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Katja Alves

10 Little Owls Don't Want to Go to Bed
10 kleine Eulen wollen nicht ins Bett

Illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier

Spring 2022, 32 pages, 22.2 x 28.7 cm

Hardcover

Ages 3+

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Today Mummy Owl has given her 10 owlets a flying lesson. But in the evening, when they all fly back to their tree, there's one extra. So she must take the little bat to its real home as quickly as possible. But it's long past bedtime and who will put the little owls to bed? Come and help!



Annette Moser

Sina Starwings (1)

The Secret of the Little Forest Fairy

Sina Sternenfögel (1)

Das Geheimnis der kleinen Waldfee

Illustrated by Marina Krämer

Spring 2024, 32 pages, 22.0 x 28.5 cm

Picturebook

Ages 4+

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It is the day of the big magic exam. At last, Sina and her fairy friends will be told their fairy titles. Only Sina has a nasty lump in her throat. There's nothing she's particularly good at. But then she gets her big chance. The magic Fairy Tree is in danger. And only Sina knows how to cure it ...



Franziska Gehm

Kiki Gets Going! Ready, Set, Scribble! (1)
Kiki legt los! Erste Stunde Kritzelkunde (1)

Illustrated by Frédéric Bertrand

Autumn 2023, 100 pages, 16.1 x 21.2 cm

Hardcover

Ages 6+

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School should be great. But Kiki has to sit there in silence. While going to the loo is a super way to escape from boredom! Because Kiki is full of great ideas like how to do cool lavatory art. Only the teacher gets angry and puts Kiki's name on a thundercloud which is specially reserved for "naughty children". At least Kiki is not alone.



Margit Ruile

Nelumbiya. The Land of Magic Plants (1)
Nelumbiya. Im Land der magischen Pflanzen (1)

Illustrated by Helge Vogt

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Tara is an orphan who lives in the mountain town of Ornata. Beyond the mountains lies the forbidden land of Nelumbiya, which is covered with wild and dangerous plants. But when the talking Dandelion visits Tara in Ornata, she senses that he wishes her no harm but wants to warn her about a great danger that is approaching.



Isabel Abedi

Under the Ghost Train

Unter der Geisterbahn

Spring 2024, 352 pages, 14.8 x 21.0 cm

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Ages 9+

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We're off on a journey by ghost train! It's all a bit scary for Lorenzo, while Dina is looking forward to the event. But that changes when a real ghost suddenly turns up in the ghost train. He pulls Lorenzo and Dina through a secret hatch into the land beneath the ghost railway – a world full of witches, vampires, and genies in bottles. Will the children succeed in saving the magical world?



Lilly Silver

Philine and the Oracle Disaster (1)

Philine und das Orakeldesaster (1)

Illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli

Spring 2024, 224 pages, 14.8 x 21.0 cm

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Ages 8+

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It's arrived at last: Philine's 11th birthday and she will learn what kind of oracle she is going to become. But why is everyone behaving so strangely after the Grand Oracle Show? And why won't anyone tell Philine the meaning of her own personal oracle motto? How on earth can she learn in peace how to see into the future?



Sabine Zett

Donnie & Jan. Pretty Good Brothers. The Gangster Cows Attack (1)

Donnie & Jan. Ziemlich beste Brüder. Angriff der Gangster-Kühe (1)

Illustrated by Daniel Stieglitz
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Dominic Otto Nicholas, Count of Traubenborn-Hayn, known as Donnie, can't believe that his father has decided to move out into the countryside with him. No more private school, no more posh car. How on earth is Donnie supposed to find his way around? And then there's Jan, Dad's girlfriend's son ...



Emma Flint

Glimmer Gossip. A mystery and a perfect disaster (1)

Glimmer Gossip. Ein Geheimnis und ein perfektes Desaster (1)

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Lexi Glimmer is determined to make a fresh start at Sandsgarden, an elite boarding school. To that end, she has even taken over editing the boring school magazine. But nothing goes according to plan. People suspect her of having posted some nasty gossip on the blackboard. In order to prove her innocence, she needs to find the real culprit.



Jana Hoch

The Ruby Circle. All our Secrets (1)

The Ruby Circle. All unsere Geheimnisse (1)

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When Louisa wins one of the rare scholarships to Highclare Academy, she hopes her life will have a new beginning, that at last she'll be protected against the lies that have turned her life into a nightmare. But behind the walls the Academy is seething with unrest and everybody has a secret.



Bianca Wege

Today I'll talk to him (1)

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Layla is faced with a challenge: should she get to meet heartthrob Asher Woods in real life? Because at the moment they are only messaging each other in the role-play game Sims. But just as she is about to take the plunge, Asher's archenemy Henry comes into her life and throws her emotional world into turmoil. Who does her heart really belong to?



Thomas Thiemeyer

Zefira. She should never have existed

Zefira. Es hätte sie nie geben dürfen

Illustrated by Timo Grubing
Spring 2024, 420 pages, 16.3 x 21.7 cm
Hardcover
Ages 14+
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Delivering food in Neo-Hongkong is no easy job. When Maddie is attacked by four youths and thrown from a window and faces imminent death, she hears a voice from within her head. It belongs to "Zefira", who now takes control of Maddie's body. But who is she? And why is Maddie suddenly being hunted?



