bestseller lists

Visionary, explosive, highly topical

Rights to the previous OCTOPUS novels sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Poland
- Romania
- Hungary
- Turkey
- Korea

**Dirk Rossmann** was born in 1946, and in 1972 he founded Germany's first self-service drugstore. Today the ROSSMANN Group has 4,100 branches in Germany and seven foreign subsidiaries. Dirk Rossmann is deeply committed to the fight against climate change. The threat which climate change poses to humanity, our children and our children's children concerns him not only as a businessman but also as a father and grandfather.

The year is 2032, and the world government is battling the climate catastrophe. But far too many people across the globe are still resisting and refusing to comply. How can they be convinced, made to understand, or even – altered? An ambitious scientist sees the solution in deploying a parasite that transforms our thinking and makes us better people. But then a criminal has designs to use the organism for his unscrupulous goals, and humanity's fate rests in the hands of a minor civil servant and a spirited millionairess.

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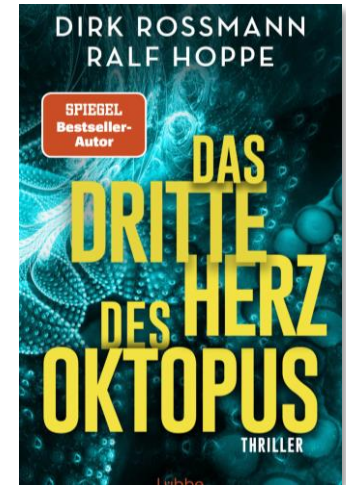
**THE NINTH ARM OF THE OCTOPUS**

400 pp  
Nov 2020



**THE WRATH OF THE OCTOPUS**

605 pp  
Nov 2021



**Dirk Rossmann  
Ralf Hoppe  
THE THIRD HEART OF THE OCTOPUS**

**Das dritte Herz des Oktopus  
704 pages  
Hardcover  
October 2023**



## Everything breaks – but we are unbreakable

As romantic and  
enchanting as Ali  
Hazelwood, and as  
modern and funny as  
EMILY IN PARIS

Best friends to lovers  
trope: binge reading and  
daydreaming guaranteed

For as long as make-up artist Mia Knight can remember, she has never left the side of her childhood friend, Roan. Not when he moved to London to live his dream. Nor when he became world-famous as the singer in PARALLEL. For Mia, it's natural to always be there for her best friend. And it's equally natural that they'll never be more than friends, no matter what she actually feels for Roan. What they have is unique. Unbreakable. Something nobody would ever risk for the fleeting chance of love. Nobody but Roan ...



**Kara Atkin**  
**THE BRIGHTEST  
COLOURS**  
(*Perfect Fit* Vol. 2)

**Approx. 400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**February 2024**

**Kara Atkin** lives with her cat in a small but lovely flat in Osnabrück, where she continually depletes the tea supplies of the surrounding supermarkets. When she's not working on her next project, immersed in plots and character descriptions, she spends her time either hanging out with friends or getting cosy on the sofa with a good book, a series or a video game.

### Also available:



**THE PERFECT  
FIT**  
(*Perfect Fit*  
Vol. 1)

384 pp  
August 2023

## Big dreams – worth fighting for!

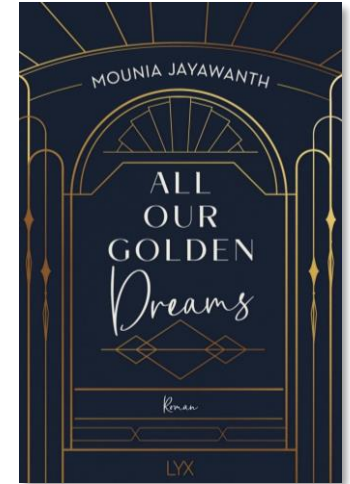
**Final book of the *Van Day* trilogy**

**A modern CINDERELLA story: the cook's daughter and the hotel owner's son**

**A dream destination: New York and a family-run luxury hotel**

**For readers of SAVE ME and *Westwell***

Now that childhood friends Ellis Wheaton and Ryan Van Day have found their way back to each other and confessed their feelings, everything should be perfect. They should finally be able to enjoy the spark and the sizzling attraction between them. But the consequences of a scandal are still casting shadows over the old, family-run Van Day Luxury Hotel in New York, the home that Ellis and Ryan love so dearly. And while hotel heir Ryan struggles with the challenges that this role presents him, Ellis watches on, plagued by worry about what it's all doing to the young man that she loves. Is their love strong enough to overcome these obstacles?

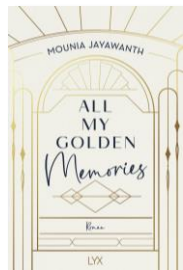


**Mounia Jayawanth**  
**ALL OUR GOLDEN DREAMS**  
(*Van Day* Vol. 2)

**Approx. 512 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**January 2024**

**Mounia Jayawanth** lives in Berlin and writes about eating disorders on her blog MIAS ANKER, providing moral support to sufferers, as well as trying to reduce the stigma around mental illnesses and campaigning for diversity, female empowerment and body acceptance.

### Also available:



**ALL MY GOLDEN MEMORIES**  
(*Van Day* Vol. 1)

405 pp  
June 2023

**Mona Kasten has sold almost 4 million copies worldwide**

**Five-time winner of the LOVELYBOOKS READER's prize in Gold**

**SAVE ME is being filmed exclusively for Amazon Prime Video – release set for 2024**

**Rights to Mona Kasten's previous books sold to 20 countries!**

**Mona Kasten**, born in 1992, studied library and information management before devoting herself entirely to writing. She lives in Hamburg together with her family and cats as well as an infinite number of books. She loves caffeine in every form, long walks in the woods and the days when all she can do is write.

## The magical opener to the EVERFALL ACADEMY series by #1 SPIEGEL bestselling author Mona Kasten

### As bewitching as deadly...

When seventeen-year-old Zoey King predicts the death of another pupil, her life is turned completely upside down. For instead of inheriting the gift of healing from her renowned mother as hoped, she is a banshee who possesses death magic. Shocked by this realisation, she has to change her course of study at Everfall Academy and is assigned Dylan Dae Park as her mentor. He is a reaper, who accompanies the souls of the dead to the other side and is generally considered dangerous. He is to help Zoey learn to cope with her newly awakened magic. But the death of her classmate still occupies her mind. When she decides to look more closely at the case and goes in search of clues with her friends, she suddenly finds herself in the perpetrator's firing line. Bit by bit, she discovers that several people at the Academy are hiding dark secrets. Above all Dylan, who makes her heart beat faster every time she looks at him...



**Mona Kasten**  
**FALLEN PRINCESS**  
(*Everfall Academy* Vol. 1)

**429 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**November 2023**

### Also available (a.o.):



**SAVE ME**  
(*Maxton Hall* Vol. 1)

416 pp  
March 2018



**SAVE YOU**  
(*Maxton Hall* Vol. 2)

384 pp  
June 2018



**SAVE US**  
(*Maxton Hall* Vol. 3)

374 pp  
Sep 2018

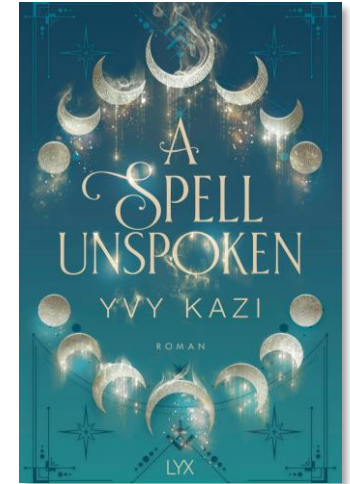
## Only together can they break the dark spell

**Witches – more topical than ever: female empowerment, the power of nature and everyday magic**

**TIKTOK trend: #witchtok, #babywitches and #witchesoftiktok have millions of subscribers**

**A captivating magical world, a modern New York setting and an emotional love story**

After stumbling upon the biggest conspiracy in the New York magic community, Gemma and Darren attracted the attention of an extremely powerful enemy who will stop at nothing to ensure that his plan is still achieved. To protect their friends from danger, the couple have to go underground and hide from the dark magicians hot on their heels. Despite everything that has happened between them, their connection is stronger than ever and soon they are certain that it is only together they can find a way to stop the dark evil power...

