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# Martina Behm: Out Here

- A gripping, warm-hearted and wise debut, the discovery of a new narrative voice
- Martina Behm skilfully weaves together different perspectives into an impressive panorama
- For readers of Juli Zeh, Mariana Leky and Dörte Hansen

## A white deer, a dark prophecy and a village turned upside down

In Fehrdorf, everybody seems to know where they belong. Only Ingo and Lara, who recently moved from the big city to this small village in the German countryside with their children, are struggling. Especially Ingo finds the commute to his start-up in Hamburg exhausting. When he hits a white deer with his car one evening, it disrupts the balance of the whole village.



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**Martina Behm** trained as a journalist and is a mother of two children. She studied Economics in Konstanz and Oxford, and has come back to her roots in Northern Germany after having lived in Santiago de Chile and Hamburg. 'Out Here' is Martina Behm's debut novel.



**Martina Behm**

**Out Here**

496 pages

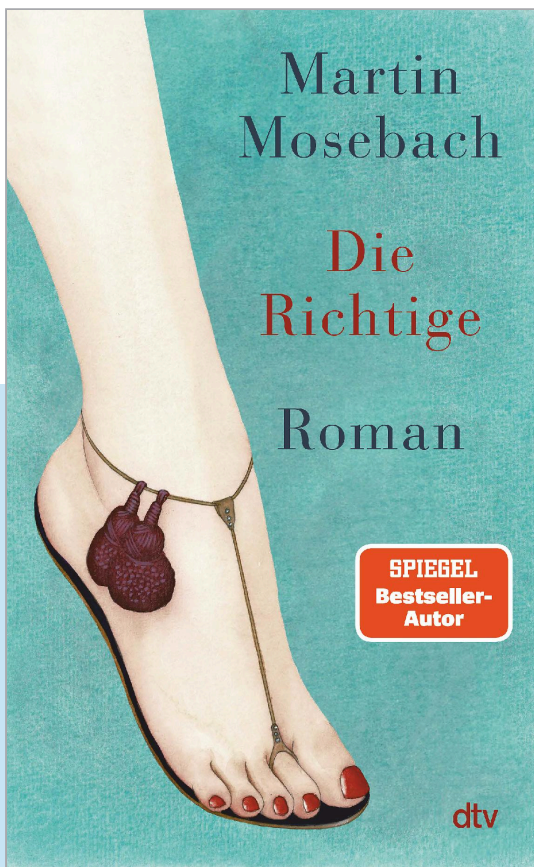
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**Genre:** Literary Fiction

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# Martin Mosebach: The Right One

- A stark insight into human nature, virtuosically written, achieving a rare balance between a gripping plot and deep reflection
- About the darkness in human relationships, about art and life, love and power
- Martin Mosebach is one of the best storytellers and stylists in German literature



**Martin Mosebach**  
**The Right One**  
 352 pages  
 March 2025  
**Genre:** Literary Fiction

## Two women, one painter and a warning: »Don't model for him!«

Louis Creutz is a painter willing to transgress any boundary, because he simply refuses to acknowledge them. Anybody who comes into contact with him is exploited first and then dropped. Mostly, these people are women, his models. One of them is now homeless, a woman with golden curls and an eerie mask-like face. Meanwhile, another woman, young and full of life, throws all caution to the wind.

Martin Mosebach reaches new literary heights in this novel – a great book, powerfully vivid, full of surprises and captivatingly told.

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**Martin Mosebach**, born in Frankfurt in 1951, has been making his living as a freelance author after obtaining a law degree. His output includes novels, short stories, poetry, essays and librettos, for which he has received many awards including the *Heimito von Doderer Prize for Literature* (1999), the *Heinrich von Kleist Prize* (2002) and the *Georg Büchner Prize* (2007).



# Martin Mosebach: What Happened Before

- A love story, at the heart of which a cockatoo bears silent witness
- A *comédie humaine* of erotic intrigue and errors – subtle, elegant and pointed
- »This novel belongs on the bestseller list.« Denis Scheck

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»**Sparkling, masterful, entertaining!**« Pia Reinacher, *Die Weltwoche*

During a moment of intimacy, a young woman asks her lover a question that sounds innocent yet contains the seeds of jealousy: What was your life like before we knew each other? His answer spirals into a web of truth and fiction, a palace of lies. The city of Frankfurt provides the fantastical stage for this ingenious piece of social theatre: Do two marriages and a family really have to fall apart for a couple to find happiness together?



**Martin Mosebach**  
**What Happened Before**  
 336 pages  
 March 2025  
**Genre:** Literary Fiction



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# Martin Mosebach: The Moon and the Maiden

- Awarded with the *Georg-Büchner Prize* in 2007
- Humour and melancholy with a light touch – told against the backdrop of the railway district at night
- »The most tender and light-handed novel that Martin Mosebach has written to date.« Hubert Spiegel, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

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**Martin Mosebach**  
**The Moon and the Maiden**  
 192 pages  
 March 2025  
**Genre:** Literary Fiction

## A midsummer night's dream in Frankfurt

Hans considers himself lucky. He's just got married and obtained a new job in Frankfurt. He and his wife Ina move into a rather run-down flat close to the shady main station, when things start to get a little messy. One day, Ina finds a dead pigeon in the bedroom. Then, a wedding ring goes missing, their neighbours turn out to be magical, and a late-night drinking session turns into a witches' dance. Meanwhile, the complexities of the art of seduction put young love to a difficult test.

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# Lizzie Doron: Acting Out Everyday Life – Life In Israel

## Since 7th of October

- One of the most important Israeli peace activists speaks out: what has life been like since 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023?
- When you feel alienated from your own country – an emotional insight into everyday life in a torn society at war

### We might not be here tomorrow

Lizzie Doron has spent her whole life fighting for her country – for a homeland free from persecution, for peace with their Palestinian neighbours, for freedom and democracy. Then came 7<sup>th</sup> of October, destroying everything that had been before. As sirens wail and people's minds turn to the kidnapped hostages, the government wages a war that kills even more people and brings none back. How can there still be faith in a future?