Antje Babendererde

Meet me in the Deep Blue

Triff mich im tiefen Blau

Spring 2024, 392 pages, 21.5 x 15.5 cm
Hardcover
Ages 14+
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The wild waves lash the shores of the little Hebridean island of Orasay, where Leonie is seeking refuge with her mother. By contrast, Leonie herself is still and silent, because she is carrying a secret. But when she meets a boy who swims with a dolphin, her curiosity is aroused.

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Katrin Wiehle

My Big Animal Atlas
Mein großer Tieratlas

Illustrated by Katrin Wiehle

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Boardbook

Ages 3+

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This large atlas showcases 120 very special animals from around the world. In Africa, hyenas, elephants and okapis say good night. In the USA, the whistling hare is wary of the poisonous diamond-backed rattle snake, while in the north, the grizzly fishes for salmon. That the wombat poops in cubes and that the opossum carries all her babies around with her are examples of the many exciting and funny facts it contains. All this is communicated by Katrin Wiehle through graphic and warm-hearted pictures with simple texts.



Jörg Isermeyer

Badger and Rocket.

The Best Picnic of All Time

Dachs und Rakete.

Das beste Picknick aller Zeiten

Illustrated by Kai Schüttler

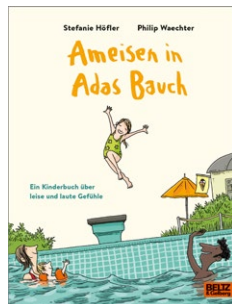
Autumn 2023, 30 pages, 21.3 x 28.0 cm

Hardcover

Ages 4+

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Badger and Rocket, the snail, are in the mood for an excursion with a picnic. So they pack the following: olives, watermelon, chocolate cake, blanket, thermos flask, books, Viking chess set, bathing suits, raincoats, rubber dinghy, rope, hammock ... but who should carry all that? Rocket has the answer. A staycation instead of an excursion! And all their friends join in enthusiastically.



Stefanie Höfler

Ants in Ada's Tummy
Ameisen in Adas Bauch

Illustrated by Philip Waechter

Spring 2024, 144 pages, 16.8 x 22.5 cm

Hardcover

Ages 6+

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Ada is looking forward to going to school, but sometimes she feels a twinge of fear. Stefanie Höfler describes all these jumbled feelings in many touching episodes that become one big story. Whether it's about tingling chocolate-cake feelings or stupid arguments. About anger at her little brother or jealousy of Leila. About courage and trust. Philip Waechter's poetic pictures and comics dive into the depths of all those contradictory feelings.

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Tijan Sila/Lena Schneider
Lila Leuchtfeuer. Do not go to Neverrest!
Lila Leuchtfeuer. Geht nicht nach Nimmeruh!
 Illustrated by Ariane Camus
 Spring 2024, 224 pages, 14.9 x 21.2 cm
 Hardcover
 Ages 9+
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Lively Lila Leuchtfeuer, with a mop of curly hair, is a young “magichanic” – and she’s in trouble. She’s opened her father’s workshop without permission, and on this very day, the fearsome witch Tremebunda shows up: Her flying barrel can no longer be steered; a vain woodworm has taken up residence in it. To escape Tremebunda’s anger, Lila is forced to accept the job of repairing the barrel. Along with the witch’s servant Philomeno, the talking hammer Hubert and the nimble forest spirit Willi, she plunges into the adventure of her life. With captivating illustrations.



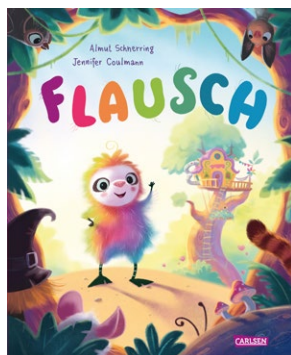
Anne Becker
Days Full of Chain Stitches
Luftmaschentage
 Autumn 2023, 173 pages, 13.7 x 21.2 cm
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 Ages 11+
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Mats is insanely shy. Ricci is just the opposite. New in class, and pretty punky, she doesn’t mince words and quickly makes herself unpopular because of it. Can Mats be friends with someone like Ricci? Somehow it’s possible, especially because Ricci accepts Mats just the way she is. Yet, a fight ensues because Ricci hides the fact that she doesn’t have a real home and Mats feels betrayed. An authentic novel, sensitive and close to its protagonists.



Angelika Zahn
What is Artificial Intelligence?
Was ist Künstliche Intelligenz?
 Illustrated by Lena Hesse
 Autumn 2023, 90 pages, 16.8 x 22.5 cm
 Hardcover
 Ages 8+
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Artificial intelligence finds funny new videos for us, plays our favourite song on command or answers our questions. It is everywhere in our everyday lives, in our mobile phones, voice assistants and navigation systems. And it can do much more: teach itself something, read emotions based on voice and facial expressions, or recognize illnesses. That is fascinating, but sometimes also scary. In the future, we’ll be using a lot more artificial intelligence. Those who understand how it works can use it consciously. A book for bright kids and smart families who want to help shape the technology of the future!



