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Company Profile

The home of ars vivendi publishing is located in a picturesque small town near Nuremberg, looking at a stately medieval castle and set in a romantic landscape. The »art of living« and the »savoir-vivre«, the aspiration for aesthetic and high-quality products are the core of the philosophy of ars vivendi. Norbert Treuheit, the publisher: »We love what we do and we want to pass on this enthusiasm to the customers by producing fine and sophisticated products.«

ars vivendi publishing was founded in 1988 by Norbert Treuheit. Starting out with gastronomy guides, the programme soon widened out to literature and in 1990 the first translation of Charlotte Bronte's *The Professor* (into German) marked the beginning of the new series »ars vivendi library«, translations of selected works of classical world literature. In 1992 the first of the aesthetic and atmospheric calendars was released, which have since been rewarded with numerous national and international awards. Over the course of the following years, the programme extended to gift articles and postcards and the year 2000 saw the start of an ambitious and extraordinary project: the Complete Works of William Shakespeare in a bilingual and bibliophile edition, translated into German by just one person: Frank Günther (winner of the Christoph-Martin-Wieland-Award for translators in 2001, Johann Heinrich Voß Award for translation in 2011).

In 2005 ars vivendi started publishing crime fiction. Focusing on regional authors and settings in the beginning, the crime section soon included authors from all over Germany as well as for international authors.

Today's programme includes sophisticated travel guides, award-winning calendars, gift articles, illustrated and bibliophile editions of the classics, non-fiction, cookbooks, belles-lettres and crime fiction (regional, national, international).

The combination of this, distinctive profile and of innovative and original ideas is the recipe for ars vivendi's success. The company has been presenting its products and authors at the Frankfurt Bookfair since 1990. ars vivendi is member of the artfolio sales cooperation.

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Author:

Nataša Dragnić was born in 1965 in Split, Croatia. After earning her Master's degree in German, French and Literature, she attended schools of diplomacy in Croatia and Germany. She has been living in Germany since 1994, working as a freelance language instructor. Her debut novel *Every Day, Every Hour* (*Jeden Tag, jede Stunde*, 2011) has been published in 28 countries and is national and international a bestseller. Her second novel *Immer wieder das Meer* (2013) has also been translated into several languages. She won various literary prizes and writing residencies in the US and Italy.



Blame it on the Storm

| *Der Wind war es* |
 First published in: 2016
 Novel
 ca. 250 pages
 € 19,90

**The new novel by the bestselling author Nataša Dragnić:
 Over 200.000 books sold worldwide!**

Love - a force of Nature

May on the Croatian island of Brač. An amateur drama group from Munich spends a few weeks in a small and isolated village at the seaside: Stefan, the ambitious author, with his girlfriend Barbara. Anton, the stage director, who is risking everything for a career in the theater. Michael, the charismatic German student. Katrin, secretly in love with Michael. And Lisa, the medical student who gives up her usual self-restraint on this trip.

The group plans to rehearse, sleep, and have fun in the small guesthouse of Barbara's aunt Julia – quickly growing very close to each other in this confined space. But then the wild and dangerous south wind Judo breaks loose. Raging and raving, it whips everyone into a state of frenzy, it unleashes buried emotions and hidden passions, and fuels jealousy. The storm changes everything. When a member of the group is found dead after the last night of the storm the survivors are deeply distraught ... Who am I, what is the meaning of life? Where do I belong? Is there only this one moment? Questions that arise with an existential urgency as they have to say goodbye – to one of them, to the island and to the sea.

- ★ Powerfully eloquent, emotionally stunning: a novel about the power of love and nature
- ★ Nature as a reflection of mankind: desiring, anxious, longing
- ★ A composition written with the intensity of a chamber play: 11 people and a dog secluded from the world due to a raging storm, exposed to the rawness of their emotions, desires, lust and fears

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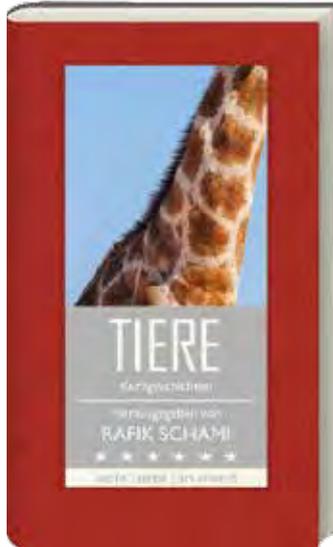
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Author:

Rafik Schami, born in Damascus in 1946, is one of Germany's most important authors. His books have been translated into 24 different languages and he has received various book awards from all around the world.



Animals

| *Tiere* |

First published in: 2016

Short stories

ca. 200 pages

€ 19,90

★ ★ ★ Six sparkling stars ★ ★ ★

The best-selling author Rafik Schami finds that the art of short stories does not receive the attention it deserves. With this themed edition he dedicates himself to this genre – as a provider of ideas, editor and co-author. He invited five of his highly esteemed fellow writers to join this unusual project: Michael Köhlmeier, Franz Hohler, Monika Helfer, Root Leeb and Nataša Dragnic – the »Six Stars«, which is the title of the project. Together they want to show how much potential there is in this poetically compact narrative form.

The idea: six volumes, published in six successive years, each with another topic, always treated differently by the authors, showing its great variety. And each author suggests one topic.

This volume is about the topic of animals: The authors are on the trail of animals, opening their minds to transform their thoughts into words.

- ★ Six authors, one passion: the short story
- ★ Six volumes, each with another alluring topic
- ★ Best-selling author **Rafik Schami** as editor and co-author



Journeys

| *Reisen* |

First published in 2015

200 pages

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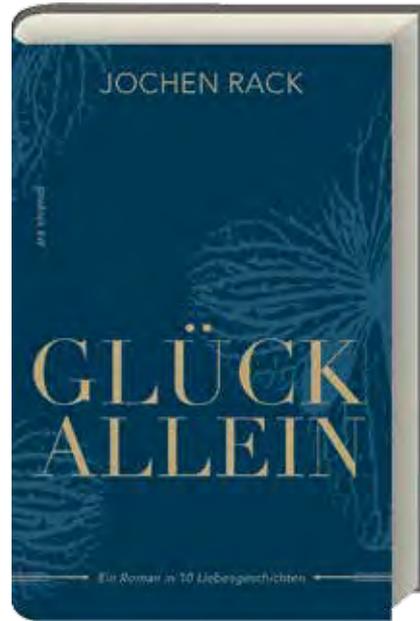
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Author:

Jochen Rack, born in 1963, works currently as an author, critic, and radio journalist. He has been writing for various newspapers and magazines throughout his career. In 2010 his debut novel *Menschliches Versagen* was published by ars vivendi.



Pure Happiness

| *Glück allein* |

First published in: 2016

Novel

ca. 180 pages

€ 18,90

»A pleasure to read, effortless and never boring«

Dealing with the tragic and comical episodes of love in times of in vitro fertilisation, online dating, and Viagra, Jochen Rack's insightful yet thrilling prose affects deeply. He writes about the (im-)possibilities of love, about devotion and emotional distancing, and finally about unfulfilled expectations and long-awaited closeness between partners, spouses, parents and their children. No matter how old, single or married – everyone yearns for one particular feeling: happiness.

- ★ An artfully composed episodic novel entailing 10 stories about love, relationships, and happiness, each written from a different perspective
- ★ Topics that strike a chord: online dating, assisted dying, reproductive medicine, and cosmetic surgery
- ★ For the readers of Daniel Kehlmann (*Fame*) and Douglas Coupland (*Generation X*)

Jochen Rack presents a serene realism regarding current sentiments in his stories about love and marriage. It is a pleasure to read it, full of relatable moments, effortless and never boring.

Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht

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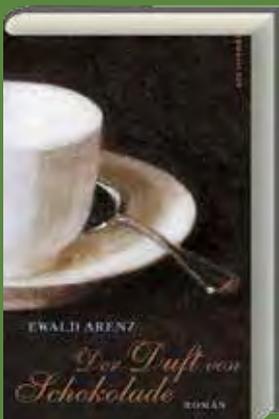
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Author:

Ewald Arenz, born in Nuremberg in 1965, studied history and American and English philology. ars vivendi published his successful novels *Der Duft von Schokolade* (*The Scent of Chocolate*, 2007), *Ehrlich & Söhne* (*Ehrlich & Sons*, 2009) and other titles. He was given the Bavarian State Sponsorship Award for his literary works in 2004, among other prizes.



The Scent Of Chocolate

| *Der Duft von Schokolade* |

270 pages

€ 17,90



Mister Müller, the Mad Cat and God

| *Herr Müller, die verrückte Katze und Gott* |

First published in: 2016

Novel

ca. 300 pages

€ 19,50

A divine comedy by best-selling author Ewald Arenz

A divinely funny satire set Heaven and Hell: meet Jehudi, archangel with a proclivity for gin and tonic is responsible for souls in the antechamber of-heaven. One day, inspecting the invisible 14th floor of the SPIEGEL magazine skyscraper he notes with dismay that Kurt Müller's soul is missing. Mister Müller lost his soul through his sudden and fatal jump out of a window. As its disappearance without a trace threatens to cause the

Apocalypse, Jehudi asks his brother Abaddon for help – a fallen angel and demon lord currently experimenting with a catapult for flying penguins. In the meantime, Kurt Müller finds himself born again a cat in France without a clue that the powers of Heaven are looking for him while the underworld has set a hellhound to trace his soul and thereby destroy Creation forever.

Will Kurt Müller's daughter Helena, helped along by Jehudi and Abaddon, succeed in finding her father's soul to avert doomsday? Especially as archangel Uriel has very different plans for rescuing the universe. And where in all this chaos is the God?

- ★ For the readers of Joanne K. Rowling, Douglas Adams, Terry Pratchett, Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy, Bad Karma by David Safier and for fans of the serial Dominion
- ★ A fantastic novel lightly touching on religious and spiritual issues in an ingeniously absurd way
- ★ Humorous examination of meaning and meaninglessness of life, religion, faith and fanaticism

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Ariane Sommer was born in Bonn (Germany), but as the daughter of an Ambassador she spent her childhood Africa and India as well as France, Spain, the US and the UK before studying Political Science in Berlin.

She speaks five languages. Currently she lives in Los Angeles and writes articles and features on political, social and cultural topics for a variety of magazines and newspapers.



Roman Libbertz grew up in Munich. In his teens he worked as a model, and later studied law. He founded the event agency *r&m* in 2000. Today he spends most of his time writing and painting. His previous published works include short stories and collections of poems. He also writes reviews and articles for a variety of magazines. In 2013 he directed his first short film *Nullgefühl*.



Love, Lust & Loneliness

| *Lieben lassen* |

First published in: 2015

Novel

ca. 200 pages

€ 18,90

A fateful encounter

Alex Mondo, 28, is a rising photography star in the international art scene. In her works she documents her sexual encounters with various men, often characterised by violence. Tom Weiss, mid-30s, is Creative Director of a thriving advertising agency. Ostensibly he is living the dream as a classic alpha male he has plenty of money, is surrounded by beautiful women and has a great career. But this façade hides a man suffering from the superficiality and meaninglessness of his life, yearning for love and affection.

At a business lunch in Rome their paths collide. They spend the night together and Tom falls in love. When Alex also begins to fall for Tom, she becomes afraid and runs away. They have to decide: love, lust or loneliness ... or is it possible to have it all?

- ★ A woman, a man – and two perspectives on life and love in the digital age
- ★ **Celebrity authors: television appearance assured**
- ★ Spirited and emotional, sexy and melancholy, enthralling, colourful and deep at the same time: the debut of a strong literary duo
- ★ For those who loved *Betty Blue* by Philippe Djian or *Malina* by Ingeborg Bachmann

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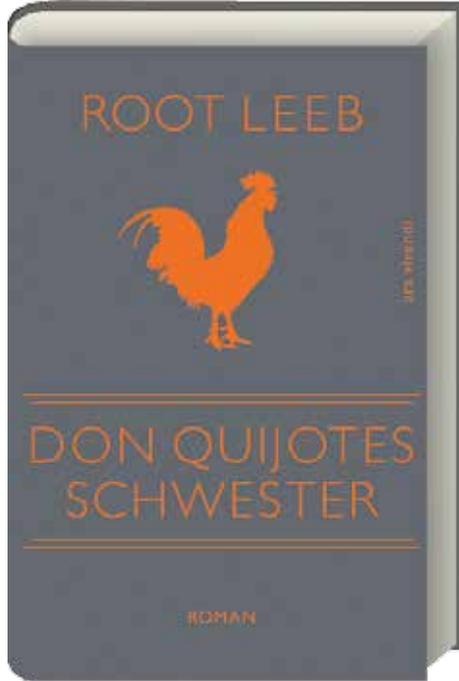
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Root Leeb, born in Würzburg in 1955, studied German philology, philosophy and social education. She used to be a teacher and later became a tram driver in Munich. Today Root Leeb lives near Mainz and works as a writer and illustrator. She is particularly known for her works as an illustrator for books and calendars.



Don Quijote's Sister

| *Don Quijotes Schwester* |
First published in: 2015
Novel
242 pages
€ 17,90

AnnaRosa's vision

An inventive, upright and helpful student, a female Don Quijote – that's AnnaRosa. Just like her literary brother she quite often wages bizarre battles in the name of justice and against social evils, that no one notices except her: She frees pigs to save them from slaughter, marries a Lebanese to protect him from deportation, arranges a rally with kindergarten kids and tries to meddle with international politics through mailing-campaigns and various blogs. AnnaRosa's heroic idealism knows no limitations, while reality and fiction blend. But exactly like her legendary idol, she experiences a passionate love ...

- ★ A smart, creative and slightly crazy book
- ★ Told in a wonderfully sensitive style and with gentle irony, sometimes melancholic it is full of tender humour
- ★ About a brave young lady and her dream to save the world



The fat Lady and Other Short Stories

| *Die dicke Dame und andere kurze Geschichten* |
176 pages
€ 16,90

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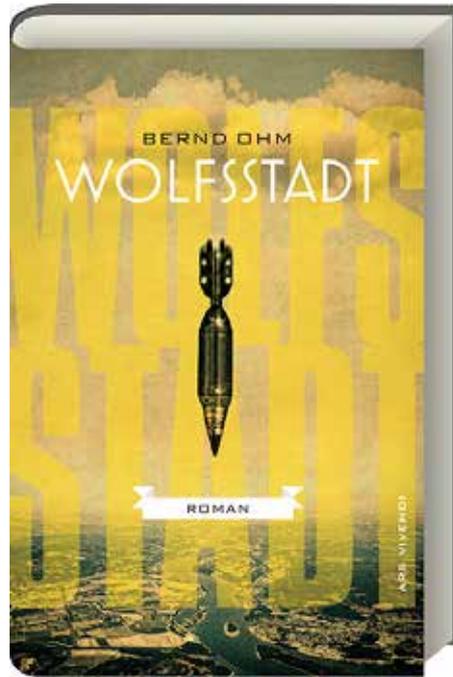
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Author:

Bernd Ohm, born in 1965 in Hoya, studied English, Hispanic and history. Later he worked as a musician, screenwriter, translator, freelance reader of translations and adviser of software issues. »Among Wolves« is his debut novel.



