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Thinking outside the box, telling good stories, sparking the imagination, broadening horizons, or explaining the diversity of the world. Books can do all these things and many, many more. Because good books help us grow.

With nearly 50 new German-language titles for all age groups from very young children to young adults, the Frankfurter Buchmesse's *Rights List – Stories for Children and Young Adults* will be travelling the world again this year.

German-language children's and young adult books are very much in demand among international licensees and a real export hit for German, Austrian and Swiss publishers, being the top selling foreign rights category.

Arena



Today I'll Talk to Him (1)

Bianca Wege
 SERIES, pp. 384, 20.5 × 13.5 cm, Age 16+
 € 17.50, 978-3-401-60704-7
 Rights sold to Poland, Spain, Ukraine, and German audio book rights sold

Layla is faced with a challenge: should she try to meet heart-throb Asher Woods in real life? Because at the moment Layla is just acting out an imaginary love affair between Asher and herself. But just as she is about to take the plunge, Asher's arch-enemy Henry comes into her life and throws her emotional world into turmoil. Who does her heart really belong to? When everyone at college finds out about her Sims identity, she is confronted not only by the nightmare of public exposure but also by the prospect of losing her true love.

Bianca Wege was born in 1997 as the eldest of three sisters. Even as a child she was keen to write her own stories, and during lessons she would scribble little stories in the margins of her exercise books. Nowadays, on Bookstagram @waystowrite, she shares snippets of her own texts, and posts updates on her readings and audio books.

Magic Lilly (1) The Search for the Book of Magic

Julia Boehme, KNISTER
 SERIES, Illustrated by Pascal Nöldner
 pp. 96, 21.0 × 16.0 cm, Age 7+
 € 12.00, 978-3-401-71904-7
 Rights sold to Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, and German audio drama rights sold

Lilly has a big secret: she was chosen by an ancient Book of Magic to learn everything a real witch has to know. But now the Book of Magic has disappeared! Together with the cheeky dragon Hector, Lilly sets out to rescue the book.

Julia Boehme studied literature and music and worked as an editor for children's TV. One day she remembered she had wanted to become a writer. She then decided to devote herself to writing.

KNISTER is one of Germany's most famous children's book authors. *Lilli the Witch* has been translated into more than 40 languages and has sold over 22 million copies worldwide.

Pascal Nöldner is a freelance illustrator of comics and books for children and young adults, and works on animated films. He studied design with a focus on illustration.

Sam the Ram Wants His Own Way! (1)

Romy Pohl
 SERIES, Illustrated by Marta Balmaseda
 pp. 32, 28.0 × 21.5 cm, Age 3+
 € 15.00, 978-3-401-72076-0
 All rights available

Stubborn Sam the Ram lives quite happily with his flock. Apparently. But what he would really like is to have everything his own way. And he gets into a lot of trouble because of it. But one day Stubborn Sam meets No Go Goat, who cheerfully infuriates everybody by never doing what he's told. Eventually, the two of them learn that a ram and a goat should never be pig-headed!

Romy Pohl is as stubborn as Sam the Ram. She got it into her head that she had to write a children's book. Her eldest child

is a Stubborn Sam, too, while her second child is a little No Go Goat and is just as wilful as his older brother.

Marta Balmaseda was born in Gijón, Spain. After studying art for the teaching profession at the University of Fine Arts in Seville, she worked in illustrating, graphic design and wall painting for several years. Today Marta Balmaseda lives and works in Regensburg.

Little Unicorn Finya Brightstar Bedtime in the Wishing Wood Blow Out the Lights!

Mila Berg
 SERIES, Illustrated by Marina Krämer
 pp. 12, 21.0 × 21.0 cm, Age 2+
 € 15.00, 978-3-401-72101-9
 Rights sold to Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine

Unicorn Finya is celebrating her birthday with her friends. It's late – time for bed! First blow out the candles, then Finya can take her friends home, one by one. Everyone has lights to blow out, so that they can all sleep well!

Mila Berg grew up among piles of books and the smell of printed paper. She loved to dream herself into other worlds and invent mythical creatures. Today, Mila Berg writes stories for all those little dreamers at the trickiest times of the day.

Young Marina Krämer secretly drew fairytale motifs on her bedroom walls. In 1990 she moved from Russia to Germany to study visual communication and graphic design in Stuttgart. A freelance illustrator since 2007, she lives with her family in Ludwigsburg.

Beltz & Gelberg



That's Totally Unfair!

About Fairness and Justice

Assata Frauhammer
Illustrated by Meike Töpferwien
pp. 78, 22.6 × 17.3 cm, Age 8+
€ 16.00, 978-3-407-75912-2
All rights available

Several children share a cake. Is it fair if everyone gets the same-sized portion? What about the person who baked the cake or the one who is especially hungry? The deeper you get into the topic of justice, the trickier it gets! In this book, Assata Frauhammer explains to children what justice is and how difficult it can be to always act fairly. In an easy-to-understand way, she describes what justice has to do with democracy, what communism is, why generational justice is important, and why there is so much inequality in the world.