Almut Schnerring

Fluffy

Flausch

Illustrated by Jennifer Coulmann

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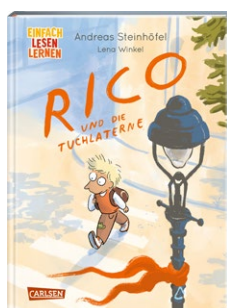
Picturebook

Ages 3+

Rights sold to Denmark, Hungary

Fluffy hasn't found an animal to play with yet. The others don't know what to make of Fluffy because it looks so different. So Fluffy invites them all to a big party. And all of them come. But the question of what Fluffy is won't let them go. Fortunately, by the end they understand: Sometimes Fluffy can be like this, and other times like that.

An empowering picture book for more tolerance and self-confidence with wonderful illustrations by Jennifer Coulmann, who also hits a nerve abroad with her versatile style.



Andreas Steinhöfel

Rico and the Streetlight Scarf

Rico und die Tuchlaterne

Illustrated by Lena Winkel

Autumn 2023, 64 pages, 15.8 x 21.5 cm

Hardcover

Ages 6+

Rights sold to Italy, Turkey

Rico thinks differently from other kids. Slower, around the corners. Then he gets lost in a labyrinth of thoughts. And sometimes he gets lost, too, when he's out walking around. So what will happen when he starts going to school? And is there even a school for Rico?

Prequel to the successful "Rico & Oscar" series (translated into 30 languages), but perfectly suited as a stand-alone.



Maja Konrad

Henry Kolonko and the Deal

with Finding Things

Henry Kolonko und die Sache

mit dem Finden

Illustrated by Stefanie Jeschke

Autumn 2023, 128 pages, 14.8 x 21.0 cm

Hardcover

Ages 8+

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9-year-old Henry has a very unusual hobby: he collects lost things and looks for their owners. One day, however, Henry doesn't find an object, but Pippa – a new friend perhaps?

A touching children's book about loss, a special, unexpected friendship and the courage to find trust in yourself.

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The Secret of Nox:

Light, Shadow – Flying Rats!

Das Geheimnis von Nox:

Licht, Schatten – Flederratten!

Illustrated by Lisa Forsch

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Hardcover

Ages 10+

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By day, Fill lives a perfectly ordinary Dayling life. He goes to school, plays sunball with his friends, and helps his dad in the quash garden. But then Fill's magic pancake explodes, his cat runs off – and all at once Fill is traipsing through Nox, the Land of Night. Here, there are bloodthirsty flying rats and many other legendary creatures. Together with Issa, a Nightling girl, Fill experiences adventures that the daytime world can only dream of.

A wonderful read with charming illustrations that immerses the reader in a magical fantasy world.

Vol. 2 will be published in November 2024.



Susan Schädlich/Michael Stang

HUMAN! Time-traveling Through

Our Evolution

MENSCH! Eine Zeitreise durch

unsere Evolution

Illustrated by Bea Davies

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Hardcover

Ages 10+

Rights sold to South Korea, Poland, Denmark, Russia, Italy, The Netherlands

This non-fiction book reflects the current state of science on the evolution of humans. It is simultaneously a graphic novel, making it especially good for young readers. By time-traveling through the history of mankind, the world's most exciting story is told – the history of all of us.

The story of humankind in a comic-book style – with exceptional illustrations by a prize-winning illustrator.



Verena Bachmann

Fate of the Witch Queen.

Lost Magic

Fate of the Witch Queen.

Verschollene Magie

Spring 2024, 368 pages, Paperback

Ages 16+

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Since becoming the Witch Queen, Enju has wielded the greatest power in Lapis Lazuli. Things are finally falling into place with Kayneth, the leader of the beasts, and everything could be perfect. But then something evil returns to conquer the magical world. She must gather all her strength to save her homeland from destruction. Enju runs the risk of losing Kayneth forever in this fight ...

Final volume of the trilogy with lots of action, strong protagonists, magic and passion: a crackling urban fantasy full of humor, bittersweet love and female power!

We sold over 50,000 copies of volumes 1 and 2.



Joëlle Tourlonias

Pee and Poo Book

The Optimal Potty Reading

Spring 2024, 14 pages, 16 x 16 cm

Boardbook with sliders and flaps

Ages 18 months+

Rights sold to Croatia, France,

The Netherlands

With a variety of sliders and flaps, this book is great fun for all little ones who are growing up.



Sybille Brauer

My Touch-and-Feel Dictionary

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Every night of the week Jana has another big question for her astrophysicist dad. Together they journey through space, contemplate how stars are born, the nature of black holes, and what lies beyond the Milky Way ... They even send messages to the moon with a flashlight. Jana wonders if these can be seen from heaven. Acknowledging limits, Jana's dad admits, "We don't know everything." Co-written by an astrophysicist.