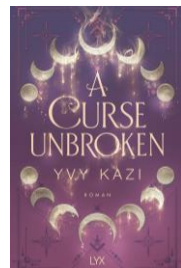


**Yvy Kazi**  
**A SPELL UNSPOKEN**  
(*Magic and Moonlight*  
Vol. 2)

**490 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**October 2023**

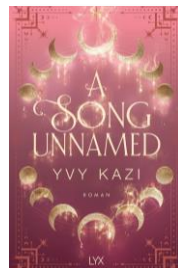
**Yvy Kazi** was born in 1986. She loves walks through green woods and by stormy seas. She sprinkles the impressions she collects with a twinkle of the eye and a pinch of creativity, to help her readers escape from day-to-day reality for a moment.

### Also available / Coming Soon:



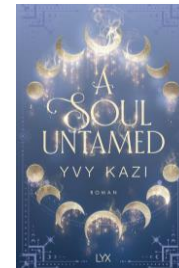
**A CURSE UNBROKEN**  
(*Magic and Moonlight*  
Vol. 1)

520 pp  
May 2023



**A SONG UNNAMED**  
(*Magic and Moonlight*  
Vol. 3)

Approx. 480 pp  
April 2024



**A SOUL UNTAMED**  
(*Magic and Moonlight*  
Vol. 4)

Approx. 480 pp  
Sep 2024

## The new epic trilogy by Lena Kiefer

The author has sold  
300,000 books with LYX

#1 SPIEGEL bestselling  
author: *Westwell* spent over  
15 weeks in the top 10 of  
the SPIEGEL bestseller list

The story of Eli, the readers'  
secret favorite from  
*Westwell*

Elijah Coldwell has his life under control: university, work, sport, everything is strictly organised. It's how he manages the anxiety that has haunted him since he was abducted as a child. Falling in love is just not an option for him; the risk of being as vulnerable as back then is too great. But then he meets Felicity Everhart, who fascinates him more than anyone else has ever done. Felicity actually has other problems right now. She's trying in vain to finally get to know her father. Although he is financing her dream art degree at university in New York, she hardly knows anything else about him. However, unaware that a potential dark cloud hangs over their love, Elijah and Felicity are unable to ignore the spark between them for long. When Elijah receives new information about his kidnappers, the clue leads him to Felicity's father of all people....



Lena Kiefer  
**COLDHART**  
– **STRONG & WEAK**  
(*Coldhart* Vol. 1)

Approx. 480 pages  
Paperback  
January 2024

### Rights to *Westwell* sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain

Lena Kiefer loved making up stories even as a child. After school she spent some time writing articles before finding her way back to literature and studying German at university. She now lives with her husband near Bremen.

### Coming Soon:



**COLDHART**  
– **DEEP & SHALLOW**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 464 pp  
June 2024



**COLDHART**  
– **RIGHT & WRONG**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 464 pp  
Oct 2024

### Also available: *Westwell*



- **HEAVY & LIGHT**  
(Vol. 1)
- **BRIGHT & DARK**  
(Vol. 2)
- **HOT & COLD**  
(Vol. 3)



## The emotional final volume of the *Me. Not* series!

#1 SPIEGEL Bestseller series – one of the top series in German New Adult

Laura Kneidl's books have sold over 700,000 copies in Germany alone

English sample translation of TOUCH ME. NOT (Vol. 1) available

### Rights to *Me. Not* sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia

**Laura Kneidl** writes novels about everyday challenges, fantastical worlds, and love. She was born in Erlangen in 1990 and studied library and information management in Stuttgart. Inspired by her favourite books, she started work on her own first novel in 2009. After an extended stay in Scotland, the author now lives in Leipzig in a flat resembling a library!

21-year-old Megan lives for her art. However, the hoped-for success is a long time coming and eventually, she is faced with a choice by her parents: Either she studies or they cut off her financial support. Megan decides to pursue her art and moves to Melview to make her dream come true. But that's easier said than done, because she desperately needs a job. When she is offered the chance to work as a barista at *Le Petit*, she hesitates. The reason is Cameron, the attractive café owner she has had her eye on for a long time. However, Cam turned her down the last time they met, even though there's a fire between them that can't be denied ...



**Laura Kneidl**  
**LOVE ME. NOT**  
(*Me. Not* Vol. 5)

**Approx. 448 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**December 2024**

### Also available:



**TOUCH ME. NOT**  
(*Me. Not* Vol. 1)  
  
462 pp  
Nov 2017



**LOSE ME. NOT**  
(*Me. Not* Vol. 2)  
  
470 pp  
Feb 2018



**FORGET US. NOT**  
(*Me. Not* Vol. 3)  
  
432 pp  
March 2023



**BREAK US. NOT**  
(*Me. Not* Vol. 4)  
  
474 pp  
July 2023

## Thrilling and romantic New Adult suspense from LYX

New adult suspense that readers love: exciting, captivating, emotional and romantic

For readers of FOLLOW ME BACK and fans of PRETTY LITTLE LIARS and RIVERDALE

SPIEGEL bestselling author from the ranks of the target group

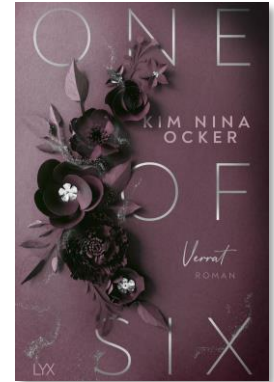
**Kim Nina Ocker**, born in 1993, lives with her family near Hanover. She prefers to write love stories, both realistic and fantastic. When she's not sitting at her computer, she spends her time with family and friends.

### ONE OF SIX – BETRAYAL (Vol. 1)

When young student Luca Murphy gets the chance to participate in the selection process for the position as social media manager at a luxury ski resort, she doesn't hesitate for a second. At the remote hotel, she meets the other applicants. She immediately feels a connection with charming Devan. However, it isn't easy for them to explore their growing attraction when the group suddenly has the feeling that there is someone else on the snowbound premises who is up to no good. And when more and more mysterious and threatening things happen, they have to ask themselves why does this person have it in for them of all people.

### ONE OF SIX – CONFIDENCE (Vol. 2)

The days of fear are over. The six college students had to face their darkest fears in the remote luxury ski resort in Eagle Creek and they learned to work together. For it was only by working together that they could escape the mysterious stranger, who blackmailed and threatened them. All of that bound the group together – and romantic feelings grew between some of them. But now the attraction between Luca and Devan faces a tough test in tranquil Belville when they are forced to ask themselves if they can really trust each other after a series of unexplainable events ...



**Kim Nina Ocker**  
**ONE OF SIX**  
– BETRAYAL (Vol. 1)

474 pages | Paperback  
October 2023



**ONE OF SIX**  
– CONFIDENCE (Vol. 2)

Approx. 474 pages  
Paperback | March 2024

## The SPIEGEL Bestseller series continues!

**New Adult meets GREY'S ANATOMY: Book 3 in the *Whitestone Hospital* series**

**SPIEGEL Bestseller:**  
**HIGH HOPES (Vol. 1): #3**  
**DROWNING SOULS (Vol. 2): #1**

**The author has sold over 320,000 books in Germany alone**

Maisie Jones wears a different pair of glasses every day. She loves good crime novels and her job as a junior doctor at WHITESTONE HOSPITAL, which she is determined not to lose. Nothing will get in the way of her ambition, not her asthma and certainly not Grant Masterson, the nurse who smiles every time he sees her and makes her heart race. Maisie has never thought much about love – until now. And when she finally decides to let love into her life, it might be too late...

**Rights to *Whitestone Hospital* sold to:**

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Italy
- Latvia
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Russia
- Spain

**Ava Reed** has always been a bookworm. Leaving the house without something to read – unthinkable! Eventually she discovered writing and blogging for herself, and has never looked back. Ava Reed lives with her family in Frankfurt am Main.