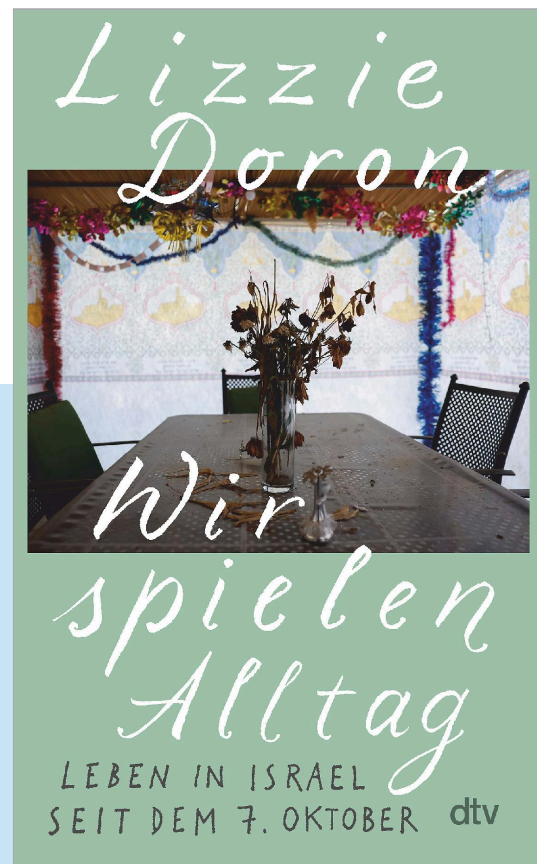
At a time when there are few answers to be had, Lizzie Doron writes about everyday life, which does not exist yet carries on somehow: encounters with the bereaved, absurdly comical scenes with the grandkids in air-raid shelters, political discussions at the hair-dresser's, increasingly vapid memorials, silence on the telephone with her Palestinian friend. A moving testament from a traumatised society.

»One can only pay the highest respect to Lizzie Doron's literary and human achievements.« *Jüdische Allgemeine*



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**Lizzie Doron**, born in 1953, made her name with novels about the experience of second-generation holocaust-survivors. With *'Who the Fuck Is Kafka'* – one of the most important literary explorations of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – and *'Sweet Occupation'*, she increasingly turned to political questions. Lizzie Doron has been the recipient of numerous awards. She lives in Tel Aviv and Berlin.

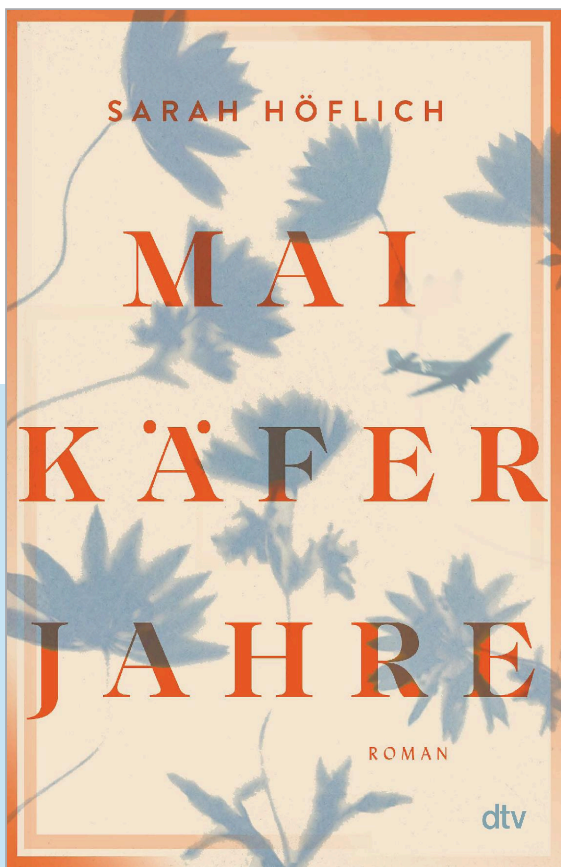


**Lizzie Doron**  
**Acting Out Everyday Life – Life In Israel Since 7th of October**  
 160 pages  
 April 2025

**Genre:** Current Affairs, Literary Fiction

## Sarah Höfllich: Against All Odds

- A close-knit brother and sister separated by war. Two forbidden romances. Four young people who rise above it all in the face of destruction and prejudice
- An emotional, dramatic novel about hope and love, guilt and reconciliation in the immediate post-war period
- For all readers of Susanne Abel, Trude Teige and Alena Schröder



**Sarah Höfllich**  
**Against All Odds**  
 464 pages  
 April 2025

**Genre:** Women's Fiction, Commercial Fiction,  
 Historical Novels

### The war is over – can love begin?

Spring 1945, Europe lies in ruins. Anni flees the burning city of Dresden with her young daughter and the half-Jewish violinist Adam. Their journey leads them through occupied Germany to her deceased husband's family in Tyrol. There they are faced with a momentous decision: If Anni wants to stay, Adam has to go. Her twin brother Tristan has narrowly escaped death and is now in an English POW camp. Despite facing immense hostility from her fellow countrymen, the British nurse Rosalie cares for him – but their blossoming love is forbidden under the law and by Rosalie's own family.

Sarah Höfllich has written a gripping family novel about four young people, who are forced to confront the painful fact that love doesn't heal all wounds but just some.

© Thomas Rabsch



**Sarah Höfllich**, born in 1979, was fascinated by stories and history even as a child. She studied English and Literature in college, and was awarded a Fulbright Grant to the US, where she completed her MFA in Creative Writing. She works as an independent screenplay author and producer and has created several successful television series.



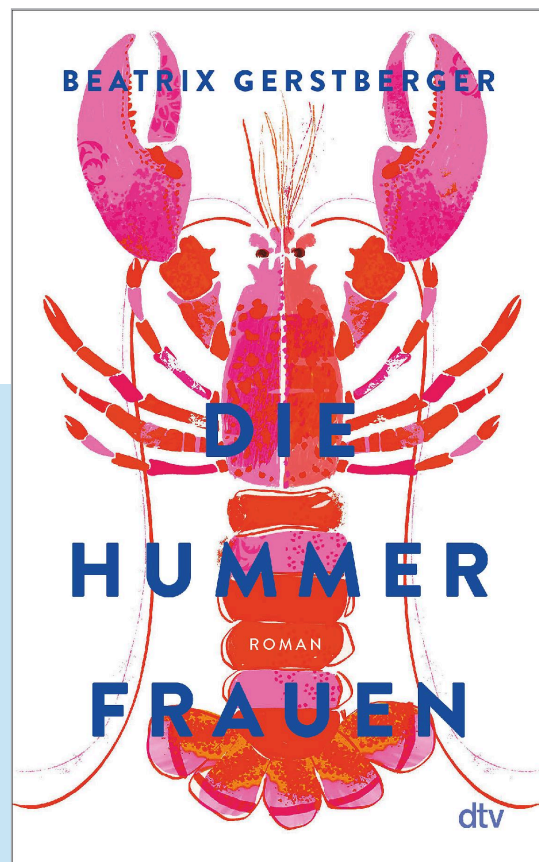
# Beatrix Gerstberger: The Lobster Women

- A fateful summer twenty years ago, a childhood sweetheart and a family drama
- The rough-and-ready everyday lives of female lobster fishers provide the backdrop to this grand, inspirational novel
- For readers of Miranda Cowley Heller, Delia Owens and Shelley Read

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## Loss, grief and moving on: three women in a fishing village in Maine

Holidays on the coast of Maine are among Mina's most treasured childhood memories. Until that fateful summer, after which she and her parents never visited again. Many years later, after a terrible loss, Mina finds herself returning once more. She ends up in a lobster fishing village with 72-year-old Ann, who lives in a house on the water and approaches everything and everyone with the same harshness – except for her blue lobster, Mr Darcy, who she keeps in an aquarium in the living room. She takes Mina out to sea, where she and 54-year-old Julie teach her how to fish. Julie lost her memory in a serious accident and can now only truly be herself at sea. Meanwhile, Mina meets Sam. Sam, who never left her side during these summer holidays long ago, and whose family has never been the same since her last visit.