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Jan-Ole normally gets what he wants. Yet his tantrums didn't convince his parents to get him Rolf, the cute shelter dog. Instead, Barnaby, the Tasmanian Devil, turns up – and Barnaby is no cute pet; he's a constant challenge for Jan-Ole. Always craving meat and prone to mouthing off, Barnaby keeps landing Jan-Ole in trouble (who is usually the trouble-maker himself ...).

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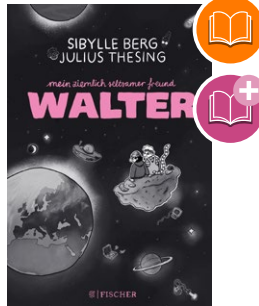
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When enthusiastic Flo stumbles upon a cryptic map called “Walter Wonderly’s Wondrous Guide to the Source of Magic”, she soon persuades her new neighbour Malú to embark on a magical journey with her. Shortly after they are joined by the chaotic George who knows more about magic than he first lets on. Along the way, they meet creatures such as fairies, sea monsters and goblin cats and are threatened by a Society trying to control these beings. Facing grave dangers, the trio learn that only the most potent magic can guide them through safely: True friendship.



Sibylle Berg

My Fairly Odd Friend Walter
Mein ziemlich seltsamer Freund Walter

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Lisa spends her evenings scouring the cosmos for extraterrestrial life; and for good reason. Her days are far from enjoyable: Her parents don’t take care of her at all and she gets bullied at school. One night a spaceship lands in her backyard. The alien visitors cast a fleeting look round and quickly zoom off. Except for one whom Lisa quickly dubs Walter. Walter finds everything on Earth exceedingly odd. Without wasting any time, he starts to tidy up Lisa’s life – until she can get by on our very strange planet Earth, even without extraterrestrial powers. A Graphic Novel by a remarkable author addressing important issues.



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With only 12 days of summer vacation left, Juri is dreading leaving the safety of his own room, and having to have contact with people again. Then a message arrives from Ada, an exuberant girl he went to primary school with. She is staying at home as well -- grounded because of “something”. They start communicating regularly via WhatsApp, apart from each other but getting closer to each others’ secrets at the same time ... A unique story in written dialogue by award-winning author Sarah Jäger, with many illustrations by Sarah Maus. Treats serious topics in an uplifting manner.

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Leo Hoffmann

The Little Yellow House
Das kleine gelbe Haus

Illustrated by Claudia Burmeister

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It can't go on like this. No one pays attention to it – and besides, everyone quarrels and is only interested in themselves. The little yellow house therefore decides to leave its family and find a new home as a house. But in its search for the best of all locations, it does not immediately make the right decisions. A reason to give up? No! Because every place it settles in has something good as well as something bad. It courageously continues its search, always open to new things. And at the end of an adventurous journey, it finally finds its place. Would you like to know where it is ...?

“The Little Yellow House” is a playful children's book about conflicts and solutions, courage and gentleness, which is imaginatively complemented and expanded by Claudia Burmeister's expressive pictures.



Birte Müller

The Potato and the Meaning of Life

Die Kartoffel und der Sinn des Lebens

Illustrated by Birte Müller

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Ages 5+

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How often do we hear the words “You must ...!” as children or adults? But do we really always have to fulfill the set expectations of others? In this story, a little potato doesn't follow its predetermined path into the potato soup, but hops off the table to see what others are doing with their lives. Some do useful or beautiful things and others are just there! I wonder what the little potato will become one day? This much can be revealed: It's a miracle – the miracle of life.



12 Elbautorinnen

You Are Not Always Right. But You Always Have Rights! 12 Stories

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Children have rights. But what are they? In 12 short, lovingly and individually told stories, the authors present 12 children's rights and thus write about a topic that affects every child, no: every person.

Together with the wonderful illustrations by Franziska Viviane Zobel, this book is ideal for talking to children about their rights in general and in everyday life – and for making adults aware of them too.

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A terrible dragon dwells beneath the earth and, fueled by the hatred and resentment of mankind, grows ever larger. Enraged by everything that brings light, he tears the sun and the moon from the sky, locks them in the darkest cave and swallows up all the stars. Since then, the earth has been dark and cold. But a wise shepherd sends his three sons to fight the dragon and free the celestial lights. The youngest finally succeeds in defeating the dragon with the help of the wild bees ...



Daniela Drescher
Giesbert and the Clucking Hens
Giesbert und die Gackerhühner
 Illustrated by Daniela Drescher
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 Hardcover
 Ages 5+
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Giesbert is happy to finally be able to live in his rain barrel again – summer is wonderful. However, hens soon take up residence in Giesbert's garden, which causes quite a stir in his everyday life. What's more, he can't please the slightly stubborn ladies at first. But when he chases away a marten, they begin to understand that they are dealing with a very special character who they soon take to their hearts ...

With her endless imagination, Daniela Drescher once again succeeds in telling wonderful stories about Giesbert the gnome.



