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Peasants' revolt in Upper Austria



- » The history of the Frankenburg dice game
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- » Thrilling, visually stunning and full of historical power
- » »Ana Pawlik has not only credibly staged the lives of these protagonists, but also portrayed them in a visually stunning and multifaceted way.« | Histo-Couch.de about »In the Claws of the Night«

Austria 1625: Adam von Herberstorff relentlessly pursues the Counter-Reformation on behalf of the Emperor. Those who adhere to the Lutheran faith risk property, freedom and life. Farmer's daughter Lena flees with her child to Steyr, where city judge Wolf Madlseder tries to preserve the last remnants of freedom of conscience. When three dozen men have to throw dice for their lives on Herberstorff's orders, arbitrariness ignites the anger of the people – and an uprising breaks out that changes everything and inexorably interweaves the fates of Lena, Madlseder and von Herberstorff ...

On the trail of the Frankenburg dice game: A historical novel about the peasant uprisings of 1626 and the struggle for freedom of religion, love and survival.

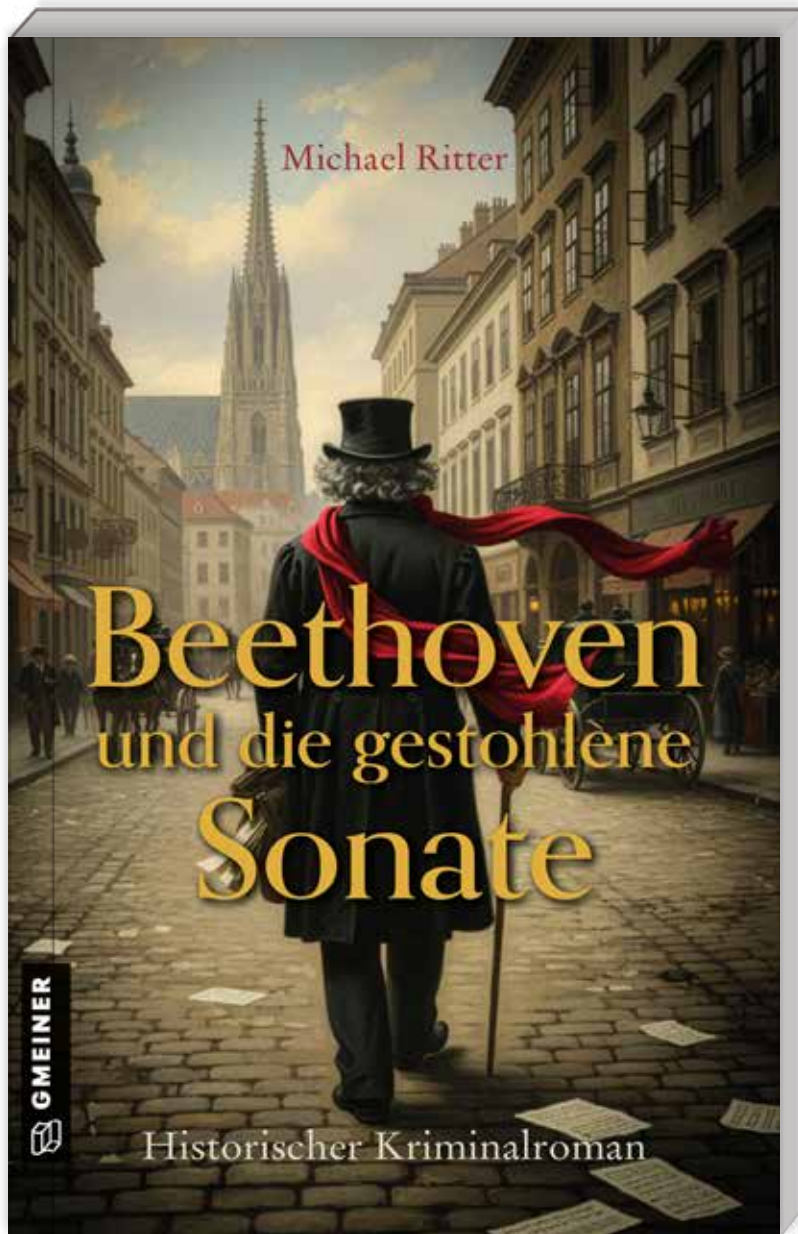
Ana Pawlik
When the die was cast
*Novel about the
Peasants' Revolt of 1626*

Series: –
Volume: –

448 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
Softcover
ISBN 978-3-8392-8143-7
€ 16,50 [D]
ET: 09.09.2026

Born in Germany, **Ana Pawlik** has lived in Austria since 2006. In addition to her work as an author, she translates novels and non-fiction texts into easy language.

Beethoven in Vienna



Michael Ritter
**Beethoven and
 the Stolen Sonata**
Historical crime novel

Series: –
Volume: –

288 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
 Softcover
 ISBN 978-3-8392-8162-8
€ 14,50 [D]
ET: 14.10.2026

- » On the 200th anniversary of the death of Ludwig van Beethoven (26 March 2027)
- » Vienna 1822: Music Metropolis as a Dark Crime Scene
- » Who stole the core of Beethoven's new sonata?

Vienna in the winter of 1822: Ludwig van Beethoven, almost deaf, is working on his latest masterpiece, isolated from the world – a piano sonata that seems to have been dictated to him by heaven. But one morning its middle section has disappeared without a trace. Shortly afterwards, his young pupil Wilhelm Eckhardt is found beaten to death in the courtyard. In his case: a torn sheet of music from the sonata. Beethoven's secretary Anton Schindler begins to investigate. When a celebrated composer performs a sonata in which Beethoven's lost bars are heard, Schindler realizes the significance of the betrayal. Beethoven's last music becomes a confession – and a verdict on the guilt of the living.

A sophisticated Beethoven crime thriller set in Biedermeier Vienna – gripping, atmospheric and historically precisely composed.

Michael Ritter, born in 1967, is a publisher, literary scholar and author. He writes historical crime novels as well as contemporary crime novels set in Italy.

The electrification of the Hofburg



- » A murder by electric shock in old Vienna
- » Sisi's valet Liesel and court photographer Viktor Angerer investigate
- » Fire in the Ringtheater: one of the largest fire disasters in Vienna
- » »The bigotry and decadence of the Austrian high nobility are [...] exposed in a way that is as amusing as it is ruthless.« | Aachener Zeitung

Vienna, 1880s. In a time of upheaval, the devastating fire of the Ringtheater puts the city in shock. The actress Lolo von Trotta is rescued from the flames. Her career has been destroyed, her reputation ruined since a scandalous meeting with the Hawaiian king in the Prater. A few months later, a dancer from the entourage of the king's sister dies during a performance. Is there a connection to Lolo?

Empress Sisi has her valet Liesel and the court photographer Viktor Angerer discreetly investigate. Her research leads from the salons of Vienna to the dark corners of courtly life – and deep into the shadows of the Belle Époque.

Between departure and abyss at the imperial court, servant Liesel comes across a trail that leads to the lodges of the powerful.

Tom Sacher

The Empress's Photographer – Spark of a New Era

A novel at the court of Empress Sisi

Series: Servant Liesl and court photographer Viktor Angerer investigate
Volume: 2

Tom Sacher is a pseudonym of the author Michael Seitz. He comes from the Bavarian Forest and has lived in Vienna for about twenty years. Seitz successfully writes exciting historical novels, crime novels and thrillers for major trade publishers.

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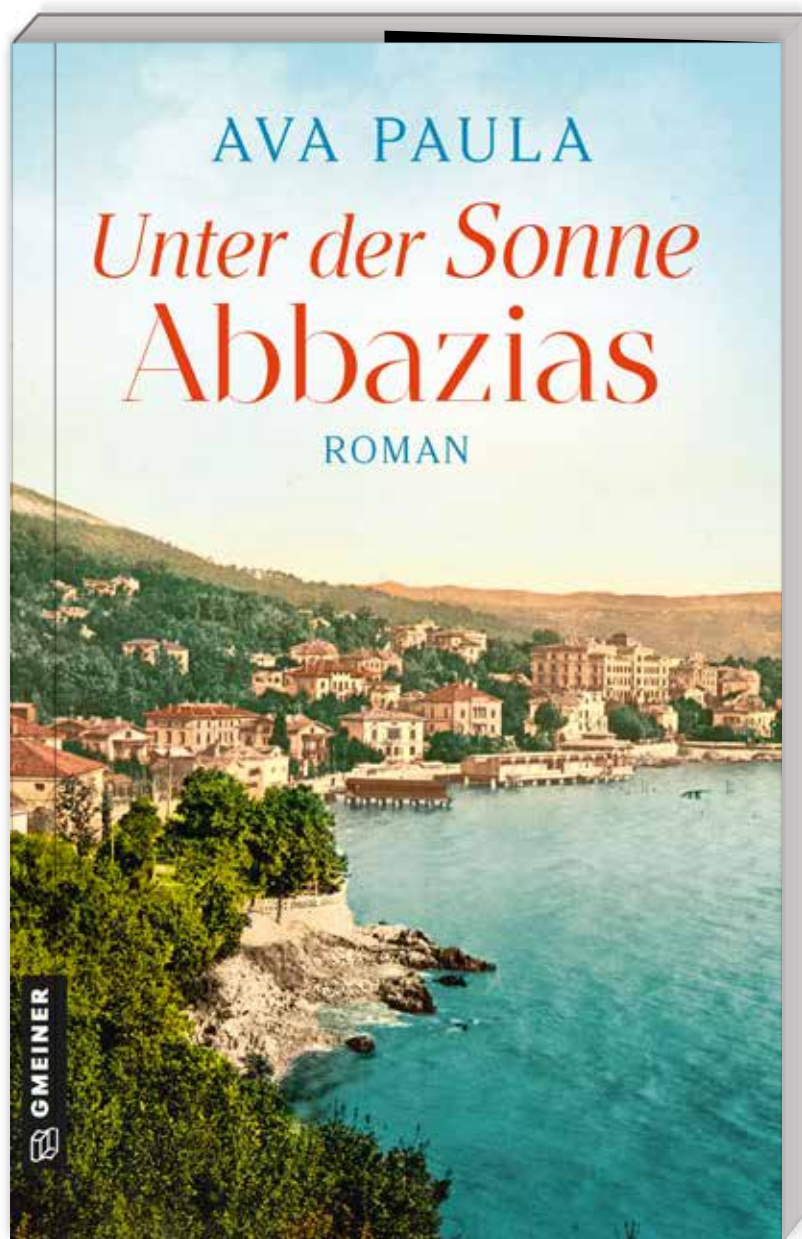
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Murder at the pearl of the Adriatic



- » Abbazia, the fashionable spa town of the Viennese in the Austro-Hungarian monarchy
- » A grieving widow becomes a courageous investigator
- » Today's Opatija as a crime scene in the Belle Époque

In 1909, Countess Elisa travels to Abbazia to relax in the fashionable seaside resort of the Austro-Hungarian Riviera. But as soon as she arrives, her luggage is stolen – along with her notebook, which contains the only clue to the mysterious disappearance of her parents. When a series of sophisticated burglaries shakes the grand hotels and summer villas of the nobility, Abbazia's glamorous façade begins to falter. In her search for answers, Elisa stumbles upon a secret that leads deep into the shadows of the spa town.

Abbazia on the Belle Époque: A widow becomes a courageous investigator and stumbles upon a crime in the fashionable spa town – today's Opatija. Elegant and gloomy at the same time.

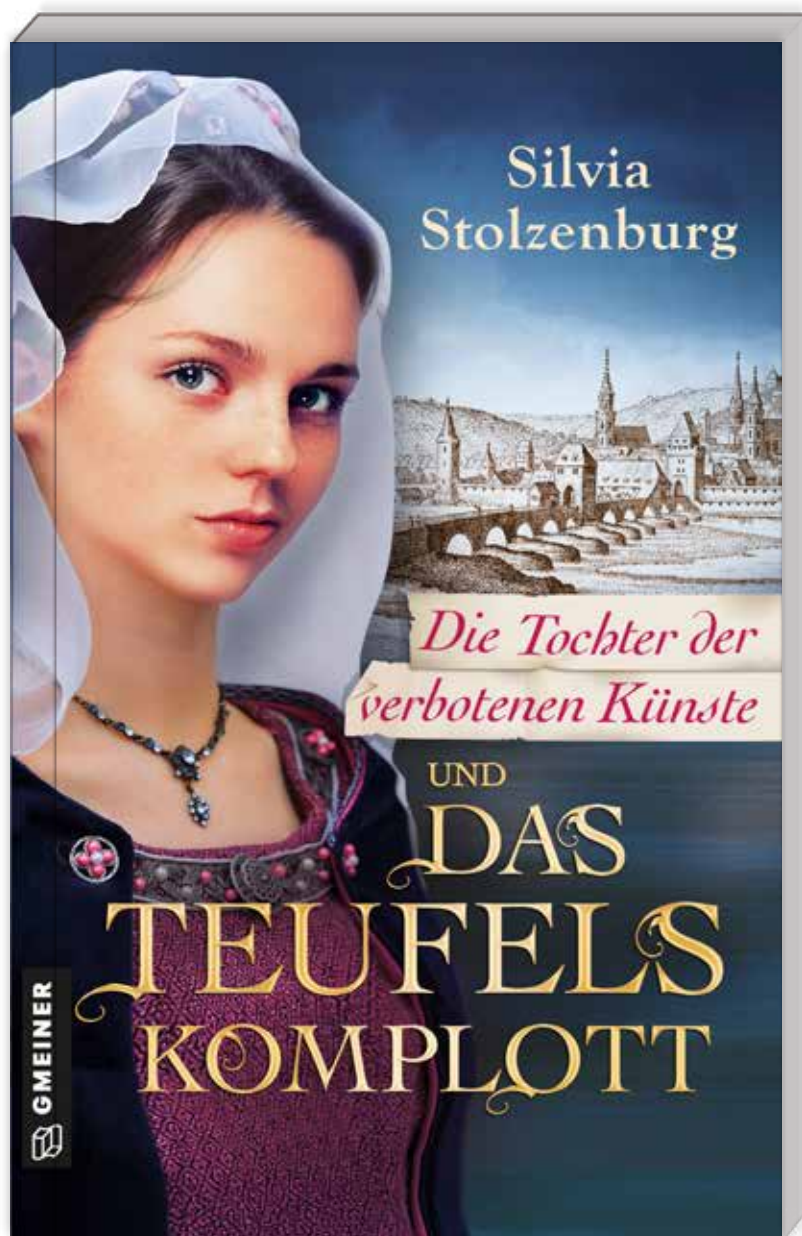
Ava Paula
Under the sun of Abbazia
Novel

Series: Abbazia's Secret
Volume: 1

368 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
 Premium flap softcover
 ISBN 978-3-8392-8118-5
€ 18,50 [D]
ET: 08.07.2026

Ava Paula, born in 1986, lives in Austria with her partner and son. On her trips to Croatia, she falls in love with Opatija and its untold stories from the imperial era every time anew.

Magic and greed for power



» The prelude to a brilliant new series by Silvia Stolzenburg

» Esslingen 1448

» Outcast learns forbidden arts to survive

» 17-year-old Katharina defies the patriarchy

Esslingen in the 15th century: Out of love for the wine merchant Lukas, young Katharina resists the marriage plans that her stepfather is making for her. He then takes revenge through an intrigue: Katharina is taken away by the town's henchmen and declared a »leper«. Actually perfectly healthy, she is now considered a leper and has to suffer cruelly. But she manages to escape and joins a troupe of travelling artists. The mysterious master of the forbidden arts takes Katharina in as a helper and teaches her all kinds of skills. Meanwhile, Lukas is waiting in her hometown, who does not want to believe that Katharina has disappeared forever.

A moving historical novel about love, betrayal, superstition and courage – and a woman who risks everything for her freedom.

The captivating first volume of Silvia Stolzenburg's great Esslingen saga!

Silvia Stolzenburg
The Daughter of the Forbidden Arts and the Devil's Conspiracy
Historical novel

Series: The Esslingen Trilogy
Volume: 1

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 Softcover
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Silvia Stolzenburg discovered her love for history at an early age. In order to combine this with her passion for novels, she decided in 2006 to start writing herself.

Dark secrets and blue-blooded intrigue



- » Living picture of Augsburg in 1463
- » The city after the plague: between fear and new beginnings
- » Healer Lina in search of her unknown origin

Augsburg, 1463: Finally the ringing of the death bells falls silent. The plague is over and the wealthy return to the city. Lina and her husband Ulrich want to leave the shadows of the past behind and lead a quiet life. However, the young family happiness ends abruptly when the two are attacked in their house at night and strangers kidnap Lina from the city. While Ulrich pulls out all the stops to find out where she has been taken, Lina understands who is trying to kill her ...

The finale of the trilogy about a captivating woman's fate against the colorful late medieval backdrop of Augsburg.

Silvia Stolzenburg
The Plague Girl and the Devil's Pact
Historical novel

Series: The Plague Girl
Volume: 3

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Rebellion, Faith Love – Würzburg 1525



- » Würzburg under the spell of the Peasants' War
- » Maid Madlen between the fronts of the uprising
- » In the footsteps of farmer guide Florian Geyer

Spring 1525. The Peasants' War is raging in Lower Franconia. A huge army of insurgents marches towards Würzburg: the fortress of Marienberg, the last bulwark of the princes, is to fall. In the midst of the turmoil, the escaped serf Madlen returns to the city on the Main. After traumatic experiences in Florian Geyer's »Black Heap«, she longs for peace and security. But the sea of blood and tears that was once prophesied to her threatens to finally devour Madlen and the people she loves.

Atmospheric and full of feeling, Silvia Heid tells of the horrors of the Peasants' War from the point of view of a woman who desperately struggles for a better life

The gripping finale of the diology about the escaped serf Madlen, who courageously fights for freedom and self-determination in the midst of the uprising.

Silvia Heid
**Time of Blood and Tears –
Würzburg 1525**
Historical novel

Series: The Peasants' War Saga
Volume: 2

Born in Nuremberg, Silvia Heid has had a soft spot for stories and history since her youth. »Zeit von Blut und Tränen – Würzburg 1525« is her second novel.

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Riemenschneider in the Peasants' War



- » Würzburg under the Executioner's Sword
- » Murder of a canon
- » Riemenschneider daughter between art and the Inquisition

Würzburg, 1525: Tilman Riemenschneider, the father of Luzia Magdalena, is accused of conspiring against the bishop and imprisoned in the castle. The family is facing ruin.

One evening, a middleman stands at Luzia's door and commissions a carved sculpture for a mysterious customer. In order to ensure the survival of her family, Luzia defies the ban on handicrafts imposed on women and secretly sets to work – with great success. But the joy of the windfall is short-lived. Soon after, the body of a cleric is discovered – and the connection leads straight to Luzia.

Conclusion of the rousing trilogy from the time of the Peasants' War about Luzia Magdalena, the daughter of the carver Tilman Riemenschneider, between art, power and betrayal.

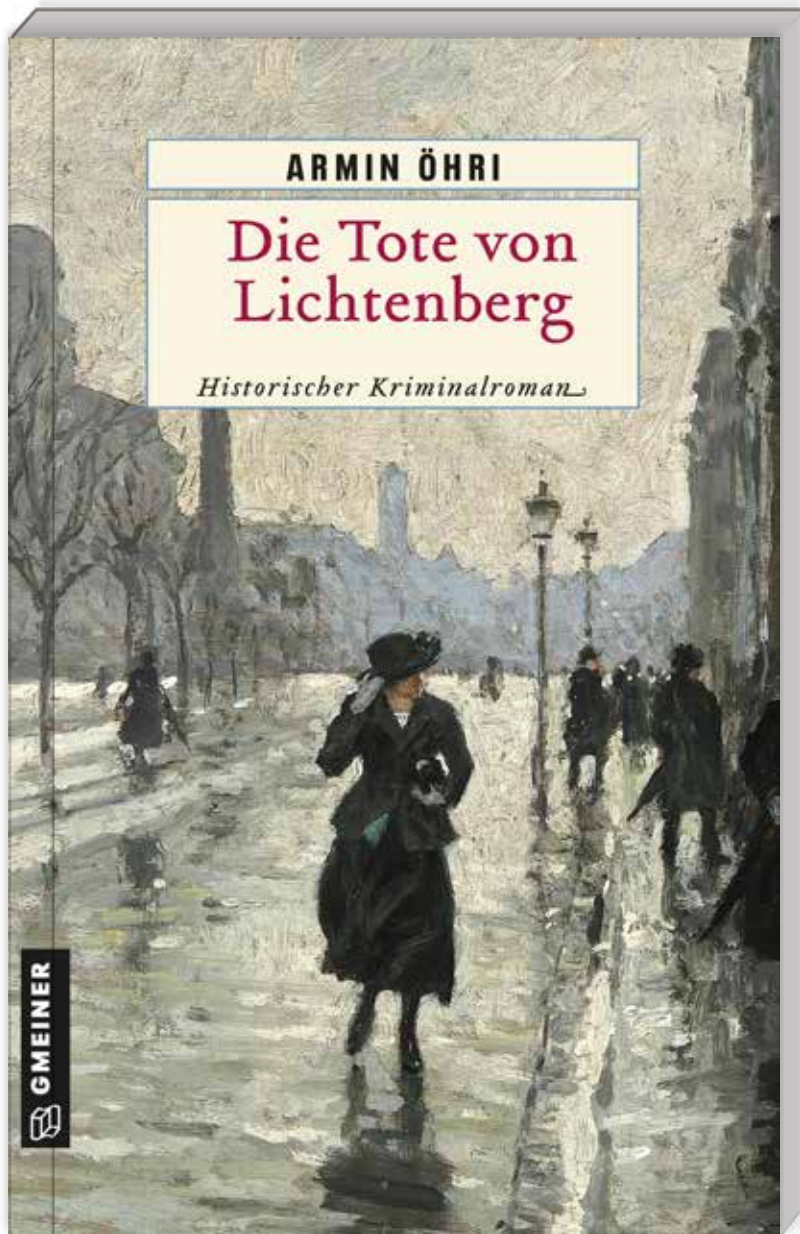
Uwe Klausner
Würzburg Blood Court
A Riemenschneider novel

Series: Luzia Magdalena Riemenschneider
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Uwe Klausner grew up in Heidelberg and completed his studies at the university there. Today he lives with his family in Bad Mergentheim.

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Berlin in a magnifying glass



- » An evil curse that reaches from Patagonia to Berlin
- » Occult machinations and a mysterious murder
- » Investigations à la Sherlock Holmes in Berlin in the 1860s

Berlin 1869. From a hermetically sealed room in the museum of the Margrave of Quednau, an old book of the dead and a valuable onyx on which a curse is said to lie disappear. How was the burglar able to escape with his loot? Crime scene artist Julius Bentheim and his friend Albrecht Krosick set out to solve the seemingly impossible crime. Soon her investigations lead her to gloomy cemeteries, to gruesome mansions and on the trail of a masked stranger. All indications point to an ominous dead woman in Lichtenberg ...

A breathtaking, cleverly constructed locked-room crime thriller – atmospheric suspense in a class of its own in Bismarck's Berlin!