**Beatrix Gerstberger**  
**The Lobster Women**  
 ca. 400 pages  
 June 2025

**Genre:** Women's Fiction

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**Beatrix Gerstberger**, born in 1964, is a freelance author for various magazines. 20 years ago, when she lived in a lobster fishing village in Maine for six months, she wrote a bestselling book about the early death of her partner and the stories of other young widows. Many years later, she returned there, went out to sea with lobster fisherwomen, and spoke to them about life, loss, grief and moving on. The experience gave rise to the idea for this novel. Beatrix Gerstberger lives in Hamburg.

# Mina Teichert: Towards the Sun

- A love letter to life: a novel about desire and longing
- Adventure, deep emotions and one hell of a summer
- The perfect holiday read

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**Mina Teichert**  
**Towards the Sun**  
 336 pages  
 April 2025  
**Genre:** Women's Fiction

## Two strangers. One summer journey. And suddenly, everything has changed ...

When Romy and Valentin first meet at an art auction, they appear to have little in common apart from their admiration for an old Italian painting. Yet when Romy emerges onto the street the next morning after a huge fight with her fiancé, she almost runs straight into Valentin's car – and simply gets in. Valentin has bought the painting for a client and is now supposed to deliver it to Rimini. That's how a unique and adventurous road trip starts, leading the two of them much further south than planned. And as the air begins to smell of thyme and pine trees, they grow closer. But Romy still has a fiancé waiting for her. And what secret is Valentin hiding?



**Mina Teichert** was born in Bremen in 1978 and lives with her small family in the idyllic countryside of Lower Saxony. As a child she was determined to become an artistic circus rider and fortune teller, but later she decided to become an author. Today she enjoys writing stories for all ages.



# Alena Schröder: Doing it All (Wrong)

- A cheerful, thought-provoking, wise and often simply hilarious read
- For readers of Hape Kerkeling, Elke Heidenreich and Dora Heldt
- Bestselling author: over 400,000 copies with dtv

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## On the agonies of online dating, the funny sides of AI and the advantage of a large hand-bag

Bestselling author Alena Schröder is not only well-known for her successful multi-generational family novels but also made a name for herself early on in her career as a columnist. Using this short form, she offers insights into her immensely entertaining everyday life. Complicated feelings around motherhood, bizarre favourite animals, know-it-all parents, how to reach Level 100 on Candy Crush – all these topics (and many more, of course) are discussed in this collection of Alena Schröder's best columns.

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**Alena Schröder** is a freelance journalist and author, living in Berlin. She studied History, Political Science and Latin American Studies in Berlin and San Diego and attended the renowned Henri Nannen School for journalism. Schröder works as a freelance journalist and co-hosts a podcast on creative and journalistic writing.

### Backlist



**Alena Schröder**  
**Young Woman, Standing by the Window, Evening Light, Blue Dress**  
368 pages  
January 2021

**Licenses sold:** Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Slovenia



**Alena Schröder**  
**It's Always So Uncannily Quiet at Your Place**  
336 pages  
August 2023

**Licenses sold:** Czech (Dobrovsky), The Netherlands (Mozaik), Slovenia (Mladinska Knjiga Založba)



**Alena Schröder**  
**Doing it All (Wrong)**  
224 pages  
June 2025

**Genre:** Women's Fiction

# Julius Arth: The London Bridge

Everything a historical-novel-reader's heart desires: History, intrigue, love, adventure, humour, a strong woman and an ancient curse

For fans of Daniel Wolf, Oliver Pötzsch and Jeffrey Archer



**Julius Arth**  
**The London Bridge**  
 560 pages  
 February 2025

**Genre:** Historical Novels

## A bridge for eternity

London, 1749: newly widowed clothier Juliana Hamley has to fight tooth and nail to keep her shop open on London Bridge. Business is bad, she's up to her ears in debt, and the construction of a new bridge across the river Thames threatens the existence of all the other established shops as well. Desperate, she enters into the smuggling business, ably assisted by the crafty street urchin Alder. But danger lurks everywhere, and even London Bridge itself is hiding a dark secret. The bridge's former chapel, where Juliana's shop is located, is at the very centre of a centuries-old prophecy that presages the bridge's downfall ...



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**Julius Arth** is a pseudonym. The author studied Literature at the University of Reading and lived closed to London. After completing his doctorate, he worked as a lecturer of English Literature at the Universities of Düsseldorf in Germany and Wisconsin/US. Today he lives and works as a freelance writer in the Rhineland.

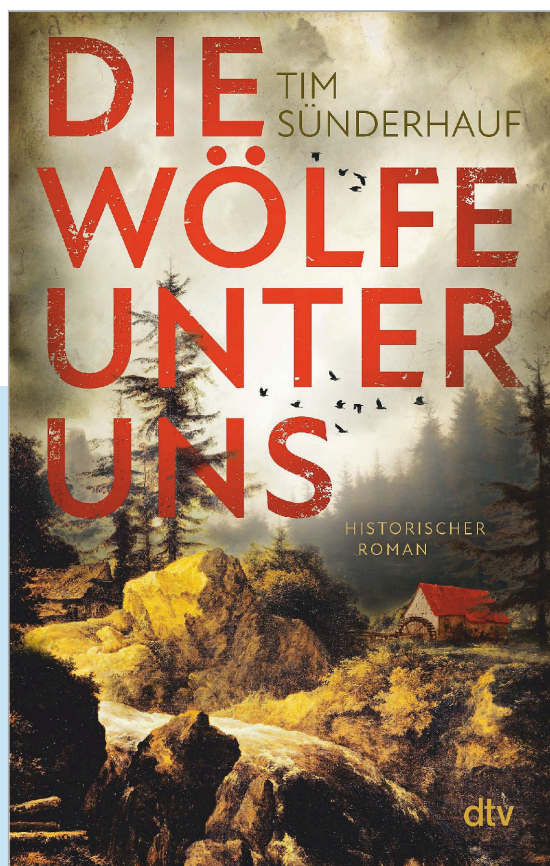


# Tim Sünderhauf: The Wolves Among Us

- A remote village in the mountains, and an uncanny creature which roams the forested peaks at night
- A historical and gripping thriller told from multiple perspectives, with dramatic and surprising twists and turns
- A hulking gamekeeper with a violent past and a trusting refugee boy—an unlikely yet powerful duo

## A gamekeeper and a refugee boy on the trail of a myth

A mountain region in the southern part of Germany, 1630: the young boy Johann and his Calvinist family are trying to build a new life for themselves in a remote village, which is strangely empty of children. Johann is wondering what happened. Who or what killed two of the children, and where did all the others disappear to? Was it the 'Wild Hunter', a legendary wolfman, who is said to be roaming the densely forested mountains? At the same time, the taciturn gamekeeper Hildner arrives, a rough ex-mercenary sent by the margrave to bring peace to the area. When Johann glimpses the Wild Hunter with his own eyes, the gamekeeper and the boy are thrown together. They set off on the trail of the nebulous beast, finding themselves face to face with unknown horrors.