Assata Frauhammer, born in 1991, works as a freelance author and likes to write about exciting non-fiction topics.

Meike Töpferwien studied design and works as a freelance illustrator and designer for several publishing houses, magazines and cultural institutions.

Lua Luftwurzeln

Never Catch a Slivre Elf

Christoph Minnameier
Daniel Napp
pp. 120, 24.5 × 16.8 cm, Age 6+
€ 13.99, 978-3-407-75930-6
All rights available

Lua Luftwurzeln has fallen into Malicia Warzenbuckel's trap. The old witch is delighted, because a well-trained elf sells for a lot of money. But Lua has no intention of being trained. She is a proud forest elf

who looks after the animals and is greatly needed! She comes up with one cunning escape plan after another, but they all go wrong. When a sinister wizard turns up, Lua has to make a decision: does she want her freedom or should she help Malicia?

Christoph Minnameier has worked as a professor of game development and has also developed several digital games for children himself. *Lua Luftwurzeln* is his debut as an author.

Daniel Napp studied graphic design and has won several awards. He has already illustrated numerous picture and children's books and has been selected four times for the illustrators' show at the children's book fair in Bologna.

Ants in Ada's Tummy

A Children's Book About Quiet and Loud Feelings

Jörg Isermeyer, Stefanie Höfler
Illustrated by Philip Waechter
pp. 144, 22.5 × 16.8 cm, Age 6+
€ 18.00, 978-3-407-75895-8
Rights sold to Italy, the Netherlands

Ada is looking forward to going to school, but sometimes she feels a twinge of fear. Stefanie Höfler describes all these jumbled feelings and moods in many touching (everyday) episodes that combine to make one big story. Whether it's tingling chocolate-cake feelings or stupid arguments, anger at her little brother or biting jealousy of Leila, special Mummy-and-Ada moments, courage, trust or the immortal soul of a chicken, Philip Waechter's tenderly poetic pictures and comics dive into the depths of all these contradictory feelings.

Stefanie Höfler is a teacher and theatre pedagogue. In addition to her multiple award-winning novels for young people,

all of which were nominated for the DJLP, she also writes children's and picture books.

Philip Waechter works as an illustrator in Frankfurt am Main. He is a member of the LABOR studio community. Beltz & Gelberg have published many of his picture books, most recently *Weltreise mit Freunden* (A Trip Around the World with Friends).

Life Out There

Animal Houses

Katrin Wiehle
SERIES, Illustrated by Katrin Wiehle
pp. 46, 22.5 × 16.8 cm, Age 4+
€ 14.00, 978-3-407-75923-8
All rights available

The little woodlouse Astrid shows how the animals live.

Rosi and Leo are a great team of explorers! They help Astrid, the isopod, to find her way back to her rock. On the way, the clever creepy-crawly chats about the finer points of animal dwellings: from busy beehives to nests at lofty heights to burrows under the ground. The two children discover what it's like to carry their house around with them, weave a nest out of blades of grass, and build a beaver's lodge. The clear text and warm-hearted illustrations inspire children to explore the great outdoors, and serve as visual guides for little experiments.

Katrin Wiehle studied communication design in Kiel. She was awarded the Talented Young Artist's Prize by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature in 2011 for her picture book debut, *Professor Pfeffers tierisches Abenteuer*. Her nature book, *Mein kleiner Wald* (My Little Forest) won the Stiftung Buchkunst award for most beautiful book.

Carlsen



Arabella Wants to Play the Trumpet

Kerstin Hau
 Illustrated by Pe Grigo
 pp. 30, 28.6 × 22.0 cm, Age 3+
 € 15.00, 978-3-551-52253-5
 All rights available

Encouraging children to learn to play an instrument!

Arabella wants to learn to play the trumpet. It's not so easy! Her first attempts sound awful, and everyone laughs at her. But gradually, with help and motivation from friends, and because she practices faithfully every day, she succeeds at last.

Kerstin Hau studied media system design and journalism. Since 2015 she has been a freelance author who loves to write picture books.

Pe Grigo has been drawing since the age of two. After her apprenticeship and her studies, she made drawing her profession and has been illustrating texts for all ages ever since.

Four in the Morning!

Katrin Topsch
 Illustrated by Kathrin Fehrl
 pp. 32, 28.6 × 22.0 cm, Age 3+
 € 14.00, 978-3-551-52236-8
 All rights available

Four in the morning! Exactly the right time to get out of bed and go wake up Mum and Dad! But they see things differently and just carry on sleeping. What to do? Read a book to the cat, eat a chocolate cookie, water the plants? Somehow, though, it felt warmer in bed, and at four in the morning you do feel a little bit alone

with everyone else asleep. Yup, time to go snuggle with Mum and Dad in their bed.