### Also available / Coming soon:



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL – HIGH HOPES (Vol. 1)**

416 pp  
March 2022



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL – DROWNING SOULS (Vol. 2)**

428 pp  
Feb 2023



**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL – SAVED DREAMS (Vol. 4)**

Approx. 416 pp  
Feb 2024



**Ava Reed**  
**WHITESTONE HOSPITAL – TOUGH CHOICES**  
(*Whitestone Hospital* Vol. 3)

**Approx. 400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2023**

## Discipline, dreams and hidden feelings – this is the NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF BALLET

**A book like a dance film:  
New Adult meets BLACK  
SWAN, CENTER STAGE  
and SAVE THE LAST  
DANCE**

**Academy settings are  
more popular with readers  
than ever**

**SPIEGEL Bestseller:  
HOLD ME (Vol. 1): #7  
STAY HERE (Vol. 2) #6**

**Rights to *New England  
School of Ballet* sold to:**

- Spain

Lia's life looks absolutely perfect on the surface: she's rich, beautiful and the most talented dancer at the NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF BALLET. But her perfectionism comes at a price, and soon dancing is the only thing that she can still control. At least that is what she believed until the first day of her final year when Phoenix suddenly appears. After spending the night with him a few weeks ago, seeing him as a teacher at the ballet school is the last thing that she expected! That means whatever it was that happened between them may not be repeated, under any circumstances. It could cost Phoenix much more than just his job ...

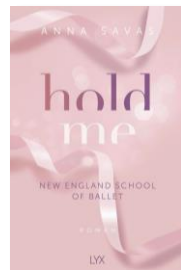


**Anna Savas  
SHINE BRIGHT  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF BALLET**  
(*New England School of  
Ballet* Vol. 3)

**512 pages  
Paperback  
November 2023**

**Anna Savas** was born in 1993, and can't imagine a life without books. Since she was a child, writing has been like breathing to her. And because ideas often come out of nowhere, she always carries a notebook with her.

### Also available / Coming Soon:



**HOLD ME  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
(Vol. 1)

512 pp  
March 2023



**STAY HERE  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
(Vol. 2)

496 pp  
July 2023



**MOVE ON  
– NEW ENGLAND  
SCHOOL OF  
BALLET**  
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## The success continues...

An exciting series about the cast of a blockbuster film

Sarah Sprinz's books have sold more than 500,000 copies in Germany alone

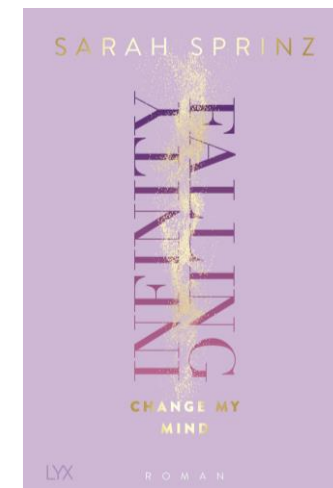
*Dunbridge Academy* spent over 50 weeks in the Top 20 of the SPIEGEL Bestseller list, including nine weeks at #1

MESS ME UP (Vol. 1) was an instant #1 SPIEGEL Bestseller

Rights to *Dunbridge Academy* sold to 11 countries

**Sarah Sprinz** was born in Tettmang in 1996, and later moved to Aachen to study medicine. When she's not writing she likes to go for long walks along the lakeshore, thinking up new ideas for stories and dreaming of her next trips to Canada and Scotland. She loves spending afternoons writing in cafés, maple syrup, and keeping in touch with her readers on Instagram. (@sarahsprinz).

It is not only on the set of the blockbuster INFINITY FALLING that agents Holly Triano and Ruben Belton are at each other's throats. They also quarrel on any other occasion that they attend with their protégés, Aven Amenta and Hayes Chamberlain. Ultimately, they are bitter rivals in a world in which you don't get anything for nothing. Holly, as the young owner of an agency in a male-dominated industry, can tell you a thing or two about that – as opposed to Ruben, the son of an influential media-entrepreneur whose surname alone opens all the doors in the industry. But between filming, events and networking, the two of them soon notice that they are not as different as they thought. But as competitors a relationship between them is out of the question – or is it?



Sarah Sprinz  
**INFINITY FALLING  
– CHANGE MY MIND**  
(Infinity Vol. 2)

Approx. 464 pages  
Paperback  
March 2024

## Also available / Coming soon:



**INFINITY  
FALLING  
– MESS ME  
UP**  
(Vol. 1)

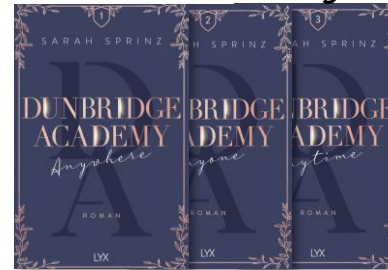
544 pp  
August 2023



**INFINITY  
FALLING  
– BRING ME  
HOME**  
(Vol. 3)

Approx. 464 pp  
Sep 2024

## Also available: *Dunbridge Academy*



- **ANYWHERE**  
(Vol. 1)
- **ANYONE**  
(Vol. 2)
- **ANYTIME**  
(Vol. 3)



## Romantic and cosy - the new series by Anabelle Stehl

**Dream destination Ireland: the author studied and lived in Ireland and immersed herself in the Irish culture**

**Young German author with a large online community**

**Rights to Anabelle Stehl's previous books sold to:**

- Czech Republic
- Russia

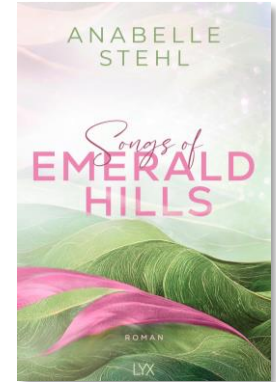
**Anabelle Stehl** studied linguistics in Leipzig and Cork, and now works for an online marketing agency in Leipzig. Under the name 'Stehlblüten' she runs her own successful blog, Instagram channel and YouTube channel. Apart from New Adult, her favourite genre is fantasy.

### SONGS OF EMERALD HILLS (Vol. 1):

A six month break on the Emerald Isle, away from everything, especially her detested law degree ... That's what Caroline wants from her stay in Ireland. Ideally, she'll also finally discover what she really wants out of life. She notices who she wants sooner than she would have liked: Conor, the neighbour of her somewhat crazy au-pair mother captivates her from the very first day. And when they have to organise a Gaelic festival together, Conor can no longer deny that he feels attracted to the girl from Germany. He tries with all his might to fight his developing feelings, for he has already suffered enough losses ...

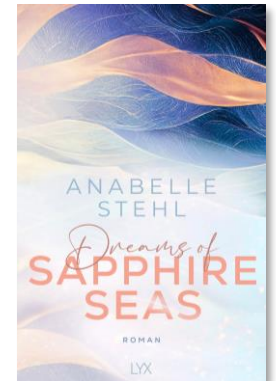
### DREAMS OF SAPPHIRE SEAS (Vol. 2):

After her semester abroad, Serena is able to stay in Cork and continue her art degree thanks to a grant. And she also finds a new passion project in a charity for the homeless that she devotes herself to. Her only problem: finding somewhere to live. Finally she ends up in an all-man flat-share. After a few teething difficulties, the four flatmates are soon a well-tuned team. In particular Aedan with his numerous tattoos and lopsided smile has attracted her attention. What she does not expect: The man who makes her heart race is the son of the mayor who is trying to sabotage her work...



**Anabelle Stehl**  
**SONGS OF EMERALD HILLS** (Ireland Vol. 1)

**Approx. 450 pages**  
**Paperback | Nov 2023**



**DREAMS OF SAPPHIRE SEAS** (Ireland Vol. 2)

**Approx. 450 pages**  
**Paperback | April 2024**

## New Adult meets SUITS

**Talented young German author, whose WATTPAD stories have almost 1 million views**

**Powerful topic: lawyers with cases addressing topics that readers care about, such as the environment, MeToo, etc.**

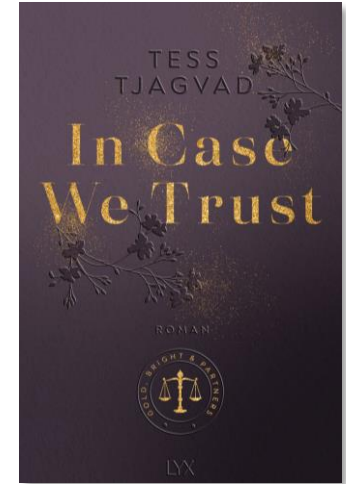
**Like *Whitestone Hospital* set in a law firm**

**English sample translation available**

After completing her law degree, Gracie finally wants to show her family that she can stand on her own two feet. The coveted job at Gold, Bright & Partners, one of the most successful law firms in Boston, is her chance. But the competition for the position among the young lawyers is harder than she imagined. Her biggest rival in the group of ambitious beginners is attractive Ira. When they are both entrusted with the same case, a bitter rivalry ensues. Yet, with each heated debate the sparks fly between them, and the pair grow closer to each other. But Gracie is hiding a secret – can she trust her biggest rival of all people?