**Tim Sünderhauf**  
**The Wolves Among Us**  
 368 pages  
 June 2025

**Genre:** Historical Novels, Thriller / Crime

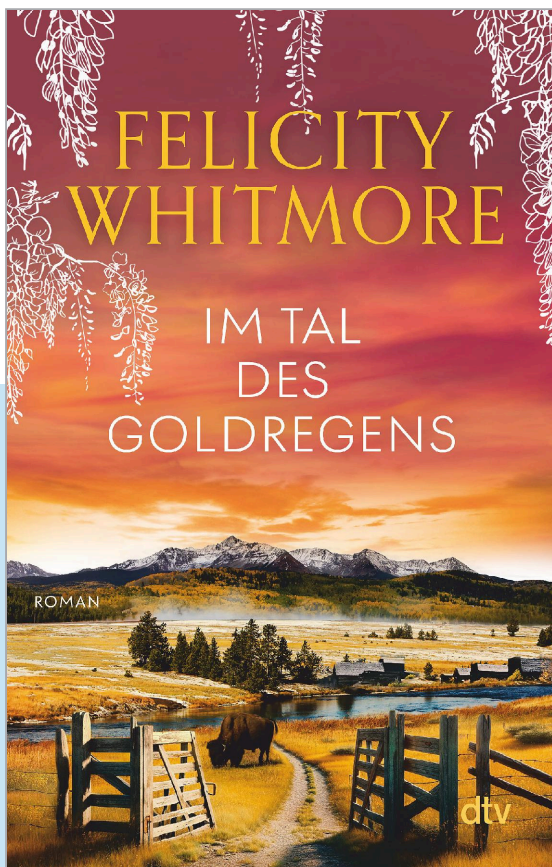


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**Tim Sünderhauf** was born in Erlangen and trained as a book-seller. He studied History and German before becoming a freelance journalist. He has worked as an editor for a film magazine for many years before changing to PR. *'The Wolves Among Us'* is his debut novel.

# Felicity Whitmore: In the Valley of the Golden Rain

- Two formidable madams and allies in the fight against prudery and oppression
- The stories of Mattie Silks and Jennie Rogers are based on historical records of the two women
- Felicity Whitmore's total print run: more than 250,000 copies



**Felicity Whitmore**  
**In the Valley of the Golden Rain**  
 ca. 416 pages  
 July 2025

**Genre:** Historical Novels, Women's Fiction

## Two wild women in the American West

A peculiar discovery in the attic turns bitter rivals Melissa and Leo into unwilling allies: a trunk full of yellow silk clothing tells the story of the friendship between two brothel madams in Denver in the 1880s. The two journalists can sense this is a big story, but they can only tell it together ...

The USA, 1880. Mattie Silks establishes several whorehouses and rapidly becomes a prosperous businesswoman. When Jennie Rogers meets Mattie for the first time, she is deeply impressed by her. Years later, in Denver, the two women become rivals and ultimately allies, joining forces against some dangerous men in order to save their lives and the lives of their daughters.



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**Felicity Whitmore** has four big passions: England, her cats and dogs, the theatre and creative writing. She regularly travels to England and writes whenever she can find the time. Her bestselling novels often deal with the secrets of old mansions.

## Backlist



**Felicity Whitmore**  
**The Secret of the Hidden Library**  
 384 pages  
 June 2022



**Felicity Whitmore**  
**The Wild Garden on the Helford River**  
 368 pages  
 April 2023

# Sophia Herzog: Forbidden Football

- A moving, wise novel about the history of women's football, bound up with a gripping family story
- Based on a true event: The untold story of *The Miracle of Essen*
- For readers of Carmen Korn

**Everybody knows about the *Miracle of Bern*, but hardly anybody knows the *Miracle of Essen***

Wuppertal, 1956. Elise's heart belongs to football. Growing up in difficult family circumstances, she finds freedom and courage on the football pitch. But when she reaches puberty, the boys on her football squad don't want to play with her anymore, even though Elise is by far the best on the team, even better than her sweetheart Paul, the captain of the team. Disappointed, she puts together a group of women who also like to play football. On this team, everybody works together. What they all want is for the team to play in a huge stadium, despite women's football being banned by the German Football Association. To realise her dream, Elise makes a decision, one that will also affect her granddaughter Katja ...



**Sophia Herzog**  
**Forbidden Football**  
 400 pages  
 June 2025  
**Genre:** Women's Fiction



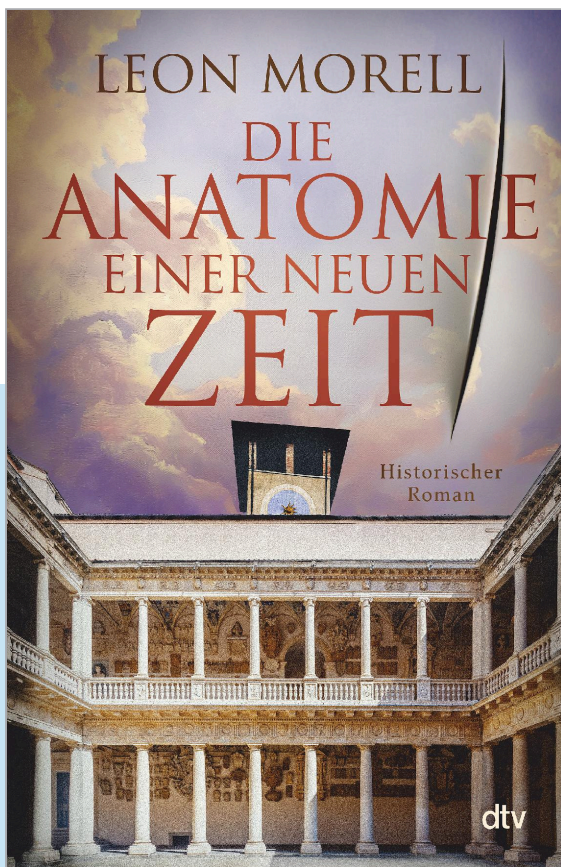
**Sophie Herzog** was born in Berlin in 1990, and still lives there with her family. When she's not writing, she loves to go for long walks. And of course, she prefers watching sports to playing them herself.