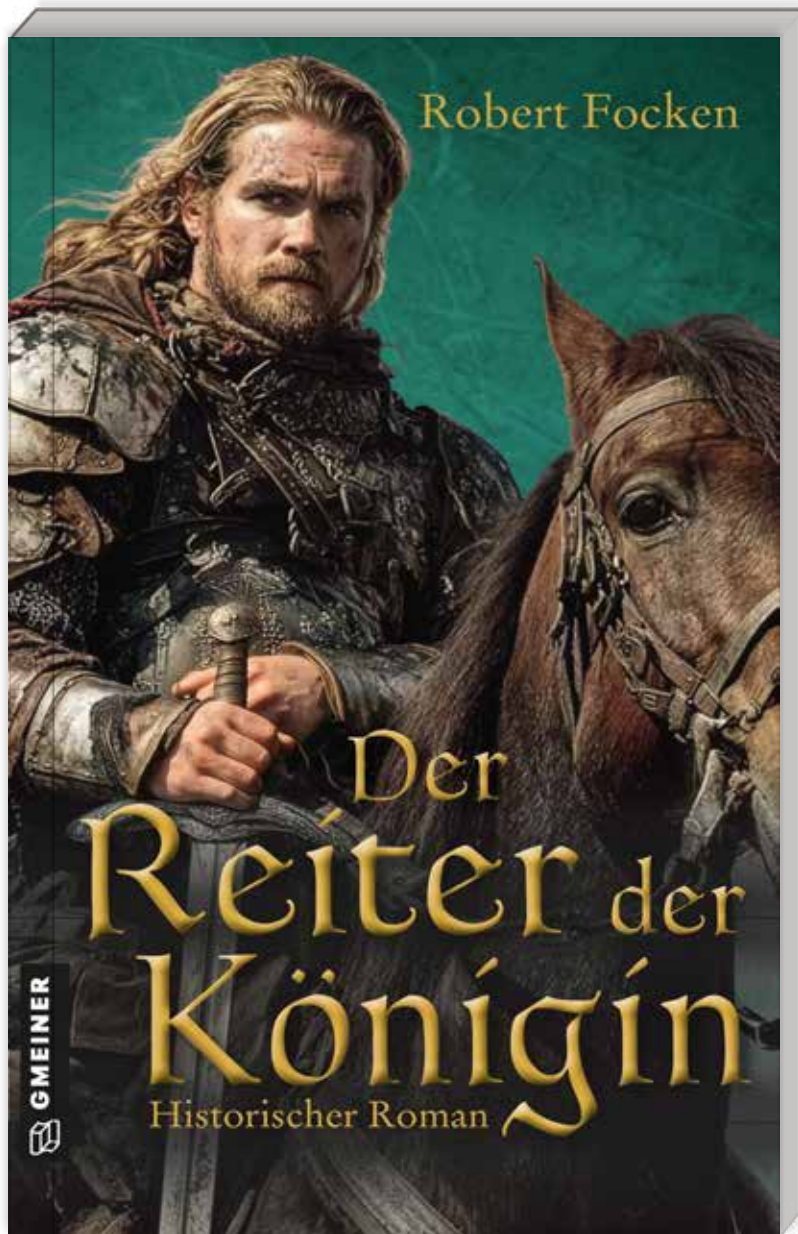
Armin Öhri
The Dead of Lichtenberg
Historical crime novel

Series: Julius Bentheim and Albrecht Krosick
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Armin Öhri, winner of the »European Union Prize for Literature«, writes historical crime novels. His works have been translated into several languages.

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- » Throne drama of a crumbling empire with an intimate love story
- » The new medieval saga of the creator of the legendary »Arnulf« saga
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- » For fans of Rebecca Gablé and Bernard Cornwell

840 AD: The emperor is dying, the Carolingian Empire threatens to be torn apart by power struggles. While a major war for the succession to the throne is looming, Queen Hemma tries to secure the East Franconian throne for her son at all costs. Her husband, the pious, hesitant King Louis, is not a man of the sword. When Hemma's own sister, Empress Judith, of all people, allies with one of the rivals to the throne against her, Hemma puts all her eggs in one basket: she brings the mercenary leader Sigfrid to her court. Soon he holds far more than just the fate of the empire in his hands ...

An empire on the brink of collapse, a queen between power and desire – and a military leader who risks empire and life for her.

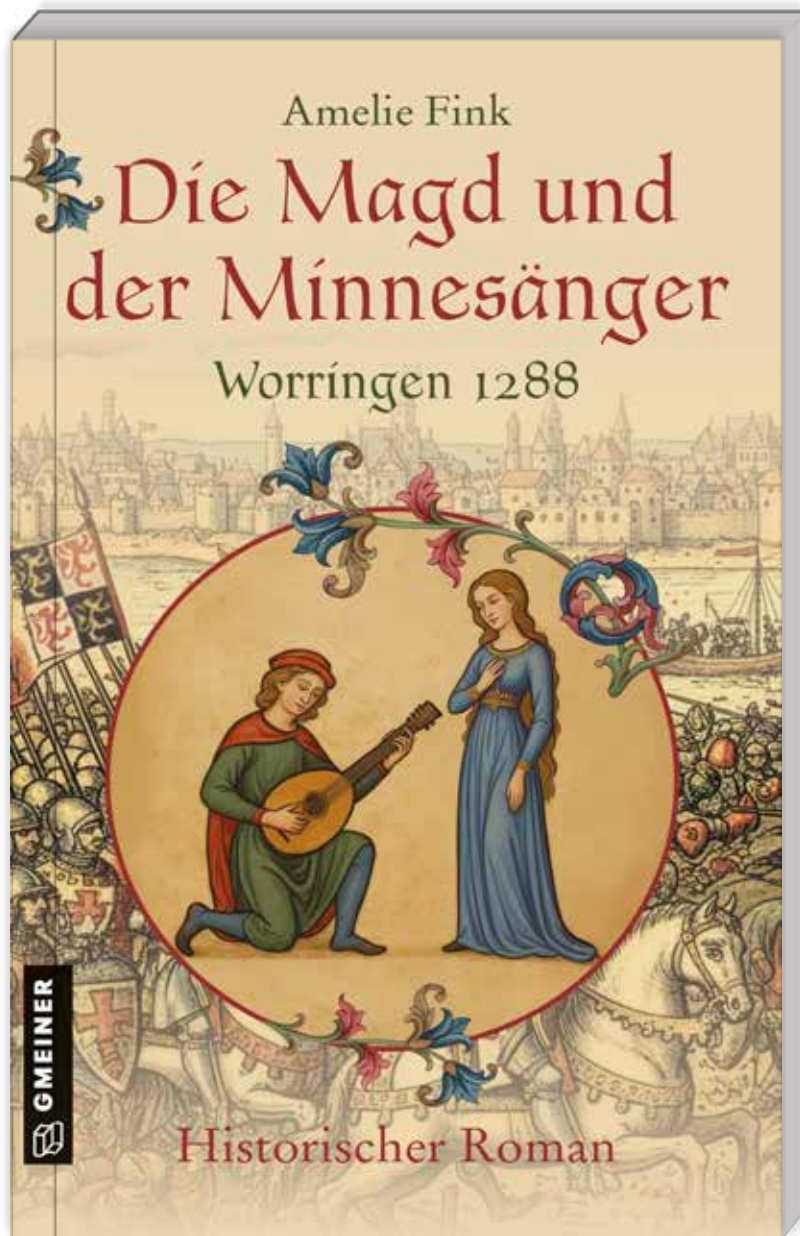
Robert Focken
The Queen's Horseman
Historical novel

Series: –
Volume: –

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Robert Focken, born in 1963, lives in the Vordertaunus. He loves to bring history closer to his audience through entertaining novels.

1288 – Battle for the Freedom of Cologne



- » Authentic life in the 13th century up close
- » Courtly rituals, exciting tournaments and ecclesiastical dogmas
- » A love under the sign of love

Spring 1288: An armed conflict between the Archbishop of Cologne and the Duke of Brabant seems inevitable. The young Irmtraut, however, is tormented by completely different worries: she is to marry the hated Gabriel von Leyden. Meanwhile, her maid Trudi fears for her family in Cologne. The arrival of the mysterious minstrel Tillmann changes everything for the two young women. When he is said to have committed a murder, they decide to prove his innocence, without suspecting what they are getting into ...

A rousing historical novel about love and power, friendship and betrayal – and two young women who take their fate into their own hands in the shadow of war.

»Birgit Erwin and Ulrich Buchhorn, on the other hand, have succeeded in packing historical novels and creative criminal plots into an easily readable oeuvre that will not only appeal to crime fans.« | Südkurier

Amelie Fink
The Maid and the Minnesinger – Worringen 1288
Historical novel

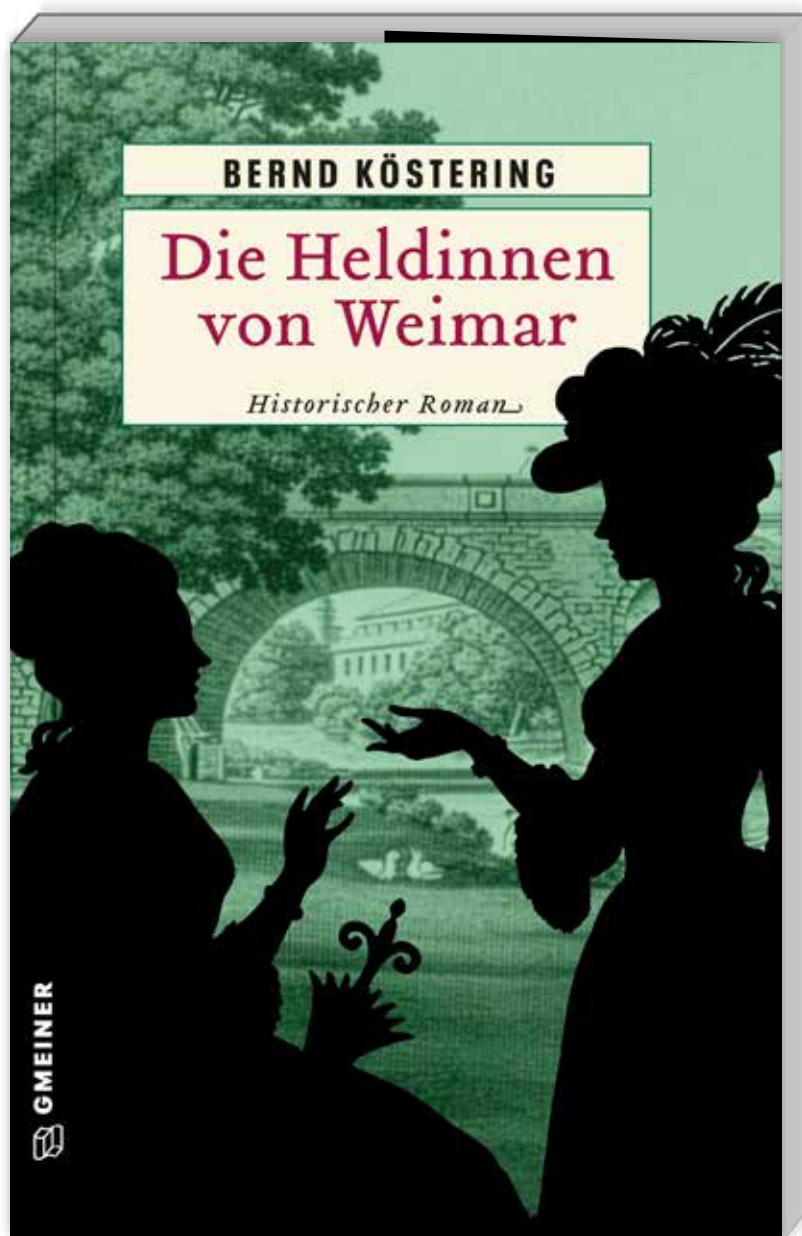
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384 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
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Behind the pseudonym Amelie Fink are the German studies scholar Birgit Erwin and the ancient historian Ulrich Buchhorn, who have already published numerous successful novels. The author duo lives in Heidelberg.

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Green poison at Frauenplan



- » A crime novel from Weimar around 1805
- » Duchess Anna Amalia's lady-in-waiting investigates
- » Schweinfurt green – how a dye became a deadly weapon
- » »Köstering's detailed descriptions of the city and its inhabitants make the book a lively journey through time.« | @daves.book.world

Weimar and Jena in the summer of 1805: The young journeyman Wilhelm dreams of a family and his own workshop as a guitar maker – and of finally finding his biological mother. His wife Annette, clever and headstrong, is looking for her place in a world that leaves hardly any room for women. When the secret of a green book becomes a deadly threat, the lives of the two are thrown out of balance. At her side are the clever lady-in-waiting Louise von Göchhausen and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Can his famous color theory help to unmask the invisible poison?

Even the beautiful can be deadly.

A novel about loss and hope, about the colours of life – and about those who write history in secret: the women of Weimar.

Bernd Köstering
The heroines of Weimar
 Historical novel

Series: The Weimar Saga
Volume: 2

Bernd Köstering was born in Weimar and now lives with his family in Offenbach. »The Heroines of Weimar« is his tenth novel.

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Crime novels

Murder in Melk Abbey



- » A murderer lurks in the labyrinth of the monastery
- » Between cowls and smocks: Church meets the gods in white
- » A poisoned monk shakes Lower Austria

At a charity dinner at Melk Abbey for the benefit of the famous monastery library, a young monk collapses dead. It quickly becomes apparent that his drink has been poisoned. That same evening, Major Brandner and Inspector Lindner question the illustrious group of guests, which consists of influential representatives of the church, medicine and business. While the monastery community struggles for peace and contemplation, Director Böck urges a quick and discreet solution to the case. But the investigators get caught up in a web of secrecy and covert conflicts – and soon more people are in danger.

Major Brandner and Inspector Lindner investigate behind the walls of the world-famous Melk Abbey.

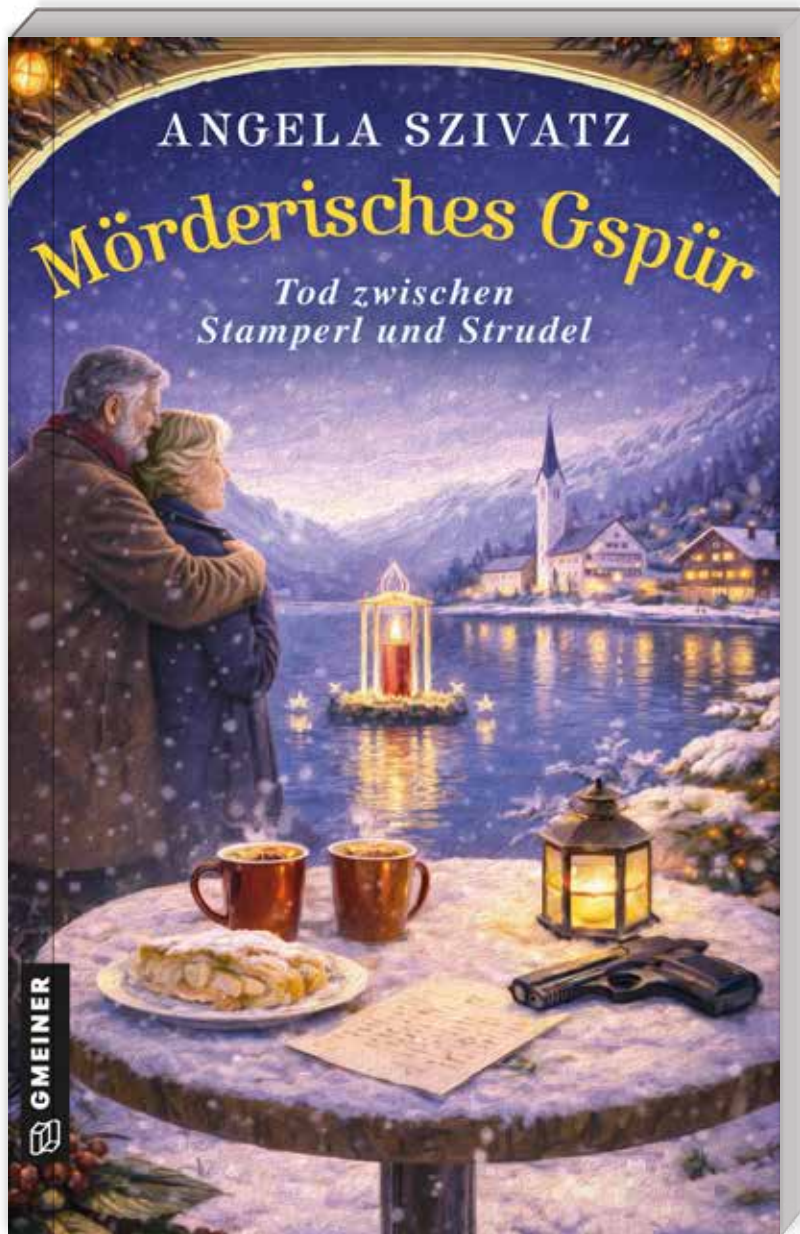
Helmut Scharner
Mostviertler gods
Crime novel

Series: Inspector Brandner
Volume: 8

Helmut Scharner lives in the Lower Austrian Mostviertel, where his successful crime series about Major Brandner and Inspector Lindner is also set.

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Salzburg SchockerIn



- » An alpine thriller that whets the appetite
- » An authentic and sympathetic heroine over 60
- » Including glossary of Austrian language delicacies

Hilda Mooslechner enjoys her new life on Lake Wolfgang with her Ferdinand Sargnagel, a forensic scientist with heart and humour. When two men die in quick succession, the clever chief inspector senses a crime. Is there a serial killer hanging around in the postcard-good Salzkammergut? A hot trail leads to the volunteer fire department.

But that's not all: Shortly before the atmospheric Wolfgangsee Advent begins, Monika gets in touch – one of Hilda's spa friends, with whom she not only shares Kneipp stories, but also a dark secret ...

In the glow of the Advent lights of Lake Wolfgang, Chief Inspector Hilda Mooslechner investigates between lumbago and half-truths – a crime thriller full of heart, goose-bumps and Austrian (language) delicacies.

With glossary for the Piefke.

Angela Szivatz
Murderous flair
Death between shot and strudel

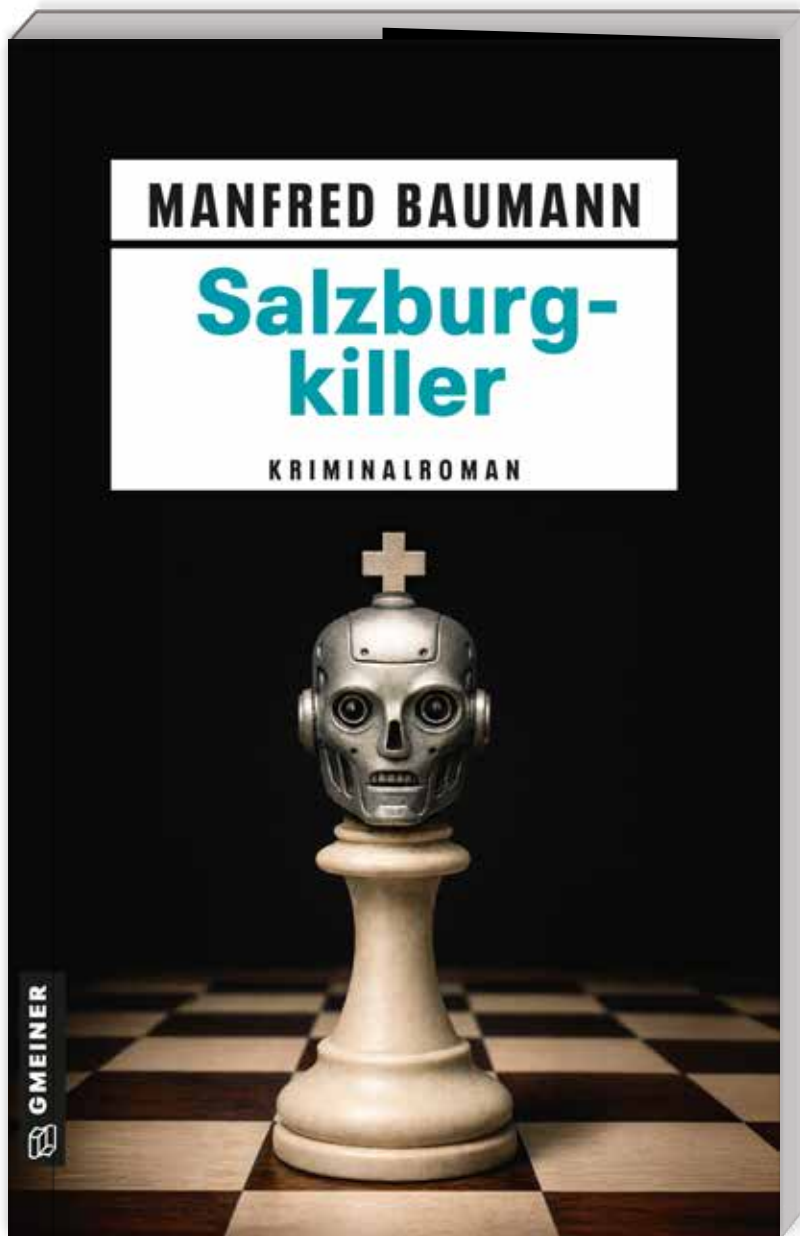
Series: Detective Inspector Hilda Mooslechner investigates
Volume: 2

Angela Szivatz lives as an author and coach in Vienna. It was during a cure on Lake Wolfgang that she came up with the idea for this crime series.

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Merana's most personal case



- » Murder on the Seeham lake stage in Wallersee
- » Cabaret star dies after celebrated premiere
- » Manfred Baumann: THE chronicler of the Salzburg crime

That's the name of the new satire show by star cabaret artist Vincent Fleck, which is all about artificial intelligence. One day after the acclaimed premiere, however, the cabaret artist is dead. Murdered. Inspector Merana and his team investigate. But even before they find answers, a second murder occurs. An entrepreneur and speaker at the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences is killed. His field of research: artificial intelligence. And Merana wonders: Is there a killer on the loose in Salzburg who only brutally eliminates people who deal with AI?

Between cabaret stage and artificial intelligence – Inspector Merana investigates a case that soon becomes a personal ordeal.

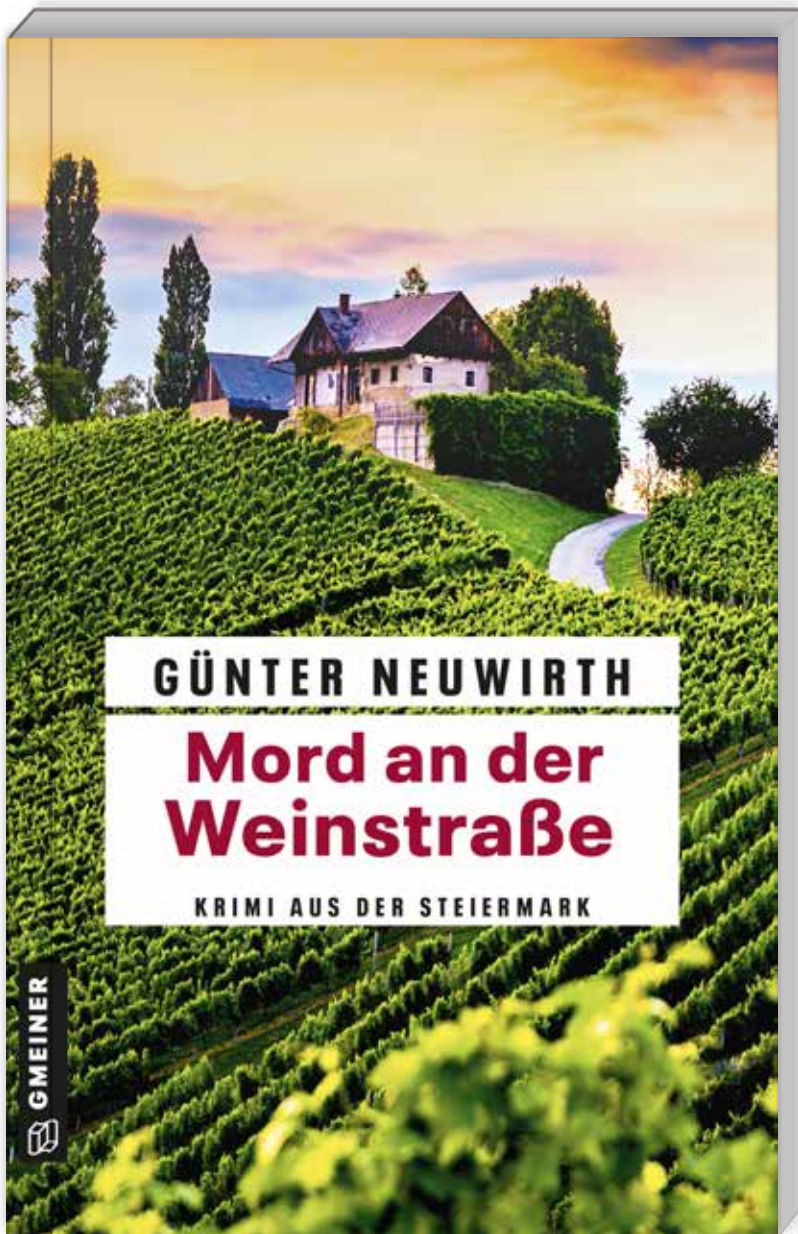
Manfred Baumann
Salzburg Killer
 Crime novel

Series: Martin Merana
Volume: 13

Manfred Baumann, born in 1956 in Hallein/Salzburg, lives as a freelance writer, cabaret artist, director and presenter near Salzburg.

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Gaslighting, greed and violence in southern Styria



- » Finally a new case for ex-policewoman Christina Kayserling
- » An obscure psychiatrist, an unscrupulous lawyer and a marriage full of manipulation
- » Dark secrets in front of a picturesque postcard idyll

Former criminal police officer Christina Kayserling lives in seclusion between hills and vineyards in the southern Styrian wine country and enjoys her carefree life. But when she stumbles across a corpse on a bike ride, her past catches up with her. Against her better judgement, she begins to investigate – and gets caught up in a web of old calculations, power and perfidious psychological manipulation. Behind the idyllic façade of the wine country, abysses soon open up in which truth and lies can hardly be distinguished.