### Tropes:

- IN CASE WE TRUST (Vol. 1): Rivals to Lovers
- IN CASE WE DARE (Vol. 2): Forbidden Love
- IN CASE WE FORGET (Vol. 3): Second Chance/Enemies to Lovers



**Tess Tjagvad**  
**IN CASE WE TRUST**  
(*Gold, Bright & Partners*  
Vol. 1)

**Approx. 400 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**January 2024**

**Tess Tjagvad**, born in 1995 in Hamburg, is actually a qualified florist but is currently studying German language and literature. She only rediscovered her love of words a few years ago, although she was already writing her own stories as a child. When she doesn't have her nose in a manuscript or a book, she spends time with her friends or seeks inspiration for new stories while walking in nature.

### Coming soon:



**IN CASE WE DARE**  
(*Gold, Bright & Partners* Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
June 2024



**IN CASE WE FORGET**  
(*Gold, Bright & Partners* Vol. 3)

Approx. 400 pp  
Nov 2024

## So different and yet so close – a German family saga

A family in the maelstrom of German history, visually stunning and full of emotion

People caught between the poles of fate and freedom

**Michaela Beck** is an author, dramaturg and lecturer. In addition to a cinema film and scripts for TV series, she has also published radio features, an audio drama and a crime novel. Her online graphic novel *Ninette* was nominated for the GRIMME-ONLINE-AWARD and her manuscript *A Sky Full of Eskimos* was nominated for the OLDENBURG CHILDREN'S AND YA BOOK PRIZE. Michaela Beck lives with her husband in Berlin.

The stories of three generations of a German family – divided by war, power and politics – intersect over a period of 80 years. Without knowing they're related, they meet, lose each other and ultimately find their way to each other. Their stories are told through a woven web of different, mirroring timelines.

At the age of just 10, **KONRAD**, a working class boy born in 1908, falls in love with beautiful, rich Selma. He promises her he will study medicine to help her disabled sister Alma. However, it's the Nazis that make it possible for him to keep his promise.

In 1953, **BRIGITTE** is forced to flee to the West with her parents. She revolts against everything and everyone. The intellectual debates and political discussions of the sixties enthrall her. From simply admiring the RAF (Red Army Faction), she soon becomes part of their inner circle.

**ANDRÉ** was born in 1965 and lost his parents in a car accident. The GDR provides an exemplary socialist family to care for him and he becomes a talented spring board diver. But his unresolved past doesn't let him go.

Three people who history has made strangers. New Year's Eve 1989, their life journeys converge at the Brandenburg gate in Berlin: Konrad is André's grandfather and Brigitte is his mother. The course of German history has separated them, made them strangers and citizens of different political systems.



**Michaela Beck**  
**THE LIGHT BETWEEN  
THE SHADOWS**

**Das Licht zwischen den  
Schatten**  
**844 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**September 2023**

## A book like a best friend

Two wonderful protagonists embark on a journey which is full of surprises and takes them to Italy and Norway

Funny and touching, witty and thought-provoking. Simply beautiful

Anyone who enjoyed MARIANA TRENCH will love THE ENDLING

Auguste is a snail researcher who has completely withdrawn from life. Her apartment has begun to look more and more like a cabinet of curiosities. Her sole companion is a snail, but no ordinary one: it's an endling, that is, the last individual of its species. When Auguste's pen pal, her last remaining human contact with the outside world, suddenly stops writing, Auguste is so concerned that she can hardly catch a moment's sleep. It's only when her teenage niece arrives on the scene that she snaps out of her lethargy. Together, the dissimilar duo forge a plan and set out to find the missing pen pal. But, naturally, not without Auguste's most precious possession - her snail.



Jasmin Schreiber  
**THE ENDLING**

**Endling**  
**304 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**December 2023**

### Rights to MARIANA TRENCH sold to:

- Czech Republic
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia

**Jasmin Schreiber**, born in 1988, is a biologist, writer, and science journalist. When she is not conducting expeditions to ferns and arthropods, she writes her way onto the bestseller list and tells stories about science and nature in a podcast called BUGTALES.FM. She can be found on Instagram and Twitter under @lavievagabonde, and her nature column is available by email at schreibersnaturarium.de.

### Also available:



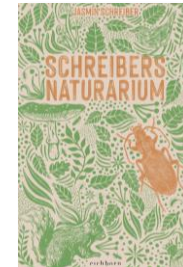
**MARIANA TRENCH**

254 pp  
March 2020



**THE SWIFT**

240 pp  
Sep 2021



**NATURE ON DISPLAY**

352 pp  
April 2023

## An atmospheric Christmas story featuring Kasimir the tomcat

The second, self-contained novel about a headstrong tomcat named Kasimir

An enchanting Christmas novel surrounding a family that has recently relocated. Lots of excitement and, naturally, a happy ending

For everyone who enjoys Christmas books and novels about cats

Rights to THE CHRISTMAS CAT (Vol. 1) sold to:

– Latvia

**Elke Schweizer** and her family live near Düsseldorf. She owns three cats, which provided her with lively inspiration for THE CHRISTMAS CAT. The author also loves to bake and cook.

For some time now, Ella and Max have been living in Tannreuth with their children Robin, Mathilda, and Lilly. When the couple moved into their new house, they were determined to save their marriage. In the meantime, however, they question whether relocating to the Black Forest has been helpful. The reason lies not least with Max's assistant, Tosca, who has taken up residence in the guest room – not to mention that the children still haven't made any friends at school or kindergarten.

Prospects for the approaching Advent season look bleak. But then everything changes when a tabby cat storms into the house, with a Rottweiler in pursuit ...

### Also available:



**THE CHRISTMAS CAT**  
(Vol. 1)

271 pp  
Oct 2021



**Elke Schweizer**  
**THE CHRISTMAS CAT**  
– Winter Cheer and the  
Scent of Pine (Vol. 2)

**Der Weihnachtskater**  
– Tannenduft  
und Winterglück (Bd. 2)  
287 pages  
Paperback  
October 2023



## They fought to fulfill their dreams and achieve the impossible

Total circulation for books by Sarah Lark to date is 5.6 million

The prelude to a grand saga about four extraordinary women who conquer the world for themselves from Scotland

Thrilling, action-packed, easy to consume. Accompany Sarah Lark on a journey through an age of awakening

Rights to Sarah Lark's books have been sold to more than 20 countries!

**Sarah Lark**, born 1958, worked as a tour guide for many years. She discovered her love for New Zealand very early in life. Its breath-taking landscapes have attracted her magically ever since. Sarah Lark is the pseudonym of a successful German writer.

It is the end of the 19th century in Scotland. Three female cousins from the aristocratic clan of the Hards are striving for higher goals. While Ailis wants to investigate the stars, Donella dreams of balloon flight, and Haily aspires to stardom on the stage. In Scotland's first school for girls, the graduates are actually prepared for possible study at a university as well. Young Emily, who stems from a servant family, is allowed to accompany the cousins. What at first seems like a stroke of luck for Emily is tied to an unpleasant condition. At first, the world seems to stand open to them, but then fate takes an unexpected turn for one of the women, and the four are scattered to the winds ...

### Also available (a.o.)



**IN THE LAND OF THE WHITE CLOUD**  
(*The White Cloud Saga* Vol. 1)

830 pp  
July 2007



**THE TIME OF THE FIRE BLOSSOMS**  
(*The Fire Blossom Trilogy* Vol. 1)

908 pp  
August 2013



**THE VETERINARIAN – BIG DREAMS**  
(*The Veterinarian* Vol. 1)

656 pp  
May 2021



**Sarah Lark**  
**FLYING HIGH AND REACHING FOR THE STARS**  
(*High Flyer Saga* Vol. 1)

**Himmelsstürmerinnen**  
– **Wir greifen nach den Sternen** (Bd. 1)  
**Approx. 550 pages**  
**Hardcover**  
**February 2024**

## The saga of 3 exiled women during the Second World War

Start of a captivating saga about two generations, three families and three continents

What did it mean for women to build a new life in a foreign country between 1940 and 1950?