# Leon Morell: The Anatomy of a New Age

- The long awaited new historical novel by bestselling author Leon Morell
- The important anatomist and surgeon Andreas Vesal takes a central role in this gripping historical novel
- For readers of Noah Gordon and Daniel Wolf

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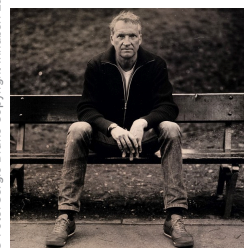


**Leon Morell**  
**The Anatomy of a New Age**  
 432 pages  
 February 2025  
**Genre:** Thriller / Crime, Historical Novels

## The physician of Padua and the healer

Padua, 1540. Andreas Vesal, a doctor and university professor, offers lodgings to a young student. It is the herbalist Verena von Pfäffikon, disguised as a man, who has narrowly escaped being burnt at the stake. Together they perform an autopsy on a man who has been poisoned. But who might be interested in killing a student, and why? Who is behind it all? As Vesal and Verena hunt for answers, they find themselves increasingly in mortal danger ...

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**Leon Morell**, born in 1967, studied Musicology and Literature, taught Creative Writing and has co-owned a literary bookshop in Berlin since 2012. He is passionate about Italy and the Italian Renaissance.

# Leon Morell: The Sistine Sky

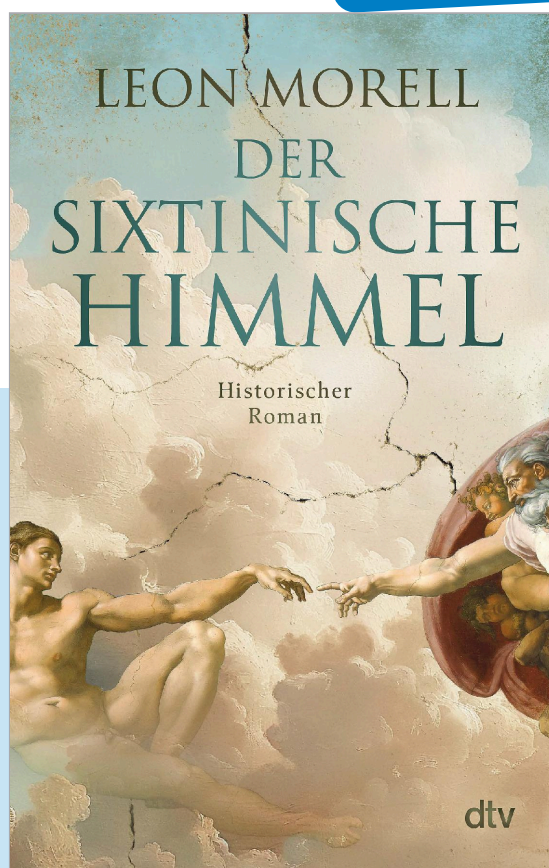
- »Historical novel, artist's biography and thriller all in one – and three times as good.« *freundin*
- The new edition of Leon Morell's hit novel – previous print run: 110,000 copies
- Art history can be more entertaining and exciting than you might think!

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## Michelangelo and his famous fresco

Italy, early 16<sup>th</sup> century. The young Aurelio arrives in Rome, destined to become an apprentice to the greatest sculptor of the age: Michelangelo Buonarroti. Pope Julius II has just commissioned the artist to create a fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo reluctantly sets to work – after all, his true passion is sculpture. Aurelio watches as various power struggles play out between his maestro and Julius. By night, however, Michelangelo creates a portrait of the woman no one is allowed to see from white marble: the Pope's courtesan.

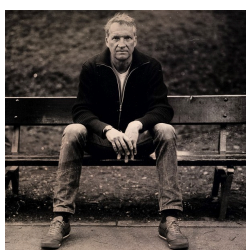


**Leon Morell**  
**The Sistine Sky**  
576 pages  
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**Genre:** Historical Novels

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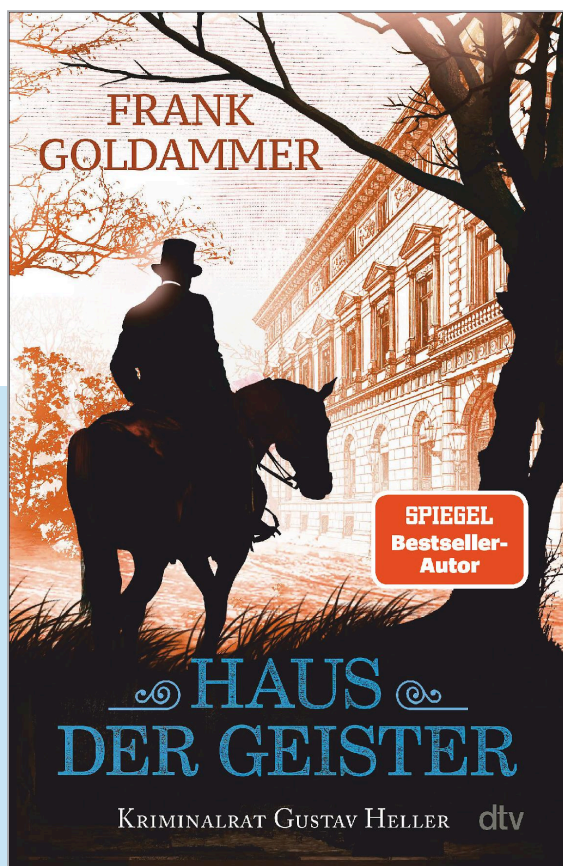


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# Frank Goldammer: House of Ghosts – Royal Police Detective Gustav Heller (vol. II)

- Old-school detective-work meets the beginning of modern criminology
- »Goldammer is one of the most successful crime-writers in the German language.« *Dresdner Morgenpost*
- For readers of Volker Kutscher and Alex Beer and fans of historical crime

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**Frank Goldammer**  
**House of Ghosts – Royal Police Detective Gustav Heller (vol. II)**  
 384 pages  
 February 2025  
**Genre:** Detective Max Heller, Historical Novels, Thriller / Crime

## Deadly seances, a secret brothel and a woman's terrible revenge

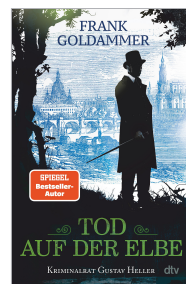
During the hot August of 1881, Royal Police Detective Gustav Heller and his assistant Schrumm are called to the home of Adele Blumfeld to investigate the sudden death of a participant in a séance. Unlike Schrumm, Heller doesn't believe in ghosts or the supernatural powers of the eccentric hostess. Yet the macabre old house and above all Hermina, the mute and badly disfigured maid, seem to be hiding a secret. And what's this 'Red Dungeon' everybody keeps talking about? When more mysterious deaths occur, Heller takes part in a séance himself – and almost falls into a deadly trap ...



© Christine Fenzl

**Frank Goldammer** was born in Dresden in 1975. A painter and varnisher by trade, he began writing in his early twenties, self-publishing his first novels. For dtv he has written several successful historical crime thrillers set in Dresden and its surroundings.

## Backlist



**Frank Goldammer**  
**Death on the Elbe – Royal Police Detective Gustav Heller (vol. I)**  
 400 pages  
 May 2024



# Karen Kliewe: The Surf – Fishing for Corpses (vol. II)

- Suspenseful crime from the Baltic Sea: a new case for the German-Danish investigatory duo Inspector Ohlsen and Fria Svensson
- Fria's archaeological expertise is more crucial than ever in this complex case
- For readers of Viveca Sten and Karen Sander

## Two dead women. One brutal ritual.

The bodies of two women are found in the area along the German-Danish border, buried according to an ancient Viking ritual. The Danish police and Inspector Ohlsen from Germany find themselves faced with a mystery: is there any connection between this case and the young women who have recently been going missing?