A dead man in the wine country, a woman on the brink, a web of lies – disaster is seething in the idyll of southern Styria.

Günter Neuwirth
Murder on the Wine Route
Crime novel from Styria

320 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
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Series: Police officer Christina Kayserling
Volume: 5

Günter Neuwirth grew up in Vienna. After studying philosophy and German studies, he moved to Graz for several years and later to Western Styria. Since 2008 he has been publishing books, mainly in the field of crime novels and historical novels.

Never and forever!



Ursula Hutter
To the late harvest a Gspusi
 Styrian crime novel

Series: Flight attendant Lilli Palz investigates
Volume: 2

224 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
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 ISBN 978-3-8392-8159-8
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- » Horror in the eerily beautiful Spielfeld Castle
- » Flight attendant Lilli investigates with charm, wit and courage
- » »Ursula Hutter brings new momentum to the world of crime fiction – with Viennese wordplay, Styrian charm and a lot of life experience.« | Kronen Zeitung

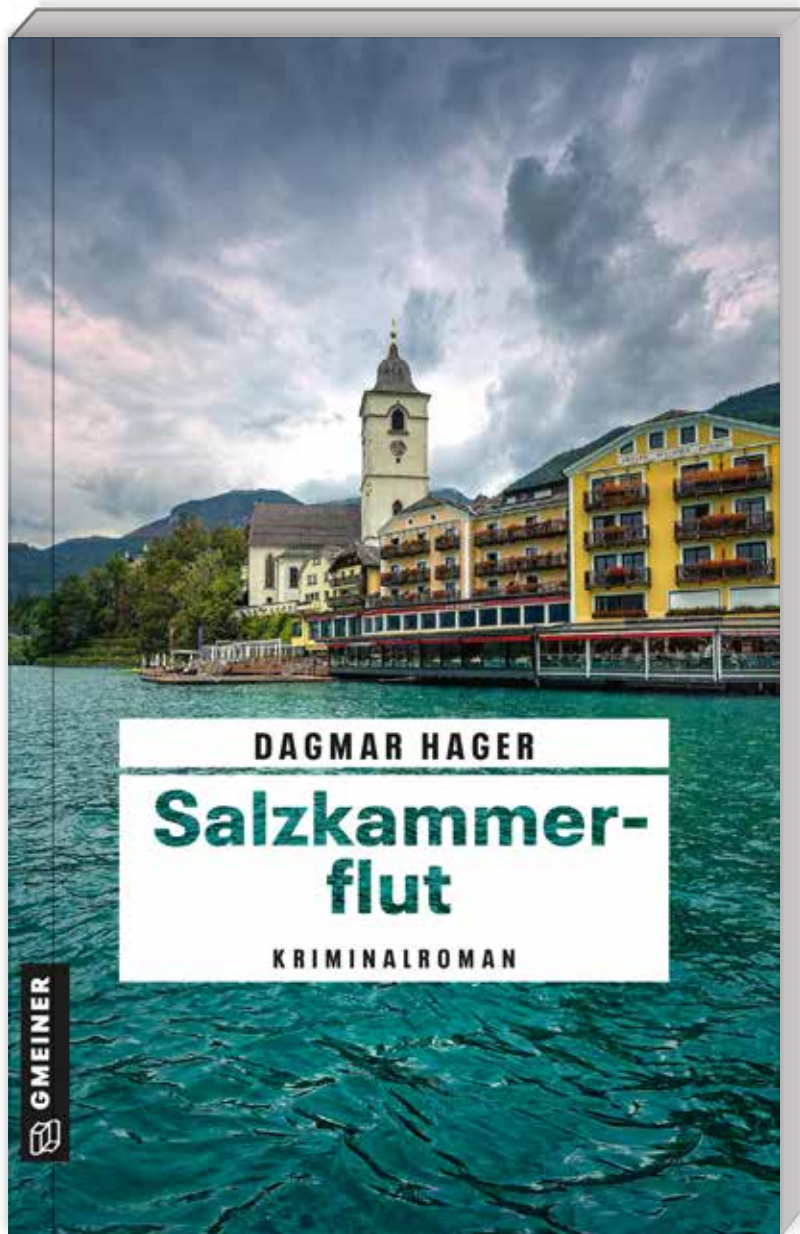
Home to southern Styria for the grape harvest – flight attendant Lilli Palz is looking forward to wine and a bit of peace and quiet. But then her boyfriend Arthur, of all people, stumbles across the administrator's body in Spielfeld Castle. What looks like a heart attack turns out to be a cleverly planned murder. Lilli's investigative zeal is awakened: Together with her two friends, the cheeky Arthur and the clever Hilde, she unmasks a web of love affairs and intrigues. But as scary as it gets, her motto is always: one for all, all for one.

Between vines, castle whispers and deadly secrets, three friends investigate with wit, heart – and Styrian humour.

»Ursula Hutter brings new momentum to the world of crime fiction – with Viennese wordplay, Styrian charm and a lot of life experience.« | Kronen Zeitung

In her youth, **Ursula Hutter** wanted to go out into the wide world. Today she writes crime novels as a tribute to her beloved homeland, southern Styria.

Cold case in Salzkammergut



- » A new case for doctor Marie Giesinger and LKA investigator Ben Achleitner
- » The Salzkammergut not only as a backdrop, but as an active player
- » Cold case around the flood disaster of 1959

A flood of the century. Several missing. A silence that continues to this day.

Ebensee. When Sara Lewandowski, a young woman from Ebensee, disappears without a trace, hardly anyone in the village remembers what happened decades earlier. Back then, during the devastating flood of 1959, a man disappeared – and with him the truth. During their search, LKA investigator Ben Achleitner and his childhood sweetheart Marie come across repressed guilt, family entanglements and a secret that reaches into Ben's own family. And on shadows that are still ready to kill.

A roaring river, a dark family secret – and a truth that lasts for decades.

In the Salzkammergut, the truth pushes relentlessly to the surface.

Dagmar Hager
Salzkammerflut
Crime novel

Series: Doctor Marie Giesinger and LKA investigator Ben Achleitner
Volume: 4

Dagmar Hager is an author, presenter and podcaster (»Books are like cookies«). She lives in Austria and Mallorca.

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Flaming Vengeance



- » The series of successes continues
- » Oskar Stern investigates again – and is in mortal danger
- » A series of fires keeps an entire village in suspense

In the middle of the night, a house in the Mühlviertel is on fire. Three people die. Everything points to extended suicide. But Chief Inspector Oskar Stern is suspicious: Why did the victims sit motionless at the set table instead of fleeing from the fire? When it turns out that one of the dead was an insurance broker, the trail leads to the people who felt betrayed or abandoned by him. With each new suspicion, the pressure on Stern and his team grows – because a vigilante group is formed. And the hunt for the fire devil threatens to get completely out of control.

A captivating crime novel from Upper Austria – atmospherically dense, humanly close and extremely exciting.

Eva Reichl
Mühlviertel Fire
 Crime novel

Series: Chief Inspector Oskar Stern
Volume: 9

Eva Reichl lives with her family in Upper Austria, where her crime novels and thrillers are also set. Her successful crime series about Oskar Stern now comprises nine volumes.

320 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
 Softcover
 ISBN 978-3-8392-8168-0
€ 15,50 [D]
ET: 14.10.2026

Premium flap softcover

Miss Brooks investigates again!



- » The continuation of the successful series by No. 1 bestselling author Martina Parker
- » Cosy crime with strong, multi-layered women and smart humor
- » A Killer Reality TV Adventure: Glamour and Behind-the-Scenes Competition
- » Viennese humour, social criticism and suspense

The Austro-British neo-investigator Miss Brooks has landed a new assignment: She does make-up for the participants of the TV casting show »Fabulous Women Fifty Plus«. Filming location: a river cruise ship on the Danube. After the first major makeover, hairdresser Kim is found dead in her cabin. A pair of scissors in the chest, an eyebrow only half drawn – no professional would voluntarily die like this! While the producers want to sweep the murder under the carpet, Miss Brooks and her friends come across a web of jealousy, intrigue and unfinished business. Each candidate had a connection to Kim. Each had a motive. And every truth is complicated and dangerous.

»A new investigator who has it all – Miss Brooks. Quick-witted, idiosyncratic and with a keen sense of human abysses, she turns Vienna upside down.« | Maria Ratzinger, *EntreNous Magazine*

Martina Parker
Miss Understanding
 Crime novel

Series: Miss Brooks investigates
Volume: 2

320 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
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Martina Parker writes smart crime novels with strong female characters, dry humor and depth. In just five years, she landed eight bestsellers. Her debut *Zuagroast* was made into a film in 2025 and is the most streamed film of all time on Joyn.at.

First quiz, then murder



- » A Viennese coffee house as a crime scene, stage and confessional
- » Quiz night escalates: Poison, greed and offended egos
- » Head waiter Leopold investigates between Melange and pastry

After a pub quiz at Café Heller, the outcome of which raises doubts about the seriousness of quizmaster and former regular guest Axel »Bonny« Schrempf, the evening ends for many of the participants in Bonny's apartment. The next morning, head waiter Leopold's colleague »Waldi« Waldbauer discovers Bonny's body next to a pack of sleeping pills. Is it a tragic accident, or was someone trying to kill the debt-ridden wannabe dandy and petty fraudster? As if that wasn't enough of a task, Leopold has to find a missing regular guest in addition to the murderer ...

A new case for head waiter Leopold – with a lot of fun, humour and a lot of charm!

Hermann Bauer
Last Melange
Coffee house thriller

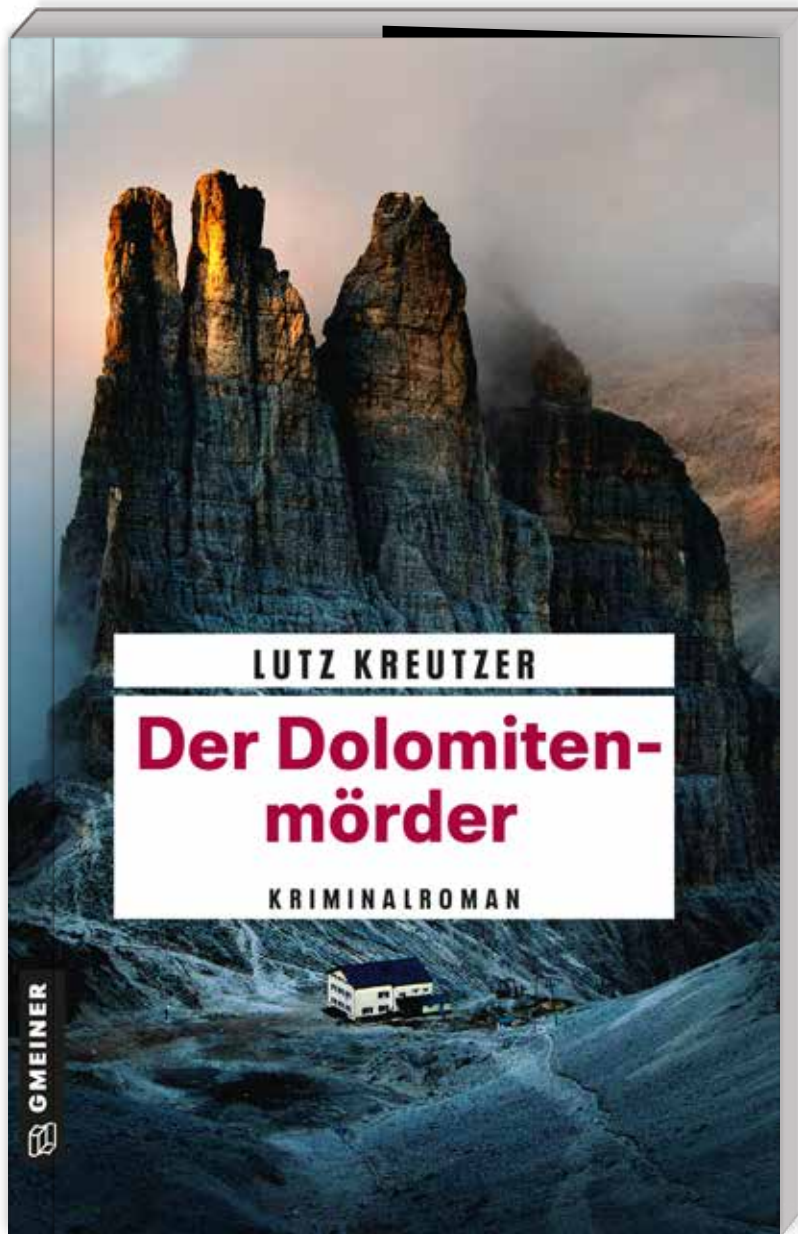
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Series: Chief Waiter Leopold W. Hofer
Volume: 19

After 35 years as a teacher of German and English at a Viennese commercial academy, **Hermann Bauer** is now devoting himself entirely to his retired coffee house crime novels about the fictitious Floridsdorf Café Heller and his head waiter Leopold.

Premium flap softcover

Murder where there is no air to breathe



Lutz Kreutzer
The Dolomite Killer
 Crime novel

Series: Alpine policeman Eddy Zett investigates
Volume: 1

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- » Psychological Alpine thriller
- » Serial killer in the Alpine valley – an entire region in fear
- » Authentic, technically sound mountain climbing
- » A gruesome series of murders whose trail reaches into the past

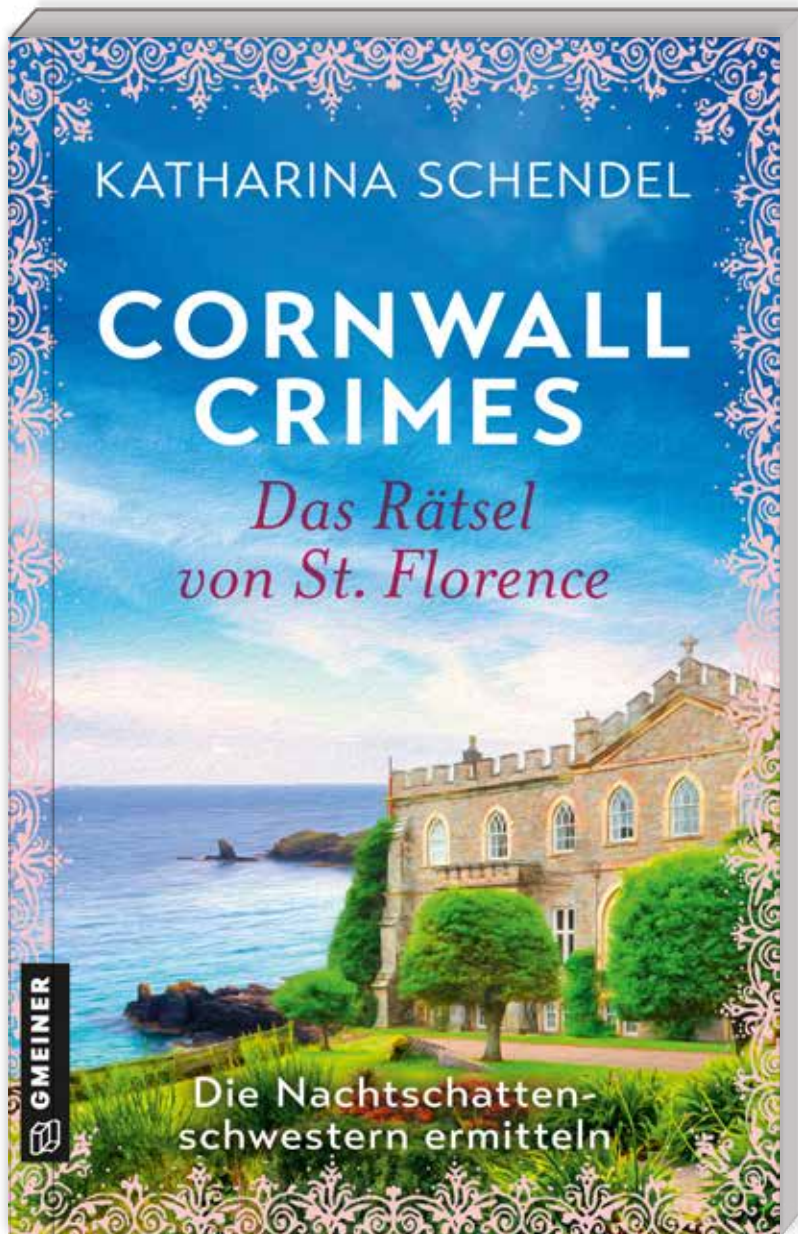
In the border area between the Gailtal Valley and the Dolomites, more and more cruelly mutilated animals are being found. When a dairymaid is murdered in the same way, alpine policeman Eddy Zett takes over the investigation. The trail leads directly into his own past: Many years ago, he shot a notorious poacher on the Italian border – a shot that made him a legend in the Gailtal. And he has been haunted to this day. Together with his Italian friend and carabinieri Fredo, Eddy chases the perpetrator from Carinthia to South Tyrol and deep into the Dolomites – and gets caught up in a maelstrom of guilt, hatred and revenge that threatens to destroy everything.

High tension in alpine steep faces: In the shadow of the Dolomites, a deadly game unfolds between rugged peaks and deep abysses.

»So far the best alpine crime novel I've had in my hands.« Markus Stadler, alpinist and author

Lutz Kreutzer, who holds a doctorate in natural sciences, mountaineer and paraglider, is the author of thrillers, crime novels and short story collections. Today he lives in Freilassing near Salzburg.

Murder and lemon balm spirit



- » A trio of nuns investigates: smart, funny and fearless
- » Nun with Agatha Christie tick and herbal knowledge
- » Charming Cosy Crime between monastery gardens and herb festival

Dark secrets lurk between the herb garden and the monastery walls: In the Abbey of St. Florence on the coast of Cornwall, the three disparate nuns of the nightshade order Marguerite, Angelica and Rosemary are preparing the annual herb festival. But when an influencer collapses after enjoying the legendary lemon balm spirit, suspicion falls on the abbey of all places. Amid poisonous plants, ancient legends and suspicious villagers, the three begin to investigate, because their reputation and the future of the order are at stake.

Cosy crime in Cornwall: an idyllic coastal village with quirky inhabitants, an old abbey full of secrets, three curious nuns and lots of poison – the nightshade sisters investigate!

Katharina Schendel
Cornwall Crimes: The Riddle of St. Florence
The nightshade sisters investigate

Series: The nightshade sisters investigate
Volume: 1

Katharina Schendel grew up in Thuringia and lived in London for several years. She loves trips to Cornwall as well as long walks with her beagle.

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Welcome to the charmingly chaotic Rosewood Manor



- » British country house charm, biting humour and a murderous baking competition
- » Lady Agnes investigates in a deliciously weird Cosy Crime
- » A touch of Miss Marple and lots of bizarre suspects
- » »A perfect English country house crime novel [...]. You could smell the roses and the Earl Grey.« | @fay_phoenix

The idyllic estate of Rosewood Manor has become a chaotic construction site. To escape the noise and dust of the extensive renovation work, the headstrong Lady Agnes accompanies her cook Grace to a baking competition in Upper Foxbury. But instead of award-winning tea biscuits, there is a dead man: gourmet critic Simon Mitchell collapses after enjoying a scone. Who has the master of humiliation on his conscience? It goes without saying that Lady Agnes and her butler Henderson do not miss this criminal case. After all, Grace's innocence must also be proven.

A juicy scone.

A dead gourmet critic.

A handful of suspicious hobby bakers.

Lady Agnes is Cosy Crime at its best!

Helen Autumn

Lady Agnes and the Secret of the Poisoned Scones

English country house crime novel

Series: Cosy crime from the south of England

Volume: 2

Helen Herbst devotes herself to writing with all her zeal. »Lady Agnes and the Secret of the Poisoned Scones« is her second feel-good crime novel.

288 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm

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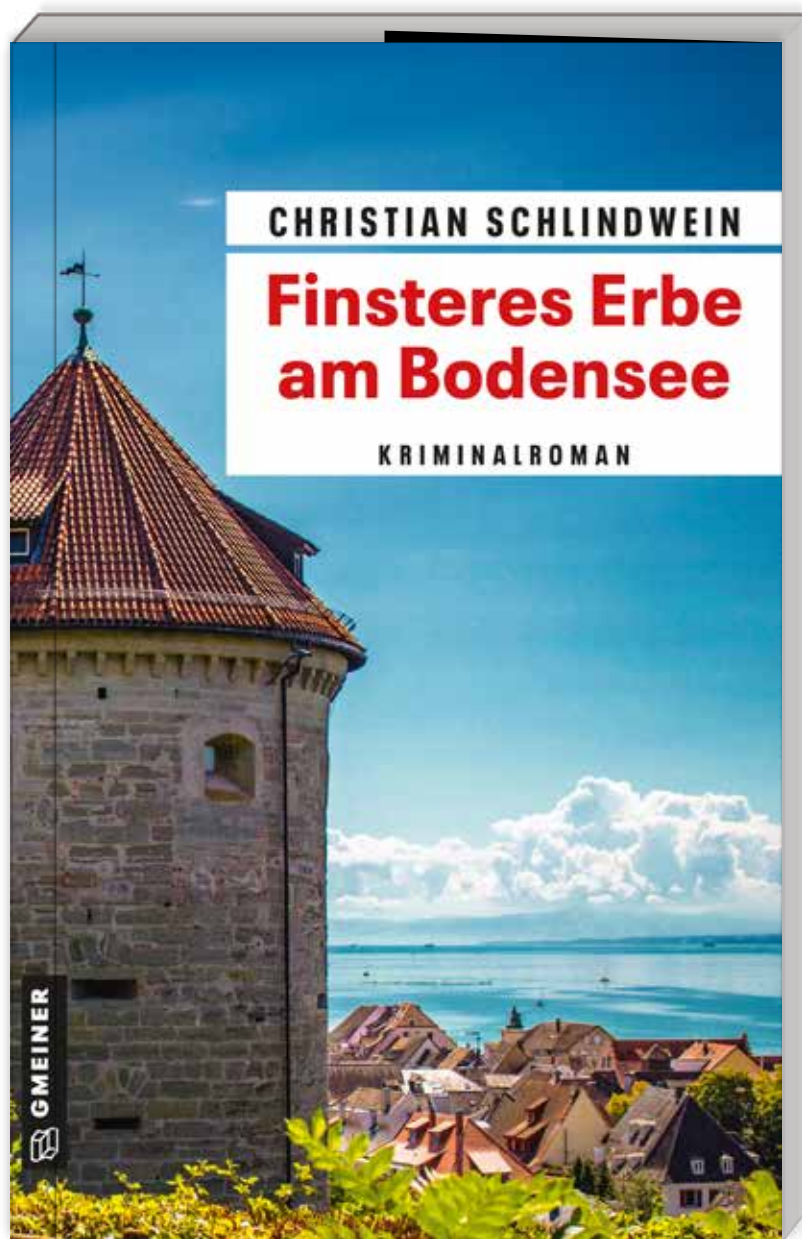
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ET: 14.10.2026

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Deadly hunt for treasures of the past



- » An Überlingen city archivist as an investigator against her will
- » A Lake Constance crime novel that combines myths and the history of the region
- » Hidden book treasures bring a dangerous legacy to light

Archivist Lisa Engels is in the middle of preparations for her wedding celebration at the Bad Hotel when two guests of the traditional lakeside residence disappear without a trace. Shortly afterwards, a dead man is discovered in Überlingen's Stadtgarten, whose injuries pose a mystery. Witnesses also report a sinister fool figure that haunts the balmy nights. Together with her fiancé, policeman Markus Weinberg, Lisa follows the traces that lead to a dark chapter in Überlingen's city history – and to a legacy that has deadly consequences.

Lake Constance reveals its darkest secret – and becomes the scene of a dangerous race against the past.

Christian Schlindwein
Dark legacy on Lake Constance

Crime novel

Series: Archivist Lisa Engels, police officer Markus Weinberg
Volume: 3

Christian Schlindwein, born in Constance in 1973, grew up in Überlingen and now lives in the Principality of Liechtenstein. The history of the Lake Constance region inspires him again and again to write exciting crime novels.

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€ 18,00 [D]

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Toothless



- » Death of a pharmaceutical representative
- » Close to everyday life in the dental practice
- » Guaranteed painless!