Among Wolves

| *Wolfsstadt* |
 First published in: 2015
 Novel
 506 pages
 € 22,90

How people become monsters

Munich, 1948. A city that lays in ruins, a labyrinth of violence and criminal investigator Fritz Lehmann in the thick of it. But since he learned English in the United States and took to Jazz and democracy, he feels like a new person: He can finally block out the pestering memories of a mass execution he helped to conduct ... he has drawn a veil of silence over these event. But when the murder of an occasional prostitute happens, Lehmann has got a problem: The investigations lead to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. His past is catching up with him, a murderer chasing a murderer. Suddenly, nothing is more important that forgetting – and nothing more dangerous ...

- ★ A historical novel in the tradition of the Noir fiction
- ★ The breathtaking debut novel of the successful screenwriter
- ★ For those who like Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader* and *The Kindly Ones* by Jonathan Littell

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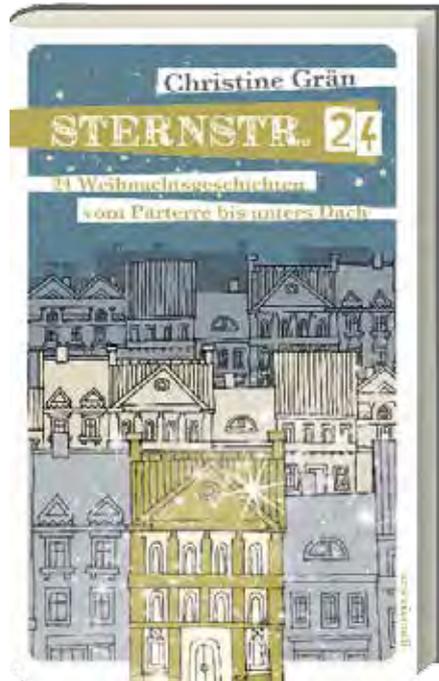
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Author:

Christine Grän (Austria), was born in Graz and lived in Berlin, Bonn, Botswana and Hong Kong. Being a skilled journalist she became famous for her crime novels revolving around the female detective Anna Marx. Grän lives in Munich (Germany) and loves to travel to countries with golf courses.



24 Star Street

| *Sternstraße 24* |
 First published in: 2015
 Stories
 240 pages
 € 17,90

Welcome to the house of Christmas

Only 24 days left till Christmas Day – in 24 Star Street this is the seasonal culmination of familiar comedies and tragedies, of expectations and disappointments, fulfilled and unfulfilled wishes: Singles and couples live in the venerable building, old and young, wealthy and less well-heeled. They all come together in Maria's small shop for wine and delicatessen on the ground floor to have a glass or two, to chitchat, to ponder and philosophise ... 24 short stories about its residents who seem so different from each other but are so very much alike in their hopes, fears, victories and defeats.

- ★ About good and bad deeds, loyalty and betrayal, love and loneliness
- ★ Christmas in Starsstreet 24 – tragic, curious and many-faceted like life itself
- ★ A literary companion throughout the Advent season, to read or give away

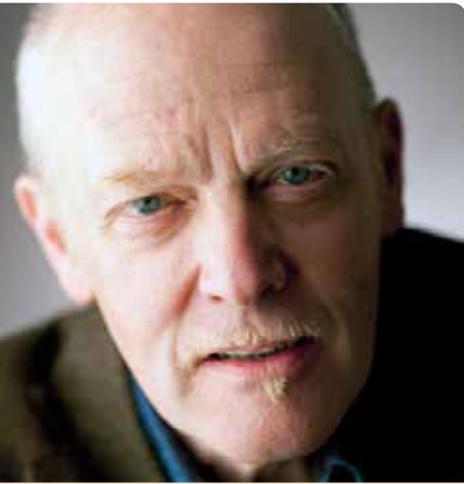


Americans do not shoot golfers
 | *Amerikaner schießen nicht auf Golfer* |
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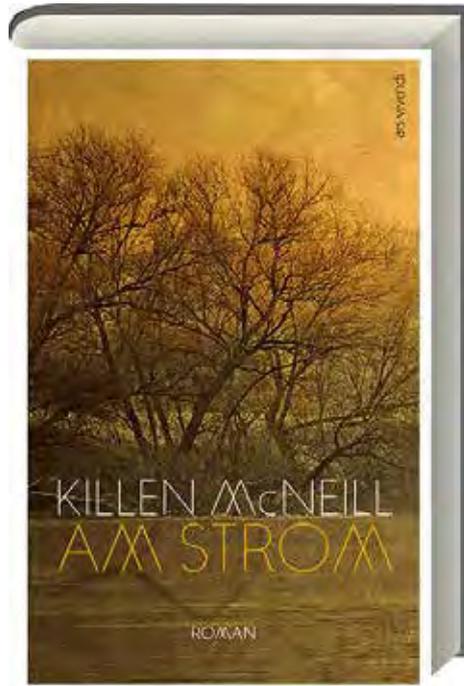


Author:

Killen McNeill, born in 1953 in Northern Ireland. In 1973 he came to Germany as an exchange student and began teaching English later. He also does cabaret shows and plays in a band. He has been writing for almost 20 years now, at first only in English, later in German as well.



Siloam
| *Am Schattenufer* |
336 pages
€ 18,90



On the River

| *Am Strom* |
First published in: 2015
Novel
288 pages
€ 18,90

Striving and failing ...

In 1968 four young people spend idyllic days on an island in the Danube. Two of them will marry and strive for happiness in their family life. One will continue to carry the torch of their leftist ideals. And one will die on the island. Forty-five years will pass, dreams will shatter and relationships break up before the remaining three meet once more on the island and what really happened all that time ago is revealed.

- ★ A reflective and humorous novel about love, life and growing old
- ★ An enjoyable reading experience: an advanced coming of age novel
- ★ To readers of Leon de Winter, Ian McEwan, Anita Shreve, Hanns-Josef Ortheil

»The Irish-born author Killen McNeill has written here – in German for the first time – a really exceptional novel. A perceptive and vividly written book that captivates and moves, a novel about love, the course of life and growing older, both insightful and humorous.«

Westfälische Nachrichten

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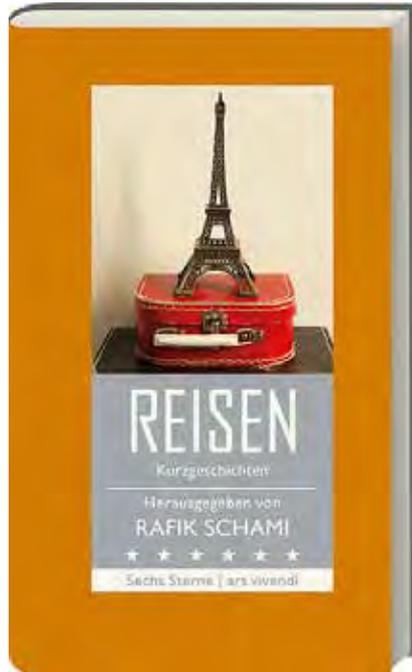
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Rafik Schami Journeys

| *Reisen* |
First published in 2015
Short stories
200 pages
€ 19,90

★ ★ ★ Six sparkling stars ★ ★ ★

The best-selling author Rafik Schami finds that the art of short stories does not receive the attention it deserves. With this themed edition he dedicates himself to this genre – as a provider of ideas, editor and co-author. He invited five of his highly esteemed fellow writers to join this unusual project: Michael Köhlmeier, Franz Hohler, Monika Helfer, Root Leeb and Nataša Dragnic – the »Six Stars«, which is the title of the project. Together they want to show how much potential there is in this poetically compact narrative form.