The Danes have an established working relationship with archaeologist Fria Svensson, but Ohlsen is reluctant to call on Fria's help again – making a terrible mistake!

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**Karen Kliewe** was born in 1970 and has been working as an illustrator, graphic designer and photographer before discovering the world of writing. She lives in Westphalia with her family.

## Backlist



**Karen Kliewe**  
**The Surf – The Angel of the Marsh (vol. I)**  
 384 pages  
 March 2024



**Karen Kliewe**  
**The Surf – Fishing for Corpses (vol. II)**  
 ca. 416 pages  
 February 2025  
**Genre:** Thriller / Crime

# Karen Kliewe: The Surf – Sister of the Fog (vol. III)

- The third hard-hitting case for the investigatory duo from the Baltic Sea region
- For readers of Viveca Sten and Karen Sander



**Karen Kliewe**  
**The Surf – Sister of the Fog (vol. III)**  
 ca. 380 pages  
 August 2025  
**Genre:** Thriller / Crime

## A murder without a victim. A silent witness.

A woman, covered in blood, stark naked and mute, is found on the beach below the Holnis Cliff. Inspector Ohlsen and his team discover a secret place of ritual worship on the peninsula as well as lots of human blood, but no corresponding victim. The trail leads them to a spiritual group that lives according to the traditions of the Seeress, a cult of early-medieval seers. Ohlsen seeks advice from archaeologist Fria Svensson, but she's got another problem on her mind: her flatmate Marten's nice new partner seems to be leading a dangerous double life ...



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**The Surf – The Angel of the Marsh (vol. I)**  
 384 pages  
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## Benjamin Cors: Summer of Ashes (vol. II)

- A mysterious message, a gruesome discovery, a deadly puzzle
- Gripping, disturbing, spectacular: a new case for Jakob Krogh and Mila Weiss
- For readers of Sebastian Fitzek, Harlan Coben and Arno Strobel – gory, dark, thrilling

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### The dying has only just begun

Only a few months after the traumatic *Crow Murders*, Special Investigation Unit 4, led by Jakob Krogh and Mila Weiss, faces its toughest challenge yet, when a mysterious obituary leads them to two bodies, frozen solid in a close embrace, in the basement of an abandoned farmhouse. A message has been written in ashes: *The dying has begun*. In the brutal summer heat of the city, Jakob and Mila follow the trail of the ashes to a killer equally brilliant as insane, and who is several steps ahead of them. Not only that, but he seems to know their deepest, darkest secrets ...



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**Benjamin Cors**  
**A Murder of Crows (vol. I)**  
400 pages  
May 2024



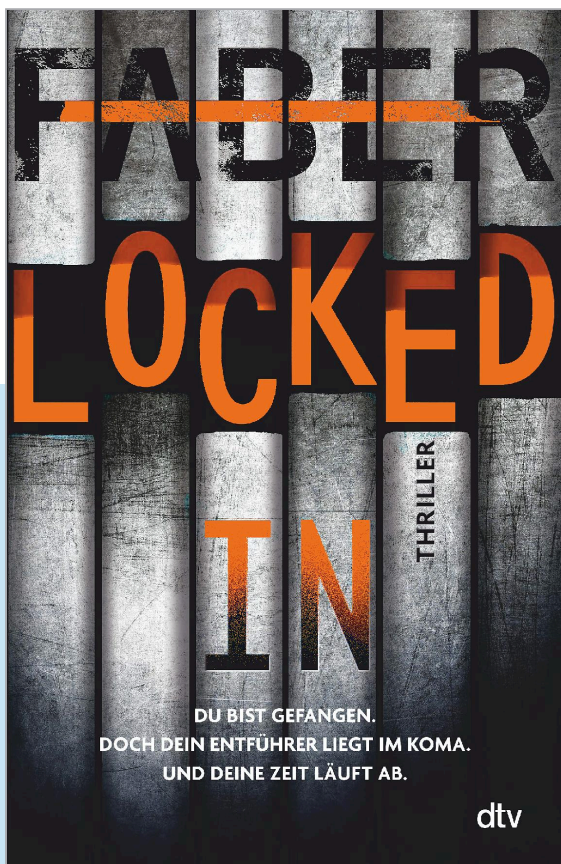
**Benjamin Cors**  
**Summer of Ashes (vol. II)**  
432 pages  
May 2025  
**Genre:** Thriller / Crime



# Henri Faber: Locked In

- 'Confess' ('Gestehe') is nominated for the *Friedrich-Glauser Prize* for the best crime novel of the year
- »Henri Faber has mastered the tricks of the genre, playing with perspective, double bluffs. Nothing is as it seems.« *Süddeutsche Zeitung*
- For readers of Sebastian Fitzek, Jussi-Adler-Olsen and Romy Hausmann

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**Henri Faber**

**Locked In**

416 pages

May 2025

**Genre:** Thriller / Crime

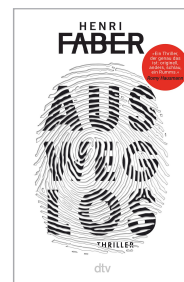
**You're trapped. But your kidnapper is in a coma. And your time is running out.**

People are going missing in Heidelberg. Any hope of seeing them alive again is dwindling, day by day. When Inspector Paul Maertens finally tracks down the kidnapper, there is a terrible accident during the arrest. The man falls into a vegetative state, and all appears to be lost for his victims. Maertens has one last chance to save them: the famous neurologist Dr Theo Linde has developed a method to read coma patients' thoughts. Together they delve into the abductor's mind to find where he is hiding his victims. But the clock is ticking. Each thought hides yet another thought. And evil is lurking, not only in the mind of the kidnapper.



**Henri Faber**, born in 1986, was born and raised in Lower Austria. He studied Journalism and Communication, and currently lives as an author and copywriter in Hamburg.

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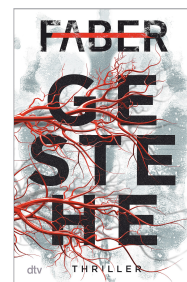


**Henri Faber**

**No Way Out**

496 pages

July 2021



**Henri Faber**

**Confess**

448 pages

February 2024

# Peter Grandl: Reset – The Truth Dies Last

- Grippingly topical – for readers of Marc Elsberg and Marc-Uwe Kling
- Grandl's suspenseful thriller explores the potential dangers of digital communication, and what action we can take against them?
- Meticulously researched in cooperation with international experts

## Who can you trust when everything is fake?

In October 2024, US forces declare the highest security level: A passenger plane apparently hijacked by terrorists is about to be shot down in Munich, and the volume of fake news is increasingly dramatically across the globe. Calls and video messages are so convincingly faked that nobody knows whether they're really talking to a person they know anymore. Superintendent Valentine O'Brien is investigating in Germany, when the digital networks go down and suddenly no connection is secure anymore. While O'Brien sets out on a dangerous journey across Europe in search of his missing sister, chaos breaks out worldwide – and humanity finds itself on the brink of its darkest hour.