Vier Uhr morgens! (Four in the Morning!) is Katrin Topsch's first picture book, and as the mother of two children, she has been able to lovingly draw on her own experience.

Kathrin Fehrl turned her passion into her profession after working for ad agencies in London. Today she is a successful children's book illustrator.

Holly, Herbert and the Flesh-eating Plant

Maja Konrad
 Illustrated by Tine Schulz
 pp. 144, 21.0 × 14.8 cm, Age 8+
 € 12.00, 978-3-551-55931-9
 All rights available

Holly is thrilled: not only can her new flesh-eating plant talk – it loves to cook and can even do maths! But when a well-known TV chef hatches a plot to use the aromatic plant's leaves to create a new seasoning, Holly needs the help of her new friend Herbert. Can the two of them stop the scheming chef?

Kids will love this story bursting with imagination! Maja Konrad's books are a wonderful addition to any child's bookshelf.

Maja Konrad, born in 1983, studied tourism management at university. After a lengthy stay in Borneo, she now lives and works in Leipzig. She finds inspiration for her stories on her neighborhood streets as well as on doorbell nameplates.

Media designer Tine Schulz, born in 1981, has a degree in communication design and media illustration. Today she works as a freelance illustrator.

"The author Maja Konrad is a revelation."
Süddeutsche Zeitung

"Lots of reading fun for boys and girls."
Rheinischer Spiegel

On *Henry Kolonko and the Deal with Finding Things*: "In her novel for children, Maja Konrad expertly balances fun, everyday adventures and psychological depth."
Neue Zürcher Zeitung am Sonntag

Now I'm Going to Daycare

Constanze von Kitzing
 Illustrated by Constanze von Kitzing
 pp. 18, 20.0 × 20.0 cm, Age 2+
 € 02.00, 978-3-551-17272-3
 All rights available

Juna is excited. Today is her first day as a kindergarten child. Wow, so many children, different rooms, lots of compartments in the cloakroom ... It's quite a challenge.

It's a good thing Dad is still nearby and the nice nursery teacher is on hand to show her around. The little sinks are great. Singing, playing and eating lunch together with the other children is fun. And the nursery teacher can even comfort Juna when she feels lonely. That feels good. It goes without saying that Juna goes back to daycare the next day.

This compact, positive and lovingly illustrated board picture book provides young children and their families with reliable support when settling in.

Constanze von Kitzing's passion for pen and paper began with hundreds of princesses and horses. Today she prefers more funny and quirky characters in rich colours which come alive through their many details.

Finken



LOGICO PRIMO – Learning Board Game

Richard Schneider
pp. 2, 28.4 × 23.2 cm, Age 3+
€ 21.00, Art-no. 3201

Rights sold to Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine, USA

LOGICO PRIMO is a learning game with self-checking for children aged 3 to 6 years for learning in kindergarten, at preschool and at home. Using the LOGICO PRIMO learning cards, children practise concentration & perception, logical thinking, colours & shapes, numeracy, Reading Readiness, sequencing, sorting & classifying, and language development. 1994 Worlddidac Award, 2006 Teachers' Choice Award (USA), 2006 Innovative Product ECWN (Poland).

LOGICO PRIMO – Sorting and Classifying

Liza Neunzerling
Illustrated by Manu König
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3266

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Malaysia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA

When solving these tasks, children develop thinking skills in sorting and classifying, which involve visual perception (sorting by colour, shape and pattern) and logical thinking (categorising, classifying and finding the odd one out in groups of objects).

When sorting and classifying items, children group them according to certain characteristics or attributes (e.g. colour, shape, size) and find similarities and differences between objects.

The learning cards *Sorting and Classifying* help children to develop a range of thinking skills and build the foundations for later problem-solving.

LOGICO PRIMO – First Maths in Pictures

Britta Vorbach
Illustrated by Nadine Bougie
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3256

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Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – preschool children solve these tasks through play. With the learning cards, children practise basic mathematical operations and learn to solve mathematical questions in their everyday lives.

All tasks and solutions are shown in pictures. This allows for an early introduction to basic arithmetic, even before children have learned to read numbers.

LOGICO PRIMO – Colour and Shape Puzzles

Britta Vorbach
Illustrated by Silke Reimers
SERIES, pp. 32, 24.5 × 17 cm, Age 5+
€ 19.50, Art-no. 3239

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With LOGICO PRIMO, children will enjoy learning and practising basic skills. Each set features 16 cards with motivating assignments appropriate for the child's age. *Colour and Shape Puzzles* expands children's understanding of colours and shapes. The colour and shape puzzles help children develop their concentration, visual recognition and logical thinking. The learning cards focus on various aspects: recognition of colours and colour combinations, visual recognition of shapes, recognition and completion of colour sequences, recognition of geometric shapes.