The idea: six volumes, published in six successive years, each with another topic, always treated differently by the authors, showing its great variety. And each author suggests one topic.

The edition starts with Franz Hohler's idea: journeys. Journeys that open up new worlds. Journeys that change one's life. Journeys into fascinating differences or the apparent well-known ...

- ★ Six authors, one passion: the short story
- ★ Six volumes, each with another alluring topic
- ★ Best-selling author **Rafik Schami** as editor and co-author



Animals

| *Tiere* |
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Starstreet 24
| Sternstraße 24 |
240 pages
€ 17,90



Christine Grän Americans do not shoot golfers

| *Amerikaner schießen nicht auf Golfer* |
First published in: 2014
Storys
238 pages
€ 17,90

Every swing counts ... in the game of life!

Whether in Scotland or Morocco, Greenland, Thailand or Cuba – the players of all shades do not only compete against each other, they also fight with their very own handicaps. Managers, high society ladies, guerilla-golfers, gamblers, professionals, lovers or contract killers, they all share a common passion for a game, that consists of defeating yourself time and again. The belief in doing the perfect round one day. Doubt. Anger. Humility. Addiction.

- ★ 18 stories on the fairway of life
- ★ Hilarious and exciting, comical und tragic, tender and murderous
- ★ If you love golf, you will love this book. If you hate golf, you will be surprised!

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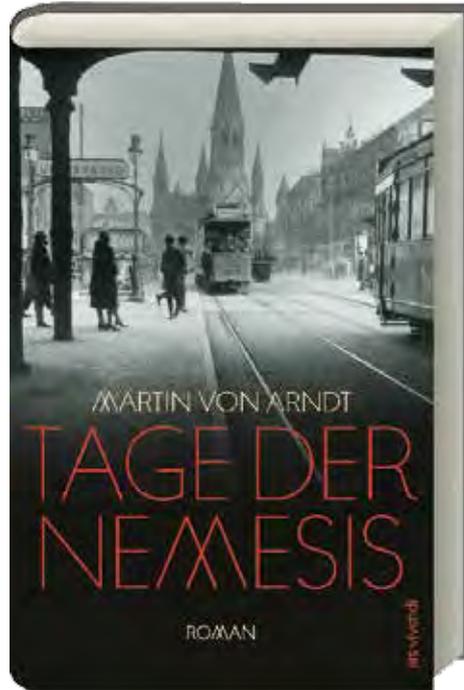
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Author:

Martin von Arndt, born 1968 to Hungarian parents, he now lives near Stuttgart (Germany). He received different scholarships of literature and won several prizes for his work. 2008 he took part in the renowned Bachmann-competition in Klagenfurt. The following books have been published so far: *ego shooter (first-person shooter, 2007)*, *Der Tod ist ein Postmann mit Hut (Death is a Postman with Hat, 2009)* and *Oktoberplatz (October Plaza, 2012)*.



Martin von Arndt Days of Nemesis

| *Tage der Nemesis* |
First published in: 2014
Novel
309 pages
€ 18,90

Abyss of a century

The novel:

Spring 1921: In Charlottenburg, an elegant district of Berlin, the dead body of the former Turkish statesman Talât Pascha is found.

Inspector Andreas Eckart recognises him as one of the mainly responsible persons for the Armenian genocide in 1915. He soon discovers evidence which leads him to a terrorist organisation that targets the responsible politicians of that time – revenge is the sole reason. Therefore the codename: In Greek mythology, »Nemesis« is the goddess of »righteous rage«.

The historical facts:

In World War I hundreds of thousands of Armenians fell victim to the politics of the so-called »Young Turks«, who had overthrown the country's old government in military coup. After the war, the masterminds of the troop had to appear in court, some were sentenced to death, but plenty of them could escape – also to Germany. But resistance was formed there: The secret organisation »Nemesis« picked up the scent.

- ★ Martin von Arndt has an extraordinary linguistic talent
- ★ Enthralling and complex political thriller
- ★ Magnificent portrait of the roaring Twenties in Berlin

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Helwig Arenz, born in Nuremberg (Germany), in 1981. He gave up his studies of humanities for acting studies in Linz (Austria), which he completed in 2006. This was followed by engagements at different stages. Having already won an award for one of his short stories, *Nasty Nik* is his first novel.

His brother Ewald Arenz (*The Scent of Chocolate*) is also an author by the way, as well as his sister Sigrun (*That's my Blood*).



Helwig Arenz Nasty Nik

| *Der böse Nik* |

First published in: 2014

Novel

212 pages

€ 17,90

Heartwarmingly evil

Lauri is the trinket in Nik's life. Apart from that he does not have that much – unless he steals it. He kills birds, pushes drugs, lies and cheats. More or less unwillingly he takes part in a social housing project. But above all he is the laconic narrator of his own, dreadfully brutal and brutally funny story.

It is all about power games, about his fight for autonomy, confused housemates and a French girl, who sometimes just wears a cat. And of course about Lauri, who runs away from each and everyone time and again... However, Nik and his housemates will learn one thing: If things are escalating, it is too late to run off.

Helwig Arenz' debut novel tells the story of how easily welfare and exercise of power can merge into one another, how a life under constant threat shapes a person, about normality as it can also appear – and it does so with fondness for the highly ambivalent characters in a coal black and very angry text.

- ★ Fabulous portrayal of social misfits
- ★ Helwig Arenz' remarkably evil debut novel
- ★ This novel makes laughter stick in the throat

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Author:

Thomas Palzer, born in 1956, studied philosophy and modern German literature in Munich and Vienna. He has published several books, among others the novel *Ruin*, which was awarded the »Tukan-Preis« from the city of Munich. Furthermore various of his journalistic and essayistic works have been published: some of them broadcast on radio and television. Thomas Palzer lives as a writer and director in Munich.



Thomas Palzer Nightwards

| *Nachtwärts* |
First published in: 2014
Novel
320 pages
€ 18,90

»Language as some kind of supercamera«

The siblings Finn and Laurens are supposed to take a trip to their aunt in Paris. But then they board the wrong train – an empty run, destination unknown.

But it is also a unique opportunity: Finn and Laurens both hate their father, a very rich ship-owner. They blame him for their mother having walked out on the family and plan to take this chance to fake their own kidnapping, on order to escape from him.

A game begins that soon spirals out of control. Not only does a drug courier, who is willing to play the kidnapper, stand in their way but they themselves do as well: Their own love-hate relationship escalates when Finn falls in love with the kidnapper.

»Language as some kind of supercamera«, that is how the author explains his writing and the narrated world it creates. This language-camera shows Palzer's thoughts and feelings in rare and enthralling close-ups.