The author conducted research in several countries for 'Reset', working with dozens of experts, including the AI advisor to the German government and fighter pilots in the German air force.



Peter Grandl  
**Reset – The Truth Dies Last**  
 496 pages  
 June 2025

**Genre:** Thriller / Crime

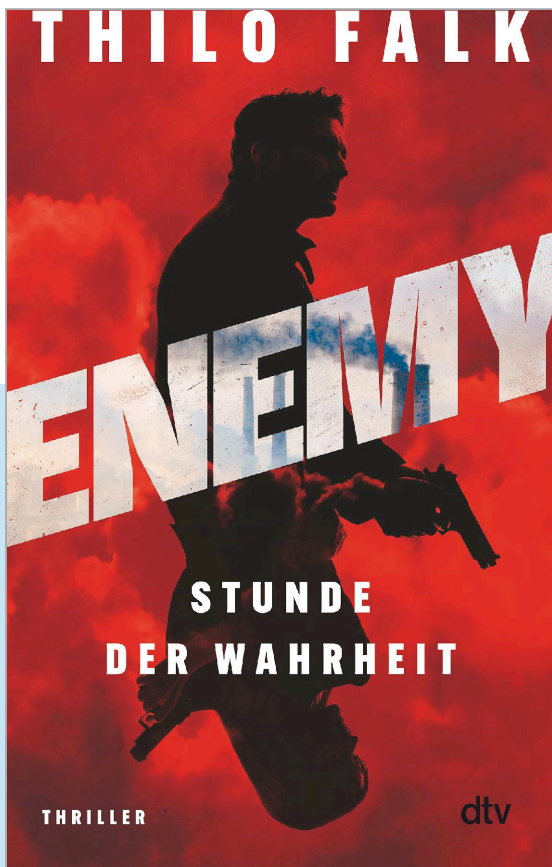


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**Peter Grandl** worked as a director, screenwriter and advertising manager before devoting himself to writing thrillers full-time. His award-winning novels deal with the most controversial topics of our time, and his debut *'In the Shadow of the Tower'* (*'Turmschatten'*) was adapted to the screen by Paramount.

# Thilo Falk: ENEMY – The Moment of Truth

- A page-turner featuring the ultimate countdown: what will happen on Day X?
- For fans of tense thrillers involving current, hotly-debated social and political topics
- For readers of Arne Dahl and Marc Raabe



**Thilo Falk**  
**ENEMY – The Moment of Truth**  
 416 pages  
 February 2025  
**Genre:** Thriller / Crime

## The moment of truth has arrived

Proposals have been put forward to mine a coal deposit in the nature reserve of the Black Moor. Environmental groups are fiercely set against it – above all Anouk Grunwaldt, who has risen to the forefront of the climate protection movement. Utz Mildenerger, chairman of a large electricity company, has very different priorities. Meanwhile, amid the protests against the impending mining operation, a highly professional hitman is planning the brutal assassination of one of the key players. Detective Karla Benvenuti from the Federal Criminal Police Office must work out who is in the killer's crosshairs: Is it the young climate activist or the successful businessman?



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**Thilo Falk** lives in a city in Northern Germany with his family. The author has always been passionate about protecting the environment and has published widely on the subject.

## Backlist



**Thilo Falk**  
**Dark Clouds – Rain Will Be Your Ruin**  
 512 pages  
 October 2022



**Thilo Falk**  
**White Zero – Cold Kills**  
 448 pages  
 December 2023



# Krischan Koch: Silence of the Seals

- Cosy Crime at its best: the 13<sup>th</sup> case for Thies Detlefsen and Nicole Stappenbeck
- Inspector Stappenbek's get-together with her former youth group comes to a fatal end for some participants
- Krischan Koch's total print run: over 850,000 copies

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## An island on the hunt for a murderer

Nicole Stappenbek is reluctant to organise a reunion with her former youth group on the island of Amrum, where they last got together in autumn 1998. Nicole didn't really like the participants back then, but she's curious to see what's become of them.

However, any pleasure she gets from seeing them again is abruptly squashed when one guy is found dead hanging upside-down in the resort toilets.

Inspector Stappenbek immediately orders her colleague Thies Detlefsen to come to the island to investigate the case. When another participant goes missing, the island descends into fear. All the clues are pointing back into the past, to that autumn nearly 27 years ago. And Nicole is starting to feel uneasy ...



**Krischan Koch**  
**Silence of the Seals**  
 304 pages  
 March 2025

**Genre:** Seaside Crimes, Thriller / Crime



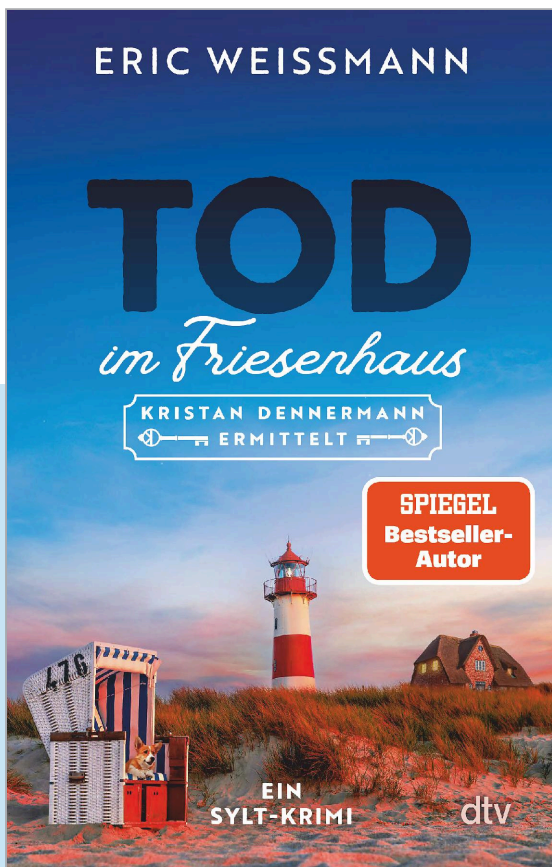
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**Krischan Koch** was born in Hamburg in 1953, where he works as a film critic for the *NDR* (North German Broadcasting Corporation) and *Die Zeit* amongst others. He and his wife live in Hamburg and on the North Sea island of Amrum, where he has the perfect view on the North Sea mud-flats and writes his successful crime novels.