Fischer Sauerländer



Search and Find: Construction Sites

Fiete Koch
 Illustrated by Fiete Koch
 pp. 16, 30 × 24 cm, Age 2+
 € 12.00, 978-3-7571-0136-7
 All rights available

There's lots to discover at the building site – there are diggers and bulldozers at work, and people drilling and hammering and painting. But what does it look like once everything is built? In this book, children can discover building sites in the city and in the countryside: here a big residential and office building, there a motorway. Meanwhile, in the countryside, Beaver is building his lodge ...

And once everything is finished, people (and animals) can live, work and play in the new structures!

Fiete Koch, born in 1979, has been drawing since he was a child. Since 2010 he has been working as a freelance illustrator.

The Wisshozzle Towards a Brighter Sky

Sarah Jäger
 Illustrated by Sarah Maus
 pp. 272, 20.9 × 13.7 cm, Age 12+
 € 20.00, 978-3-7335-0803-6
 All rights available

Summer holidays! Everyone is outside. Only fourteen-year-old Yuri stays at home, because Yuri's favourite place is his room – it's where he feels safe. Just two weeks before school starts, he receives a message from Ava. The two know each other from

primary school and haven't heard from each other in years. They start up a conversation and bit by bit they open up to each other. Light topics like their favourite ice cream or their worst ever birthdays are soon followed by their first confessions about little secrets and big fears. Until Ava's wild stories begin to shake the trust they have just started to build.

Sarah Jäger works in the field of cultural education. Her novel *The Night as Big as Us* was nominated for the German Youth Literature Prize and the Paul Maar Prize for Young Talents in 2022.

Sarah Maus, born in 1995, lives in Essen and works as a freelance illustrator and art teacher.

Cookie Crumbs in Space

How Big is Infinity?

Dagmar Falcke, Heino Falcke
 Illustrated by Gareth Ryans
 pp. 69, 24.0 × 17.0 cm, Age 6+
 € 16.90, 978-3-7373-7247-3
 Rights sold to China (Simplified), the Netherlands

"Dad, how big is the sky?" is one of Jana's evening questions. Underneath the starry skies she always feels as small as a cookie crumb. Luckily, her dad is an astrophysicist and meets Jana's curiosity with answers that are easy to understand yet fascinating. Together they embark on a journey through the universe each night. And Jana thinks of many more questions to ask. They even send messages to the moon with a flashlight. Jana wonders if these light messages can be seen from heaven, too. Acknowledging limits, her dad admits, "We don't know everything."

Heino Falcke and his wife take us on a journey through the universe into the vast expanses of space.

Heino Falcke is a bestselling author and multiple award-winning astrophysicist. Dagmar Falcke is the head of an inclusive primary school. She enjoys exploring big questions with her pupils.

Who Sleeps, Who Is Awake at Night?

Why Giraffes Sleep Folded up and Octopuses Don't Snore

Beatrix Mannel
 Illustrated by Karolina Benz
 pp. 64, 28 × 21 cm, Age 8+
 € 20.00, 978-3-7571-0186-2
 Rights sold to the Netherlands, Russia

Which animals are nocturnal and use unusual hunting strategies in the dark? Which animals snuggle up at night and sleep? And which animals have adapted their sleep to extremely unusual conditions?

Beatrix Mannel has many answers to these questions, giving examples that include both domestic and exotic animals, and exploring lots of fascinating and surprising facts about sleep.

Karolina Benz has created real works of art with her atmospheric pictures that depict the night in all its facets.

Beatrix Mannel used to work as an editor and author for television channels, production companies and radio before she began writing books for all ages.

Karolina Benz is a painter and illustrator. Her pictures are always done by hand. Every picture in this book is an oil painting. The artist lives in the forest and likes to stay up late into the night like the cross spider and the eagle owl.

Carl Hanser Verlag



All By Myself!

Kathrin Schärer
pp. 64, 21 × 17 cm, Age 2+
€ 14.00, 978-3-446-27723-6
Rights sold to Denmark, Spain

Children are explorers, quick learners and whizz through (almost) everything in their first few years.

Kathrin Schärer presents 30 everyday activities, using vivid animal illustrations, that even the smallest children can do if given the inspiration and confidence. Getting up in the morning, getting dressed and having breakfast? No problem! Building a sandcastle, doing crafts or browsing a book? Why not? Cutting cookies, going to the bathroom or climbing a tree? I want to do it on my own! And soon riding a scooter or throwing a ball will be a breeze. Great fun to discover together and learn playfully – for small and slightly bigger whizz-kids.