Astrid Frank
The Last Ninjas and the Jewel Robbery
Die letzten Ninjas und der Juwelenraub
 Illustrated by Regina Kehn
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Josh is not just a ninja, he is a thoughtful loner until Toni – lively to the point of hyperactivity – storms into his quiet life. And soon blind Luis and shy Emil literally stumble into their company – and into a great four-way friendship. The four supposed outsiders like each other straight away. And they soon realize that together they make a great investigative team when the jeweller around the corner is burgled ...

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Klaus-Peter Wolf, Bettina Göschl
**The North Sea Detectives.
The Secret Knowledge About High
and Low Tide, Sea Lights, Howlers
and Beach Pirates**
Die Nordseedetektive.

**Das geheime Wissen über Ebbe
und Flut, Meeresleuchten, Heuler
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One night, the North Sea detectives Emma and Lukas discover a lighthouse that seems to have appeared out of nowhere. When they visit it the next day, they meet the two lighthouse keepers Anneke and Onno F. Riese, who have a lot to tell the children about the animals of the sea, high and low tides, whalers and pirates. But they don't reveal their own secret ...



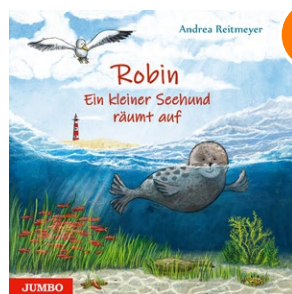
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Emma and Lukas are horrified: Someone has laid out poisoned bait and many animals in the neighbourhood have already eaten it. As soon as Mozart, the new dog of their friend Hanna von Hellershausen, is also in danger, the two North Sea detectives pick up the trail of the crime. Time is running out, they have to hurry!



Andrea Reitmeyer

**Robin. A Little Seal Cleaning Up
Robin. Ein kleiner Seehund räumt auf**

Illustrated by Andrea Reitmeyer
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Picturebook

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Robin the little seal lives with his family on a sandbank in the sea. One day, a grey girl seal unexpectedly shows up and asks for help. They set off together. On their journey through the sea, Robin realises how much rubbish is floating around. Determined to change this, Robin comes up with a plan ...

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Ove Thomsen

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Anteater Gunnelt doesn't know what to do, he simply has too much on his plate! He usually enjoys being a caretaker in the rainforest, but somehow he's not enjoying anything at the moment. It feels like he's got rain on his mind! Fortunately, Gunnelt's path leads him to Doctor Willi, the monkey. He has an important tip for him: B.R.E.A.K. Will the sun shine again for Gunnelt soon?



Hanna Müller, Hannah Stollmayer,
Carla Swiderski

Let's Call You Birdy.

A Trip Into the World of Birds

Nennen wir dich doch Piepmatz.

Ein Ausflug in die Welt der Vögel

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Determined to become a safe flyer, a young bird hops off a branch and promptly collides with Grandpa Geerd. The little one loses his memory. He doesn't know his name or what kind of bird he is. Grandpa Geerd calls his new friend Birdy and takes him for a ride on his electric scooter. Together they will find out where he belongs.



Marko Simsa

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A funny interactive picturebook that is guaranteed to make you laugh.



Martina Baumbach

Missy and the dragon Pit Peperoni

Missy und der Drache Pit Peperoni

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Missy is a proper knight and knows how to fight! It's a pity she's never met a real dragon before. But what is that? There's one living in her garden? Missy immediately challenges him, of course! But dragon Pit Peperoni doesn't fancy fighting at all. He'd much rather go on an adventure together. Or maybe Missy wants to bake cookies with him?

A warm-hearted story about an unlikely friendship.



Karin Müller

Alani & Windblossom –

Danger in the Thousand-Winged Valley

Alani & Windblüte –

Alarm im Tausendflügelstal

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Alani and her butterfly Windblossom are very excited, because today the younger children in the Thousand-Wing Valley are being assigned their caterpillars. Soon they will be real butterfly riders like Alani. But what is the story behind the shadow at the caterpillar kindergarten? Alani's big left toe is itching, and she knows: There's an adventure waiting!

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Juma Kliebenstein

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Who would have the idea of putting Karl-Sebastian von Bloch, a neat and tidy model pupil, in the worst class in the world? Only a desperate principal, of course, who hopes that this well-behaved boy will have a positive influence on the chaotic bunch. Will that work out? School cat Brush knows it won't, but of course nobody listens to a cat ... Get ready for lots of chaotic school fun!



Annette Roeder

Never steal a dragon (Vol. 3)

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Hooray, the two dragons Papalote and Chili are going to be parents! Clemens and Bahira are really looking forward to the dragon baby. Their shock is great when they realize that Chili's egg has disappeared. In their search, Clem and Bahira receive unexpected help from an old dragon expert, who also puts their friendship to the test. The trail leads to Scotland, to the shores of Loch Ness. But what does a dragon baby from Wormhausen have to do with the Celtic celebrity monster Nessie?



Lovis Meyer

Tessa Jones – How the Hades do you protect a goddess?