A hated routine visit to the dentist ends in sheer chaos for retired inspector August Häberle when a pharmaceutical salesman collapses dead in the practice after a cup of coffee. While everyone present suspects the dentist, who had a close friendship with the dead man, which has recently broken down due to dark machinations, Häberle – despite the freshly extracted tooth and the anesthesia fading – senses a completely different trail, the pursuit of which turns out to be more dangerous than expected ...

August Häberle still hasn't had enough – his new case leads him to the root of all evil and right into the abysses of a dental practice.

›This August Häberle is a success story: in 20 novels by the Geislingen author Manfred Bomm, he has determined that Bomm is [...] also the most successful author of the Gmeiner publishing house in Meßkirch.« | Südwest Presse Ulm

Manfred Bomm
Without anesthesia
Crime novel

Series: Inspector August Häberle
Volume: 23

Manfred Bomm, born in 1951, was a journalist for a daily newspaper until his retirement and has been familiar with the police and the judiciary for years.

560 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
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A crime scene cleaner with an obsession with order à la »Monk«



- » A spa town full of charm and a serial killer without scruples
- » Where others see chaos, Jule recognizes the deadly pattern
- » Crime scene cleaner fanatic meets grumpy inspector

Between cultivated peace and relaxation, nothing more exciting usually happens in the idyllic small town than a wrongly parked car. But when a high-performance athlete falls down the basement stairs, it smells suspiciously of murder for crime scene cleaner and order fanatic Jule Vögelein. Because she recognizes what others overlook: a precisely arranged crime scene. Detective Chief Inspector Jeremias Killick, freshly transferred and permanently in a bad mood, pays no attention to Jule's sense of pattern. Until the next dead follow – and the crime scenes are so meticulously staged that even the most meticulous cleaning devil feels queasy.

A perfectly staged series of murders, a grumpy inspector, a crime scene cleaner with a mania for order – and the realization: murder is rarely a coincidence, but symmetry is everything.

Humorous and exciting: If you are looking for the perfect mix of cozy crime, small-town charm and idiosyncratic investigators, you will devour this book!

Anett Diell
Murder in perfect order – Jules' sense of symmetry
 Crime novel

Series: The cleaning fairy and the inspector
Volume: 1

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Anett Diell lives with her family in the south of Germany. Stories have been part of her life since she was a child, so she loves to tell them.

When the truth comes 20 years too late



» The Schöller case – reissued

» Psychological thriller about guilt and madness

» An intense game with truth, doubt and responsibility

Twenty years ago, Wilhelmine Schöller was murdered. Her daughter Irene has since disappeared, her son Christian, a high school teacher, was convicted – on the basis of circumstantial evidence. Today, Christian Schöller lives in a psychiatric facility in the Swabian Alb. Judge K., who pleaded guilty as a young prosecutor at the time, is still tormented by doubts: Was Christian really the perpetrator? In search of the truth, he researches the past of the Schöller family – and that of Grafeneck Castle. In the process, he comes across a dark chapter in German history.

A top title on the KrimiZEIT best list – reissued!

›Uta-Maria Heim has written a linguistically highly concentrated and allusive story, a rebellious homeland book all along the line, an astute and soaked in biting humour, a great novel.« | Frank Rumpel, journalist and literary critic

Uta-Maria Heim
Who else but you.
Crime novel

Series: –
Volume: –

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Uta-Maria Heim, born in 1963 in Schramberg, lives as a radio dramatist and author in Baden-Baden and Stuttgart. She has published numerous books, especially crime novels. She twice received the German Crime Fiction Prize and also the Friedrich Glauser Prize.

Between Neckaridylle and thrills



- » Plumber Lena investigates: rough, clever, credible
- » Heidelberg's postcard idyll meets dark deals
- » Student city, pub scene, tourism – authentically told

No sooner has plumber Lena arrived in her new home in Heidelberg than she gets into big trouble: the man she meets on her first evening is found murdered the next morning – and suspicion falls on her. To prove her innocence, Lena begins to investigate herself with her grandfather Tasso and his well-connected friends. Thanks to her profession, she easily gets into conversation with people – and soon comes across the first traces. But the closer she gets to the truth, the more dangerous it becomes for her ...

A captivating crime novel – even for those who are not talented with their hands: Plumber Lena stumbles into her first murder case and discovers Heidelberg from its most beautiful – and darkest – side.

»What a sympathetic team of investigators! I had a lot of fun with this cozy Heidelberg crime novel!« | Leonie Werdenfels, Author

Sanna Falckner
Murder with a view of the Neckar
Crime novel

Series: A plumber investigates
Volume: 1

Sanna Falckner is the pseudonym of a Heidelberg author. »Murder with a view of the Neckar« is the first volume in the series about the investigating plumber Lena.

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Welcome to a tour you will never forget



- » Bönle on a big »Löschplatz« tour
- » An idyllic village, an abandoned hotel, a deadly secret
- » Village romance with ice-cold horror and black wit

On May 1, Bönle and his motorcycle friends from the Ried will go on a Lost Places tour. In an old hotel, they come across two mummified corpses, and to make matters worse, the bikers are cut off from the outside world. When Bönle's son Korbinian and a dog named Schwarzenegger disappear, a crazy old woman turns up and human remains in a cellar pose a mystery, Bönle and his gang investigate on their own ... without suspecting that he is putting his wife and daughter, who have stayed at home, in mortal danger.

A darkly humorous biker thriller about a not-so-deserted Lost Place, where dark secrets and very real ghosts are up to mischief.

*»Boenke's new novel reads fluently and always offers opportunities to smile.«
Schwäbische Zeitung (about »todsatt«)*

Michael Boenke
Bloodeyes
Crime from the Provinces

Series: Teacher Daniel Bönle
Volume: 10

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Michael Boenke, born in 1958, lives in Bad Saulgau in Upper Swabia. The ambitious cook, enthusiastic Harley rider and amateur photographer made his successful crime debut in 2010 with »Gott'sacker«, which is now followed by »Blutäugle«, the tenth part of the series.

Deadly trap in the Black Forest



- » Gripping crime thriller at the legendary Mummelsee
- » Tourist magnet in a state of emergency: fear instead of idyll
- » A menopausal investigator investigates a gruesome series of murders
- » The first case for Commissioner Catharina Bäuerle

At the idyllic Mummelsee, of all places, a Korean tour group discovers the body of a young woman. The Offenburg criminal investigation department has no doubts about a violent crime. When sniffer dogs come across a second dead woman, the population becomes restless. Is the old Mummelsee saga being re-enacted here? Will the sea monster get its victims? Inspectors Catharina Bäuerle and Luka Papadakis are under pressure. Two victims, no trace: What connects the two dead? And who knows the dark secret of the lake?

Mystical, gloomy, highly exciting – you have never experienced the Black Forest like this before!

»After reading 200 pages, I had to force myself to turn off the light and sleep.« | buechertanz.de (about »Haja or Hanoi«)

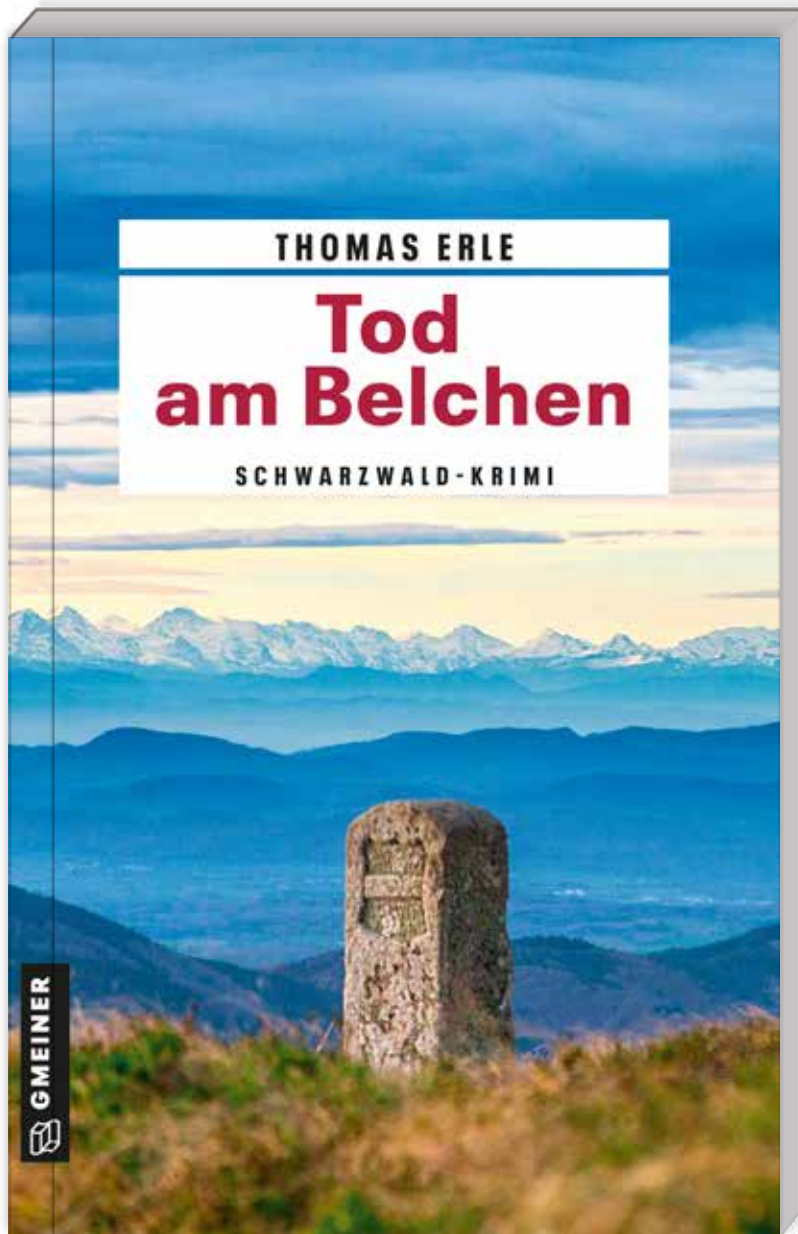
Linda Graze
The grave in the lake
Black Forest crime thriller

Series: Inspector Cathy Bäuerle investigates
Volume: 1

Linda Graze writes regional crime novels, although she abhors geographical boundaries and turns up her nose at clichés. Is that possible? And how!

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Johann Peter Hebel on the Belchen



- » Finally: a new case for Kaltenbach
- » The mysterious Proteuser Covenant, a destroyed cross and a dead man at the summit
- » Crime thriller on the 200th anniversary of Hebel's death

On the legendary Belchen, a man is beaten to death and the summit cross is sawn off. The Freiburg wine merchant and amateur detective Lothar Kaltenbach learns about the murder by chance from his goddaughter Leonie, who works as a trainee at a newspaper. While the police are groping in the dark, Leonie senses her chance as a junior reporter – and asks Kaltenbach for help. A mysterious sign on the stump of the summit cross leads the two on the trail of a mysterious cult around Johann Peter Hebel, who revered the Belchen as a mythical place. Is the cult community still active after all these years? And do its members walk over dead bodies?

The Black Forest guards dark secrets: a dead man on the Belchen, mystical traces and investigations that lead deep into Hebel's Belchen cult.

Kaltenbach is back – with its usual strong Black Forest flair and a keen sense of the region's peculiarities.

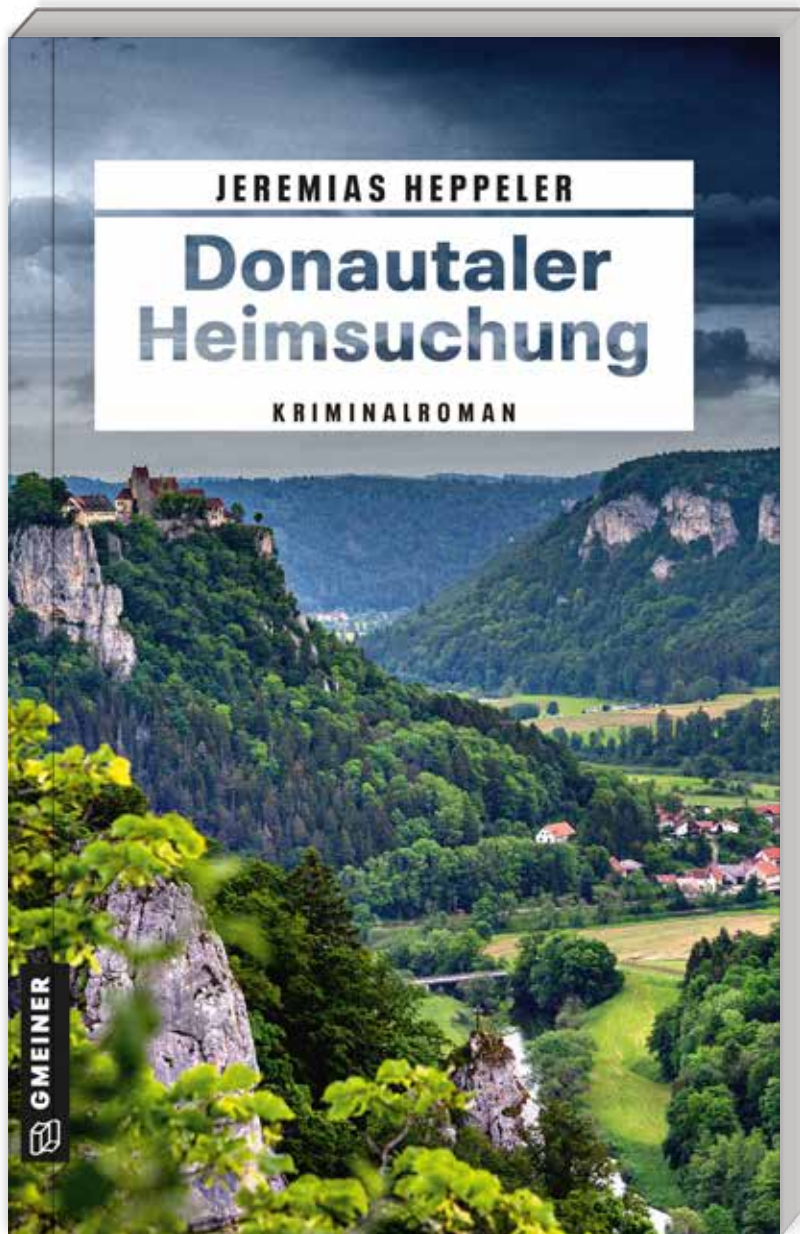
Thomas Erle
Death on the Belchen
Black Forest crime thriller

Series: Wine merchant Lothar Kaltenbach
Volume: 5

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Thomas Erle, born in Schwetzingen, spent his childhood and youth in North Baden and now lives on the edge of the Black Forest near Freiburg. He began writing at the end of the 1990s.

Cold case



Jeremias Heppeler
Danube Valley Visitation
 Crime novel

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€ 15,00 [D]
ET: 09.09.2026

Series: Inspector Tilda Marder
Volume: 2

- » A new case for Tilda Marder and her quirky colleagues
- » A childhood love that has never completely disappeared
- » Tilda's grandmother comes across a cold case that leads to the 80s

What begins as a favor for her grandmother quickly turns into a nightmare for Inspector Tilda Marder: For the sake of her grandmother, she is supposed to take a look at the abandoned house of Klaus and Elisabeth Bäntele, a couple who have been missing for three years. Because the two were already sitting on packed suitcases for a trip to North Africa, the investigations at the time were quickly stopped. Too fast?

Tilda comes across parallels to a missing person case from the early 80s: At that time, too, a married couple disappeared in the Danube Valley. She follows a trail that leads her deep into the valley and even deeper into the past, and realizes: Some stories are not forgotten – just well hidden.

Those who disappear in the Danube Valley will not be lost forever.

Comments on »Dark Danube Valley«:

»A homeland thriller, a coming-of-age story and a collection of footnotes on the author's entire work.« | Eastern Swiss cultural magazine *Saiten*

The author, artist and filmmaker **Jeremias Heppeler**, born in 1989, lives and works in the Danube Valley. Most recently, he conducted research in Togo, designed workshops on the Faroe Islands and exhibited in the USA and Japan.

The hardest Christmas crime thriller of the year



» More goosebumps than mulled wine romance

» Christmas idyll meets pathological family hell

» A new case for Chief Inspector Forster

Mountains, snow and lights – but the idyll in the wintry Allgäu is deceptive. In the midst of gingerbread, a dead man lies in a Christmas market stall at Kronburg Castle. It is the apprentice of the Oberstdorf bakery Brötler, whose relatives run the market stall. Chief Inspector Forster is faced with a mystery: Has someone cold-bloodedly exploited the young man's nut allergy? Or was the attack really aimed at someone else? For years, the Brötler family has been engaged in a bitter feud with a hostile market operator, which goes far beyond the dispute over martial rights. Forster has to solve the family secret, about which everyone is stubbornly silent ...

Christmas in the Allgäu: Between the glow of lights, the silence of the mountains and snow-covered Christmas markets, Inspector Forster follows the trail of a cold-blooded murderer.

Mia C. Brunner
Alps.Silence.Night.
Christmas thriller

Series: Inspectors Jessica Grothe and Florian Forster
Volume: 10

Mia C. Brunner has lived with her family in the Allgäu region for almost 20 years. »Alps.Silent.Night.« is her tenth crime novel about Chief Inspector Florian Forster.

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ET: 14.10.2026

Premium flap softcover

Death in Paradise



Stephanie Schuster
Happy Bavaria – Obgmurkst
 Crime novel

Series: Happy Bavaria – Sophie and
 Muck Halbritter investigate
Volume: 1

368 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
 Premium flap softcover
 ISBN 978-3-8392-8150-5
€ 18,00 [D]
ET: 09.09.2026

- » The humorous new series by the SPIEGEL bestselling author
- » Investigator couple between drugs, village gossip and senior gangsters
- » Anyone who appreciates the quirky characters of the »Eberhofer« crime novels will be delighted here

Clinking beer mugs, mountain panorama, Bavarian cosiness – and a murder in the newly opened »Sisi-Bräu«. When a TV presenter is poisoned in Possenhofen on Lake Starnberg, the tough chief inspector Sophie Halbritter takes on the case. Husband Muck, carpenter, farmer and human whisperer, knows the village very well and gets involved on his own. In doing so, however, he not only gets in the way of his wife, but also steers organized crime on his trail. Between drug-cooking seniors, Bavarian stubbornness and the Tyrolean mafia, it becomes clear: In HAPPY BAVARIA, the idyll is deadly.

Between poison in beer and drug-cooking seniors, »Happy Bavaria – Obgmurkst« delivers the Bavarian answer to »Breaking Bad« with a wink.

The prelude to a humorous, dark crime series about the abysses in the Bavarian paradise – told with heart and lovingly illustrated by SPIEGEL bestselling author Stephanie Schuster.

Bestselling author **Stephanie Schuster** is also an illustrator. She lives with her family on a farm on Lake Starnberg.

Punishment must be!



In the tranquil town of Dornfeld in the Spessart, the respected judge Klara is found beaten to death. Ex-policeman Seitz – officially unfit for duty, unofficially notoriously curious – senses his chance. Between regulars' table, village gossip and old scores, he investigates on his own and clashes with grumpy farmers, weird pub patrons and very personal motives. Soon Seitz realizes: In Dornfeld, almost everyone has a reason to hate Klara – and one went over her dead body for it.

With a lot of wit, pointed and merciful view of the country and its people – a wonderfully humorous Spessart crime thriller full of suspense and weird characters.

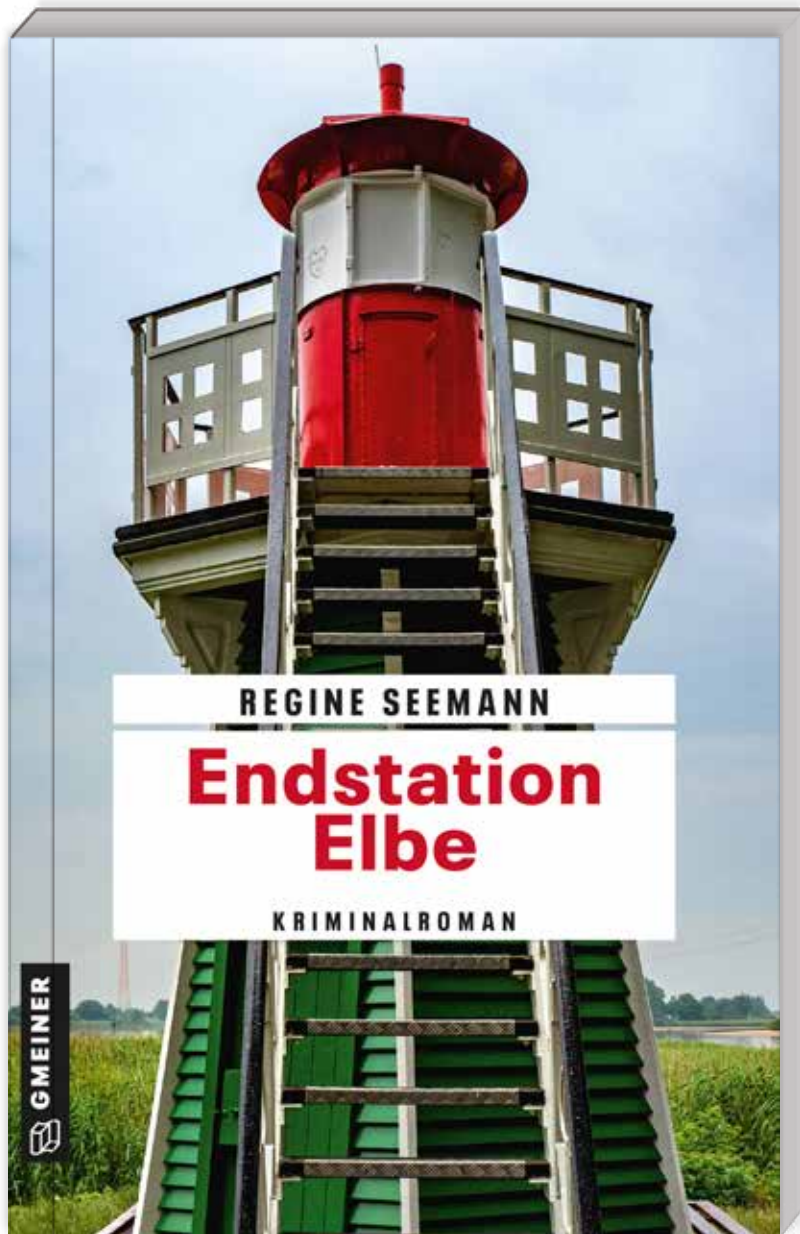
Steffen Eicker
**The judge and
 her executioner**
Spessart Crime Thriller

Series: The Seitz
Volume: 1

Steffen Eicker, married and father of two children, lives in Würzburg between work, writing and rock music.