English sample translation available

Three best friends – **Luise**, a political anti-Nazi activist, **Maria**, a Jewish woman whose destiny is uncertain and **Anni** who loves a man who is a member of the Gestapo – each of them living in Nazi Germany, each of them in great danger. An unforgivable mistake destroys their friendship. Now almost 85 years later, young American June discovers that her late grandmother, Luise, immigrated to the USA from Germany in 1936. She also inherits a restaurant in Manhattan but she only owns one third of it. June is supposed to give the other two thirds to her grandmother's missing friends or their heirs. June, who is unhappy in her job and her relationship, heads off to New York in search of her roots and the other two heirs. Thanks to her grandmother's mysterious legacy, June not only discovers more about the life of the women in exile back then but also about herself.

**Anna Claire** is the pen name of a successful German author. She works as a scriptwriter and dramaturg for TV. She has been writing novels since 2013. Writing herself into the hearts of many readers and bloggers, she has established a large social media fan base. She has been living in Berlin with her family for several years.

### Coming soon:



**WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE POWER OF BOOKS**  
(Vol. 2)

Approx. 400 pp  
June 2024



**Anna Claire**  
**WOMEN OF FORTUNE – THE TASTE OF FREEDOM**  
(*Women of Fortune* Vol. 1)

**Die Glücksfrauen – Der Geschmack von Freiheit** (Bd. 1)  
**381 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**October 2023**

## A dramatic love story set against a breathtaking backdrop

**THE ENGLISH PATIENT  
meets THE LIGHT  
BETWEEN OCEANS**

**Excellent research, highly  
emotional, and deeply  
moving**

**The attractive setting of a  
lighthouse on the Dutch  
coast**

Nelly, a young woman from Berlin, ends up in a Dutch coastal town amid the turmoil of the Second World War. The idea is for her to take over the duties of the old lighthouse keeper who vanished one stormy night. It's no easy task for a big-city kid like Nelly, who has no idea about tides or ship traffic. She receives no support from the villagers, who treat the young German woman with hostility. When Nelly hides a crashed British pilot in the tower and falls in love with him, she finds herself caught between the fronts of the Dutch resistance and a brutal occupying force. Nelly realizes that her courage puts her in danger – because high treason is punishable by death.



**Guido Dieckmann  
THE LIGHTHOUSE  
KEEPER**

**Die Leuchtturmwärterin  
488 pages  
Paperback  
October 2023**

**Guido Dieckmann** was born in Heidelberg in 1969. He studied history and English literature and has previously published, under a different name, more than twenty historical novels, some of which rose to become bestsellers. The author lives and works near Neustadt an der Weinstraße.

## Volume 2 of the great family history set in Blankenese

**A stirring and atmospheric panorama of German history**

**Two families – one poor, one rich – joined together for more than a century**

**Blankenese as a wealthy and atmospheric neighborhood in Hamburg with its timbered fishermen's houses and pre-war villas**

**Rights sold to:**

– Czech Republic

**Michaela Grünig** was born in Cologne (her spiritual home), and has spent many years working abroad. There she not only encountered interesting people and their stories, but also discovered her own great love of travel. Since 2010 she has made her onetime hobby – writing – into her job. She lives in western Switzerland with her family and her many pets.

This multi-generational saga recounts the story of a sailor's family and a ship owner's family. It spans World War 1, the 1920s, the 1930s, the Nazi era, the 1950s, post-war reconstruction, and the 1960s, and extends through the years of the liberation movements. In each generation, readers follow a woman and a man bound either by love or rivalry.

**Hamburg in 1939.** The war has torn childhood friends Kurt and Fanni apart. As a Jew, Kurt is sent to England on a children's transport. He grows up not in a caring family but in a children's home. In May 1940, when he is about to be interned as an "enemy alien," he manages to enlist in the Royal Air Force via an adventurous and circuitous route. He has no idea that at the same time Fanni – despite some uncertainty – is growing closer to Otto Casparius, a pediatrician in Blankenese whom she has secretly admired for a considerable time. And then the day arrives when Kurt is assigned to carry out an air raid on Hamburg, his old home town. Yet that is where his family lives, as does the woman he has loved since childhood ...

### Also available:



**BLANKENESE.  
TWO FAMILIES  
– Light & Shadow  
(Vol. 1)**

496 pp  
Feb 2023



**Michaela Grünig  
BLANKENESE.  
TWO FAMILIES  
– Difficult Decisions (Vol. 2)**

**Blankenese  
– Zwei Familien.  
Schwere  
Entscheidungen (Bd. 2)  
Approx. 576 pages  
Paperback  
April 2024**

## The great novel about the silent film era of the Weimar Republic

The novel cleverly addresses the topic of "women in the film industry" - then and now

Great cinema, a fateful love and a secret that changes everything

**Isabel Roderick** was born in 1981. Since 2013, she has been working as a freelance literary translator and author. She lives with her family close to Frankfurt am Main. In addition to several short stories in anthologies, she has published two novels to date. Her debut novel, *NYMPH BLOOD – THE ENTOURAGE* was nominated in 2015 for the indie author prize at the Leipzig Book Fair.

**Wiesbaden, 2000:** After her grandmother has to go into hospital, bookseller Ariane looks through her belongings in search of clues about the life of her mother, who died much too young. But instead she finds old photos of her grandmother in twenties Berlin and mysterious old film reels – it turns out there are also things in her grandmother's life that she knows nothing about. Together with projectionist Julian, she tries to unlock the secret of the film reels and to discover the truth about her family. In the process, they stumble across the story of actress and director Eva Lichtenfeld.

**Berlin in the 1920s:** Eva grew up in poverty. As a young woman she dreams of a career as a scriptwriter. By chance she meets Heinrich Lichtenfeld, an aspiring director who is impressed by her creativity and her modern ideas. He wants her to write his next film with him and to act the female lead. Eva falls in love with Heinrich and marries him, but he turns out to be a tyrant who limits her freedom and uses her talent for his own gain. Just when Eva can barely see a way out any more, she meets Jacob and with him she discovers what true love really is. But Heinrich is not prepared to simply let his wife go ...

Now decades later, Ariane researches Eva's story and can finally unlock the secret of the death of her mother, Vera, caused by an accident in the 1970s and she tracks down her unknown father.



**Isabel Roderick**  
**DREAMS MADE OF LIGHT**

**Träume aus Licht**  
**432 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**November 2023**



## The making of Meissen porcelain

**The story of one of the best known and longest standing brands in the world: Meissen porcelain**

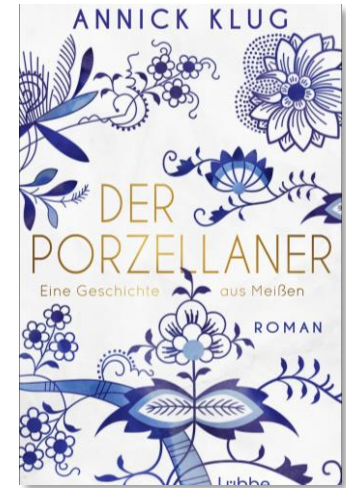
**Atmospheric, well researched and excitingly told**

**Obsession, loyalty, friendship and love – personal fates are what shapes world history**

The novel spans a period of 14 years and is set in Saxony, Poland and Vienna at the start of the 18th century. It recounts the invention of European porcelain and the first years of the Meissen porcelain manufactory from the perspectives of three protagonists, who hold very different positions both in society and in relation to the porcelain.

**In 1706**, young miner Samuel Stöltzel heads to Meissen to learn how to make gold from infamous alchemist Friedrich Böttger, not least so that he can win the heart of his beloved Sophie. However, instead of the desired gold that King Augustus needs to finance his war, they invent porcelain. With disappointment Samuel watches as the newly emerging manufactory suffers from the power struggles between creative mind Böttger and court official Nehmitz. Samuel is forced to flee to Vienna with the secret of manufacturing porcelain, where he hopes for a new chance for himself and the white gold ...

**Annick Klug**, born in 1967, is an actress, singer and screenwriter. She has received several awards, including the NÜRNBERGER AUTORENSTIPENDIUM. As a screenwriter she has worked for various film and TV production companies. For **THE PORCELAIN MAKER** she received a grant from the state of Brandenburg with a stay at Wiepersdorf Castle.



