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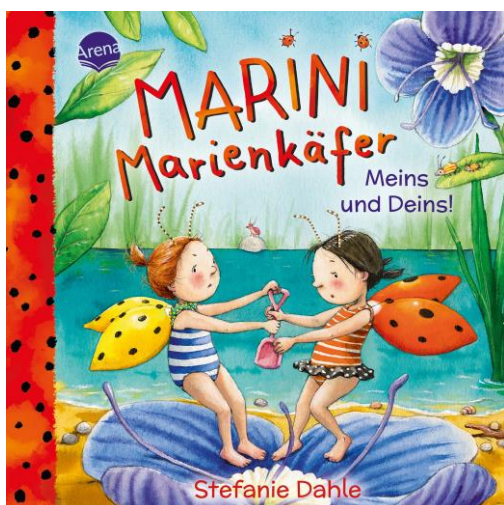
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Children's Books / Board Books



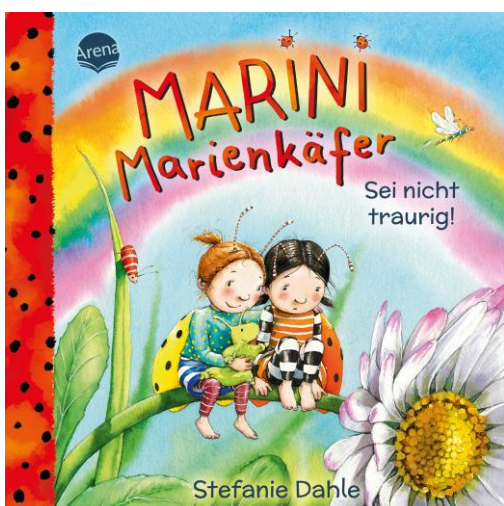
Linda Ladybird. Mine and Yours! (Vol. 3)

by Stefanie Dahle

Board Book • Age 2+ • 18 p. • 20 x 20 cm • 72099

Linda and Kaja want to build a sandcastle, but there's only one spade. They squabble over it. Oh dear! What's the solution? Luckily, Linda has a great idea, and the two of them are soon friends again. A little story about a big quarrel, and how to deal with strong feelings for big and little ladybirds.

- Short texts with clear messages.
- Stefanie Dahle's books **sold over 2.5 million copies.**



Linda Ladybird. Don't be Sad! (Vol. 4)

by Stefanie Dahle

Board Book • Age 2+ • 18 p. • 20 x 20 cm • 72118

The weather is miserable, and so Linda and Kaja are playing indoors. When the rain eases off, they see a gorgeous rainbow outside and rush out into the garden. Suddenly Linda's cuddly toy Lousy disappears. They search everywhere, but they can't find him. Marini is very, very sad. A short tale about sadness and how to cope with strong feelings for big and little ladybirds.

- Adventure dealing with early social interactions.
- Stefanie Dahle's books **sold over 2.5 million copies.**

Children's Books / Picture Books



Sina Starwings. Sparkling Magic at the Fairy Forest School (Vol. 2)

by Annette Moser, illustrated by Marina Krämer

Hardcover • Age 4+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28 cm • 72123

Tomorrow will bring a major event at the Fairy Forest School of Magic. Sina Starwings and her friends must concoct a recipe for a new magic flower. Only Sina Starwings can't think of a flower to show off her talent. But suddenly, just as all the other little fairies are busy making their own magic, there is a tremendous bang and the school is enveloped in a dark cloud. Will Sina be able to save the day with her magical starwings?

- By the best-selling team of Annette Moser and Marina Krämer. The first picture book in the series sold 15,000 copies since February 2024.
- With magical, richly atmospheric illustrations and glittering silver foil.
- More than **650,000 copies** of books illustrated by Marina Krämer sold in German. Marina Krämer is working exclusively for Arena.



Sam the Ram & Friends. The No Go Goat Says Yes! (Vol. 2)

by Romy Pohl, illustrated by Marta Balmaseda

Hardcover • Age 3+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28 cm • 72111

Gary loves his freedom! But when it comes to rules and regulations, the little go-go goat becomes a no-go goat. Do this, don't do that... Where's the fun? He turns his nose up at all the daft do's and don'ts – until one day he puts himself and his ram friend Stubborn Sam in real danger.