Tessa Jones – Wie zum Hades beschützt man eine Göttin?

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Tessa Jones has never been afraid to speak her mind. Suddenly it all makes sense: Tessa finds out that she is descended from the Amazons, the warriors of Greek mythology. They now act as bodyguards for up-and-coming goddesses. A task that doesn't suit Tessa at all – especially as Zeus commands her to look after the beautiful Helena. Hades has also had enough of the underworld. Tessa realizes almost too late that Helena, of all people, plays an important role in his plan and suddenly not only Helena's fate but that of the whole world is in her hands ...



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Siegurd The Dragon Slayer
Siegfried der Drachentöter
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Siegfried travels fearlessly through the world. One day he meets a dragon in a linden forest and kills it in battle. He covers his body with the dragon's blood, which makes him invincible. When he learns that the princess Kriemhild has been kidnapped by a dragon, he embarks on an adventurous quest.



Folker Banik
The Emperors New Clothes
Des Kaisers neue Kleider
 Illustrated by Altmud Kunert
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For the Emperor of Youkali, every day is like a dream, he has got everything. Only real friends are missing! One day, two tailors come to town and make him a promising offer he can't refuse ... Folker Banik retells this classic fairytale with lots of humour about the search of a deeper meaning behind all the superficialities of this world.

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Judith Weber
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Die Superkräfte der Tiere
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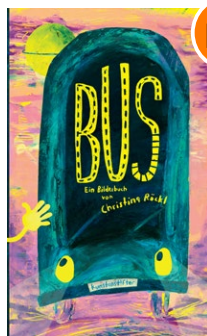
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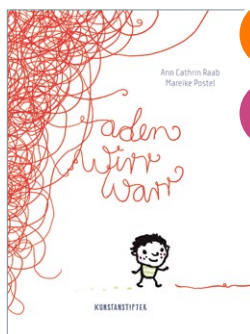
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A bus runs day in, day out. It is a morning like any other. You wake up, leave the house, go to the bus stop, get into the bus. All the other passengers' faces look grim or even angry. Rain. Wet. Oh well. And then you feel somebody nudging you. "Isn't this a beautiful day?" Accompanied by a broad grin. You're baffled. Briefly. One, two, three. And then you smile back. You smile and wish the lady in the green and pink fleece jacket a good morning. She looks dumbfounded. One, two, three.



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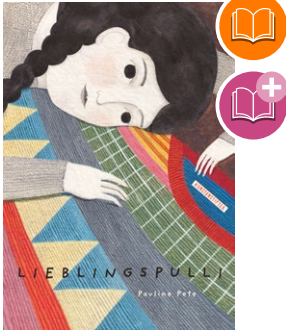
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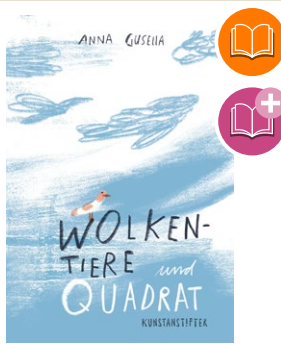


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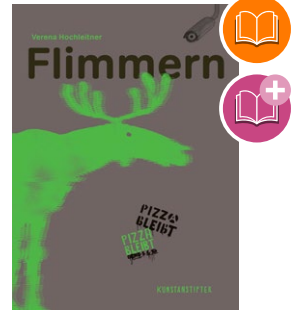


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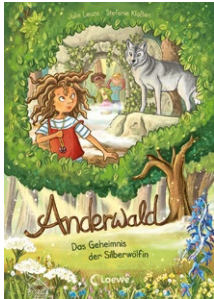
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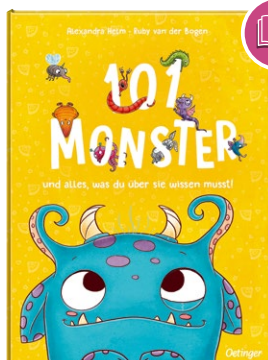
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- NO and MINE? The BunNo guides you cheekily and without pointing a finger through the autonomy phase and provides amusing breaks in the stressful Easter preparations
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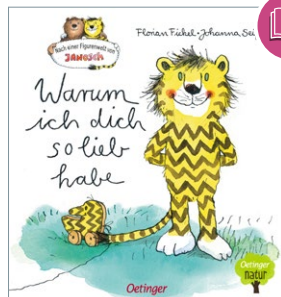
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- Everything children always wanted to know about monsters – and much more

Did you know that monsters are actually very small and cute? They only grow when they are in a bad mood. If you break their cuddly castles under the bed, for example. Or if you take away their favourite food: Marble cake with milk. Because monsters prefer to eat things that begin with M.