**Annick Klug**  
**THE PORCELAIN MAKER**

**Der Porzellaner**  
**461 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**September 2023**

## Just like David and Goliath – a young woman fights for her love

**Captivating novel about a strong woman, who holds on to her dreams despite huge resistance in a patriarchal world**

**The story of a true heroine from the Bible – the most read book in the world**

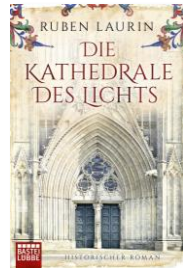
**Israel 1000 BC:** Bathsheba is fourteen when she meets the person who will be her destiny, the shepherd boy David. Outside the gates to Jerusalem he saves her life and the pair instantly fall in love. But Bathsheba's father has other plans and forces his daughter to marry coarse Uriah, a rich officer of the king. In desperation, David goes to war and after his battle against Goliath, he becomes king himself. However, Bathsheba, trapped in an unhappy marriage, cannot forget her dream of a life with David – and draws up a desperate plan that could mean both her death and her freedom ...

**Rights to CATHEDRAL OF LIGHT sold to:**

- Spain

**Ruben Laurin** is the pen name of an award-winning author, who above all writes fantasy and historical novels. He was awarded the Gold Homer for THE WHITE GOLD OF THE HANSEATIC LEAGUE making him the winner of the HOMER literary prize for the best historical novel of 2019.

### Also available:



**CATHEDRAL OF LIGHT**

590 pages  
Feb 2018



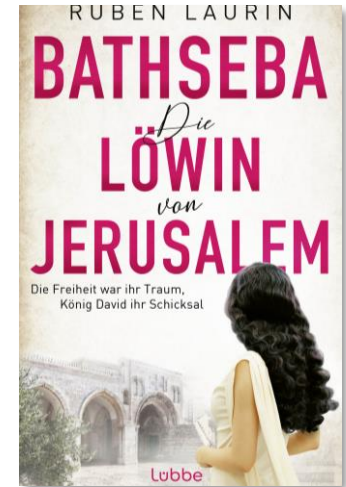
**THE WHITE GOLD OF THE HANSETIC LEAGUE**

623 pages  
Nov 2019



**THE JEWESS OF MAGDEBURG**

559 pages  
Dez 2020



**Ruben Laurin  
THE LIONESS OF JERUSALEM.**

BATHSHEBA – Freedom was her dream, King David was her fate

**Die Löwin von Jerusalem  
Approx. 480 pages  
Paperback  
March 2024**

## Why does the Mona Lisa smile?

**Bestselling author Beate Rygiert tells an opulent and exciting story about the origin of the world's most famous painting from the point of view of Leonardo da Vinci and Mona Lisa, one of the most mysterious women in the world's history**

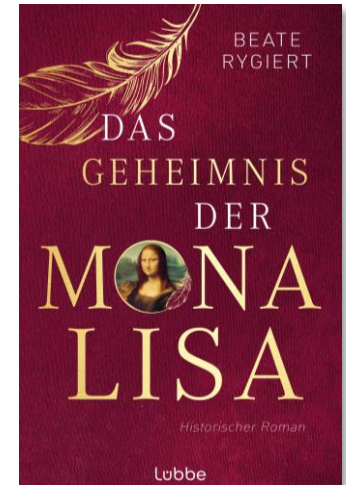
**Mona Lisa: an eventful life, a great love, a deep friendship and a political conspiracy**

**English sample translation and outline available**

**Beate Rygiert** wrote in her diary at the age of twelve, "I want to be an author, actually." She achieved this dream after studying music, theatre and Italian literature in Munich and Florence, and working for a few years as an opera dramaturg at various German theatres. Her novels take the bestseller charts by storm and have been translated into numerous languages. Today, she lives with her husband in the Black Forest, Andalusia and sometimes, France.

**Florence, 1494:** Lisa Gherardina and Giuliano from the powerful Medici dynasty are secretly a couple. When the Medici family are driven out of town, young Lisa's father forces her to marry the much older silk merchant, Francesco del Giocondo. But her heart still belongs to her lover.

**Venice, 1495:** Leonardo da Vinci is the most famous artist of his time. When Giuliano de Medici asks him to paint a portrait of Lisa in order to send messages to his lover, Leonardo joins in this risky game. As a result Lisa not only ends up in a dangerous conspiracy but her heart is also sorely tested.



**Beate Rygiert**  
**THE SECRET OF THE**  
**MONA LISA**

**Das Geheimnis der**  
**Mona Lisa**  
**607 pages**  
**Paperback**  
**December 2023**

## The Three Sisters Saga – thrilling, dramatic, touching

The novel series continues: three strong sisters, powerful sugar manufacturers, and dangerous business deals

Suspense, love, and passion set against the fabulously beautiful landscape of the Bavarian Forest

**Martina Sahler** and **Heiko Wolz** have published many successful juvenile books as an author duo. Martina Sahler was awarded the Homer Literaturpreis in silver for her historical novel WHITE NIGHTS, VAST COUNTRY, while Heiko Wolz received, among other awards, the literature scholarship of the Free State of Bavaria. THE SUGAR BARONESS – MARTHA'S SECRET is the prelude to their first collaboration on a series of historical novels.

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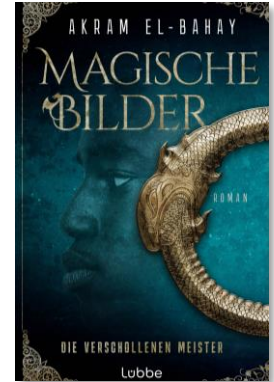
**Akram El-Bahay** turned his passion, writing, into a profession. He works as a journalist and author. As the child of an Egyptian father and a German mother, his upbringing exposed him to influences from both cultures. This is also reflected in his novels. Classical fantasy stories about dragons and magic, they are equally reminiscent of *The Lord of the Rings* and Oriental fairytales.

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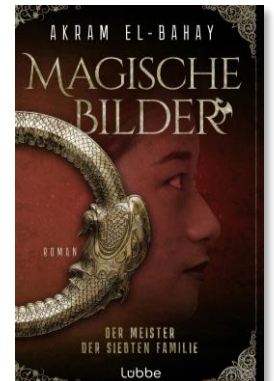
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**Ulrich Bahnsen** holds a doctorate in neurogenetics and has worked as an editor in the "Wissen" department of DIE ZEIT since 2001. His topics are genetics, aging research, evolution, and medicine. Ulrich Bahnsen has received multiple awards for his journalistic work.

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## Discover the superpowers of the female cycle

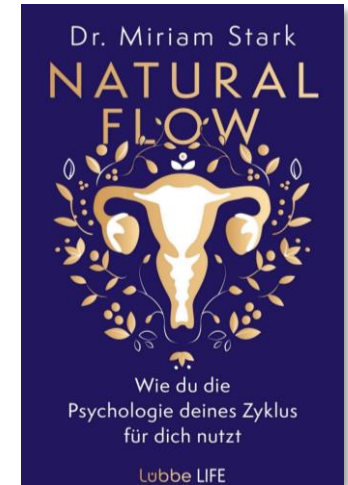
**A psychological look at the menstrual cycle: each phase has its needs – and its strengths**

**Learn and love, be creative and relaxed: those who live a cycle-base life can fully achieve their potential**

**For a feminist generation that finally wants to give female needs space and emphasis**

**Dr Miriam Stark** is a business psychologist, coach and company consultant. She accompanies individuals, couples and businesses in finding and achieving goals at work and at home through cycle orientation, and in overcoming an autoimmune disease she has also discovered how important it is to recognise your own needs and to give them the space that they need. She lives with her family on Lake Chiemsee.

The female cycle doesn't have a good reputation; it's usually associated with PMS (premenstrual syndrome), pain and bad moods. Its reputation is completely unjustified because it holds real superpowers! How to make use of them? Through a cycle-orientated life: the body follows a natural, hormonal rhythm. Each phase brings its own needs and special abilities. If you give it space, psychological and physical suffering can disappear and a woman's own versatility can be vibrantly lived. Miriam Stark explains how it is possible and encourages women, couples, businesses and many more to be mindful of the needs of menstruating persons and to consequently use the full potential of the "natural flow" at work and at home.