- ★ Thomas Palzer tells this sinister story of a staged kidnapping in poetical words
- ★ A novel about the difficulties of growing up and the search for the own identity
- ★ A complex drama with psychological depth

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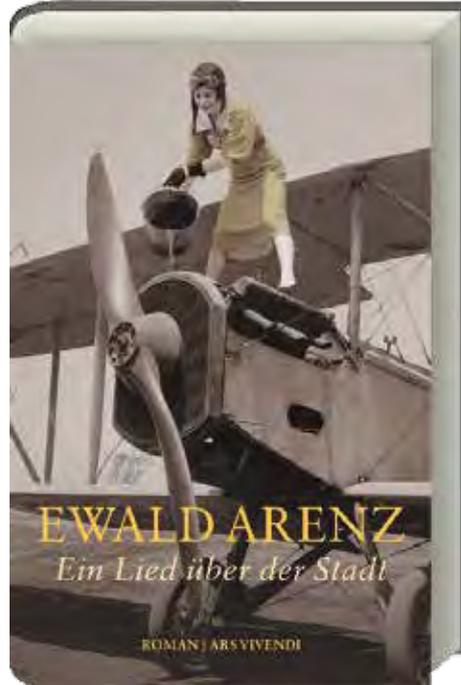


Mister Müller, the Mad Cat and God

| *Herr Müller, die verrückte Katze und Gott* |

ca. 300 pages

€ 19,50



Ewald Arenz Song in the Sky

| *Ein Lied über der Stadt* |

First published in: 2013

Novel

320 pages

€ 18,90

It is a small, very narrow world, in which Luise Anding grows up in the time between the two great wars of the 20th century. But in the provincial town she lives with its never-changing daily routine, its gossip mongers there is no room for a teenage girl who longs for endlessness of the skies. Luise yearns for freedom. Instead she dreams herself away: She wants to fly, leave everything that restricts her far behind, she wants to glide high up into the sky, unhindered by anybody for the world down below has nothing more to offer. Finally, she makes her dream of flying come true when she becomes one of the first few female pilots after World War I.

But it is a time of dark clouds gathering in Germany's skies. In the dangerous atmosphere after 1933, Luise Anding learns that the time for private joys and naivety is gone: The Nazis put her father into concentration camp, while she falls in love with her childhood friend Georg, who is ready to fight in the underground. Luise faces the challenges – with ruse and an undaunted lust for life.

- ★ A story of a young lady's fight and her lifelong dream coming true
- ★ Ewald Arenz tells very sensitively and with a fine sense of humour
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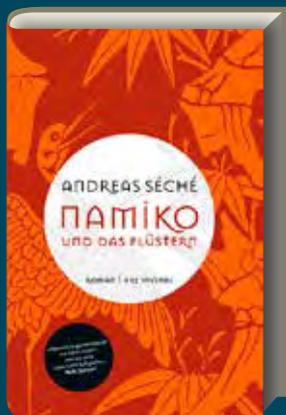
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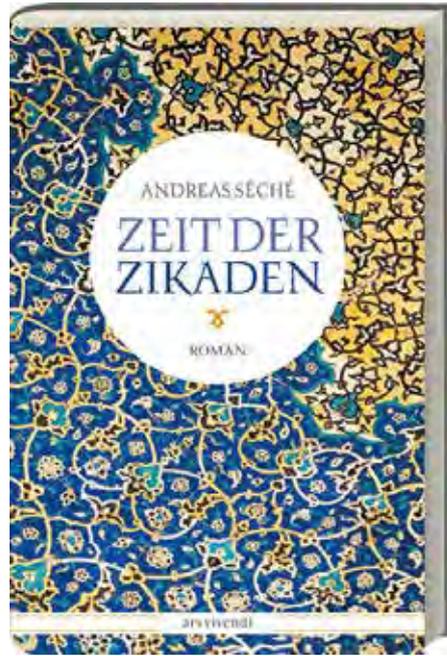


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Andreas Séché Time of Cicadas

| *Zeit der Zikaden* |

First published in: 2013

Novel

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Desert sand, Paganini and love

Music is more than just music in the novel of Andreas Séché: it is a spell of the unsaid, the magic of a language without words. Séché's virtuosity of words and his loving attention for detail distinguishes this novel.

Time of Cicadas tells the story of the street violinist Selim, who has lived an eventful life on the island Syrakesh. Ever since local political unrest forced his beloved to flee, the dream of a shared future is shattered. But Selim will not believe that land and love are gone forever – and he chooses a way that arouses hidden powers ...

Time of Cicadas is a dreamlike melodious reading experience and a compelling story of love and sound in an era of dictatorship.

- ★ A deeply touching love story
- ★ A poetical novel about the power of music in the days of dictatorship
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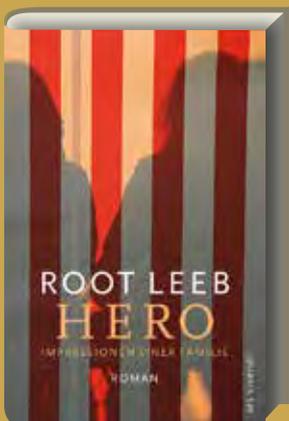
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Hero

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Root Leeb The Fat Lady and Other Short Stories

| *Die dicke Dame und andere kurze Geschichten* |
First published in: 2013
Stories
176 pages
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Literary miniatures

Like delicious chocolate, each a small piece of art on its own: That is how the stories of this delicate anthology taste. They describe daily, profound incidents full of surprising turns and each with diverse, exquisite flavour: from humorous to bizarre to thoughtful ...

Whether about defiance, obstinacy and little games, the way of the world, the powers that be, humans or animals – the single pieces are always characterized by refinement.

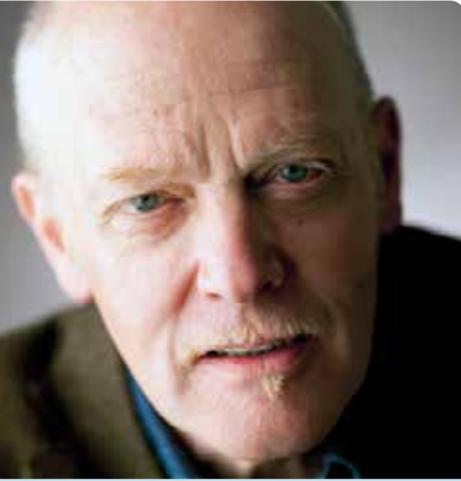
Either you eat the content of the whole chocolate box at once – its content being too tempting, appetite and curiosity grow with every story. Or you enjoy it in small portions and open yourself to every single chocolate truffle on its own.

- ★ Perfect for a little break from everyday life
- ★ Easy and profound at once
- ★ Loom large with less lines

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Siloam

| *Am Schattenufer* |
 First published in: 2013
 Novel
 336 pages
 € 18,90

When love comes upon politics ...

Two young people from Northern Ireland, John Dalzell and Teresa Cassidy, are enjoying the carefree student life in Franconia in the 70s: the romantic towns and landscapes, the rustical inns. Love can unfold between them as it could not have at home in Ireland, because John is Protestant and Teresa Catholic. But while John attempts in his university dissertation to comprehend the ancient hatred that led to the Program Night in Franconia in the Third Reich he and Teresa are drawn into in the freshly stirred-up hatred at home. In an idyllic village in the Steiger Forest the Northern Irish Troubles erupt into their life together with vicious inevitability.

- ★ An exciting, touching but also humorous novel that gets under your skin
- ★ Multifaceted, sovereign and unsentimental
- ★ Does not seem to be put on in one single word

»A pageturner! The book has wonderfully atmospheric scenes, it's thrilling – just as a really well written and very readable book!«

Bavarian Radio

The manuscript is already available in English!