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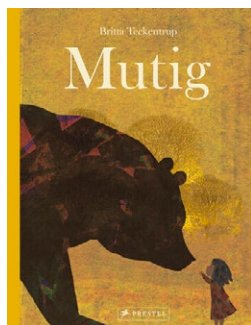
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*There are lots of animals
 in the sea –
 Though none of them look like
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 Some of them have funny
 heads and tails,
 Like sharks and rays and
 great big whales.
 Once no one had the
 slightest notion
 Of what was living
 in the ocean,
 But the animals had their
 fun and games,
 So how did all of them
 get their names?*



Britta Teckentrup

When I feel brave

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Sandra Grimm

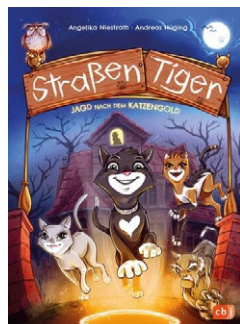
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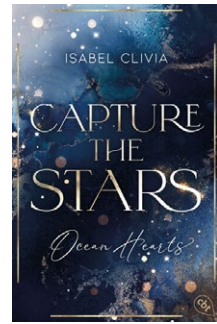
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A mysterious murder shakes New York. The victim was part of the powerful Red Umbrella Society, whose members are said to have special abilities. The last thing Skadi needs is to be dragged into this story because she has enough problems of her own. She and her brother owe money to an unscrupulous underground boss and have to do risky jobs for him. But then Skadi stumbles across a corpse during one of these assignments and finds herself in the sights of the young and attractive investigator David Bell. He is convinced of her guilt and does everything he can to catch her. But someone is intent on protecting Skadi. Someone to whom she owes more than she would like and who demands a dark favor in return.



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Andrea Weller-Essers

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Nino and Pia are friends. They often play together or meet other children. Sometimes they disagree and argue. Sometimes a toy lands in the bushes or a built structure gets broken. But if everyone helps, even these problems are quickly solved. Sharing, helping and making up makes people happy! And after every argument, they can make up again: playing together is much more fun.

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Benjamin Schreuder

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Tinka and her two friends Adam and Niko are looking for Tinka's father. He should have been back from his expedition in Egypt long ago. In his study room, the friends come across a secret time window. Unsuspecting, they end up in a mud hole, right next to a poisonous cobra – in the middle of ancient Egypt. They meet the Egyptian boy Juja, who shows them his world, row through the Nile in a barque, experience the hustle and bustle of a market, then have to deal with the pharaoh's guards and finally attend the pharaoh's coronation. But where is Tinka's father? With the first volume of the new "The Time Travel Gang" series, children aged 8 and up experience an exciting adventure in Ancient Egypt.



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Volker Kratzenberg-Annies
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Katja Trippel
Stinkers, Suckers, Slimers.
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Sepia and the Awakening of Ink Magic
Sepia und das Erwachen der Tintenmagie

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Ages 10+

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Twelve-year-old Sepia realises that ink and books are more valuable than gold in Flohall as soon as she arrives in the famous harbour city with its fragrant ink and whispering paper. She will learn book printing from Silversyll, one of the three great masters in Flohall. Why was she chosen – a clumsy orphan girl? Sepia soon finds loyal friends and experiences her first Sparkle Festival. But strange things start to happen in Flohall. Ink goes missing, sinister figures prowl around, and then the masters disappear. Sepia suspects that this has something to do with the Ink War and a dark alchemist who everyone thought had been defeated long ago.



Dieter Böge

Everyone Wants a Picture – But Not Just Any Picture

Alle wollen ein Bild – Aber nicht irgendeins

Illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald

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Picturebook

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There's the ant who finally wants to have a picture of just him. There's the cockatoo who dreams of being portrayed by a famous painter. Or the frog who wants a picture of himself as a "great catch". Feelings that we humans also recognise when we want to show ourselves at our best and – intentionally or not – betray our deepest desires in the process.



Charlotte Habersack

Such a Great Catch

So ein toller Hecht

Illustrated by Horst Hellmeier

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Picturebook

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The big pike groans. The little fish never listen. You always have to explain everything to them a hundred times. The little bear and the big bear paddle in their boat on the pond. The big bear still has a lot to teach the little bear too. But he encourages him to try things out for himself. "You can do it on your own!" he encourages his son. "One paw at a time!" And lo and behold: suddenly something is wriggling in their net ...

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Welcome at the Grauses':

Who is normal after all?

Willkommen bei den Grauses:

Wer ist schon normal?

Illustrated by Daniel Steudtner

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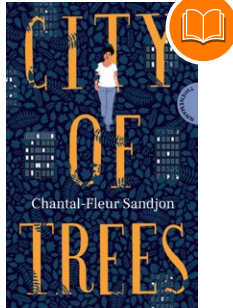
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Ottilie is delighted. A family is finally moving into the house next door. With three children, a grandad and even a ... mop. No, it's certainly not a dog – and none of them are quite like anyone Ottilie has ever known.

The Grauses struggle to fit in, but they also have to help their grandad who didn't pay much attention at the school for strange creatures. They have to teach him how to live in the normal world within thirteen days. Will they succeed – and will Ottilie be able to help them? Only one thing is clear to Ottilie and her new friends: a family is a family. No matter how weird they are.