Kathrin Schärer was born in 1969 and now lives in Basel. She has illustrated numerous children's books, for which she has been nominated for the Hans Christian Andersen Prize, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and the German Youth Literature Prize, among others.

We Are World Class: Book 1

Tanya Lieske
Illustrated by Sybille Hein
SERIES, pp. 176, 21 × 15.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 15.00, 978-3-446-27924-7
All rights available

There is always something going on in this lively class! Adam starts a new school after his parents move from Poland to Germany.

Luckily, he quickly makes friends because all his classmates are from different places. Or as Mrs Meister, the class teacher, says, "With us, you can travel all over the world without even leaving the classroom!" Whether it's a lively museum trip, a school event where a mouse turns up, or a slumber party with ghost stories, Adam, Mariam, Yanis and their friends never get bored. And Mrs Meister has the best ideas. Like building a stegosaurus, which is not that easy because dinosaurs are huge. But one thing is crystal clear: whatever happens, this class always sticks together.

Tanya Lieske was born in 1964 and studied comparative literature, Romance studies, theatre and modern history. Since 1996 she has worked as a freelance journalist. She hosts the literary programme *Büchermarkt* on *Deutschlandfunk*, is a fiction writer for both children and adults, and reviews books.

Sybille Hein, born in 1970, is a writer and illustrator as well as a cabaret artist and fashion designer. She has been awarded Austria's Children's and Youth Book Prize for her illustrations.

Diggers and Dredgers

Short Stories About Big Machines

Ole Könnecke
pp. 32, 22.5 × 25.5 cm, Age 3+
€ 16.00, 978-3-446-27722-9
Rights sold to China, Denmark, France, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, UK, USA

The fascination of construction equipment – discover, laugh and dig along. Children like digging and building things. Large construction machines are particularly fascinating. In illustrated texts, Ole

Könnecke explains what excavators, rollers and tracked trucks do, as well as tippers and cranes, loaders and lorries. His stories are tongue-in-cheek and there's always an animal along for the ride. An original picture book that combines information and humour in a very entertaining way.

Ole Könnecke, born in 1961, grew up in Sweden and lives in Hamburg. Since 1990 he has illustrated over 40 books, for which he has won several national and international awards.

The Lollipop Gang

The Lollipop Gang in Search of Adventure

Charlotte Inden
Illustrated by Susanne Göhlich
SERIES, pp. 96, 24 × 17 cm, Age 5+
€ 15.00, 978-3-446-27719-9
Rights sold to Denmark, Russia

For Theo, Tom and Lotti, every day is an adventure. In their imaginations they are desperadoes, explorers, knights and superheroines. A cat becomes a dangerous tiger and the neighbour's garden a jungle. Which, as it so happens, belongs to an elderly lady – the fearless Frederike, who is not afraid of bees or chickens. But one day a man in shiny black shoes shows up – and he's got Frederike's house in his sights. The three siblings can't let him get away with this, of course. In other words: there's adventure everywhere. You just have to look carefully. And always carry a water pistol ... just in case!

Charlotte Inden, born in 1979, lives with her family in Karlsruhe and works as a journalist at a daily paper.

Susanne Göhlich, born in 1972, is one of the most popular children's book illustrators in Germany.

Kosmos



The Three !!! Detectives in Danger

Kirsten Vogel
Illustrated by Ina Biber
SERIES, pp. 160, 21.6 × 15.1 cm, Age 12+
€ 15.00, 978-3-440-17490-6
All rights available

The Three !!! crack every case! Kim, Franzi and Marie can't believe it: the Winklerhof, Franzi's home and headquarters of the Three !!!, is to make way for a highway. Does this mean the end of the detective club? The friends are determined not to let this happen and organise a big demonstration against the new road and the destruction of nature. When Commissioner Peters disappears, the detectives have to unleash unprecedented power to save the Winklerhof and the Commissioner.

Kirsten Vogel has been working for many years as a storyliner, script author and producer for well-known TV series. Nowadays she is an author of children's books.

EXIT – The Book The Trace in the Mirror

Inka and Markus Brand, Jens Baumeister
Illustrated by Burkhard Schulz
SERIES, pp. 176, 21.6 × 15.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 16.00, 978-3-440-17355-8
Rights sold to China

Lili is 10 years old and has the most brilliant home: a hotel in the mountains. But her parents have financial problems, and only the secret heirlooms of her great-grandfather can save the hotel from having to be sold. Together with her friends

Sia and Oskar, Lili begins searching for the lost heirlooms. Clues can be hidden anywhere in the book; you have to find creative solutions. Cutting out, drawing, folding – anything is permitted.

Inka and Markus Brand have both been passionate about playing games since they were children. Since then they have published numerous games for children and families, including the highly successful EXIT games.

Jens Baumeister has worked as a screenwriter for television and now works as an author in Berlin. He likes writing kids' books best.

Who Lives in the Forest?