- The rules of society are a current focal point in trying to balance good upbringing with a child's individual personal development.
- Strong characters with which children can easily identify.
- More than **220,000 copies** of books illustrated by Marta Balmaseda sold in the German language.



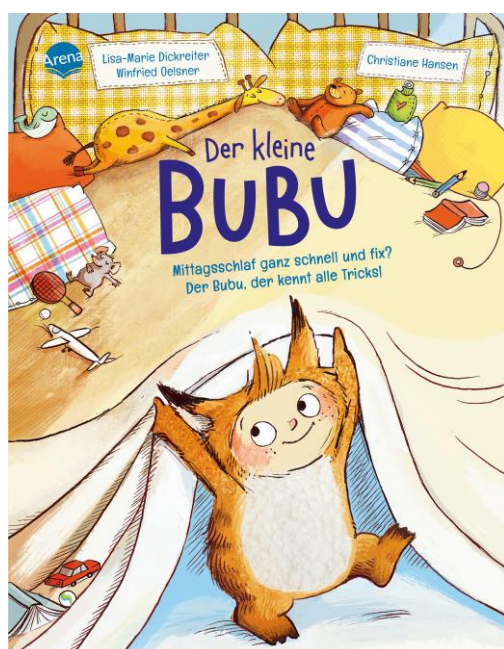
Because You Are The Way You Are

by Kashi Grobe, illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier

Hardcover • Age 3+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28 cm • 72124

It's stopped raining. But Emma wants to wear her new yellow raincoat all the same – wherever she goes. All week long! In the afternoon at the playground, the parents of all the other children keep giving her funny looks, and even the nice strawberry seller scratches his head. But Emma's ready for anything, and when the rain comes pelting down again with full force, the big drops simply trickle off her lovely yellow raincoat. She laughs and dances, while all the other kids hurry home...

- Popular subjects: self-confidence and diversity.
- Strong narrative voice, atmospheric illustrations.
- Fresh, modern, full of heart and humour and a strong girl as the main character.
- Books illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier have sold **20,000 copies** at Arena and have been translated into 7 languages (English, EE, FR, GR, NL, TR, UA).



Little Nap. How can you get kids to sleep in the day? Little Nap will always find a way!

by L. Dickreiter, W. Oelsner, illustrated by C. Hansen

Hardcover • Age 3+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28 cm • 72125

An afternoon nap? No, thanks! Is there any parent or child who hasn't had to fight the daily battle? But here come the Naps! Little Nap is in charge of the children, and they do all they can to avoid going to bed. Fortunately, he knows all the tricks: he'll give them a piggyback, sing to them, or cuddle them. He has plenty to do! Big Nap, on the other hand, has no problem: he's in charge of the adults. They can hardly wait to have their afternoon snooze! It's all nice and relaxed. Until nighttime. Then Big Nap has to persuade Little Nap to go to bed, but Little Nap knows all the tricks...

- Lisa Dickreiter's CHARLIE HELPS EVERYONE WHETHER THEY WANT HER TO OR NOT (1) has been awarded with the German Children's Book Award.
- Fresh, modern, full of heart and humour
- Funny rhymes to get you giggling and brilliant illustrations to capture attention.
- More than **360,000 copies** of books illustrated by Christiane Hansen sold in Germany.

Children's Books / Fiction 7+



From the School Diary. No Entry! (Vol. 1)

by Sabine Zett, illustrated by Edda Skibbe

Hardcover • Age 7+ • 80 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 72149

Liam can't believe it. This year, his class has moved into a new building – the “School of the Future”. It's loaded with technology which is designed to make learning easier. Along with door screens, automatic voices, playground traffic lights, there are massaging chairs with adjustable heights, desks with secret compartments, tables with shelves of snacks... Cool! The more things he and his friends try out, the more they enjoy this whole experiment. However, there is one floor in the school which no one is allowed to enter. What's hidden there? Liam decides that he simply has to find out...

- Cool, hilarious, and easy to read with funny illustrations in comic book style.
- **65,000 copies** of Sabine Zett's books have been sold at Arena.