Chantal-Fleur Sandjon

City of Trees

Spring 2024, 384 pages, 13.5 x 21.5 cm

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Two years have passed since Lindiwe's sister Khanyi disappeared. Khanyi was last seen in a forest on the outskirts of Berlin, and Lin is drawn there again and again. And she hears her sister's voice more and more often as she loses herself in nature.

Lin senses that she is changing without really being able to grasp it – until Zenzile enters her life. Zenzile, the young woman who comes to visit from South Africa with Lin's grandmother. Zenzile, who has been noticing similar changes in herself. Zenzile, whose closeness gives Lin roots and makes her reach for the sky. Together they unravel the mystery of the forest and discover Kahnyi's fate.



Teresa Sporrer

Unwritten Love

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Student by day – bestselling author by night. Livia writes super-successful romance novels under the pseudonym A. Lovelace. And now her book is to be made into a film! The only catch: Julian Collins, of all people, the fallen star, will play the male lead. It is Julian's last chance to save his career, even if he doesn't like the fact that he has to act in a "trashy romance". Livia also doesn't care much for the arrogant Julian. But then Julian turns down the role and the film is on the brink of cancellation. Livia is determined to convince Julian. However, falling in love with him was never part of the script ...



Kristina Dunker

The Mysterious Hole in Our Street

Das rätselhafte Loch in unserer Straße

Illustrated by Christiane Fürtges

Spring 2024, 32 pages, 21.5 x 27.5 cm

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Ages 4+

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Suddenly there are many holes on the street where Vitus and Mila live. There must be someone that did that! While the adults immediately speculate what are those for, the children just grin. As long as everyone is gathering on the street, a neighbour brings chairs out there. The kids are having absolutely the time of their lives! It becomes clear, that the neighbourhood is now sticking together by a common activity. They won't let their new favourite place be taken away! As once you have a hole, you can fill it with lots of things...

- An unusual puzzle and shared curiosity create neighbourliness



Kristina Dumas

My Life is Music. The 21 Most Important Women in Classical Music

Mein Leben ist Musik. Die 21 wichtigsten Frauen der klassischen Musik

Illustrated by Malin Neumann

Spring 2024, 40 pages, 24 x 30 cm

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Ages 5+

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The book presents 21 fascinating women, succeeded in making music an essential part of their lives. The accompanying audiofiles introduce them with captivating musical examples.

- Maria Callas, Misty Copeland, Yang Liping, etc.
- Career paths to explore



Katharina Grossmann-Hensel

I See Something You Do Not See

Ich sehe was, was ihr nicht seht

Spring 2024, 32 pages, 21.5 x 27.5 cm

Hardcover

Ages 4+

All rights available

An excursion is on agenda: while children keep eyes open, adults always have their cell phones at the ready. After all, how else are you supposed to know what the weather is like, where to go ... But along the way, even they start watching around, so things get more and more colorful!

- A funny family story on a wide-eyed kid and his parents with a narrow outlook

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Olivia Vieweg

The City of Shadow-sleepers and the Melody of Nightmares
Die Stadt der Schattenschläfer und die Melodie der Albträume

Illustrated by Jana Heidersdorf

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Ages 11+

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In idyllic Quedlinburg brass music is celebrated like a religion: every kid plays a brass instrument with no one being upset about it. A 13-year-old Elly hates it like nobody else and dreams of escaping to a place where heavy metal is sacred. Together with the town's outsider kids, she forms a band that doesn't play by Quedlinburg's rules. In that way they are awakening a dark secret of the town that has long been dormant...

- With atmospheric full-page illustrations
- Film rights optioned
- The main character will be loved by all Wednesday fans!



Rüdiger Bertram

A Class Full of Superheroes and the Most Normal Teacher in the World
Eine Klasse voller Superhelden und der normalste Lehrer der Welt

Illustrated by Dominik Rupp

Spring 2024, 96 pages, 14.8 x 21 cm
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Ages 7+

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Tian, Laura, Amani and Nagib go to superhero school because they are real superhero kids: Tian can read minds, Nagib can become invisible, Laura can fly and Amani is incredibly strong. Only their new teacher, Mr. Schnitt, is completely normal. Well, he also has a superpower: he is great in maths and reading. But will it be enough for him to get a grip on the superhero band?

- Written in a humorous way with lots of black-and-white illustrations
- Perfect for early readers



Andreas Brettschneider

The Trap

Die Falle

Spring 2024, 256 pages, 13.5 x 21.5 cm
 Hardcover

Ages 14+

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Victor has long suffered because of Bastian, the tyrant of the other class. Martin, the new student in Victor's class, is familiar with such lads as well. He decides to resort to an unusual tactic: during orienteering, he sets up a bear trap for Bastian. He assures Victor that this will take care of the cruel schoolmate. The plan succeeds, and Bastian starts losing his top-bully-position. After this success, more and more people join Victor and Martin's resistance — until their actions spiral out of control. Then the question arises: who is actually the victim, and who is the injurer here?

- Realistic portrayal of bullying in today's schools
- Awarded with the Cologne Scholarship of Children and Youth Literature 2022