**Miriam Stark**  
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**Author of the #7 SPIEGEL bestseller NOTE TO SELF: I AM ENOUGH**

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We all know it: the feeling that it's all too much. No matter where you look, be it world news or your personal life, there are so many things that occupy our thoughts and emotions. But where does the feeling of being overwhelmed come from? What exactly are we feeling in those moments? And how can we react to it and become more resilient? This book is intended to help readers find their own answers to these questions and to show them ways of coping with feeling overwhelmed. Exercise pages at the end of each chapter are a helpful resource. Furthermore, the empathetically written texts are embellished with beautiful illustrations. So that at the end, the feeling remains: everything will be fine!



**Sabine Steindor**  
**NOTE TO SELF:**  
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**Sabine Steindor** is a young blogger and Instagrammer who posts, under the handle @biniwiniii, about self-acceptance, meditation and gratitude. Since realising how grounded and safe she has felt since starting to practise mindfulness, she has been supporting others to integrate these things into their lives too.

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## Use social media mindfully and knowingly

**Very topical issue for readers who spend a lot of time on social media platforms**

**Insightful book about the mindful use of social media with a lot of practical tips**

**Two young and dedicated authors from the ranks of the target group**

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Instagram, TikTok, WhatsApp – with all the many messages, posts and videos we soon feel overwhelmed. And social media platforms, intended to be fun and create connections, soon have the opposite effect: we fear missing out if we are not “on”, compare ourselves to others and neglect the offline world. This book wants to help readers use social media knowingly and mindfully. With insights into online life, anecdotes and practical tips, the two authors insightfully show how to get the best out of social media for yourself and for others, and how to feel good online.

**Lea Sophie Grünzinger**, born in 1998, has a degree in law. Together with Nora Wunderwald, she established BEWUSSTSCHEIN E.V. in 2020, a non-profit association, that helps children and young adults learning about the conscious use of social media. In addition to the management of the charity, she is also partly responsible for drawing up the workshops.

**Nora Wunderwald**, born in 1997, has run a YouTube channel since 2012. With BEWUSSTSCHEIN E.V., she developed the social media driving licence. She has a bachelor's degree in communication and literature, and lives and works in Vienna.



**Nora Wunderwald /  
Lea Sophie Grünzinger**  
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For Mindfully Using  
Social Media

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## We must not underestimate Russia again

**Between a nuclear threat and hybrid methods of war, we need a new security policy**

**A highly topical issue. Fear of nuclear escalation is running high**

**A security expert with an excellent contact network who is much in demand in the media**

The war in Ukraine has far-reaching consequences for our security. From nuclear escalation and the destruction of key infrastructure, to disinformation campaigns, we find ourselves in the middle of a new Cold War. Although Germany and the EU are aware of the danger, appropriate defense strategies are not in place. How significant is the nuclear threat? Are we facing a new age of military build-up? And how should Europe arm itself against global aggressors going forward? Security expert Julia Berghofer describes what confrontation between Russia and the West will look like in the future, and she urgently appeals for a new security policy.

**Julia Berghofer** is an expert in the fields of security policy, Euro-Atlantic security, and nuclear arms control. She works as a Senior Policy Fellow at the EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP NETWORK (ELN) and is active in the HEINRICH BÖLL FOUNDATION'S FORUM FOR NEW SECURITY POLICY and in the RÉSEAU NUCLÉAIRE ET STRATÉGIE. She regularly publishes in various media, moderates discussion events, and is a sought-after interviewee by leading media outlets.



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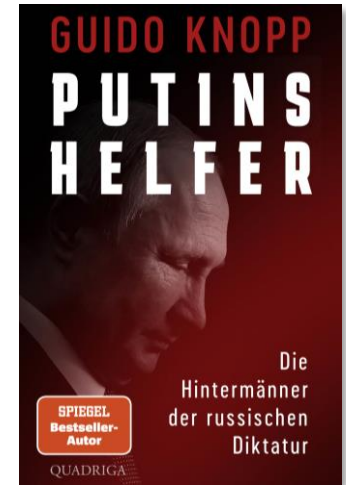
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## Who are the powerful figures supporting Russia's president?

The next bestseller by the well-known TV historian and author of the international bestseller **HITLER'S HENCHMEN**

The author vividly explains how Russian millionaires and billionaires profit from Putin.

More than two and a half decades after his global bestseller, **HITLER'S HENCHMEN**, Guido Knopp has now published a new book entitled **PUTIN'S HENCHMEN**. It portrays the powerful figures in an empire that threatens peace in Europe more than ever. All of them profit from Putin, so they keep their ruler in power. Among them, we find oligarchs like Roman Abramovich who profit from their proximity to the dictator; slick apparatchiks like Sergei Lavrov, whose job is to serve as their master's mouthpiece; or Kirill I, Patriarch of Moscow, who makes his church the willing tool of a dictatorship. All of them function as pillars of a tyranny that has long been directed inward, but has now turned outward as well.



**Guido Knopp**  
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Who Is Pulling the Strings Behind the Russian Dictatorship

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**Guido Knopp** is probably Germany's most popular historian. His name is inextricably linked with successful TV shows such as **THE GERMANS**, **HISTORY**, and **HITLER'S HENCHMEN**, all of which were turned into internationally bestselling books. In addition, Guido Knopp is a successful journalist and television moderator. Due primarily to his insight into current affairs, he is often interviewed as a competent subject expert.

**One of the best-known faces on Germany's digital scene tells us what will matter in the future**

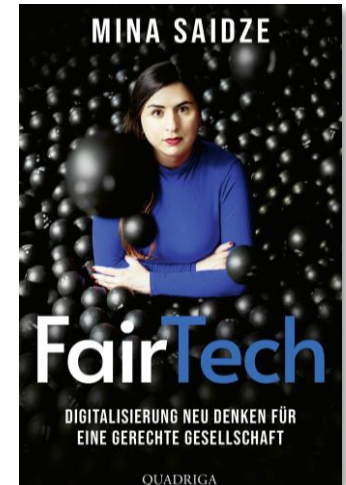
**The author made the Forbes 30 Under 30 list and has been recognized as a LinkedIn Top Voice**

**The author is in regular communication with major tech players and is available as a speaker**

**Mina Saidze advocates for the democratization of technology.  
She demands that we should finally start producing inclusive tech!**

Technology will determine our future. But today's digitalization creates injustice by systematically excluding large parts of the population or putting them at a disadvantage. What needs to happen to ensure that everyone in our society is given the same opportunities? How important is digitization for our jobs; will artificial intelligence jeopardize or instead protect them? While the technocrats debate AI, the social aspects are falling by the wayside. It's a question of what tomorrow's world will look like and who will contribute to shaping it. Tech expert Mina Saidze is demanding that businesses, politicians, and society finally create technology that's equitable. A clear message from a person who already realizes where the journey is headed.

**Mina Saidze**, born in 1993, is a data expert, founder, publicist, and one of the best-known faces on Germany's digital scene. The daughter of political activists from Afghanistan works for startups and corporations in the field of big data and AI. She is the founder of *Inclusive Tech*, Europe's first consulting and lobbying organization for diversity in the tech sector, and advises leading companies across the world. In 2021, Forbes magazine placed her on the "30 under 30" list.



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Rethinking Digitization  
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## 100+ tips for sustainable DIY

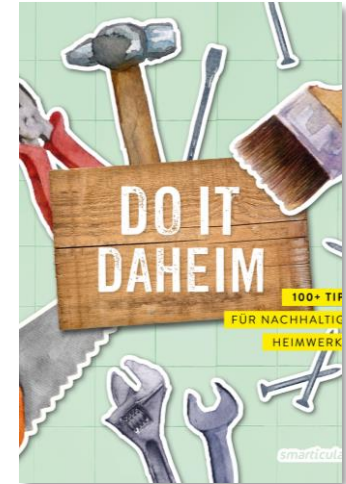
**Quicker than YouTube!**  
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**Easy, accessible and**  
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Accessible, with plenty of illustrations – user-friendly and very practical, the perfect guide

The all-round guide for parents-to-be who want to do their best for their baby, themselves and the environment, and who want to live in a sustainable way during pregnancy and after their baby arrives.