# Eric Weißmann: Death in a Frisian House – A Sylt Crime

## Crime (vol. II)

- Estate agent and investigator Kristan Dennermann is confronted with a sinister mystery – and his own past
- The microcosm of Sylt – a grand mixture of Frisian tradition and plenty of glamour
- For fans of unusual investigators



**Eric Weißmann**  
**Death in a Frisian House – A Sylt Crime (vol. II)**  
 352 pages  
 April 2025  
**Genre:** Seaside Crimes, Thriller / Crime

### Sylt's most charming estate agent is back on a case!

On the ferry from Denmark to Sylt, Sylt-based estate agent Kristan Dennermann makes the acquaintance with a knowledgeable wax dealer and candle-maker on her way to a sabbatical on the island. Back on Sylt, he is to sell an antiques shop in an old Frisian-style house in Keitum, when he finds the body of the former shop owner in the storage room. What does the murder have to do with the mysterious candle-maker Kristan keeps meeting on the island? His investigation draws him into a world of secrets and deception, and he discovers places and aspects of his beloved island he has never seen before.



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**Eric Weißmann**, born in 1987, is a self-employed real estate agent on Sylt. He has lived on Germany's favourite island for almost 20 years and has sold many dream homes in that time. His humorous non-fiction book about his work on Sylt was an instant bestseller.

### Backlist



**Eric Weißmann**  
**The Thatched House Murder (vol. I)**  
 352 pages  
 April 2024

# Julia Bruns: Thursday Is Schnitzel Day – A Retirement Home Mystery (vol. III)

- When an old people's home becomes a crime scene: murderously funny
- Highly entertaining, with plenty of wit and subtle humour
- A new case for retired investigator Helmut Katuschek

## Cosy crime at a retirement home

Helmut Katuschek, a retired police inspector, still can't get used to life at the retirement home. All the days blur into one, and his wife Margot is getting on his nerves. But that all changes in a flash when a new resident attracts Margot's attention. And suddenly a ray of light appears on the horizon: the popular Doctor Schröter is murdered, and Helmut is back in his element ...

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**Julia Bruns** was born in Thuringia in 1975, and studied Political Science, Sociology and Psychology at the University of Jena. She worked as a speech writer and PR advisor. Today, she is a freelance author.

## Backlist



**Julia Bruns**  
**Boredom Dies Last – A Retirement Home Mystery (vol. I)**  
 352 pages  
 June 2022

Licenses sold: Italy (Giunti)



**Julia Bruns**  
**No Deckchair for the Dead – A Retirement Home Mystery (vol. II)**  
 352 pages  
 May 2023



**Julia Bruns**  
**Thursday Is Schnitzel Day – A Retirement Home Mystery (vol. III)**  
 320 pages  
 June 2025

**Genre:** Thriller / Crime



# Dietmar Bittrich: Haven't We Been Here Before?

- At last, he's back on the road: new, biting humor stories about travelling and homecoming by bestselling author Dietmar Bittrich
- The previous book '*Do we have to go there as well?*' was a *SPIEGEL* bestseller
- Dietmar Bittrich's total print run: 500,000 copies

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**Dietmar Bittrich**  
**Haven't We Been Here Before?**  
 240 pages  
 May 2025  
**Genre:** Fiction

## Travel stories for advanced practitioners

The pandemic may have slowed him down, but now Dietmar Bittrich is back on the road – by bus, train, plane, rental car and on foot. Writing with incomparably dry wit, an instinct for situational comedy and an affectionately ironic eye for human shortcomings, he explores the ups and downs and occasionally pointless absurdities of travel. Do we really need to find out what's hiding behind such mythical names as Palenque and Timbuktu? Perhaps a stroll through a humdrum but as-yet undiscovered small town will suffice. But when you reach the main square you stop, startled: haven't we been here before?



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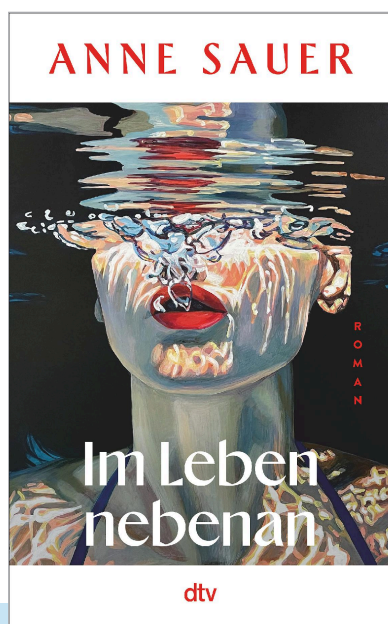
**Dietmar Bittrich** lives in Hamburg and has written several best-sellers, notably '*The Jelly-Baby Oracle*'. His previous books published by dtv include: '*Appalling Adages for Everyday Use*', '*Monstrous Maxims for Men and Women*', and '*How to Complicate Life for Yourself and Those Around You*'.

## Backlist



**Dietmar Bittrich**  
**Do We Have to Go There As Well?**  
 208 pages  
 March 2019

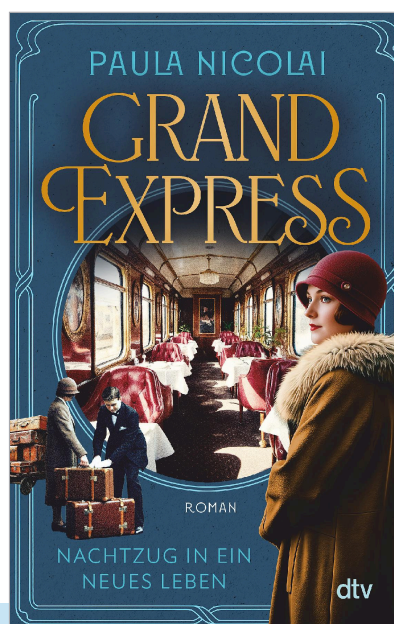
## Anne Sauer: The Other Life



Anne Sauer  
The Other Life  
272 pages  
July 2025

Genre: Literary Fiction

## Paula Nicolai: Grand Express – Night Train to a New Life



Paula Nicolai  
Grand Express – Night Train to a New Life  
ca. 400 pages  
November 2025

Genre: Historical Novels

### Which life and love decisions promise lasting happiness?

One morning, Toni doesn't wake up as usual in her small apartment in an old building next to her long-term boyfriend. No: To her amazement, she finds herself in a generously proportioned residence. Everything is bright, tidy and expensively furnished. And the view from the window? Strangely familiar. Antonia realises: she is back in the village of her childhood.

Little by little, she realises that she is leading a quiet life here, with a car in front of the door, a mother-in-law next door and a child on her lap. A child on her lap? Antonia is amazed. Is that her baby? And the father? Apparently her first great love – a man she could never quite forget.

### Titanic on the rails

Berlin, 1922. The train station Anhalter Bahnhof is one of the city's most magnificent and promising buildings. Every day, thousands of people travel from here to destinations all over the world: people in search of a new home, people in search of great fortune.

This is also the case for the passengers boarding the night train to Paris that evening: a fake baron, an industrialist on the run, a housekeeper with wanderlust, a heroic conductor, a secret couple and a thief. For all of them, the journey on the Grand Express will be a fateful one, at the end of which nothing will be the same again.

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