My First Nature Guide

Julia Hiller
SERIES, pp. 36, 17.3 × 13.3 cm, Age 4+
€ 12.00, 978-3-440-17807-2
All rights available

The forest is full of life. Perfect for children aged four and above, this book features large, detailed drawings of 16 species of woodland animals, trees and fungi. Short information texts explain how to observe animals and identify plants. Go into the forest and discover an exciting world!

Julia Hiller has been a lover of books since she was a child. She has worked in publishing herself and is an expert on children's non-fiction. She has created a number of titles for young kids.

The Magic Kickers Book 1: Off to Soccer School!

Benjamin Schreuder
Illustrated by Betty van Bonn
SERIES, pp. 128, 21 × 14.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 12.00, 978-3-440-17533-0
All rights available

Ben is stunned when he's invited to join a taster training week at Tannwald soccer school. As he enters the school, his courage fails him. How is he supposed to show his talents here? Only a miracle can help him now – a magic miracle in the form of a talking mascot ...

Benjamin Schreuder has written many successful children's book series, including *TKKG Junior* for Kosmos and now the new magical series *The Magic Kickers*.

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Bus

Illustrated by Christina Röckl
pp. 36, 27.7 × 17 cm, Age 3+
€ 22.00, 978-3-948743-23-9
All rights available

Christina Röckl, winner of the German Award for Youth Literature, recounts a day inside a bus using a blaze of colours. Almost completely without words, she depicts the small things that can make the world dance, showing us how much we can accomplish with one tiny impulse – just a simple smile.

Christina Röckl tells stories with pictures, mostly in the form of books. Her published works have won a number of awards.

Alberta's Shop of Dreams

Martina Walther
Illustrated by Martina Walther
pp. 44, 29 × 20.3 cm, Age 4+
€ 24.00, 978-3-948743-03-1
Rights sold to North Macedonia

Business is quiet at Alberta's secondhand shop in a little seaside town. One day, however, a man desperately searching for a parking space triggers gossip that there is something extra-special about Alberta's shop. People come flooding in, each with their own particular request: a chair with a long back and short legs, a grumpy cloud, more pepper in their life, an inflatable dumbbell. Alberta darts eagerly back and forth among the crowded shelves, looking for a fitting item – and she always comes up with the right answer. Then one day Alberta's most loyal customer, Pepe the

fisherman, comes to town again and asks her a question that changes everything.

Martina Walther is a Swiss illustrator born in 1983. She divides her time between Lucerne and a small village in the Emmental valley. She studied fiction illustration at Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. *Alberta's Shop of Dreams* is her third children's book and the first she has written herself.

Selected by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature as Book of the Month for March 2023, nominated for Serafina 2023.

Alula

The Garden / The Jungle

Illustrated by Reto Cramerer
pp. 56, 24.5 × 18.4 cm, Age 3+
€ 24.00, 978-3-948743-26-0
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Children's games open a door into a fantastic world we will call Alula, a place full of adventures and surprises, danger and exotic creatures. Alula is also a special kind of word – a palindrome. Read it backwards and see!

Two children are tracking a cat – or is it an exotic butterfly they're following? In this reversible book without words, Reto Cramerer gives two different versions of a daring expedition. One story shows two children playing in a garden. They spot a cat and then follow it through long grass past a hose, along a washing line and through some flowerbeds, to a pond. Read the book the other way around, though, and an innocent garden hunt becomes an intrepid journey through thick jungle. The cat turns into a colourful butterfly, the hose becomes a giant snake and instead of moving hand over hand along a wash-

ing line, the children swing through the air on long vines.

The charming illustrations offer a creative take on the role of imagination in children's play.

Reto Cramerer was born in Berne in 1975 and studied at Biel University of Design and at the Haute École d'Art et de Design in Geneva. He has lived and worked in French-speaking Switzerland as a freelance illustrator ever since.

Nominated for Serafina 2023, The Best German Book Design 2023 by Stiftung Buchkunst, White Raven 2023.

Favourite Sweater

Pauline Pete
Illustrated by Pauline Pete
pp. 40, 29.7 × 21 cm, Age 5+
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Sparse words and beautiful images tell the story of a special bond between a girl and her grandmother. The two of them go ballooning, visit a museum and take a stroll through town. Even when the girl is on her own, she thinks of her grandmother whenever she wears her special sweater. The garment symbolises the close and happy relationship between the two, and gives solace as a difficult farewell looms. She keeps the sweater for many years before handing it down to her own son, hoping he will feel as loved, cosy and warm as she once did, while collecting his own memories and adventures.

Pauline Pete was born in Fulda/Hessia in 1996 and grew up in a rural area of the Rhön mountains. She decided in 2017 to study illustration at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, where she is currently working towards her Master's degree. She lives in Hamburg.