From the School Diary. Teacher on a Secret Mission (Vol. 2)

by Sabine Zett, illustrated by Edda Skibbe

Hardcover • Age 7+ • 80 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 72150

Yella and her friends still don't know what is happening on the mysterious second floor of their cool “School of the Future”. Is it perhaps somehow connected with the new teacher, who has immediately been assigned to teach their class? It's not just the fact that Mr. Toledo behaves so weirdly, likes standing on the table, and does one somersault after another in the classroom – he also seems to be hiding something. Why does he never leave his black bag out of his sight? Is he perhaps a secret agent sent to spy on the school? Yella waits for a suitable opportunity to get to the bottom of these strange goings-on.

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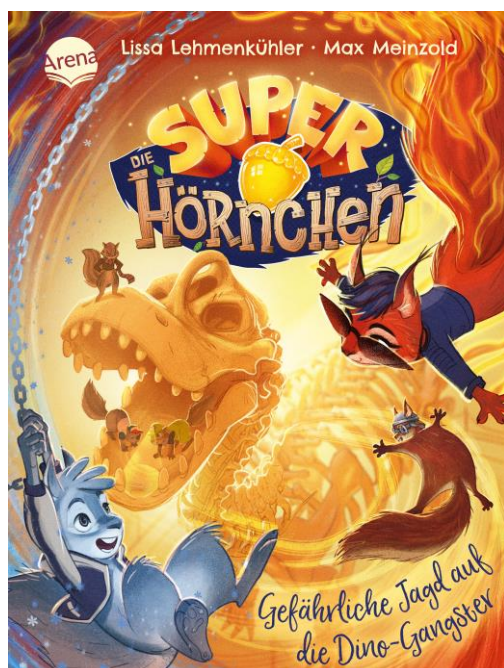
Owl Magic Junior. Goldwing and the Moonlight Pony (Vol. 1)

by Ina Brandt, illustrated by Nadine Reitz

Hardcover • Age 7+ • 96 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 72022

Flora is enjoying the summer and the time she spends with her magic owl Goldwing. But one night, when they secretly meet in the garden, they hear a strange rustling and crackling. They go to investigate, and what they see is a pony standing in the moonlight. It's alone and frightened. Will Goldwing's magic powers and Flora's loving care and attention be able to help the moonlight pony?

- New stories full of magic and warmth.
- Lots of enchanting coloured illustrations and interactive sections. Favourite subjects for girls of primary school age: friendship, nature, animals and magic.
- More than **900,000 copies of the series sold** in the German language.



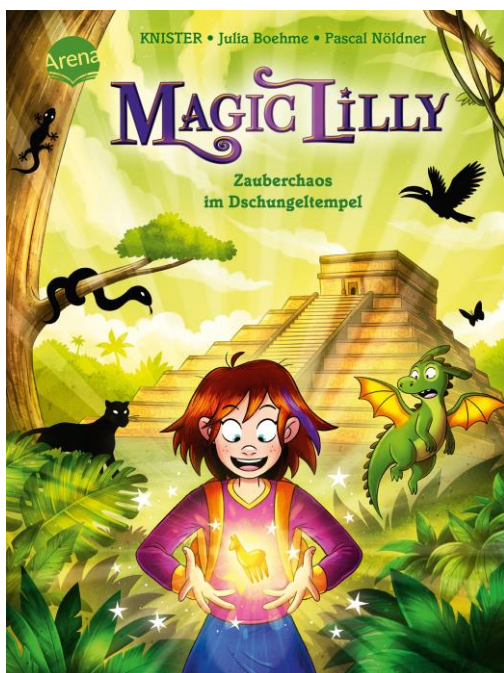
Supersquirrels. Dangerous Hunt for the Dino Thieves (Vol. 2)

by Lissa Lehmenkühler, illustrated by Max Meinzold

Hardcover • Age 7+ • 112 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 71893

A new case for the Supersquirrels! The biggest dino skeleton in the world, at the Animopolis Natural History Museum, has collapsed like a house of cards. Who or what is responsible for the disaster? And has someone stolen some of the precious dinosaur bones? With their combined superpowers, the six squirrel friends embark on an adventurous investigation, in order to restore the gigantic brachiosaurus to its full size. Because this is a treasure that must not be lost forever!