On the River
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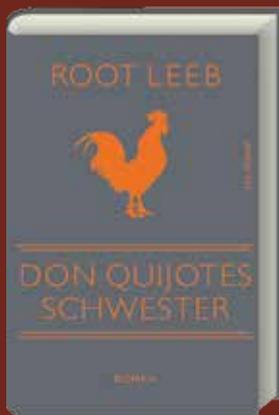
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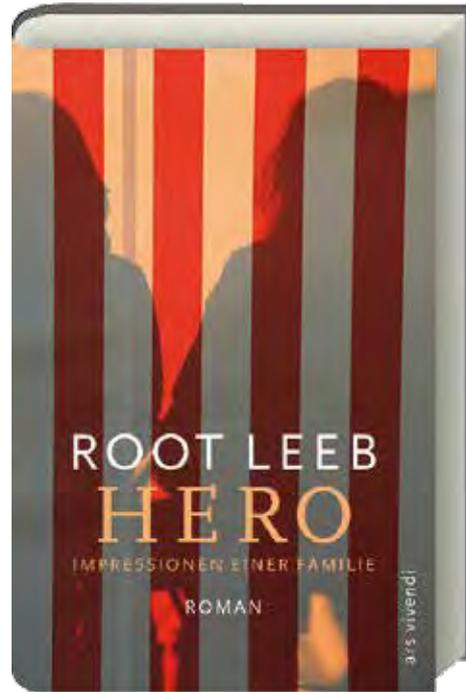


Don Quijote's Sister

| *Don Quijotes Schwester* |

242 pages

€ 17,90



Root Leeb Hero

| *Hero. Impressionen einer Familie* |

First published: 2012

Novel

224 pages

€ 16,90

Facets of a family – loneliness, love and death

Hero, a father who failed. Five grown-up children who are not connected by any feeling of belonging. And a wedding on the island of Majorca where Nele, the »invisible« daughter, is absent. But when Hero is diagnosed with cancer, Nele is the one who knows exactly what is to be done. She accepts her father's sometimes bizarre behaviour in the face of his impending death, confronts him with her love for a Nigerian named Ken, and ultimately earns her father's respect due to her determination. On the verge of hospitalisation, he hands her a mysterious box. Not until his death, Nele is to hand out its content to her mother and her siblings ...

- ★ A novel about life and saying goodbye
- ★ Shockingly honest and very funny
- ★ Intriguingly tender and sensitive

Reviews

»Heart-warming literature for cold evenings.«

Nürnberger Nachrichten

»An impressive novel, (...) written in a laconic and poetic language that never gets cheesy and that confronts heavy issues with enchanting ease.«

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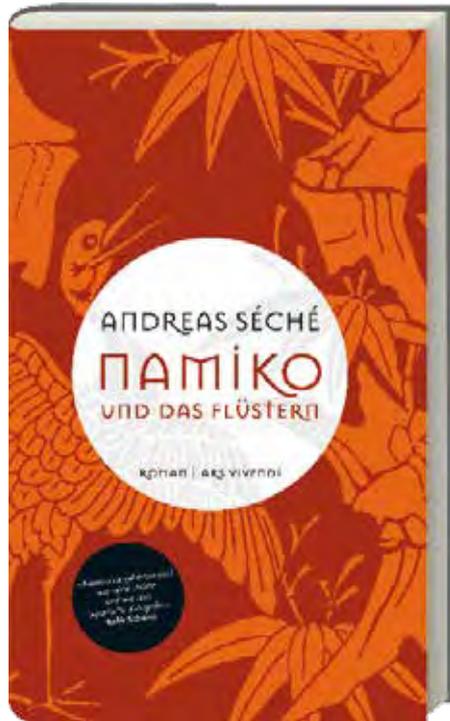
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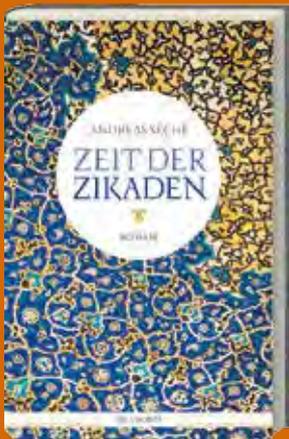
Andreas Séché Namiko's Whispering

| *Namiko und das Flüstern* |
First published in: 2011
Novel
176 pages
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The secrets of Japanese gardens and the tender whispers of love ...

When the German journalist travels to Japan to write about the art of gardening, he never expected this journey to change his life so dramatically. Strolling in the gardens of Tokyo he meets the student Namiko. Watching her trace the hidden stories of these gardens, read them without the aid of a book, this young whispers seem to give words an unexpected intensity and significance. He is deeply touched by the woman, by the gardens and feels that they have so much more to say to him. Sitting in the »Garden of the sighing moon« and listening to the haunting melody of a flute, he is confronted with what is probably the most important decision in his life.

- ★ A novel about love and the wisdom of intuition
- ★ A journey of finding oneself
- ★ Poetic, romantic and as tender and beautiful as a Japanese cherry blossom



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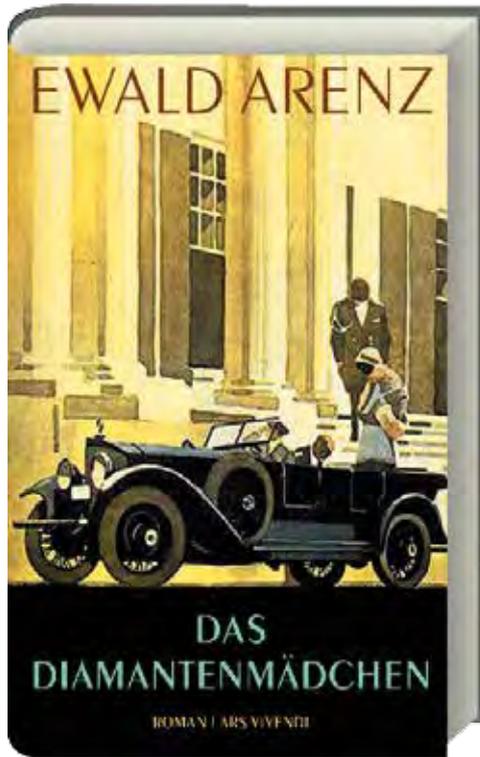
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Ewald Arenz The Diamond Girl

| *Das Diamantenmädchen* |
First published: 2011
Novel
316 pages
€ 17,90

Love, death and the secret of the diamonds ...

In order to avoid reparation claims by the Allies, diamond cutter Paul van der Laan is secretly instructed of the Deutsches Reich government to cut some precious rough diamonds for an unofficial sale on the international market. Lilli Kornfeld, a journalist and a very close friend since childhood, is the one to establish the necessary contacts.

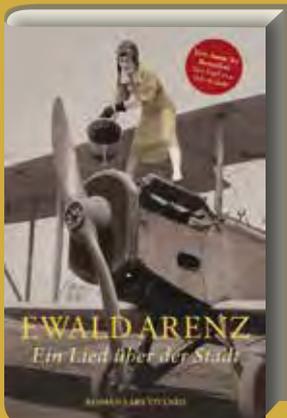
At the same time a black man is found murdered with an uncut diamond lying next to his body. Soon after having started to investigate, the responsible inspectors for this case come across the diamond girl ...