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Old guilt



Regine Seemann
Elbe terminus
 Crime novel

Series: Commissioners Brandes and Kurtoglu
Volume: 6

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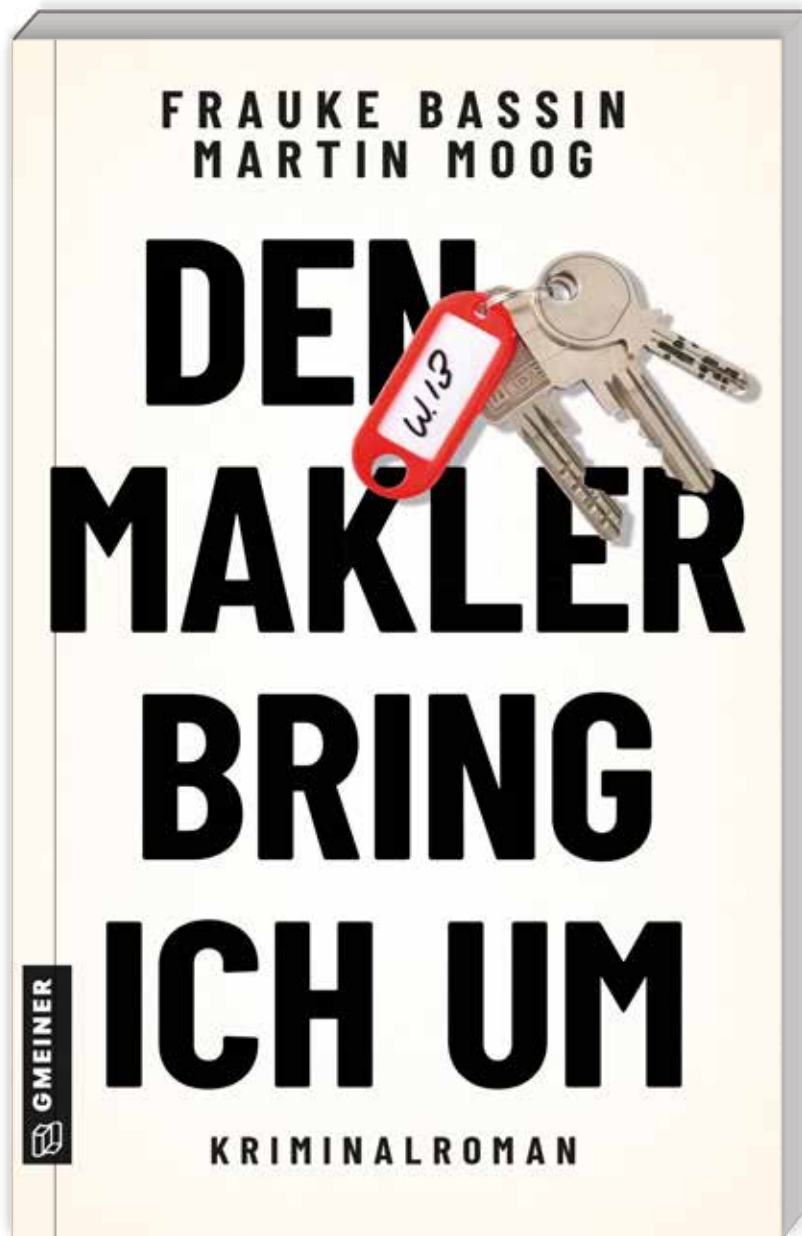
- » Murder in the moor reveals Hamburg's colonial legacy
- » A new case for Stella Brandes and Banu Kurtoglu
- » Abysmal family idyll on the Elbe island

A woman is found hanged in a hayloft in rural Moorwerder. A farewell letter is ready, everything points to suicide – until the autopsy shows that the dead woman did not die by hanging. Stella Brandes and Banu Kurtoglu from the Murder Squad 5 investigate on the Elbe island of Wilhelmsburg, in Berlin and Potsdam. While there are indications of a connection to another murder case, a stolen trophy leads the investigators deep into Hamburg's past.

A gripping crime thriller that links a mysterious murder case with Germany's colonial history – atmospherically dense and politically explosive.

Regine Seemann is a true Hamburger. Her interest in the history of her hometown is reflected in her crime novels, which always take up a piece of Hamburg's past in addition to the plot in the present.

An unscrupulous business with consequences



- » An unscrupulous broker disappears – no one mourns him
- » Drug trafficking, real estate fraud and money laundering
- » Oppressive scenes and bitterly evil dialogues

When Marburg's most notorious real estate agent disappears without a trace, Inspector Richard Wagner, of all people, has to start looking for his unpleasant neighbor. Reluctantly, he takes over the case and investigates together with his new colleague Charlie. In narrow old town streets and hidden backyards, they come across a network of dubious deals and questionable entanglements. With each new lead, Wagner and Charlie get deeper into a case that becomes more personal and dangerous than they would like.

Hand on heart: Who hasn't had a murderous desire towards their real estate agent?

In Marburg, someone seems to have given in to this urge – at least the disappearance of the city's most notorious broker triggers a murderously entertaining chain reaction!

Bassin Frauke / Martin Moog
I'll kill the broker
 Crime novel

Series: Inspector Wagner investigates
Volume: 1

Frauke Bassin lives in the district of Marburg-Biedenkopf and taught German for many years.

Martin Moog grew up in Marburg and was a professor at LMU and the Technical University of Munich.

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Death in the riding stable



- » A riding stable as a mirror of power and morality
- » Chief Inspector Stahnke investigates
- » Greed for profit among horse breeders: a stallion as a plaything

The death of a colleague leads sports reporter Marian Godehau back to his old home town of Oldenburg. The journalist died in a riding stable on a stormy night of thunderstorms. An accident, they say. But Marian doubts. Too many questions remain unanswered. Without further ado, he resumes the research he has begun on the dead and gets deep into the world of horse breeding and equestrian sports – with all its dark sides. When his former rival, retired Chief Inspector Stahnke, also conducts his own investigations, it becomes clear to both of them that there is much more to the alleged accident.

Dangerous machinations, injured loyalties and deadly secrets: A captivating crime novel from the world of equestrian sports in the Oldenburg region.

Peter Gerdes
Oldenburg Stallion Parade
 Crime novel

Series: Chief Inspector Stahnke
Volume: 21

Peter Gerdes, born in Emden, lives in Leer (East Frisia). Gerdes is a member of the SYNDIKAT and PEN Berlin. He is also a passionate archer.

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The legacy of the place of the dead



» Young archaeologist makes a gruesome find

» Secrets of a pastor's family

» Cold Case around the Oldendorf Totenstatt

An excavation in the Oldendorf mortuary takes Hamburg archaeologist Toni Abel to the heath town with which her father broke decades ago and never returned. Between ancient stone graves, she comes across human bones and a crime from the late summer of 1971. The closer Toni gets to the truth, the clearer it becomes: The find has to do directly with her own family. What happened then? And why does her father remain silent to this day?

A decades-old crime, a mute family, a deadly love – in the seemingly silent heath, the dead relentlessly demand to be heard.

Jill Kaltenborn
When the heath was silent
Crime novel

Series: Surgeon Nina Wedemeyer investigates
Volume: 2

Jill Kaltenborn grew up in the Lüneburg Heath before studying medicine in Hanover and Cape Town. Today she lives with her family in East Frisia.

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Who protects the Wendland from its ghosts?



- » A new case for police chief Sabine Langkafel
- » Down-to-earth village policewoman investigates with a razor-sharp mind
- » Investigations between legends, social media and village radio

A young woman is found dead in the forest at Hühbeck, almost decapitated. For the police it is clear: it was the friend. But village police-woman Sabine Langkafel has doubts. Friend Gregor is seriously injured, the murder weapon is missing, the victim's camper has been ransacked, laptop and cell phone are gone. What was the murdered Maria am Hühbeck looking for – and what did she find? While Sabine investigates, reports of nocturnal apparitions and mythical figures pile up. The events attract esotericists and the media, old legends mix with current fear. The trail leads Sabine deep into the mist-shrouded forest and to a perpetrator who does everything he can to remain undetected.

Mysticism and murder in the heart of the Wendland – a crime thriller full of suspense, legends and local colour.

Atmospherically dense and gripping – experience the Wendland from its dark side!

Klaas Kroon
Fog over the Wendland
Heath Thriller

Series: Police Chief Sabine Langkafel
Volume: 3

Klaas Kroon is the pseudonym of a Hamburg journalist. He writes crime novels that are set in the north and have a lot of connection to the region of action and its history.

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Hanover with flair



- » A new case with Charlotte Stern
- » Brutal diamond robbery shakes an entire city
- » Big showdown at the Steinhuder Meer

Jewel robbers terrify Hanover, because no one who witnesses a robbery survives the deeds. Until one day a seriously injured man is found near a robbery. But instead of providing answers, the stranger, who is in a coma, only raises further questions for the police: Is he a witness or is he one of the perpetrators? Only Chief Inspector Hannes Bremer discovers a trail – which leads directly to his long-time girlfriend Charlotte Stern. What connects them to the criminals?

Hanover in a state of emergency: Chief Inspector Hannes Bremer hunts brutal diamond robbers – but an unexpected lead leads him back into the past.

›[...] Rimkus strikes a good balance between wit, drama and suspense.« | *magaScene*

›A crime thriller full of mysteries, local colour and unusual investigators.« | *buchaviso.de*

Claudia Rimkus
Birch Blood
Hanover crime thriller

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Series: Hobby investigator Charlotte Stern
Volume: 6

Claudia Rimkus was born in 1956 in Hanover, where she still lives today and enjoys her retirement (working). The author is closely connected to her hometown, which is why the Leine metropolis is often the setting for her stories.

Marital quarrel and coastal chaos in East Frisia



Ilka Gerdes
**The Müllers and
 the Inselzebra**

An East Frisian beach chair thriller

Series: The Müllers want to know
Volume: 2

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- » Dachshund male Hildegard is back!
- » A murder forces the Müllers back to Borkum
- » Curious blackmails threaten the second spring of their marriage
- » ›It's fun and guaranteed to make you chuckle and laugh while reading.‹ | Uwe Johnson Library for topic: The Güstrowjournal
- » ›Gerdes takes aim at the East Frisian clichés with a lot of irony [...].‹ | Emdener Zeitung

How dangerous can a little secret be? For the Müllers: life-threatening. A serial killer with a penchant for weird games blackmails the couple in an extremely creative way. Inevitably, the path leads to the hate-loved East Frisia – again. On Borkum, the couple has to face the bizarre tests of the blackmailer, on which their lives and the freshly cemented marriage depend. However, criminal business models and lederhosen that are too tight make the undertaking much more difficult. While the clock is ticking, the Müllers and their dachshund dog Hildegard are quickly up to their necks in water.

The Müllers between campsite, marital crisis and other catastrophes – welcome to the most chaotic summer holiday in East Frisia!

A blackly humorous crime comedy full of suspense, bizarre twists and lots of East Frisian charm!

Ilka Gerdes was born in East Frisia in 1985 and now lives in Emden. In addition to writing, she is a drummer in a very good, but not successful, post-punk band.

In the village, people stick together



- » Ms. Töpperwien's kidnapping requires unconventional action
- » Black humor meets bizarre provincial characters
- » Harz originals between Jägermeister and village happiness

Vorharzdorf Bollenstedt. Secluded. Not even a family doctor gets lost here, so Freddie Töpperwien and his mother provide medical care for the village – until one day she is kidnapped. The bizarre and merciless demand of the kidnappers: 250 blood reserves in exchange for the mother. In his desperation, Freddie decides to call on the villagers to take responsibility. What sounds like a simple action turns more and more into a nightmare in the face of unruly village originals and an increasingly nervous Freddie ...

Bloodlust in Bollenstedt – Marlene Töpperwien has been kidnapped! To save her, the villagers must give everything, even their own blood!

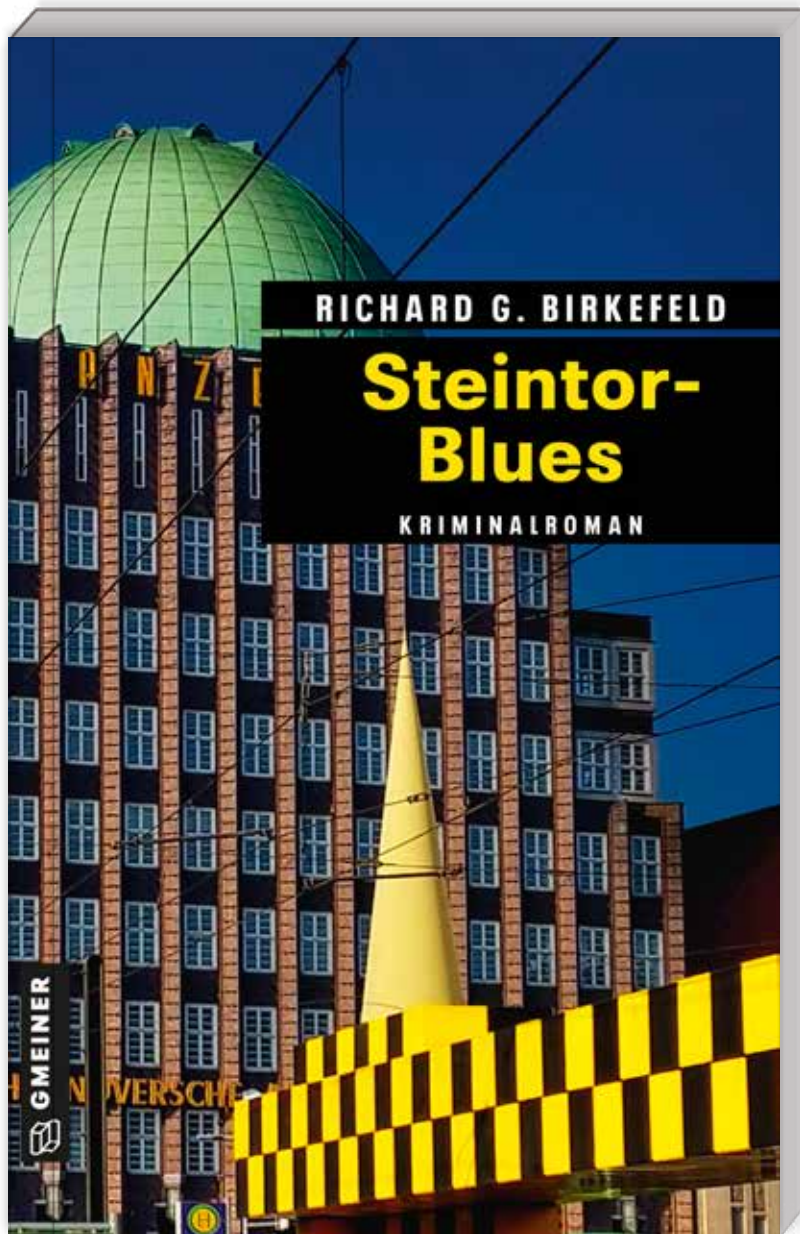
Roland Lange
On the Harz and Kidneys
Crime novel

Series: –
Volume: 1

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The Harz Mountains have been **Roland Lange's** home since birth. The rough charm of the low mountain range inspires him again and again for his crime novels.

Hanover Hard-Boiled



- » A player on the brink
- » He planned the perfect murder – but someone beat him to it
- » A merciless crime thriller in Hanover's underworld

The gambling addict Amadeus Wagner from Hanover – known and ridiculed in the casinos of the red-light district as »the Lusche« – is in debt to the red-light star »Keule« Kötermann, who is known to be merciless. When the latter gives him an ultimatum for his high debts, Amadeus forges a cunning and murderous plan to get enough money for his freedom. But the daring project turns out differently than expected – and sets off a bloody chain reaction ...

In the game of all or nothing, luck writes its own rules.

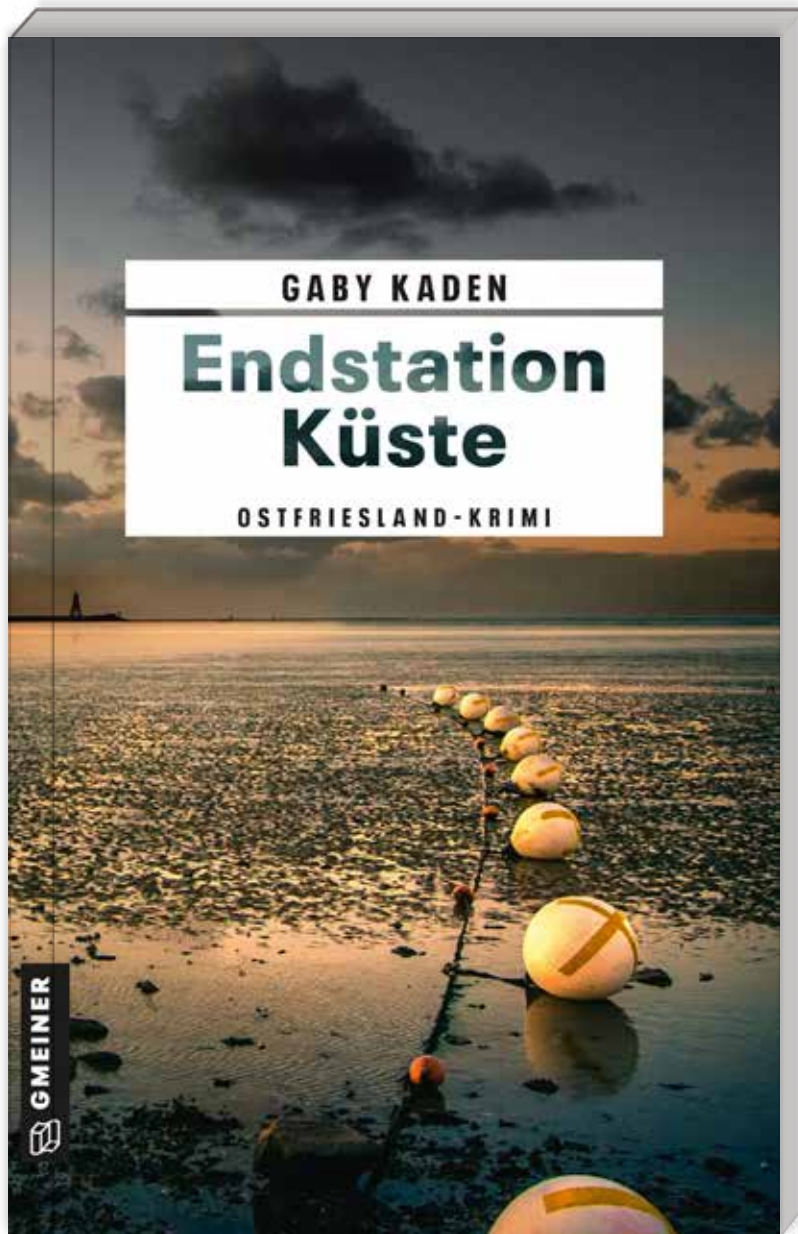
Richard G. Birkefeld
Steintor Blues
 Crime novel

Series: –
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Richard Birkefeld is a historian and political scientist from Hanover as well as a German crime fiction and Glauser Prize winner. His previous novels have been translated into several languages.

The successful East Frisian crime series continues



» Killer coastal charm!

» Tomke Evers' strongest case so far

» Suspense and wit in front of a rough North Sea backdrop

In Carolinensiel, Inspector Tomke Evers has been leading a tranquil life since she switched to the back office. But when Peter Schweigert, a former colleague from North Rhine-Westphalia and her former love, crouches motionless on her garden bench one morning, the calm changes. He and his family are threatened, and he desperately seeks protection from Tomke. When Tomke recognizes a connection to one of her cases, not only she, but also Grandma Jettchen and Tant' Fienchen, two East Frisian originals at her side, become the target of a shady network – and into a dangerous vortex that comes to a threatening head.

Tomke Evers' strongest case to date – familiar coastal charm meets unimagined danger.

East Frisia – rough, warm and full of secrets!

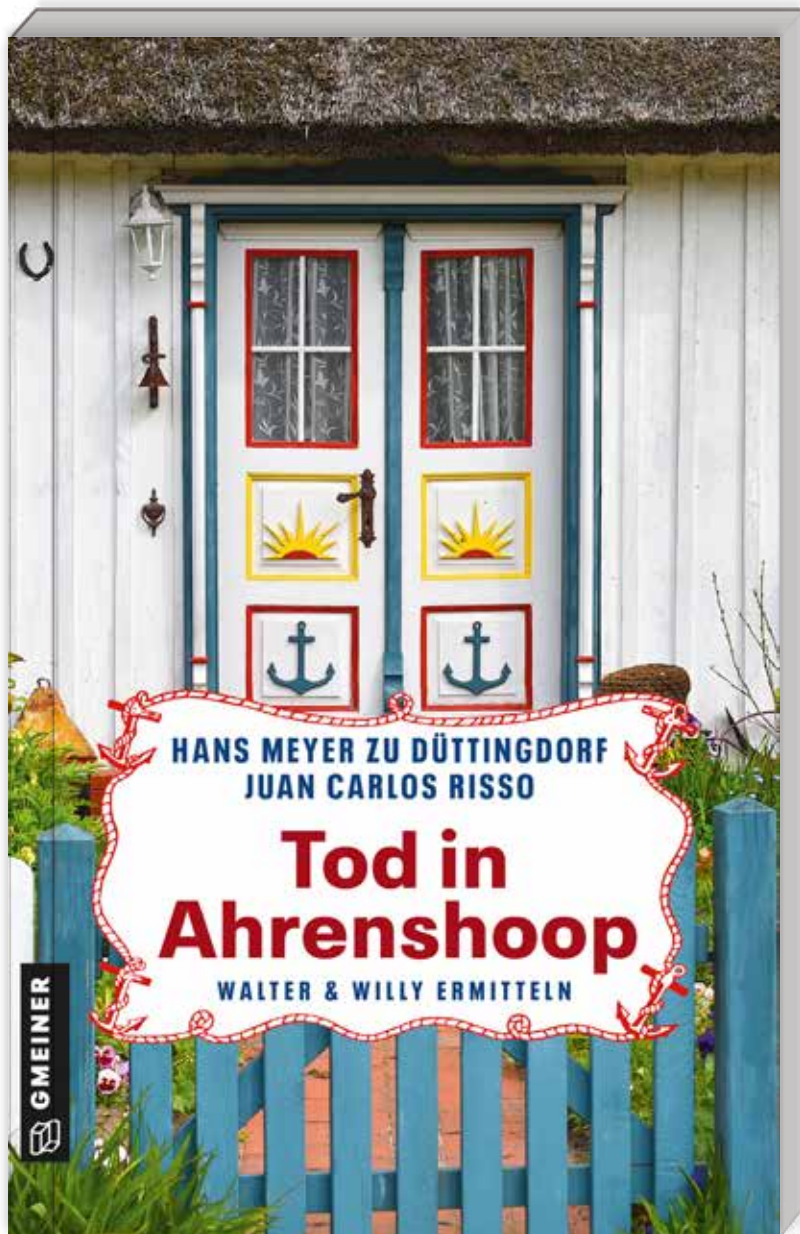
Gaby Kaden
Final stop coast
East Frisian Crime Thriller

Series: Inspector Tomke Evers
Volume: 13

Gaby Kaden, born in Hesse in 1954, has lived in Carolinensiel for 15 years. Her popular East Frisian crime novels about Tomke Evers enjoy a loyal readership.

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Baltic Sea crime thriller with heart, humor and poison



- » Two gay grandpas investigate more closely than the police
- » Wind, waves and an unplanned corpse on the water
- » Humorous dialogues meet deadly poisonous plants

Walter and his partner Willy have been a couple for over fifty years – and have long since become unimpressed by everyday life. But their birthday getaway at the luxurious Palace Hotel on the Baltic Sea takes an abrupt turn: building contractor Helmuth Winterfeldt is found dead in the cold water. For the police a tragic heart attack, for Walter and Willy the beginning of a dangerously tricky case. With wit and self-irony, the two sprightly pensioners follow their trail – and come threateningly close to the perpetrator.

A warm-hearted and fun-loving Baltic Sea crime thriller – with a charmingly stubborn investigator duo who prove that you are never too old for adventures.

Hans Meyer zu Düttingdorf /
Juan Carlos Riso

Death in Ahrenshoop

Walter and Willy investigate

Series: Walter and Willy investigate
Volume: 1

Hans Meyer zu Düttingdorf and **Juan Carlos Riso** live together near Berlin and on the Argentine Atlantic.

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Deadly secrets



- » Quietly laconic comedy in the allotment garden
- » An unusual duo full of wit and charm
- » Deadly secrets lurk among geraniums

In the middle of the Ruhr area, in the allotment garden colony »Heaven and Earth«, a woman disappears. For Omma Emma, it is immediately clear: Something is wrong here. The newly retired woman swaps knitting for a sense of smell and investigates together with her neighbor, taxi driver Demir Özgür. In the allotment, everyone knows everyone, but behind the hedges and clubhouse, cliques, envy and old conflicts are bubbling away. When a dead body appears at the pond and new secrets keep coming to light, Omma Emma herself is in danger – because even in the most well-kept allotment garden, evil thrives.

Omma Emma investigates smarter than the police allow – between roses and riddles, she makes even hardened allotment gardeners sweat!

A warm-hearted cosy crime from the allotment garden – with humour, heart and neighbourhood hustle and bustle.

Astrid Plötner
**Omma Emma and the dead
 from the allotment garden**
Ruhr Valley Crime Thriller

Series: Omma Emma investigates
Volume: 1

Astrid Plötner lives and works as a freelance author in Unna/Westphalia. Her previous publications include numerous short stories and several crime novels.

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Kabale, Kölsch & Klüngel



» A Kölsch you can't refuse

» The godfather of Ehrenfeld enters the beer business

» Top-fermented pleasure guaranteed

Marlon, Ehrenfeld's godfather, wants to brew his own Kölsch: Paten Kölsch – a Kölsch you can't refuse. »Friend« and singer Peter Brings from the band Brings immediately advises him against it, but Marlon remains stubborn. At the same time, Marlon is suspected of murder, has to go into hiding and is hunted by a killer. His whole world is getting out of control, he has never been under so much pressure. Without Brings and his ideas, the godfather of Ehrenfeld would have a real problem ...

Kölsch, Klüngel and a dash of blood in the beer: the Cologne mafia crime thriller with cult potential.