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Madame Freudenreich Dinosaurs in Granny's Garden

Dominik Hochwald, Jörg Ihle
Illustrated by Petra Fritz
SERIES, pp. 40, 30 × 25.4 cm, Age 3+
€ 14.00, 978-3-649-63026-5
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Leon and Sophie are hugely excited about staying with Granny in the holidays. But the brother and sister could never have imagined just how HUGE their holiday is really going to be: Granny is hiding some real live dinosaurs in her greenhouse, and they are her best friends.

Dominik Hochwald has worked as an author and dramaturge for film, television, transmedia and children's books. His clients include Pantaleon Films, Coppentrath Verlag and Europa-Park.

Jörg Ihle develops transmedia brands and story worlds for film and television productions, broadcasters, game developers, theme parks and agencies.

Petra Fritz has worked for various companies in the theme park and film industry and as a designer in various areas of Europa-Park since 2009.

Rulantica The Hidden Island

Michaela Hanauer
Illustrated by Helge Vogt
SERIES, pp. 336, 21 × 14.2 cm, Age 10+
€ 18.00, 978-3-649-62722-7
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Aquina is a mermaid. She has always felt different from the other merpeople. One day she finds out that she has a twin brother: Mats, a human boy! And he is in danger. Ever since he was found on the beach as a baby, Mats has been living in a children's home. He has always been afraid of the sea. By coming together, Aquina and Mats are fulfilling a centuries-old prophecy made by the Nordic gods – and it's up to them to save the island world of Rulantica.

Michaela Hanauer is the owner of Literatur Agentur Hanauer. She set up her own business in 2003 and looks after authors and their texts as well as working closely with publishers.

Helge Vogt works as an illustrator and comic artist for numerous publishers including Disney, Le Lombard and Carlsen. He lives in Berlin.

Adventure Academy of Europe The Fire Tiger of Batavia

THiLO Petry-Lassak
Illustrated by Maximilian Meinzold
SERIES, pp. 176, 21.5 × 15 cm, Age 8+
€ 15.00, 978-3-649-64346-3
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Belle, Oni and Oliver are in training to become real-life adventurers! The timetable includes travelling the world, discovering magic objects and researching mysterious creatures. The adventure begins on their very first day of school, when a famous magic dagger called the Fire Tiger is stolen. The young thief, Connor Blaze, is a real artful dodger and therefore a perfect candidate for the school of adventurers! With him, the

first excursion soon becomes a hellish trip into the fantastical world of pirates.

THiLO is somewhere between 18 and 65 – though he looks younger. He has been putting his heart and soul into writing children's and YA books since he was 15. THiLO's books have sold over 4 million copies and been translated into 20 languages.

Fina and the Yomis The Secret of the Magical Gemstones

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber
Illustrated by Anja Grote
SERIES, pp. 40, 30 × 25.4 cm, Age 4+
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Fina can't believe her eyes when a little dragon tumbles through her window! Riding on his back is an adorable little Yomi girl named Rubi – and she is in great danger! She has lost her magical Yomi gemstone that gives her the ability to speak to dragons. And even more pressing: her home is in danger!

Can Fina help her new friends, the Yomis, to find the missing magical stone and save Yomi village?

Kristina Scharmacher-Schreiber has worked for several years for big opera houses, and is an author and translator. Her books have won several awards. She loves diving into different topics and creating fantastical worlds.

After a few years of working as a graphic designer, Anja Grote decided to switch to illustrating. Since then, cheeky astronauts and smart animals have been her companions: she loves to spark curiosity about the world with her pictures.

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PhänoMINT The Time Factory

Experiments and All You Need to Know About Years, Hours and Seconds

Martin Verg
Illustrated by Peter Zickermann
pp. 64, 30.5 × 21.5 cm, Age 10+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-302-7
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A non-fiction and hands-on activity book for young scientists and philosophers alike. Time – what is it really? Is it what clocks measure? The passing of hours, days and years? Or a feeling? This book gets to the bottom of the phenomenon of time. In addition to clear explanations, this book features numerous experiments and crafting instructions: the perpetual calendar shows the basis of our calendar system. With the help of the sundial, children learn how the length of the day was measured and how clocks as we know them today came into being. The book also features instructions on how to build a water clock and an ancestor chart. It demystifies the phenomenon of time, making it truly tangible.

The Soil Discover the Life Beneath Our Feet

Anita van Saan
pp. 96, 22.6 × 17.5 cm, Age 8+
€ 14.95, 978-3-96455-258-7
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An essential guide and DIY book recommended by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature. From floodplains and forest floors to meadows and moors, the soil beneath our feet is vital to life on Earth. Soils store water, capture CO₂, filter pollutants, and transform dead matter into new life, providing sustenance for plants, animals and humans alike. This captivating book unveils the secrets of soil, offering clear and engaging explanations through hands-on experiments, vivid photos and detailed illustrations. Dive in to discover everything about the incredible world beneath our feet!