- ★ Charming and thrilling: as much of a love story as a crime story
- ★ Postwar Berlin of the 1920s that represents the cultural centre of Europe
- ★ Intriguingly narrated portrait of a bustling, sparkling city that never sleeps and where politics and crime are closely linked

Reviews:

»Ewald Arenz presents his crime story plain and simple, sans frills, and in style – just as Berlin must have looked like in the 1920s where this novel is set. His linguistic finesse, the carefully measured insertions of this notorious Berlin bluntness and a fine sense of history make Mr. Arenz' story so convincing and graphic.«

Frankfurter Neue Presse



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| *Ein Lied über der Stadt* |
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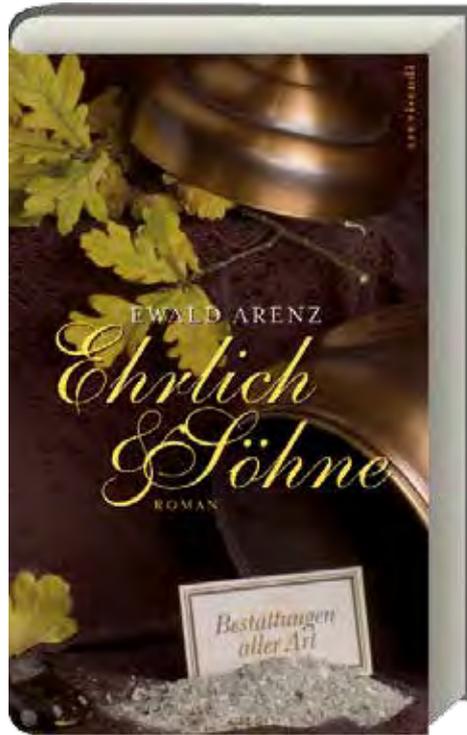
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Ewald Arenz Ehrlich & Sons

| *Ehrlich & Söhne.*

Bestattungen aller Art |

First published: 2009

Novel

424 pages

€ 19,90

The Undertakers

Friedrich Ehrlich's job with Ehrlich & Sons Undertakers, is out of the ordinary, and so is his family. A family which remains completely undisturbed by any crisis – no matter whether a wax corpse reappears after 25 years, an ex-terrorist tries to blackmail them or whether a body must be disposed of rather unusually. The way the undertaker handles the problem of a body which is not disposable in the usual way makes for a fantastic story. Samuel Ehrlich, the narrator, tells us about his own love affair and marriage poetically and without pathos. The focus however remains on this unconventional family that sticks together – come what may.

- ★ A terrific family novel
- ★ Wonderfully ironical, easy and fast-paced narrated
- ★ Witty, warm-hearted and with a good portion of black humour

Reviews:

»Ewald Arenz' novel makes a good read, it provides warm-hearted tongue-in-cheek fun with a fair amount of black humour.«

Bayerischer Rundfunk

»Ewald Arenz has a distinct sense of humour – of the black kind in particular. Which is why you'll come to enjoy this book ever more as it gradually develops suspense of thriller quality towards the end. Arenz has a creative mind, he succeeds in developing smart and quick-witted dialogue, and the vivid scenes the text displays would certainly make a good film.«

Nürnberger Zeitung

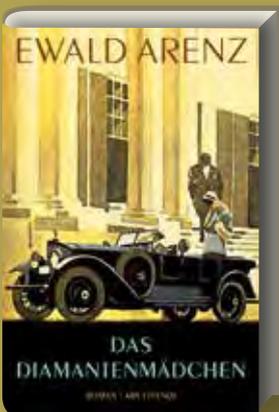
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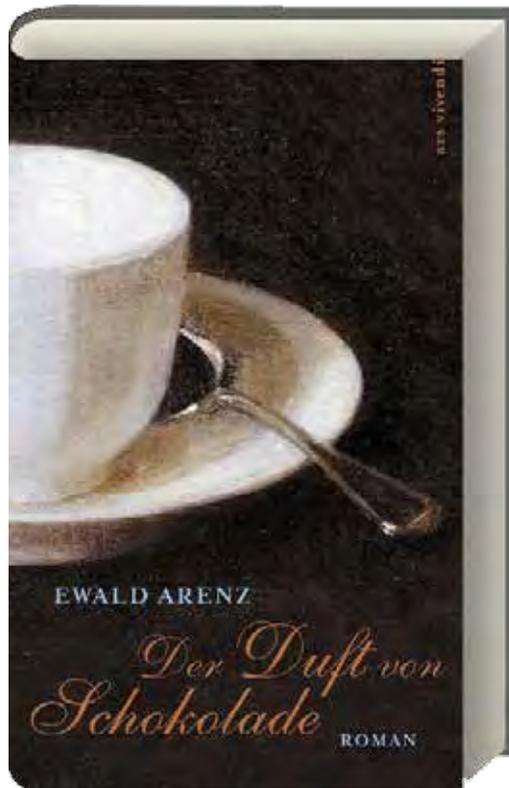
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Ewald Arenz The Scent of Chocolate

| *Der Duft von Schokolade* |
First published: 2007
Novel
270 pages
€ 17,90

The bittersweet scent of seduction

In late 19th century Lieutenant August Liebeskind spends the summer in his hometown Vienna. He is to start a job at his uncle's chocolate factory in autumn. But then he meets Elena Palffy, a self-confident young woman whose husband has disappeared under obscure circumstances. And Elena is said to have murdered him. Yet August falls for her and seduces her successfully with his extraordinary chocolate creations. But something terrible happens during the great fire in the Vienna State Opera in 1881 ...

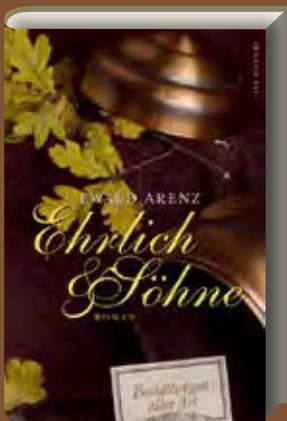
- ★ Beautiful love story in 19th Century Vienna and Berlin
- ★ Very strong and individual characters
- ★ Stirring and atmospheric

Reviews:

»A particularly beautiful book.«
DeutschlandRadio Kultur

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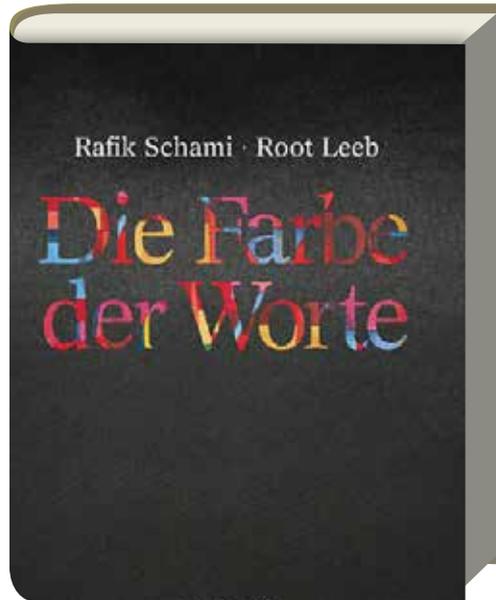


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Rafik Schami Root Leeb The Colour of Words

| *Die Farbe der Worte* |
First published in: 2002
Illustrations and stories
152 pages
€ 19,90

The power of narration and the art of listening

The colour of words – the poetry of drawings. Rafik Schami's stories about people and their small and great desires, his tongue-in-cheek miniatures and tales are dazzling treasures. With witty twists he makes his readers smile about the occident and sows curiosity for the oriental world. The topics of his small literary masterpieces are reflected in Root Leeb's powerful watercolours, while each painting with its imaginative exploration in abstract forms represents the origin of a story behind the story.