»Author Manfred Theisen [...] presents an exciting, action-packed and extremely humorous crime novel.« | Heribert Rösger, Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger on »The Godfather of Ehrenfeld«

Manfred Theisen
**Paten Kölsch – The Original
from Ehrenfeld**

*Carnival, Kölsch and Cologne
clique*

Series: Marlon, new godfather of
Ehrenfeld
Volume: 3

He lives in Cologne and lives in Ehrenfeld: **Manfred Theisen**. Once a local reporter in the cathedral city, he now writes novels. With his Godfather series, he explores the soul of Cologne – between Kölsch, Klüngel and crime novels.

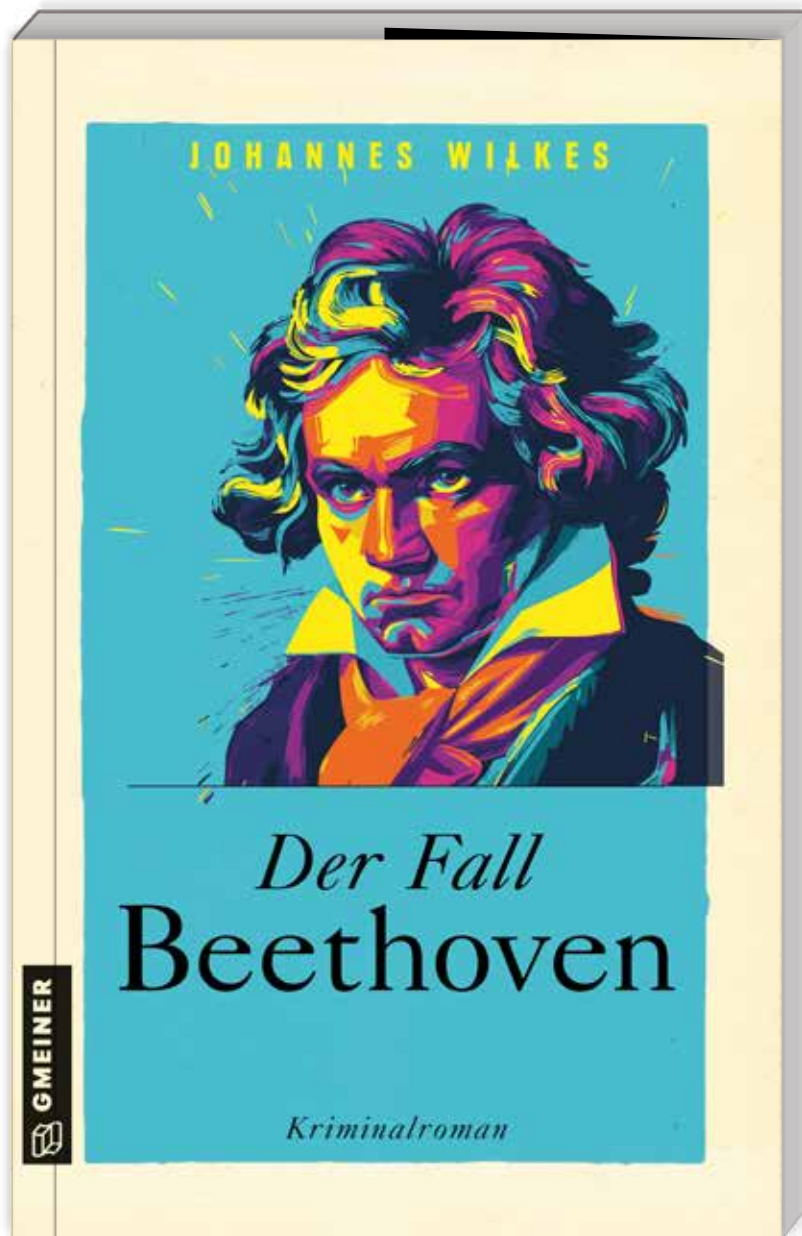
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Beethoven in Bonn



- » Sensational letter find in the Beethoven year
- » Thrilling cultural thriller full of suspense, music and Rhenish local colour
- » Inspector Mütze and Karl-Dieter, the unequal queer investigator duo

Hustle and bustle in Bonn: Beethoven's 200th anniversary of death is just around the corner, and the city is celebrating carnival. But on Ash Wednesday, a dead man suddenly lies in front of the Beethoven monument. Now, of all times, the Bonn Criminal Investigation Department is out of action because of a Noro outbreak after its ceremonial session. Inspector Mütze, an outsider and coincidentally in the city, takes over the case. The trail soon leads to a mysterious letter that is supposed to unmask Beethoven's »immortal lover« – and to Mütze's friend Karl-Dieter. Between opera rehearsals, the Beethoven House and a family that wants revenge, Mütze soon starts to sweat. To make matters worse, Cupid is also going crazy.

Cultural thriller in the Beethoven Year – a mysterious letter, a murder in Bonn and an investigator who almost loses track of love, revenge and music.

Johannes Wilkes
The Beethoven case
 Crime novel

Series: Inspector Mütze
Volume: 14

Johannes Wilkes, born in 1961, lives in Bavaria. The author of novels, crime novels and travel books has been awarded numerous literary prizes, and his books have been translated into several languages.

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The bone king from the Ruhr area



- » Four friends with a seemingly perfect plan
- » While they break in, a serial killer lurks in hiding
- » First appearance for court reporter Frederick

At a party, four friends forge a daring plan: a burglary without traces. When the »crazy idea« still seems watertight even with a hangover the morning after, fun turns bitterly serious. Three times, then it should be over. But while they enter other people's houses at night, the plan begins to crumble – and with it the bourgeois façade of the four friends, until everything gets out of control ...

The perfect burglary. Could you resist?

›This book is the biggest surprise for me since I've been on #bookstagram.« | @alles.or.nicks about ›In the constellation of the Hydra«

Marc Friedrich
When night falls in the West
Crime novel

Series: Police reporter Frederick
Volume: 1

Marc Friedrich, born in Essen, worked as an editor and in corporate communications after graduating. He lives with his family in the Ruhr area.

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Horror and horror in the Eifel and Ardennes



- » Continuation of the successful series
- » Twelve stories about great legends and events in the Eifel and Ardennes
- » With contributions by: Ralf Kramp, Anne Bartusel, Carla Capellmann, Maren Friedlaender, Stephan Haas, Rudi Jagusch, Lutz Kreutzer, Olaf Müller, Elke Pistor, Andreas Schnurbusch, Jutta Siorpaes and Christof Weigold

Twelve scary stories by twelve authors about twelve real places in the Eifel and Ardennes, based on legends and events from Roman times to the present day: When Caesar travels to the land of red rocks to conquer a treasure. The fate of two lovers is connected with the Cross in the Fens. Like a cloak that is supposed to give protection and life, but only brings death. Which is why the great B. Traven begins to write »The Death Ship« in a tiny town. Why a railway tunnel becomes a place of fate for a family, among other things.

Scary and beautiful – the Eifel and Ardennes from their spooky side.

Lutz Kreutzer
Scary places in the Eifel and Ardennes
Eerie stories

Series: –
Volume: –

Lutz Kreutzer holds a doctorate in natural sciences and is the author of thrillers, crime novels and the editor of short story collections. Today he lives in Freilassing.

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In the shadow of the Palatinate castles



- » Inspector Palzki's new case
- » Investigations at Lichtenberg Castle and Trifels
- » Exciting – bizarre – humorous

Inspector Palzki allows himself to reduce overtime and visits the medieval market at Lichtenberg Castle with his family. But the excursion takes a dark turn when his son plays with the supposed replica of a sword – and an expert doubts that it is only a copy. Shortly afterwards, she is found dead. Palzki begins to investigate and dives not only deep into the world of Palatinate castles from Trifels to Hardenburg, but also into a sophisticated web of theft, fraud and greed for power over the imperial insignia of the Holy Roman Empire.

In the shadows of the Palatinate castles lurks a conspiracy that reaches into the imperial treasures – and Commissioner Palzki hunts down their unscrupulous masterminds.

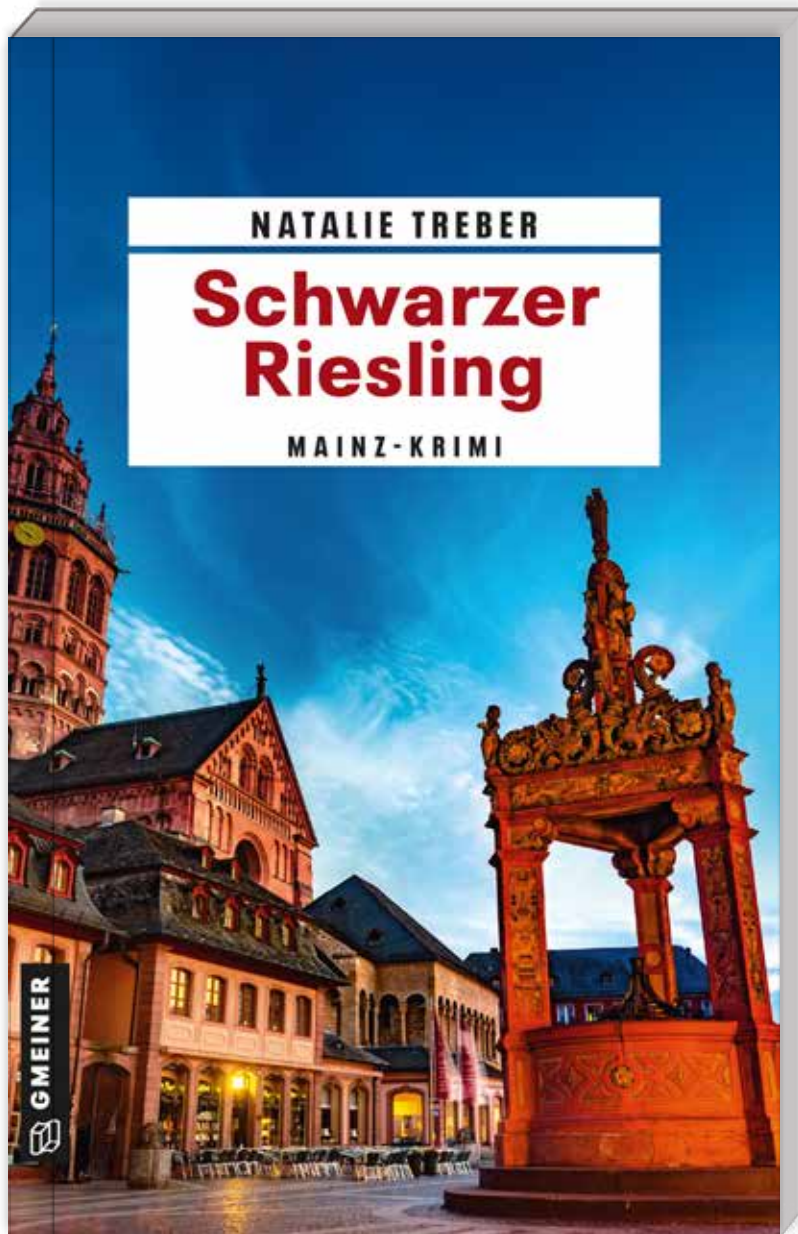
Harald Schneider
Castle trauma
Palatinate Crime Thriller

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Series: Chief Inspector Palzki
Volume: 26

Harald Schneider has been established in the Electoral Palatinate since 2006 and is considered the most popular Palatinate author after Sebastian Fitzek and Rafik Schami. In 2023, he was appointed to PEN Germany.

Rhenish Hesse between Rhine and Vines



- » Forensic pathologist Rabea investigates in deadly wine-growing idyll
- » Series of murders about wine fraud, greed and village secrets
- » Anonymous threatening letters and mysterious symbols lead to the past

A deadly explosion in a champagne cellar shakes a village near Mainz. What at first seems like a tragic accident is the prelude to a series of mysterious deaths. While detectives Lisa Weishaupt and Nils Falkenstein investigate between the Rhine and vineyards, forensic scientist Rabea Schwarz comes under increasing pressure. The traces lead to a dark past in sunny Rheinhessen and force Rabea to face her own history, which she thought had long since been buried. The case brings repressed truths to light – and pushes the Mainz trio to their limits.

A modern crime thriller about the dark sides of a seemingly idyllic region – and about abysses that are closer than you would like to admit.

Kick-off of the Mainz crime series about forensic scientist Rabea Schwarz and the investigator duo Lisa Weishaupt and Nils Falkenstein.

Natalie Treber
Black Riesling
 Mainz Crime Thriller

Series: Rhein-Main Crime
Volume: 1

Natalie Treber lives in Rheinhessen and works in Mainz. She writes crime novels related to her region.

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Cozy Crime in the Sachsenwald



- » Pensioner with dog, hip pain and courage investigates persistently
- » Bruni Rabbit and the »Chattersticks« on the hunt for murderers
- » Investigations with heart and humor

Bruni Hase, retired crochet goddess, did not expect this: During a walk with her Maltese Tango in the Tharandt Forest, she stumbles over a corpse together with her Nordic walking friends, the chatterboxes. When the dead woman is identified as the reigning Tree Queen, the upcoming coronation ceremony is in jeopardy. Bruni and her shrewd quintet of pensioners plunge into the investigation and sometimes get in the way of the police.

A Saxon crime thriller full of humour and wit: Bruni Hase and the »Quasselstöcke« bravely, stubbornly and with a lot of heart face a murderous secret in the Tharandt Forest.

Anja Schenk
**Dead people don't
eat Eierschecke**

A case for Bruni Hase

Series: A case for Bruni Hase
Volume: 1

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Anja Schenk, born in 1975, lives in the Tharandt Forest and writes novels, children's books and crime novels for young and old readers. With her stories, she brings excitement and humor to Saxony's most beautiful forest.

New cases for Herma and Jan ...



- » The book series on the Audible hit series continues to grow
- » Herma and Jan once again in search of clues with a lot of North German charm
- » Best crime fare without splatter

Inspector Jan Tesdorp has just started his new job in Lübeck and Inspector Herma Bahnsen is on her way to Sylt on vacation. But there is no trace of peace and relaxation. On the crossing to the island, a murder occurs. Herma reluctantly takes over the case. Meanwhile, Jan's first cold case takes him deep into the past: an unsolved murder case is reopened, old wounds tear open. A personal guilt catches up with him. It soon becomes clear that Jan cannot do without Herma's experience in his search for the truth.

The bestselling series by Eric Niemann and Anja Goerz, who are celebrating great success under the pseudonym Bente Storm, once again convinces with a humorous and exciting regional crime thriller about the unusual investigator duo Herma and Jan against a rough North Sea backdrop.

Anja Goerz / Eric Niemann
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Herma and Jan investigate on Sylt

Series: Herma and Jan investigate
Volume: 3

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Eric Niemann, author of radio plays, plays and novels, and **Anja Goerz**, known from Radio Eins and Bremen Zwei, among others, have been leaving criminal traces together for years. With their investigator duo Herma and Jan, they travel through Schleswig-Holstein to solve unusual criminal cases. Under the pseudonym Bente Storm, Niemann & Goerz also publishes crime novels about the Cuxhaven water police.

... and in Lübeck



A theatre project with old school friends brings Inspector Jan Tesdorp back to his hometown of Lübeck. During the rehearsals, a mass grave is discovered in a nearby forest – six women, all of whom have been missing for years. While Jan is looking for answers, his experienced colleague Herma experiences a pleasant surprise: her adult daughter, with whom there was no contact, has suddenly appeared at her place. But that looking into the past can be extremely dangerous, both Jan and Herma have to learn painfully.

The bestseller series by Eric Niemann and Anja Goerz, who are celebrating great success under the pseudonym Bente Storm, combines a multi-layered murder case with typical Nordic flair in this atmospherically dense Lübeck crime thriller!

›If you like it cosy and humorous and want to go on an exciting tour across northern Germany while reading – including sea air and seagulls screeching – Niemann&Goerz is the right place for you. Recommended reading!‹ | Tatjana Kruse, Author

Anja Goerz / Eric Niemann
In love, abandoned, buried
Herma and Jan investigate

Series: Herma and Jan investigate
Volume: 4

368 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
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Faster, Harder, Louder



- » A father-daughter duo, as hard as a metal riff
- » Back to Wacken: the second metal thriller of the cult festival
- » A series of murders between sect mania and festival hype
- » Wacken 2026: July 29 to August 1

Festival season. Tens of thousands flock to Wacken. Basses boom, the nights are short, the atmosphere electrifying. For Lars it is the second visit to the legendary Wacken Open Air. But even before the first guitar riff sounds, he comes across the corpse of a metal fan in his hotel – the »666« written on his forehead. Shortly afterwards, there is another dead on the festival grounds. Together with his daughter Mia, Lars gets caught up in a series of murders that seems to be deeply rooted in the metal scene.

Between mosh pit, metal and series of murders: A father-daughter duo hunts down a murderer who turns Wacken into the forecourt of hell.

Bastian Zach
Hell over Wacken
 Metal thriller

Series: The Metal Series
Volume: 2

Bastian Zach, born in Leoben in 1973, has been a die-hard metal fan for over 35 years. His love of music inspired him to continue his metal thriller.

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Welcome to Corfu!



- » A village full of weird birds, grumpy men and a tavern where life rages
- » Turbulent new beginning: Margarita begins a new life in Petralona
- » With a pinch of humor, a lot of heart and a good portion of ouzo

Photographer Margarita actually just wanted to switch off on Corfu: sun, sea, olive groves and a few weeks of help in the chaotic Villa Michalis. But in the mountain village of Petralona, the fortune teller Effy dies after a sinister session – and between Ouzo and Stifádo, the rumor mill is bubbling in the taverns. When Margarita's employer, of all people, comes under suspicion, Margarita and the resolute tavern landlady Eleni investigate on their own and delve deep into the secrets of the island. What if Effy's prophecy was more than mere superstition?

A sleepy Greek village, a murder over ouzo – and in the middle of it all a photographer who just wanted a vacation. Welcome to Corfu, where secrets like bougainvilleas proliferate!

Christina Artist
Murder with Ouzo – Margarita and the Deadly Oracle
Greece crime thriller

Series: Margarita investigates
Volume: 1

Christina Künstler switched from fashion design to TV series development and now tells of murder and humanity in Corfu – her second home since 1993.

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One fisherwoman too many



- » The second case for Commissioner Anna Apostolakis
- » Investigations among taciturn fishermen
- » Between bustling fish markets, secluded beaches and cozy taverns
- » »A summer book that you don't want to put down.« | Passauer Neue Presse

In a picturesque bay in the Peloponnese, the body of Zoí Mitropoulou floats in the water. The young fisherwoman drowned in her own nets. It quickly becomes clear: It is murder – because who wraps themselves in a fishing net? Anna Apostolakis and Loukas Petrakis from the Kalamata Criminal Investigation Department take over the case and immerse themselves in the secretive world of Greek fishermen. Between harbor taverns and fish markets, they soon realize that the young fisherwoman had numerous secrets – and that not every bay is as tranquil as it seems.

The sun glistens promisingly on the sea, but behind the Greek idyll lurks guilt, greed and a murderer without remorse.

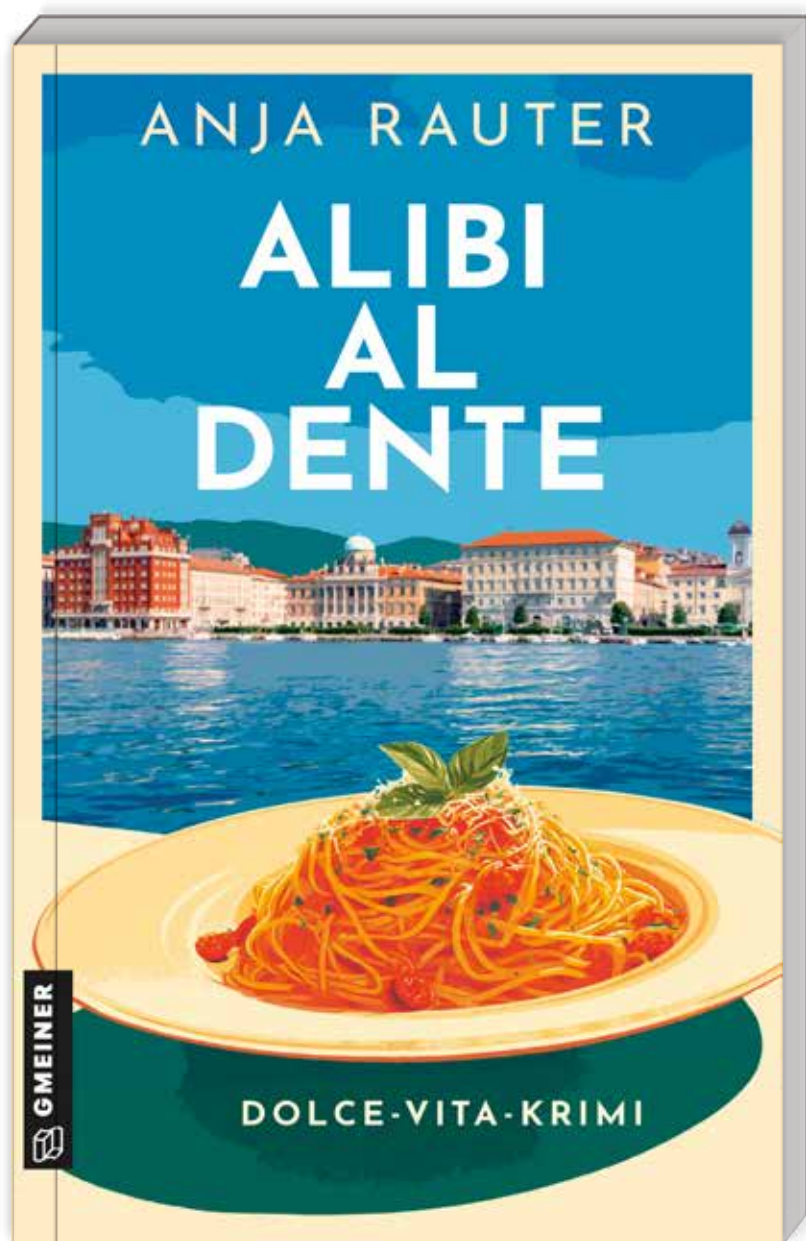
Katerina Gatakis
Tavern of the Dead Fishermen
 Greece crime thriller

Series: Commissioner Anna Apostolakis
Volume: 2

Katerina Gatakis is a German author and translator who has spent many summers in Greece. She has already published three crime novels and three non-fiction books.

320 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
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Deadly Dolce Vita



- » Culinary cozy crime with a real Adriatic feeling
- » Murderous summer full of secrets, heart palpitations and Italian flair
- » Trieste – sensually described, almost cinematic
- » Event planner Rosa Romano investigates

Event planner Rosa Stern loves her new life on the Adriatic. She has just hosted the most glamorous birthday party in Trieste, and now she is standing next to the corpse of her employer. After Bruno Benotti had not paid the bill, Rosa followed him to his yacht. But apparently the entrepreneur preferred to shoot himself in the head rather than transfer her money. Or is it just supposed to look like suicide? While the police don't even think about investigating, Rosa follows her own tracks. It quickly becomes clear that in Trieste, the façade is protected rather than the truth.

Between Spritz, spaghetti and a pinch of danger, Rosa gets caught up in a murder case that shakes Trieste's dolce vita – and her heart with it.

Anja Rauter
Alibi al dente
Dolce Vita crime thriller

Series: Dolce Vita, Murder and the Sea – Pink Star Investigates
Volume: 1

Anja Rauter, who lives in Baden near Vienna, loves exciting detective stories and only murders people who deserve it in her free time.

368 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm
 Softcover
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Murder in wintry Ticino



- » Twinkling lights on the piazza, snow on the mountains
- » Queer patchwork family hunts down the killer
- » The most personal case so far for Commissaria Roberta Casanova

Commissaria Casanova enjoys a holiday in Locarno with his wife and daughter Laura. The peaks are covered in snow, they look forward to sleigh rides and evenings in the bars on the piazza. Nicolas, Laura's father, also arrives with his new friend Oliviero. But when a body is found in Oliviero's remote rustico above Tegna, the peace is over. Suddenly, Nicolas is suspected of murder. The Commissaria begins to investigate – and the deeper she digs, the more Oliviero becomes entangled in contradictions until a trail leads to Zurich.

Winter atmosphere on Lake Maggiore. But for Commissaria Roberta Casanova, the peace and quiet by the lake becomes a nightmare – and a test of endurance for her family.