- Cool team of animals that everyone will love.
- Irresistible four-coloured illustrations.
- Great fun, full of humour and fresh ideas.
- **10,000 copies** of the first volume sold.



Magic Lilly. Magical Chaos in the Jungle Temple (Vol. 3)

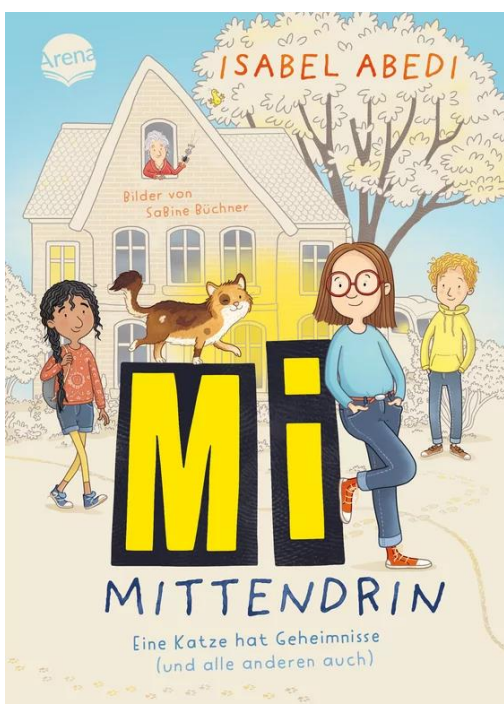
by KNISTER, Julia Boehme, illustrated by P. Nöldner

Hardcover • Age 7+ • 96 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 72075

The villainous Grimbald is always hard on Lilly's heels, whether she's at school, in the ice cream parlour or at home. How can she get rid of him and protect her Book of Magic against his wicked plans? The root of all this evil is the magic magnet with which Grimbald can always get himself drawn to wherever she is. The solution seems simple: the magnet must be destroyed! But the key to its destruction lies hidden in a secret temple deep in the South American jungle. Only the best witches can find their way into it. Does Lilly have the courage to solve the ancient riddle and forever be rid of her wicked pursuer?

- By the best-selling authors KNISTER and Julia Boehme.
- Modern layout, with lots of lively pictures and comic sequences.
- **20,000 copies** of the first two volumes sold since May and July 2024.

Children's Books / Fiction 8+



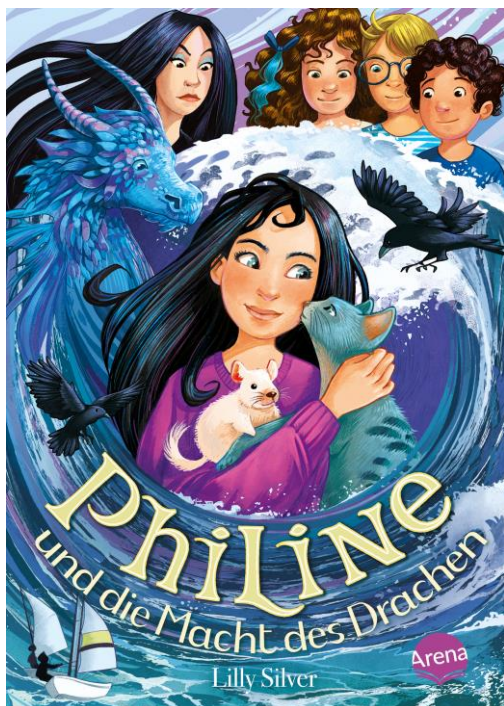
Mi in the Middle. A Cat Has Secrets (And So Does Everyone Else) (Vol. 1)

by Isabel Abedi, illustrated by Sabine Büchner

Hardcover • Age 8+ • 272 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60689

Mi never lies – but today nobody believes her. Mum thinks she's lying, and her teacher thinks she's cheating. After a day in which she feels she's been very badly treated, Mi ends up at Kafka's, a mysterious shop where the owner gives her an even more mysterious bag of coffee. What jumps out of it is simply incredible. And suddenly Mi finds herself in the middle of a whole series of mysteries.