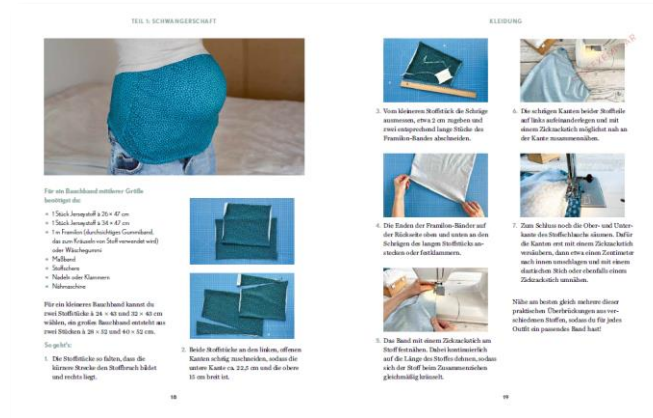
This book features all kinds of useful ideas, from suggestions about what to eat during pregnancy to recipes for home-cooked baby food (including vegetarian options); from tips on sustainable ways to indulge in some relaxation to gentle, natural care products for little bottoms; and lots of advice about which baby equipment is really necessary and how to source it cheaply and in an environmentally friendly way.

An indispensable guide to clothes, food, personal care products, wellbeing, preparing for birth, baby equipment, nappies, breastfeeding, toys and baby care – for parents-to-be who want to live in a mindful way but without having to compromise on comfort or happiness.



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**A comprehensive guide to food, care, activities, DIY dog products and lots more**

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**Rita Berman**, born in Moldova in 1971, was enthusiastic about graphic art and design from an early age. She worked as an architect before moving to Germany where she started working as a graphic designer. She lives with her family in Frankfurt/Main.

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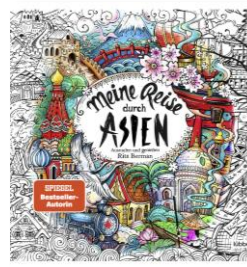
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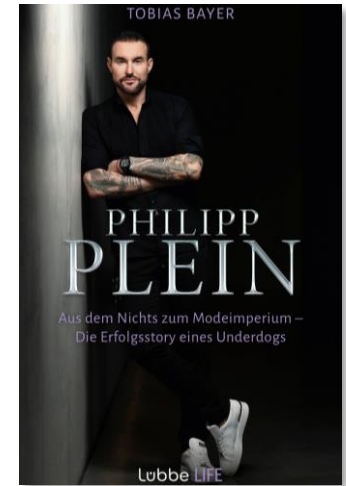
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**The official biography of Germany's most successful fashion designer**

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**Tobias Bayer** works in Milan as the fashion and luxury correspondent for *Textilwirtschaft*, the most important German specialist magazine in the clothing industry. Born in Stuttgart, he studied business administration at the University of St. Gallen and went on to report on international financial markets from Frankfurt, Zurich and New York for the *Financial Times Deutschland*. Bayer has been living and working in Italy's fashion capital for ten years.



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## A must-read for true crime fans

For readers and podcast fans of true crime

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**Hariett Drack** spent four decades as a police and court reporter for the *Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger* and is a freelance writer for the crime section at DIE ZEIT, among other print media. She reported on the abysses of human nature, but also on the often droll stories that come before the district court. Even after decades, none of the material has lost its appeal to her.



**Hariett Drack**  
**ROOM 210 – WHEN**  
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## A legend as a player and a coach, and a man whose light created shadows

**The most up-to-date biography of Franz Beckenbauer. Important companions have their say**

**The first book to shed light on the scandal surrounding the awarding of the 2006 World Cup**

For decades, Franz Beckenbauer rode a wave of success: As a player, he became a German Champion, European Champion, and World Champion. As a coach, he led the German national team to the World Cup title in 1990. As head of the bid committee, he brought the 2006 World Cup to Germany. Yet then accusations of corruption arose involving vote-buying during the awarding process and payments of millions of euros that suspiciously vanished. *Der Kaiser* went quiet. Who is Franz Beckenbauer really? Florian Kinast portrays the most important personality in German football, describing not only his enormous successes but also the dark side that has always existed in the life of this luminous figure.

**Florian Kinast** was born in Munich in 1969. He is an author and freelance sports journalist. As a correspondent for *SPIEGEL*, he reports on FC Bayern Munich. He also writes reports and portraits for the *Munich Abendzeitung*, *Sports Illustrated*, and numerous other media. He has published several books, including a biography of biathlete Magdalena Neuner, and in 2022 *THE KINGS OF THE WORLD* which recounts the history of the football world championships.



### **Florian Kinast THE MAN THEY CALLED THE KAISER**

Franz Beckenbauer. A  
Shining Light with a Dark  
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**Mensch, Kaiser!**  
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The first autobiography of the global star - known from a number of TV series and feature films such as **DARK**, **FANTASTIC BEASTS**, and **THE SWARM** which was based on the novel of the same name by Frank Schätzing

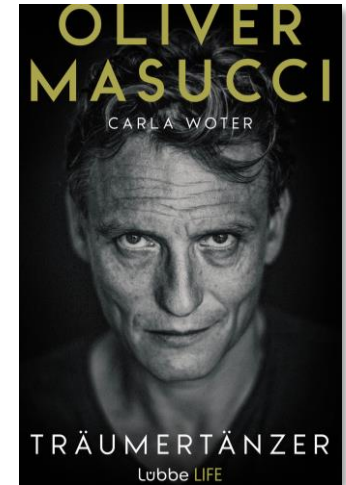
Masucci tells how his family held together, even in times of conflict, through the culinary bonds that overcame borders and provided support

The author gives a stirring account of how true passion can lead to great success

**Oliver Masucci** was born in Stuttgart in 1968. Although he was already enjoying great success on the stage, his breakthrough came with the role of Adolf Hitler in the film adaptation of Timur Vermes' novel **LOOK WHO'S BACK**. In this culinary, sensual, and moving autobiography, he recounts how he overcame being unwanted as the child of an Italian immigrant and rose to become one of Germany's greatest actors – and why cooking and eating give him support.

**"My life is an incredible story. Stormy, deeply moving, but also hilariously funny."**

He is a star of German cinema and an actor who pushes his limits to the extreme, gaining thirty kilos for one role and then brutally starve them off for the next. Ever since his success in the Netflix series **DARK**, people recognize him internationally in public. Yet Oliver Masucci was not destined from birth to become a global star. His father arrived in Germany as an Italian immigrant in the 1960s; his mother stems from an East German family that had fled to the West. Although the two cultures clashed in the family and led to fierce conflicts, there was one ritual that reconciled everyone: sharing a meal together – whether Königsberger Klopse or pasta alla Norma. In his book, Oliver Masucci tells of growing up in 1960s Bonn as the child of an Italian immigrant, of his love of film and the theater, and his desire to be seen.



**Oliver Masucci**  
**DANCING A DREAM**  
A Guest Worker's Tale

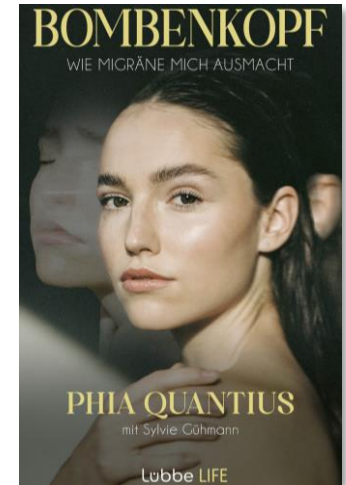
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## ... and suddenly my head explodes

Over 180,000 followers on Instagram, her TikTok posts reach millions

Phia Quantius has suffered from a particularly debilitating form of migraine since childhood. The neurological condition attacks the young woman three to six times per month, and prevents her from going about her daily life as a result of the pain, nausea, paralysis and hallucinations. Despite their serious impact, migraines are often considered to be trivial. Yet almost twenty percent of the population suffer from them and research has still not found an effective treatment. That is why Phia Quantius is sharing her story. She speaks with experts about treatment options and tells of everything that goes hand in hand with the condition, e.g., use of medication, depression, suicidal tendencies, and despite all of that she shows her irrepressible lust for life.

**Phia Quantius** has suffered from migraines with aura since her childhood and wants to give this invisible condition a face. Therefore, she honestly and unsparingly records her life on social media. Phia is a model and content creator, she is involved in animal protection, and lives and works in Hamburg.



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**Denise Verst** alias mathellastlife and her husband **Hendrik Verst** alias fitdad\_hendrik show their 600,000 plus followers the totally normal madness of a family of seven, from parenting and building a home to lifestyle topics. But not only that: since becoming so seriously ill that the young father needed a liver transplant in 2015, the couple have also used their reach to address the topic of organ donation.



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