Annemarie Regez
**The Lake Maggiore Murders –
 Death in the Rustico**
Crime novel

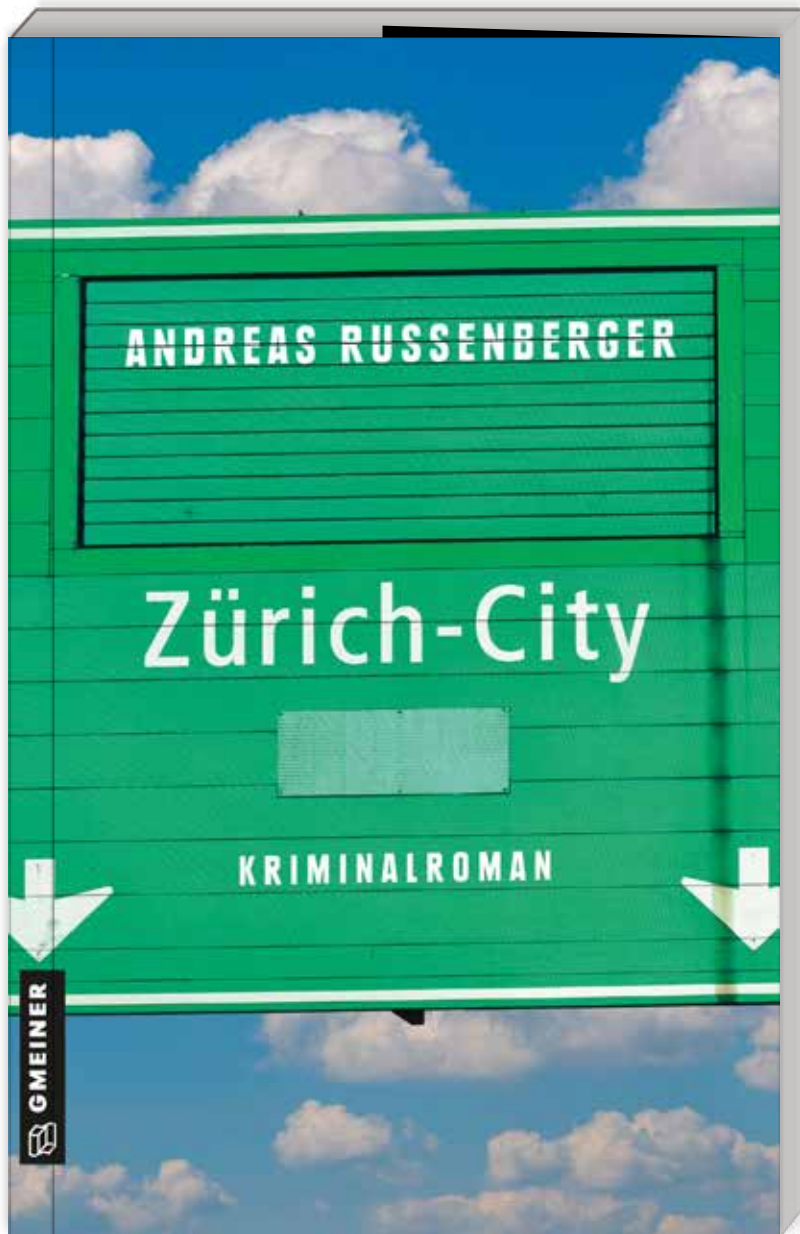
Series: Commissaria Casanova
Volume: 4

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Annemarie Regez grew up in the Bernese Oberland and studied in Bern. She writes the criminal adventures of Commissaria Casanova in Locarno.

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Power play



- » A murdered banker shortly before the IPO
- » A new, explosive case for Philipp Humboldt and Armand Muzaton
- » Bestselling author Andreas Russenberger knows what he is writing about

Zurich's financial center is eagerly awaiting the IPO of Zurich Commodity Bank in Switzerland and New York when its founder is found murdered in his office. A human rights activist from the Congo is accused – the seemingly perfect scapegoat. Bank professor Philipp Humboldt and police chief Armand Muzaton, however, doubt the squeaky clean evidence. Their investigations lead them to a dazzling tech icon, professional attempts at deception and a truth that strikes fear into the highest political circles.

An intelligent novel about power, responsibility and manipulation – highly topical and uncompromising.

A new, explosive case for Philipp Humboldt and Armand Muzaton.

Andreas Russenberger
Zurich City
 Crime novel

Series: Philipp Humboldt
Volume: 6

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Andreas Russenberger studied history and political science in Zurich. The well-travelled author now lives in Arosa and is president of the Association of Authors of Switzerland.

Famiglia, Limmat and betrayal



- » Marcus Richmann and Daniel Badraun start together
- » Unusual duo investigates quick-witted and lively
- » Black-humored crime thriller between Limmat, Lutetium and La Famiglia

Ramon Berger, a teacher with a life crisis, is suddenly at the center of a murder case – the aunt of his deceased wife Angela is pulled dead from the Limmat. As a hypochondriac, Berger has enough problems. Overnight, not only the police, but also the Calabrian relatives are after him. Because Angela recently had a fatal accident. Nobody believes in so much coincidence. Berger receives unexpected help from the eccentric psychologist and leisure detective Hans Hanssøn. Together, they come across a web of betrayal, guilt and false loyalty.

Blackly humorous Zurich crime thriller about a corpse in the Limmat, a psychologist with style – and a special school teacher who gets everything out of his hands.

Daniel Badraun / Marcus Richmann

The dead aunt in the Limmat

Hanssøn and Berger go into hiding

288 Seiten, 12.5 x 20.5 cm

Softcover

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€ 15,00 [D]

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Series: A case for Hanssøn and Berger
Volume: 1

Daniel Badraun writes in German and Romansh for adults and children. The enthusiastic grandfather is often on the road by bike.

Marcus Richmann, born in 1965, works as a psychological therapist and author of novels and screenplays in Bern. Humor is an important companion in his life.

Novels

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Twelve nights and a new love



- » Winter romance in snowy mountain village
- » Between doubt and courage: Alma seizes her second chance
- » An emotional journey through the magical Rauhnächte

Christmas alone? Alma, 42 and newly divorced, had imagined it differently. On the spur of the moment, she travels to her friend Hanna in a snowy mountain village – and ends up in the middle of a spiritual Rauhnächte retreat. Between a snowstorm, rituals of wishes and the wintry alpine landscape, Alma has to face her repressed feelings – and meets three men who touch her heart in different ways. Twelve nights remain for her to let go, to feel new and to give love a second chance.

A humorous, profound and romantic journey through the most magical nights of the year.

Johanna Moertl
Rauhnacht Lights
Winter romance

Series: Alma and Love
Volume: 1

Johanna Moertl, born in Vienna in 1980, writes romance novels with depth. After twenty years as an entrepreneur, she followed her passion for writing at the age of forty.

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New beginning in a small B&B on the Adriatic Sea



- » When new beginnings taste like lavender, ricotta and sea salt
- » A novel about cohesion, self-discovery and inner strength
- » Told with a sharp eye, fine humor and a portion of heartache
- » For readers who love summer, longing and strong women's stories
- » Sometimes happiness starts right where you least look for it

No job, no apartment and a fiancé who turns out to be a millionaire fraudster. Receptionist Linda leaves Graz behind and flees to Istria in her rickety Fiat Panda. When her car breaks down in the forest, truffle hunter Marko finds her with dachshund Pino and takes Linda to a small B&B in Rovinj, a refuge for stranded souls. On the enchanting Adriatic coast, Linda wants to rearrange her life and decides never to trust a man again. But when she meets Marko again, her heart sparks in between.

A summer on the Adriatic, a B&B for lost souls and a second chance for happiness – a soulful romance novel on the Istrian Riviera, told with lightness and fine humour.

Silvia Trippolt
Happiness begins in Istria
 Novel

Series: Happiness begins in ...
Volume: 1

The Carinthian bestselling author, journalist and restaurateur **Silvia Trippolt** writes romantic feel-good novels between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea.

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In the Allgäu, happiness is only a hug away



- » Doctor with touch phobia meets gruff farmer
- » Romance between mountain panorama, cowshed and quirky extended family

Romy, an involuntary loner with a fear of people and animals, has to overcome her phobia of touch within a week. Where better to do that than in a large family of 16 on the reality show »Farmer Seeks Wife«? Will Romy survive the farm week, or will she pull the ripcord before the first milking?

Ferdi, a smart landowner with a broken heart, wants to concentrate on his successful organic farm and certainly not on a woman. But his Allgäu clan, Romy's nasty competitor and love, of all people, have other plans!

Two people, a farm week and a lot of chaos, heart and humour: In the Allgäu, happiness is sometimes only a courageous step away – if you dare.

»I love Meli's witty, lively writing style!«
Doris R. Thomas, romance author

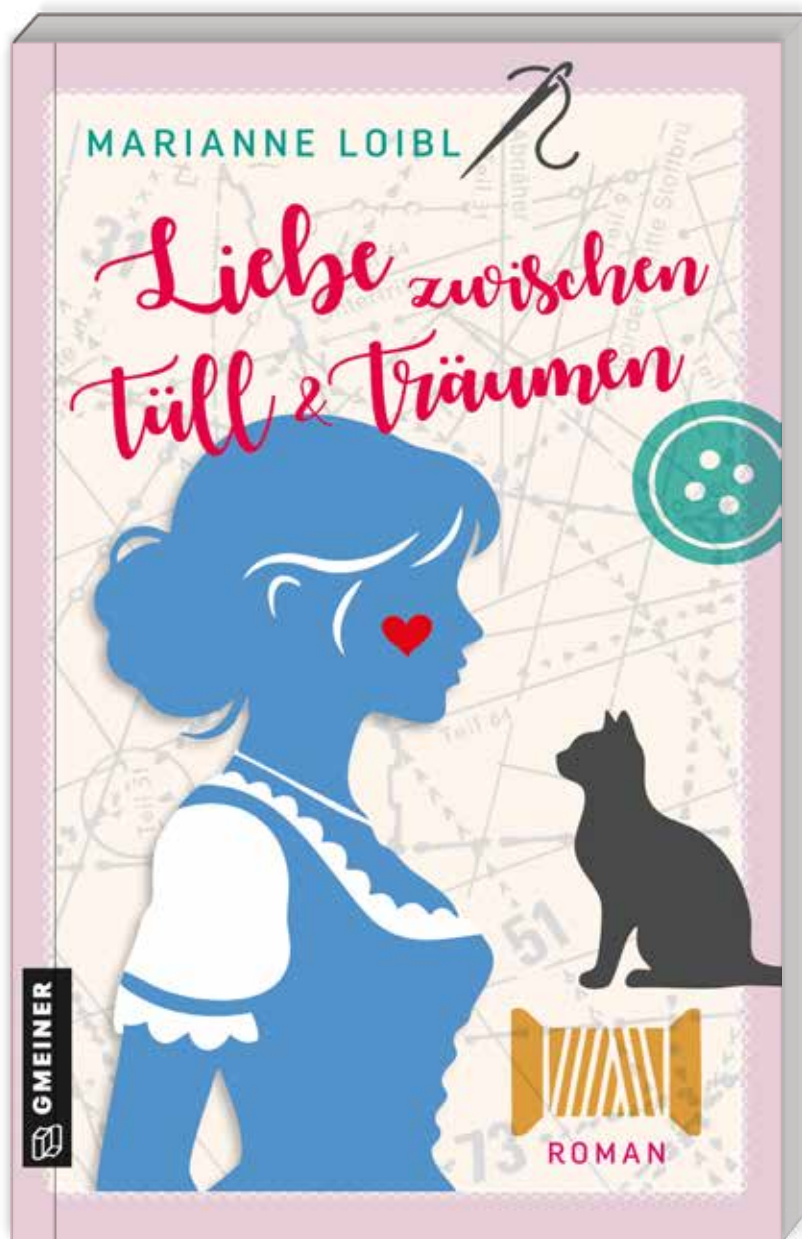
Meli S. Kleinbusch
Woman looking for farmer
In love in the Allgäu

Series: –
Volume: –

304 Seiten, 13.5 x 21 cm
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Meli S. Kleinbusch, born in 1982, lives with her family in the Allgäu region and writes in her novels with a wink about her homeland and love.

The stuff of dreams



- » A young seamstress fights for her studio and love in the big city
- » The charismatic stranger or the sensitive neighbor – who conquers Lena's heart?
- » Love knocks when you least expect it

Lena runs her small bridal fashion tailor's studio in Munich-Sending, where she sews unique dresses from silk and brocade for the most beautiful day in life. But when the rent rises drastically, her heart's project is jeopardized – and with it her dream of independence and honest handiwork. Now of all times, she can't get Ben out of her head, her attentive and quiet neighbor, whom Rocky the cat has also immediately taken to her heart. But then the charming Manuel shows up with a lucrative offer and confronts Lena with a difficult decision. Between two men, new opportunities and old fears, Lena is faced with the question of who she opens her heart to – and how much courage she has to fight for her dreams.

Between silk, palpitations and the hustle and bustle of the big city: Can Lena save her studio – and her heart – when life suddenly pulls the strings?

Love, fashion, wedding – the stuff dreams are made of!

Marianne Loibl
Love between tulle and dreams
 Novel

Series: The Bridemaker
Volume: 1

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Marianne Loibl lives in Munich and has been a successful author for three decades. After numerous publications in the field of crime novels and children's and young adult books, she now presents her first romance novel for adults.

When Muses became »Painters«



- » The misunderstood artists behind Kandinsky, Marc and Jawlensky
- » Bohemia, love drama and art struggle in Schwabing
- » Emancipation novel on the occasion of Gabriele Münter's 150th birthday on February 19, 2027

Munich around 1900. In the vibrant city of art, Gabriele Münter, Marianne von Werefkin and Maria Franck dare to live a life beyond conventions. As self-confident »painters«, they love, suffer and work in the circle of Wassily Kandinsky, Alexej Jawlensky and Franz Marc. Between studios, salons and great emotions, they fight for personal freedom and for recognition in the male-dominated art world. Together, they were committed to modern art and founded the »Blue Rider« with their companions in 1911 – until the outbreak of the First World War put an end to this art movement and their common awakening.

A novel about the free life of the »painters« at the beginning of the 20th century in Munich. Zum 150. Geburtstag der Malerin Gabriele Münter.

The artists Gabriele Münter, Marianne von Werefkin and Maria Franck in the expressionist environment of the »Blue Rider«.

Birgit Poppe
The Malweiber and the Blue Rider
The Departure of Women Artists – Novel

Series: –
Volume: –

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Dr. Birgit Poppe, author and lecturer from Bochum, has long been involved with the »Malweibern« and the artist group »Blauer Reiter« as an art historian.

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On the trail of an Augsburg family history



- » Moving search for clues through Germany and France
- » Granddaughter discovers her grandmother's secret
- » »A profound story full of finesse about the quiet power of women in times of war – a book of special significance that touched me deeply.« | Marie Gaté, German-French author

Augsburg, 1939: During the campaign against Poland, young Karla loses her boyfriend Franz, from whom she is expecting a child, even though they were not even engaged – a scandal at a time when the word humanity has become meaningless. To make matters worse, she falls in love with the forced laborer Gaston, of all people ... Decades later, her granddaughter Charline came across a diary in the French Ardennes that revealed a repressed chapter of German and French history. The Daughters of the Stone Pine Nut tells of the silent heroines of the Second World War, of courage in secret and the reverberations that continue to this day.

A touching novel about silent heroines of the Second World War, courage in secret and the reverberations of history that continue to this day.

»A profound story full of finesse about the quiet power of women in times of war – a book of special significance that touched me deeply.« | Marie Gaté, German-French author

Alex Schönfelder
The Daughters of the Stone Pine Nut – Story of a Homecoming to Augsburg
Novel

Series: –
Volume: –

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Alex Schönfelder, author from Strasbourg, combines poetic language with careful research and writes about memory, guilt and the quiet forms of courage.

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Traditional costume becomes fashion



- » The Story of Ludwiga »Bebi« Prize in Munich
- » The inspiring entrepreneur story of a courageous fashion pioneer
- » The studio in Residenzstraße as the birthplace of the cocktail dirndl
- » Perfect for readers who are passionate about fashion, tradition and strong female characters

Munich, after the Second World War: Having just fled from Normandy to her old homeland, young Ludwiga is left to fend for herself after the tragic accidental death of her husband Otto and is left with nothing. With a lot of willpower, she succeeds in gaining a foothold on the black market with handbags she has made herself. A false report in the *Münchner Abendzeitung* and the order from the Löwenbräukeller to equip all waitresses with a dirndl finally become a great opportunity for Ludwiga: After the strict upbringing of her childhood and the years of deprivation of a youth in the war, she begins an unprecedented career as a glamorous creator of traditional costume couture ...

Based on a true story: The eventful life of the Munich »Dirndl Queen«, whose dirndl became a symbol of Bavarian elegance!

Kathrin Schnee
The Dirndl Queen of Munich
Novel | The Extraordinary Life of Ludwiga »Bebi« Prize

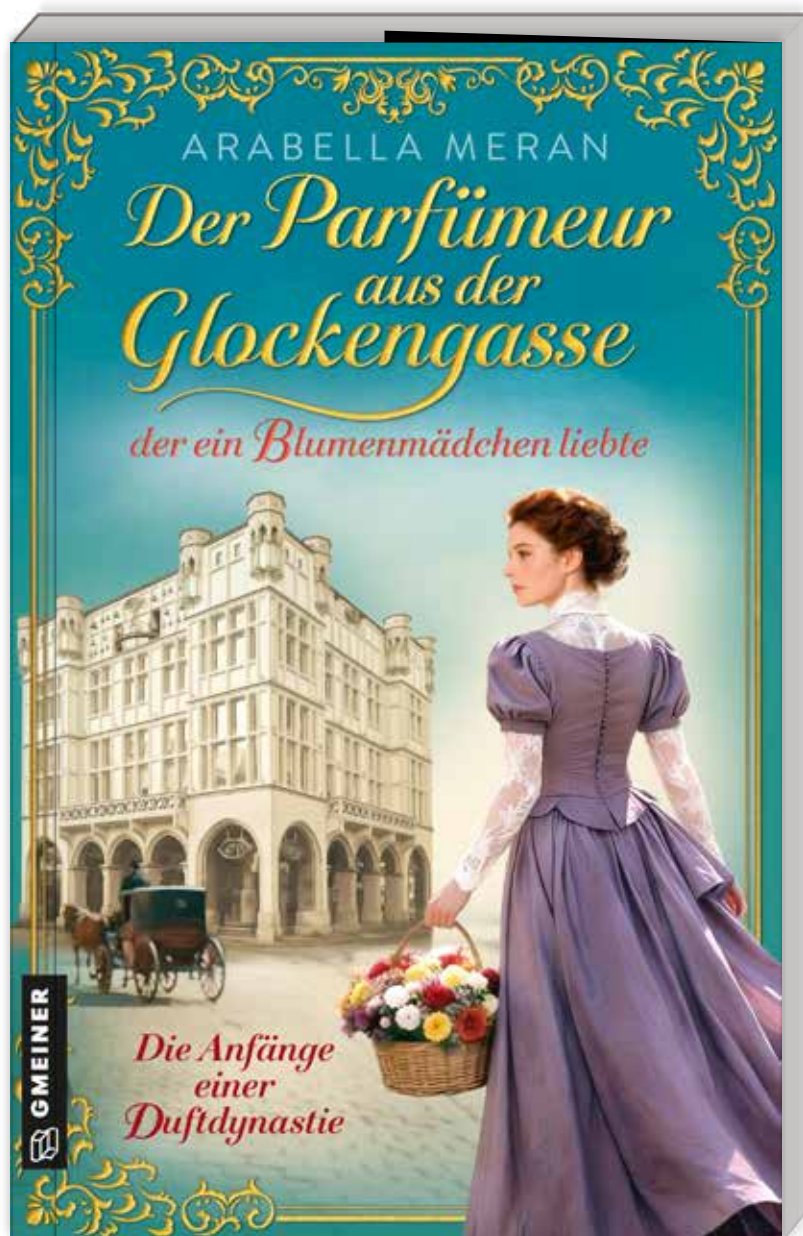
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Kathrin Schnee, born in Munich in 1956, dedicated herself to the renovation of old fincas on Mallorca, ran her own restaurant, worked with refugees from Syria and founded »Planet Tree«.

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The miracle water from Glockengasse



- » The fascinating story behind the world-famous 4711 brand
- » Otilie Riedl: From the flower girl from Vienna to the secret mistress of 4711
- » A novel that smells and transports readers to the vibrant Cologne and Vienna of the 19th century

Cologne, 1873: When the young perfumer Ferdinand Mülhens takes over the management of the fragrance house in Glockengasse, he has to defend his cologne against his fiercest competitor Farina. On a trip to Vienna, he meets the flower seller Otilie, whose warmth and courage touch him deeply. She follows him to Cologne, where she is rejected by the Mülhens family as a bride not befitting her status. Only far away from social constraints, in the Siebengebirge, does she find quiet happiness with Ferdinand. But a business failure forces Ferdinand to make a radical change that will take over the world for his scented water.

A moving novel about love and loss, about the courage to lead a self-determined life, and about the scent from Cologne that became a legend.

Arabella Merano

**The perfumer from Glockengasse
who loved a flower girl –**

The beginnings of a fragrance dynasty

Novel

Series: –

Volume: –

Arabella Meran grew up in the Rhineland. Today she works as an author and writing teacher with an M.A. in »Biographical and Creative Writing«.

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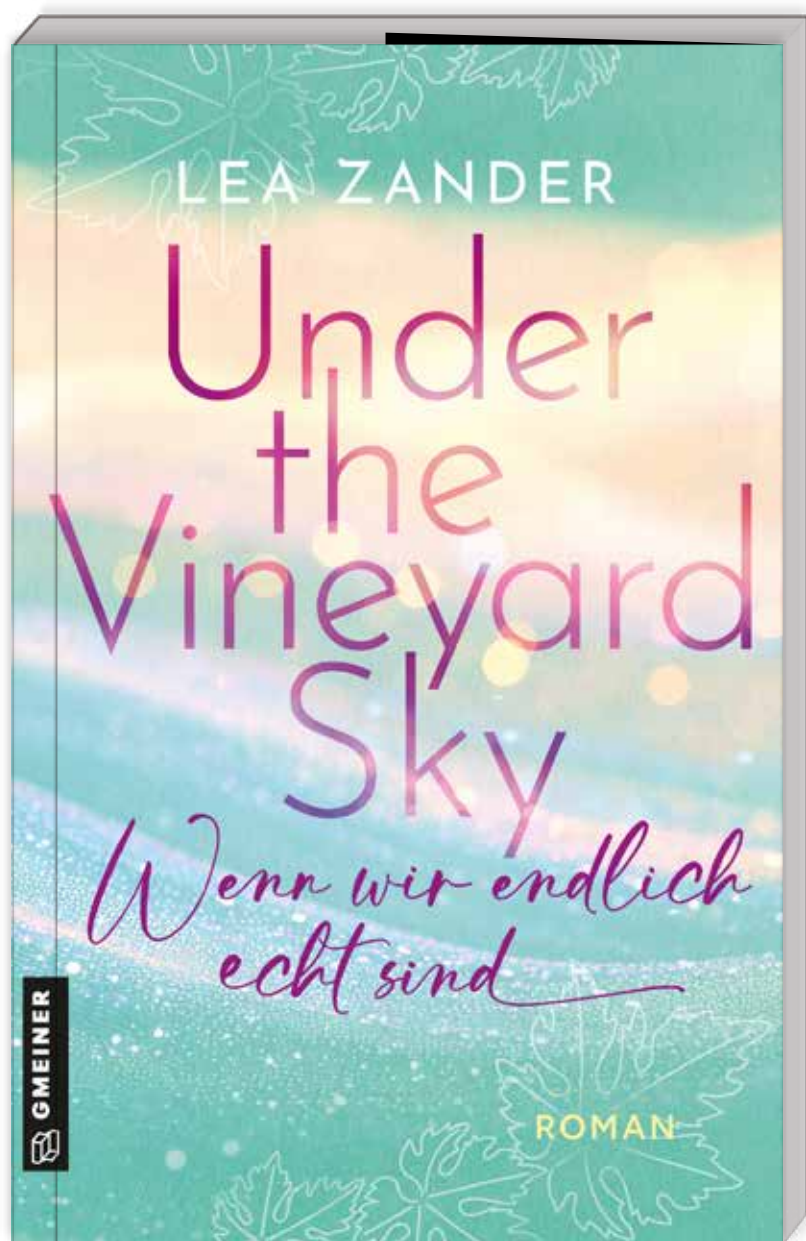
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A soulful romance novel



Lea Zander
Under the Vineyard Sky
 Novel

Series: Vineyard Lights
Volume: 1

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- » **RIGHT: New Adult Next Door** – a love story from next door
- » **Emotional Slow Burn and Sizzling Moments at the Winter Winery**
- » **When panic attacks, fears of the future and love collide**
- » **Two lives between external expectations and own desires**

June's biggest dream ends in defeat – and with it the hope of ever living up to her mother's expectations. Overwhelmed, she flees to the winery of her best friend Liv. Between picturesque vineyards and balmy summer nights, she wants to find her way back to herself. At the winery, she meets Felix, Liv's older brother, who is torn between the duty to take over the family winery and the desire for a life of his own – and who sees exactly how fragile June really is. In the course of the summer, a quiet closeness grows between them. When their fears threaten to destroy everything, they both have to decide what is worth staying for.