- A determined girl, an enchanting cat and a delightful family.
- Books written by Isabel Abedi **sold more than 1 million copies** and were published in **21 languages**.



Philine and the Power of the Dragon (Vol. 3)

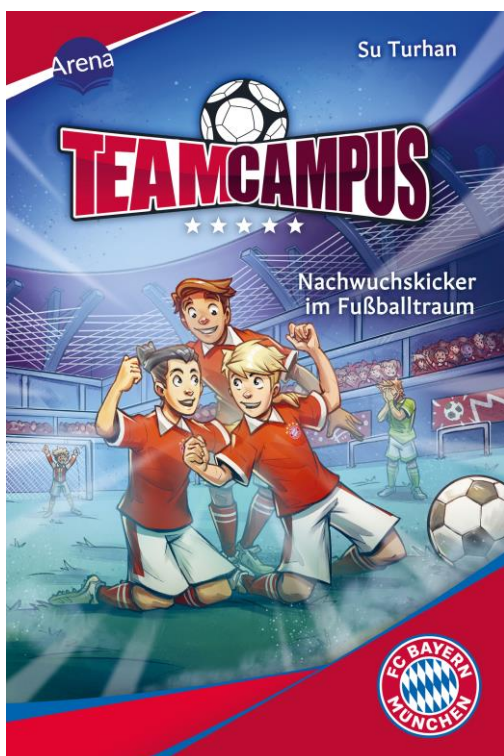
by Lilly Silver, illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli

Hardcover • Age 8+ • 224 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60682

Philine is celebrating. At last it's clear that she too can see into the future, just like her mother and her beloved grandma. When even a member of the important Council of Oracles offers to practise the art of prophecy with her, she is over the moon. For some reason, however, Philine's best friends Charlotte and George don't like the powerful Kalamaros, and even her otherwise jovial grandma is far from enthusiastic. Philine begins to have doubts: does her strange oracle teacher really have her best interests at heart? Or is he following some secret agenda of his own?

- A perfect mixture of humour and excitement.
- With original and lovable characters and animal friends.
- Beautifully illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli.
- **10,000 copies** of the series sold.

Children's Books / Fiction 9+



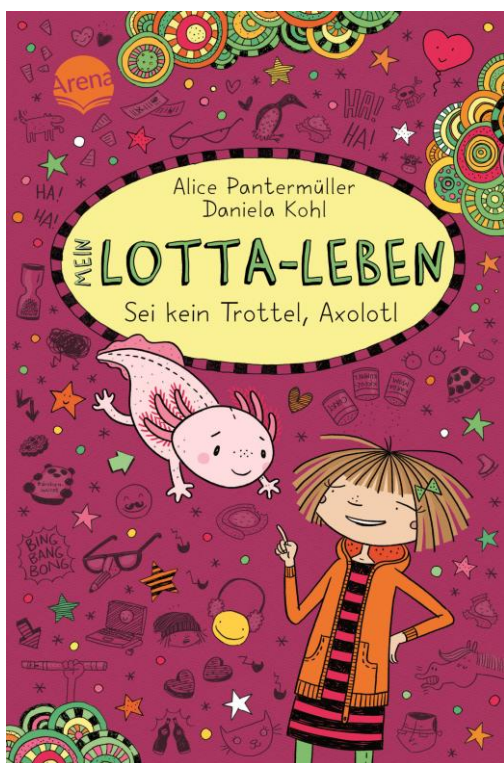
Team Campus. Young Footballers in Dreamland (Vol. 2)

by Su Turhan, illustrated by Philipp Ach

Hardcover • Age 9+ • 160 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60792

The teenage footballer Lucky and his friends Nils, Ken and Jeremy wait in suspense to hear who will be their new trainer at the FC BAYERN Academy. Could the rumour be true that the new coach is going to be an ex-Bayern player? The four boys are worried about their future prospects in professional football, and the uncertainty is doubled when they find themselves in the company of a girl footballer. However, if they are to show their coolness under pressure during the vital trial match, the boys must learn to control themselves and show that they are true professionals.