- ★ One of the most popular story-tellers of the German-speaking world:
Rafik Schami
- ★ The colour of words – the poetry of drawing
- ★ An exciting dialogue between text and visual art

Reviews

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Marie Claire

»Rafik Schami is an exceptionally gifted poet. His stories are full of imagination, esprit and loving attention to detail.«
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Illustrator:

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Linster & Gaymann Breaking Eggs

| *Das Gelbe vom Ei* |
First published: 2014
Cookbook
160 pages
€ 24,90

A chicken-and-egg situation

One thing's for sure: chicken and egg do belong together. And you have certainly never seen those two in such a charming combination!

Léa Linster and Peter Gaymann proudly present: **Breaking Eggs**

Fancy recipes from the starred chef Léa Linster, who showcases a multitude of unknown delicacies, garnished with Peter Gaymann's brilliant and hilarious drawings of hens and roosters.

- ★ A very charming culinary and artistic duo
- ★ The new recipes by the Luxembourgian star chef perfectly combined with Peter Gaymann's unique illustrations
- ★ The perfect gift for Easter and for humorous chefs

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Léa Linster est née en 1955 en Differdingen (Luxembourg) et fait partie des cuisiniers les plus récompensés au monde. Elle est la première femme à avoir reçu le «Bocuse d'Or» en 1989 - la plus haute distinction pour les cuisiniers. Depuis, sa popularité grandit de jour en jour : Elle a écrit une tribune sur ses recettes pour le magazine Brigitte et on peut la voir actuellement dans l'émission de télévision «The Taste».

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Linster & Gaymann Le jaune d'œuf

| *Das Gelbe vom Ei* |

Publié pour la première fois: 2014

Livre de cuisine

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J'aime le poulet ...

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Léa Linster et Peter Gaymann présentent: *Le jaune d'œuf*. Des recettes raffinées de la chef étoilée, illustrées par les dessins humoristiques de Peter Gaymann.

Un duo très inhabituel pour un sujet inhabituel – la synthèse culinaire de la poule et de l'œuf en forme de livre est d'une originalité jusqu'ici inégalée. Dans ses créations, Léa Linster présente une myriade de délices connus et inconnus, incluant le poulet froid à la mayonnaise au citron, des asperges aux épinards et son œuf poché ou encore la crème brûlée.

L'art culinaire exceptionnel de la chef étoilée, accompagné par les poules populaires de Peter Gaymann – un excellent mariage!

- ★ Un duo culinaire et artistique très charmant
- ★ Les nouvelles recettes de la chef étoilée luxembourgeoise se marie parfaitement avec les illustrations uniques de Peter Gaymann
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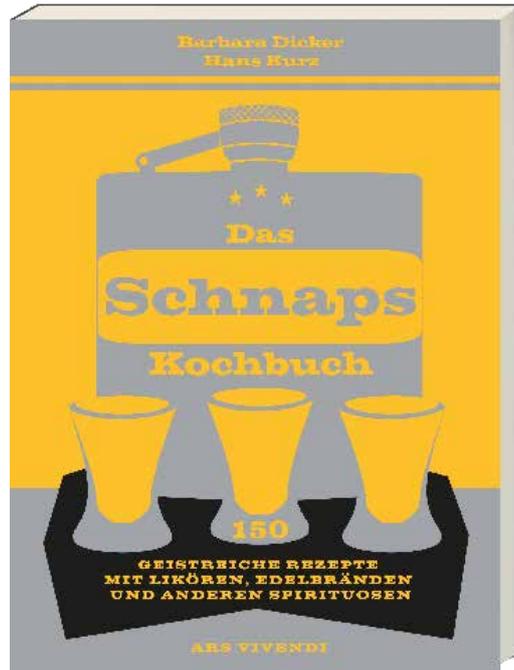
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Cooking with Beer

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224 pages
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Dicker & Kurz Cooking with Liquor

| *Das Schnapskochbuch. 150 geistreiche Rezepte* |
First published: 2012
Cookbook
192 pages
€ 18,90

Cooking with all of the good spirits ...

Why only *drink* liquor, if you can use it in a wonderful way for cooking?

From starters like Shrimp salad with vodka dressing, to main dishes like Brandy beef or desserts like gin-taloupe: liquor bestows each meal with its very personal character. Whether sweet like a Calvados tarte or spicy like rum spinach soup, whether a small salad or a hearty meal, this cookbook with its 150 recipes offers the suitable meal for every type of liquor and their admirer.

- ★ Interesting digressions additionally impart all information about the subject liquor: short insights into the different customs concerning liquor, a guide on how to recognize good brands and on which form of glass is suitable for which liquor
- ★ Culinary delectation with a journey through the international liquor kitchen
- ★ High profeced fun guaranteed!

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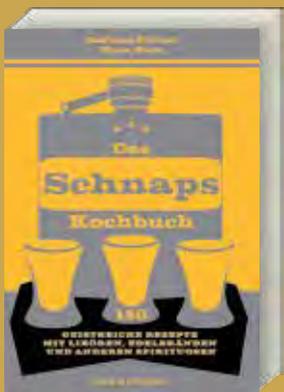
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Beer's not only for drinking ...

Germans really do enjoy their beer, but not only served in mugs – in their kitchens too. This spirited cookbook offers a variety of easy-to-cook recipes from rustic to exotic, from starter to desert. New interpretations of classics of the German cuisine like bratwurst with beerkraut or apple beer doughnuts make everyday cooking fun. Caibeerinha and rhubarb beer may be at the beginning or at the end of a summernight beer dinner.

- ★ Inspiring, easy to implement: A must-have for people with impeccable taste for beer!
- ★ Invites professionals and amateur cooks to discover new dimensions of this popular drink
- ★ More than 200 recipes based on beer

Reviews

»A feast for beerlovers!«,
Bayerischer Rundfunk

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The Country of Beer: Pilsen

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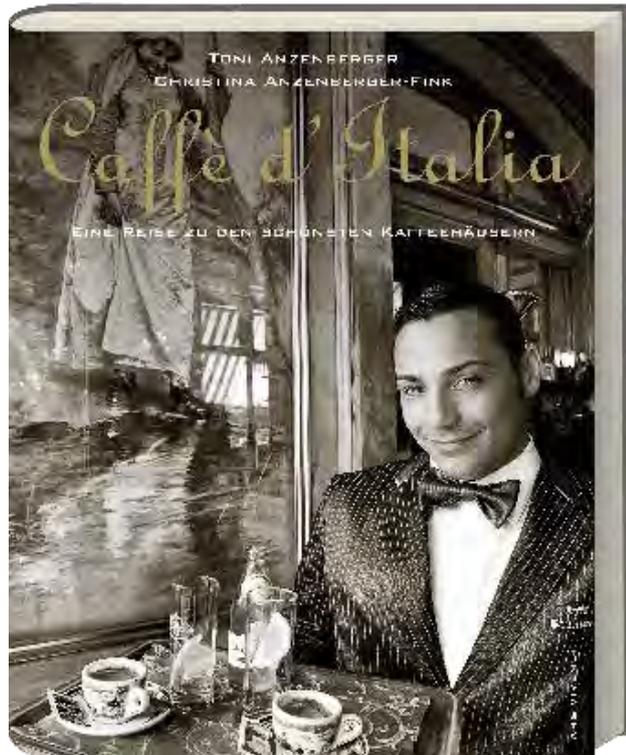


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