A soulful love story on a Palatinate winery with family and mental health topics.

With the Tropes: Best Friend's Brother, Emotional Scars, Slow Burn

A tender summer romance about hidden doubts, unexpected closeness and the courageous path to oneself.

Lea Zander, born in 1989, lives with her family in Speyer. She loves tea, autumn and the sea. Since she lives with depression herself, the representation of the topic of mental health is very important to her.

Premium flap softcover

The smell of coffee over the fjord



- » A feel-good novel full of hygge, courage and maritime lightness
- » With a lot of feeling, Nordic freshness and a pinch of humor
- » Birte Stährmann talks again about longing and second chances

Merle is a passionate coffee roaster. In her small roastery in Flensburg, she gives people a precious break from everyday life with her special coffee – and awakens memories of what is really important in life. But suddenly her own life goes off the rails: Shortly before the wedding, she learns that her partner has cheated on her. In a holiday home on the Baltic Sea, she finds herself again and a new friend in the candy maker Annika. Surrounded by the sea breeze and the sound of waves, Merle learns: Almost anything is possible if you trust your own gifts and the right people.

When life smells of coffee and the sea opens up new paths: A feel-good novel full of longing, courage and maritime lightness on the Flensburg Fjord.

A story like a short holiday by the sea – with water, wind, waves and lots of hygge.

Birte Stährmann
Happiness tastes like the sea:
The coffee roastery
Novel

Series: Happiness tastes like the sea
Volume: 2

The author and journalist Birte Stährmann lives with her husband in Eckernförde on the Baltic Sea. Here she writes travel books, quizzes and novels about happiness by the sea.

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The longing for home



- » Between war, guilt and second chances: two lives, one secret
- » A family fate from the Black Forest and Brittany
- » A forgotten chapter of Franco-German history

Brittany, Gegenwart. Eighty-year-old Alice is as rough as the Breton coast and prefers to be alone with her dog Marguerite. But a storm is raging inside her. She has been keeping a dark secret for a long time. When the shadows of her story catch up with her, a journey back to the Black Forest begins – and perhaps also to herself.

Black Forest, 1942: Elsa, a capable maid, meets the elderly soldier Heinrich at a dance. The wedding bells ring as early as the next home leave, then any trace of Heinrich in the war is lost. Elsa finds comfort in the French soldier Antoine. But does their love have a future?

A novel about love, loss and uprooting. Inspired by a true story and a dark chapter in the German-French post-war period.

With a great sense for quiet nuances, Astrid Lehmann tells a moving family saga between the Black Forest and Brittany.

Astrid Lehmann
And the wind stands still
A fate between the Black Forest and Brittany

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Astrid Lehmann, a native of the French Black Forest, works as a wild plant educator and author. She loves the stormy sea of Brittany and the deep green forests of the Black Forest.

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When hope is stronger than war



- » Trauma therapy told compassionately and precisely
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Two courageous women stand up for children who are forgotten by the world. And in the process, they come across a cruel crime: the systematic abduction of children in war zones.

After the Second World War, Lori stood up for those children who had been kidnapped by the Nazis from the East. Milena takes care of a Ukrainian boy who was abducted to Russia during the war.

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Julia Kröhn
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Julia Kröhn was born in Linz (Austria) in 1975 and lives in Frankfurt am Main. The studied historian has already published over fifty novels.

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In her late twenties, Cassy's life seems perfect: successful TV chef, own show, wide reach on social media. She prefers to keep feelings at a distance. But when her estranged father dies and leaves her part of his orange plantation in the Algarve, her carefully ordered life gets out of sync. In Faro, between fragrant orange groves and the Atlantic coast, Cassy meets her half-sister and co-heiress Lia – and Eliano, who awakens a side in her that she has long hidden. How much courage does a new beginning need?

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November 1946: Diplomatic relations between Switzerland and the USA are at a low point. When a United States Air Force transport plane touches down on the Gauli Glacier in the Bernese Oberland, they have to put aside their differences to save the victims. While the USA is trying to save the victims with heavy equipment, the two Swiss military pilots Victor Hug and Pista Hitz are planning something almost unbelievable. They want to land on the glacier with light aircraft to save the victims. Can they succeed in this breakneck venture?

Based on true events, »Rescue from the Ice« tells the dramatic story of an unprecedented high mountain mission that became the birth of alpine air rescue.

Frank Hucke
Rescue from the ice
Based on a true story

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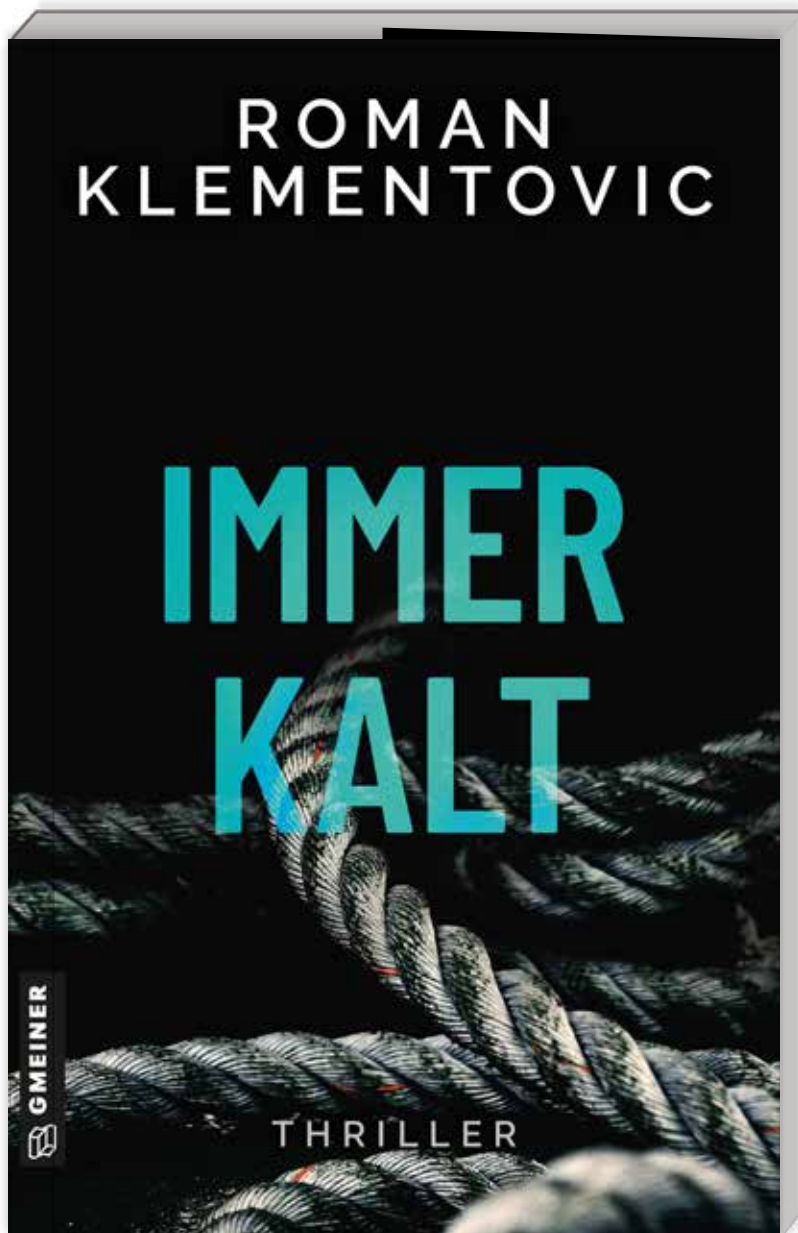
Frank Hucke, born in Dortmund in 1966, was a TV editor for 43 years. In the meantime, he devotes himself solely to writing.

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The former criminal police officer Schulz is at the end: abandoned by his wife, marked by a stroke, early retirement. In the morning, he can hardly get out of bed. Until a desperate cry for help reaches him on a gloomy autumn afternoon. A mysterious missing person case keeps a remote village in suspense. Schulz knows the place only too well. The hope of never having to enter it again is dashed. Without hesitation, he returns. And he has no idea that he is plunging himself directly into ruin ...

IMMERSTILL was filmed by ORF and ZDF for the popular country crime series!

Roman Klementovic
Always cold
 Thriller

Series: Evermurders
Volume: 3

Roman Klementovic, born in 1982, lives in Vienna. He loves beer in pubs, punk rock and SK Rapid. His thrillers »Immerstill« and »Wenn das Licht gefriert« were made into films.

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A summer full of guilt



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- » Two summers, one murder – and no one remains innocent
- » How far would you go to protect the people you love?
- » For fans of Romy Fölck and Arno Strobel – only more merciless

At the beginning of the 90s, the gruesome murder of 17-year-old Nina shakes a small town. The friends David, Meike, Simon and Lars come up with a daring plan: they want to solve the case on their own. But the deeper they delve into Nina's seemingly perfect life, the more disturbing secrets come to light. What begins as an exciting summer adventure turns into a nightmare. 25 years later, David returns to Audorf. Old wounds are tearing open. The friends are forced to face the guilt they have incurred at the time, the deeds they committed – and a fatal error.

You thought summer was over. But what you did still haunts you today.

Benjamin Wiater
Blood Friends – They thought they knew the truth. They were wrong.
 Thriller

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Who means it honestly – and who plays with it?



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- » Dark secrets on picturesque Lake Garda
- » Romantic thriller / suspense that gets under your skin

Louisa's longing for freedom leads her to Lake Garda – but her new beginning, including her own boutique, turns into a nightmare. Anonymous messages, mysterious incidents, the feeling of being watched. She finds protection with her charismatic landlord Pino, whom she quickly gets closer. When the threat escalates, Louisa flees to Berchtesgaden. There she meets the smart Jakob and believes she has escaped her stalker. But doubts remain. Who means it honestly – and who plays with it? Soon Louisa has to realize that passion and obsession are dangerously close to each other. And that the darkness still haunts her every step of the way.

Sometimes the most dangerous place is the very one where you feel safest...

When love becomes an obsession – full of Italian flair and dark tension. Romantic suspense at its best!

Michaela Metzner / Mario Bekeschus

Your Darkness – so dark the lake

Novel

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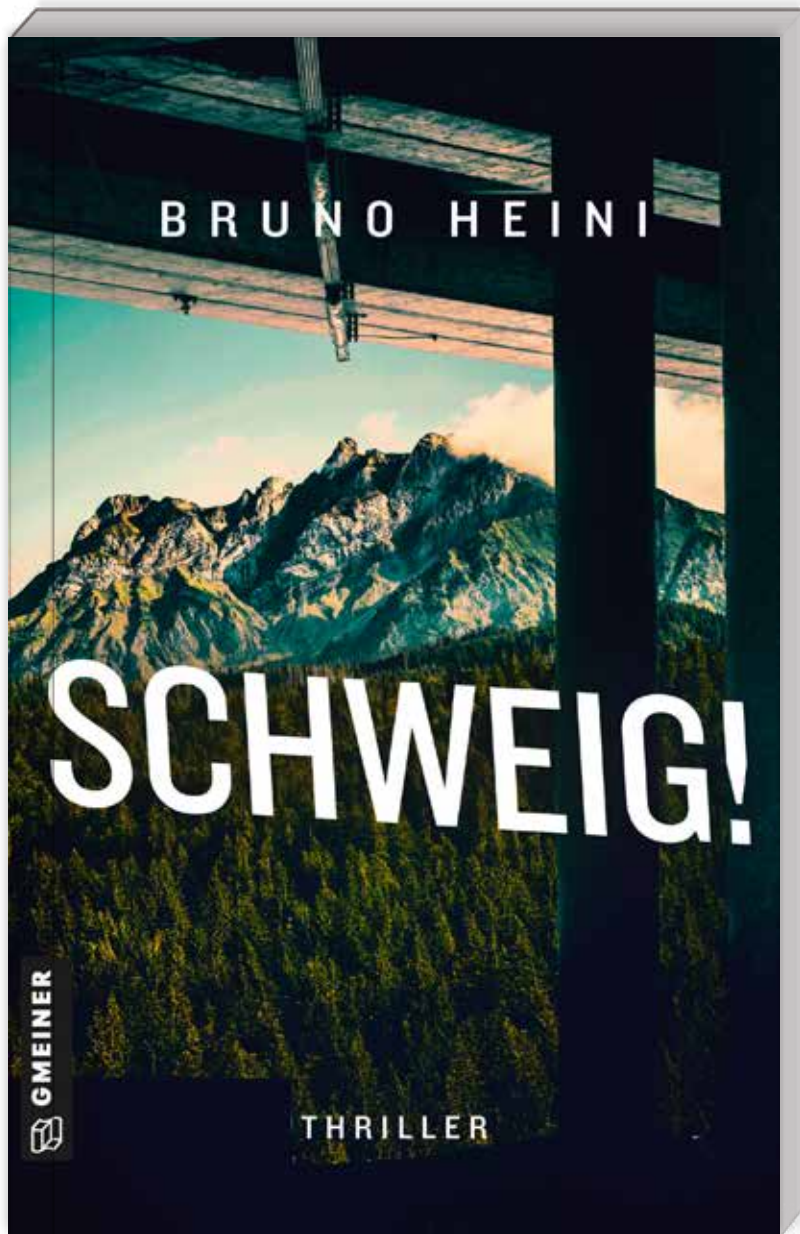
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Mario Bekeschus and **Michaela Metzner** are connected by a friendship and a passion for writing. »Your Darkness« is their first book project together.

Terror for peace



- » Political thriller about an escalating peace gala in Lucerne
- » Ex-musician Palmer fights at the center of the hostage drama
- » For fans of »Blackout«: highly exciting and close to reality

In a disused Lucerne steel mill, the global influencer scene celebrates a meeting for climate justice until an explosion tears the glass roof and gunmen take hundreds of guests hostage – an act of terrorism, live on stream. Among the hostages: Palmer, an expert in security and theft prevention. She quickly realizes that the perpetrators are a new generation of terrorists with obscure motives. With nothing but her talent for improvisation, Palmer fights against the clock – and an impending catastrophe.

A fast-paced thriller about peace as a weapon, perfidious power games – and a woman who comes dangerously close to the powerful.

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»Bruno Heini lets women be heroines and victims at the same time.« | Zentralplus

Bruno Heini
Silence!
Thriller

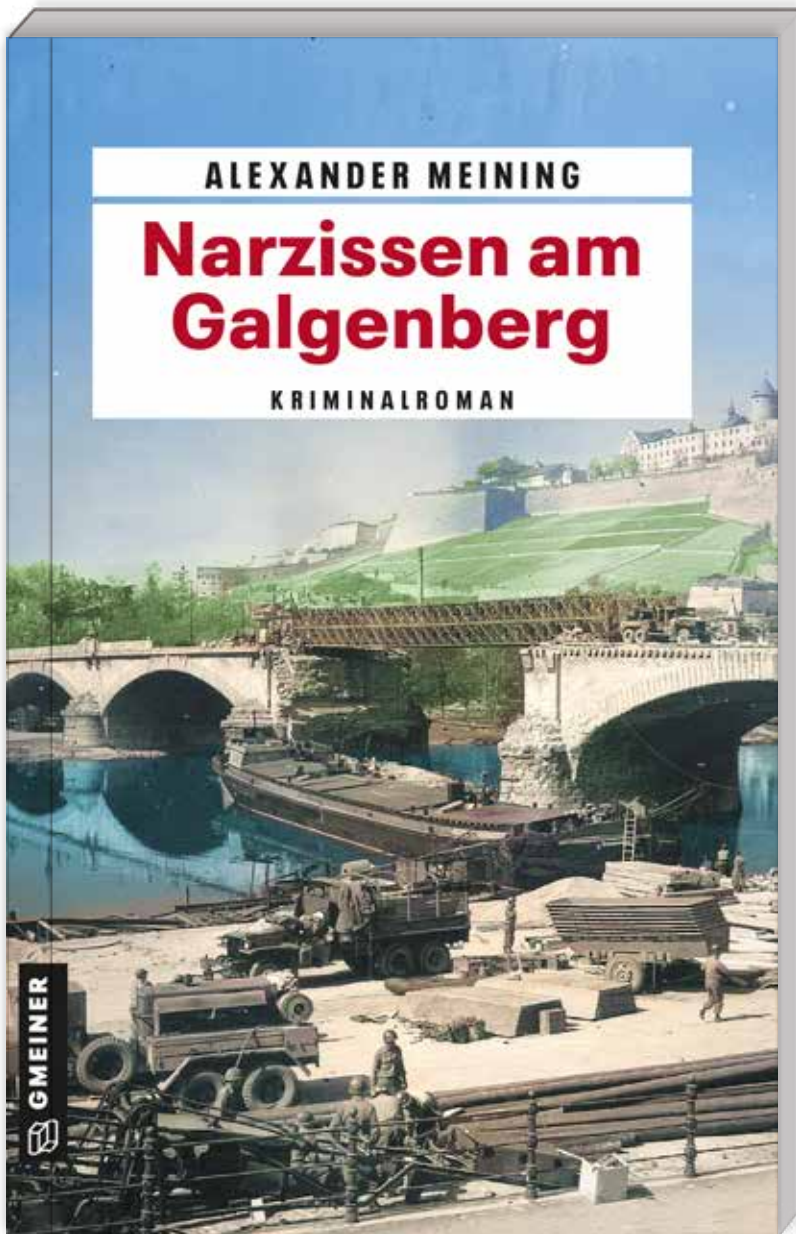
Series: Detective Palmer
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Contem- porary Crime novels

Between rubble and occupiers



- » Würzburg 1946: brutal murders in the ruins of a destroyed city
- » A fictitious case against a real background
- » Policeman Mehling chases the killer – until he himself is in danger

Würzburg, 1946. The city lies in ruins, the population is starving. When a young woman is found with her throat slit in the American barracks on Galgenberg, riots threaten. The situation worsens when another body appears, which is the girlfriend of the first victim. Both women were decorated with daffodils. Inspector Gerhard Mehling, together with Colonel John Schmidt, the head of the US Military Police, investigates among old Nazis, lonely US soldiers and deluded nurses ...

A gloomy moral portrait of the German post-war period about the shadows of the past and the difficult path to justice.

Death lurks in the ruins – in the midst of shattered Würzburg, Inspector Gerhard Mehling hunts down a murderer.

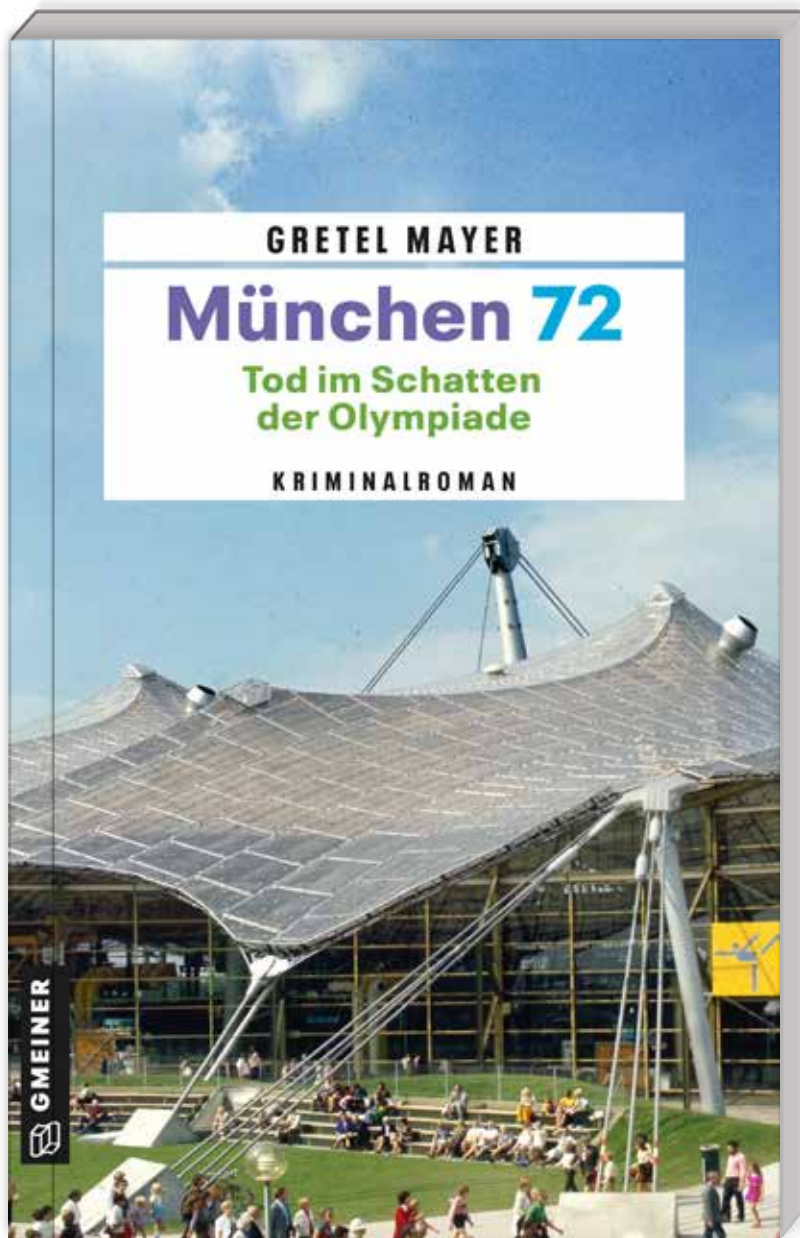
Alexander Meining
Daffodils on the Galgenberg
Crime novel

Series: Inspector Mehling
Volume: 1

Alexander Meining lives and writes in Würzburg. On foot and by bike, he is out and about in the city almost every day – always on the lookout for new motifs.

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A city in shock



- » A murder case against the backdrop of traumatized Munich
- » Authentic picture from Munich in the 70s
- » Investigations in the shadow of historical events

Munich, autumn 1972. The city is still struggling with the consequences of the Olympic assassination when the daughter of Detective Chief Inspector Korbinian Hilpert finds her teacher murdered. Hilpert and his colleague Ludwig Waldleitner take over the investigation at the venerable Mathildengymnasium. There is no shortage of suspects, because the dead woman was feared and hated by students and colleagues alike. The investigators delve deep into the school milieu – and come across an environment full of power games and old insults.

Inspector Korbinian Hilpert investigates between the teachers' room and schoolyard intrigues in the shadow of the Olympic assassination attempt – an atmospheric Munich crime thriller full of contemporary historical explosiveness.

Gretel Mayer
Munich 72 – Death in the shadow of the Olympics
Crime novel

Series: Detectives Korbinian Hilpert and Siegfried Breitner
Volume: 3

Gretel Mayer, born in 1949, worked as a bookseller before she discovered her passion for writing. Her heart beats for the foothills of the Alps and her native city of Munich.

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A village in the Allgäu is fed up



- » Quirky village thriller with hilarious characters and biting humor
- » Peasants' War 2.0: Tractors against Hotel Palaces
- » When slurry splashes and the shreds fly in the village

Stefan has already seen a lot. But what happened in Oberstaufen at that time surpassed everything. It all started with a plastic bag full of manure at the weekly market. Later, at the fire brigade festival, the brown broth spat out of the sprinkler system. What a mess. But it got worse. And in the middle of the manure war between agriculture and tourism, Stefan also had to fight for his love. But now open the book and start reading. Then Stefan tells you exactly what was going on in Oberstaufen at that time.

With a sharp eye, bizarre wit and a loving knack for Allgäu idiosyncrasies, this odd Allgäu crime thriller tells the story of a village that threatens to suffocate due to its intrigues – and its manure.

Bernhard Lingg
A village stinks to high heaven
Allgäu crime thriller

Series: The weird Allgäu crime thriller
Volume: 1

Bernhard Lingg grew up in his parents' hotel in Oberstaufen, founded the »silberstern GmbH Filmproduktion« and is also a presenter and musician.

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