Officially recommended by the German Academy for Children's and Young Adult Literature in the listing of Climate, Environment and Nature Books 2024.

Your Colourful Puzzle World

Isabel Große Holtforth
Illustrated by Isabel Große Holtforth
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Embark on a journey of over 100 crazy puzzles. Colourful and enigmatic! An exciting puzzle world for school beginners aged 7 and above. Each double-page spread features a different puzzle world: from outer space to the seabed, the farm to the jungle, there's something for everyone. The puzzle types vary – there are word and number puzzles, picture tasks and logic puzzles, providing a variety of different challenges for those little grey cells! The tricky puzzles provide clever kids with

lots of fun throughout the year. For kids who like their puzzles colourful and full of imagination! A great book for on the go, and the perfect gift for puzzle fans: with over 100 crazy puzzles, this wild journey of exciting activities is guaranteed to banish boredom!

50 Birthday Party Games for School Kids

Anna Bernhard, Silvia Schmitz
Illustrated by Dorothea Tust
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50 games in a box, endless fun at birthday parties! When a child's birthday party approaches, the big question arises: what to play? And it's often hard to remember the old classic games. This card set brings them together in one box: classics and new games, quiet and wild games, for indoors and outdoors, for plentiful or limited space. Throw a birthday party for primary school children, and make it an unforgettable memory!

- Each high-quality cardboard box contains 50 games
- With a preparation list and easy instructions
- Classics and new games like treasure hunts, memory games, sweets fishing and many more!
- Another title in this series of games for kindergarten children aged 3+

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The Time Travel Gang

The Wrath of the Pharaoh

Benjamin Schreuder
 Illustrated by Dominik Rupp
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 € 9.95, 978-3-7886-4601-1
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Tinka and her friends Adam and Niko are looking for Tinka's father. He should have been back from his expedition in Egypt ages ago. In his study, the friends come across a secret time window. To their astonishment, they end up in a muddy hole in the middle of ancient Egypt. They meet Juja, who shows them his world, experience the hustle and bustle of a market, have to deal with the pharaoh's guards and finally attend the pharaoh's coronation. But where is Tinka's father? The first volume of the new *The Time Travel Gang* series (for children aged 8+) takes readers on an exciting adventure set against a historical backdrop!

WAS IST WAS Dinosaurs Superlizards of the Prehistoric Era

Manfred Baur
 SERIES, pp. 48, 29.0 × 22.3 cm, Age 8+
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You thought dinosaurs were extinct? Wrong! They are everywhere. But where? With cool facts and pictures, children

immerse themselves in the life of the superlizards. What did life on Earth look like over 60 million years ago?

How did dinosaurs evolve into herbivores and carnivores? What do dinosaurs have to do with the domestic chicken? The two reveal all in an exclusive interview. Would it be possible to resurrect dinosaurs today? Readers go in search of clues from the past to explore the lives of these gigantic lizards. An entertaining and impressive book about children's favourite animals.

Dr Manfred Baur is a documentary filmmaker, science journalist and author. He studied chemistry, logic and the philosophy of science and never stops being curious. He has already written many exciting WAS IST WAS books for Tessloff.

WAS IST WAS My World Book 11: We Help Each Other and Get Along!

Andrea Weller-Essers
 Illustrated by Simone Leiss-Bohn
 SERIES, pp. 16, 19.6 × 17 cm, Age 2+
 € 9.95, 978-3-7886-4387-4
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Nino and Pia are friends. They often play together or with other children. Sometimes they disagree and sometimes they argue: should they play with the train or the zoo? Other children also have conflicts – who is allowed to press the pump in the water playground and who gets to sail the toy boats? But after every argument, they manage to make up again: playing

together is much more fun! Sometimes something happens: a toy lands in the bushes or a model someone has built gets knocked down. But when everyone helps, even these problems are quickly solved. Sharing, helping and making up makes people happy! A funny lift-the-flap book for boys and girls from the age of two.

WAS IST WAS Jellyfish Is It All Just Goo?!

Florian Huber, Uli Kunz
 SERIES, pp. 48, 29.0 × 22.3 cm, Age 8+
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They don't have blood, brains or hearts. They have been around since the time of the dinosaurs, and some can kill 250 people with their venom. Jellyfish are record-breakers, and very popular with children. We provide insights into the mysterious life of these slippery creatures. Spectacular pictures and graphics show why jellyfish don't deserve their bad reputation, what they are capable of despite not having a brain, and how they develop from polyps to metre-long medusae.

With their ability to present topics for children in a fascinating and gripping way, science TV presenters Uli Kunz and Dr Florian Huber want to set the record straight about jellyfish. Both work internationally as research divers, including for scientific institutions like the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research.

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