- Created in cooperation with **FC Bayern Munich**.
- All about friendship, teamwork and the dream of fame and fortune.
- Volume 1 sold **10,000 copies** in 4 months.



My Life as Lotta. No More Twaddle, Axolotl! (Vol. 21)

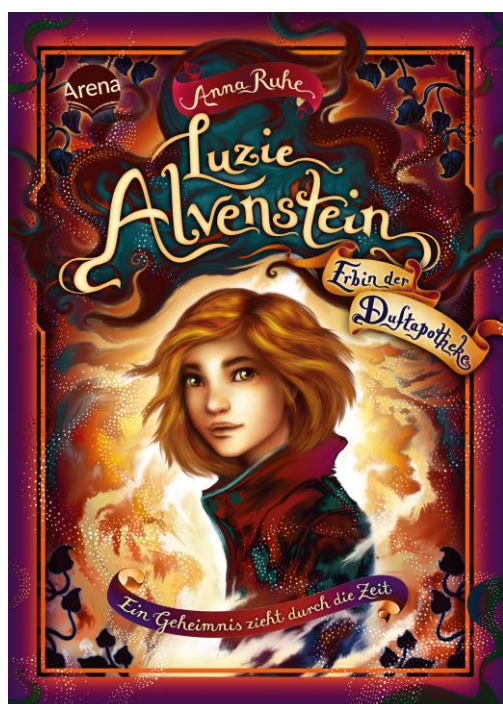
by Alice Pantermüller, illustrated by Daniela Kohl

Hardcover • Age 9+ • 160 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60733

Ugh, what a pain! The half-yearly report is due, and Lotta and Cheyenne are not looking forward to it. The only way they can improve their grades in German will be to write something for the school magazine. Cheyenne would like to take on the joke page, and Lotta wants to write an article about animals. Instead, though, they're made to interview a teacher. Boring! But then the two of them find themselves on the trail of a dealer! The only problem is that the dealer looks just like their teacher, Ms. Crappy...

- The best-selling series, guaranteeing lots of laughs and lots of readers.
- **More than 6 million copies sold** of the series! Rights of the series sold to **35 languages!**
- On the **Spiegel Bestseller** List for Children's Books.
- **137 million audio streamings** of the series in German.

Children's Books/ Fiction 10+



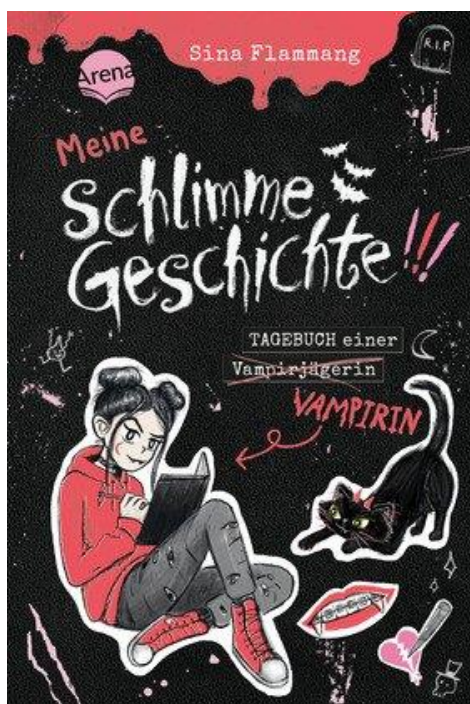
Luzie Alvenstein – Heiress to the Magical Pharmacy. A Secret From The Past (Vol. 1)

by Anna Ruhe, illustrated by Claudia Carls

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 280 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60805

The Magical Pharmacy is Luzie's world. It's a dazzlingly colourful world of flacons filled with magic. At the same time, though, it's a world full of dark secrets and dangerous scents which must be protected at all times. Suddenly a new and unknown scent appears, and obviously someone is working secretly at the distillery. Every clue points to the past, and so Luzie and her friends have no choice: they must travel through a time window back to 19th-century Rome. This is the beginning of a breathtaking hunt through time and past scents!

- All about past worlds, fantastic adventures and magical scents.
- Full of excitement, highly atmospheric and with a dash of romance.
- Books written by Anna Ruhe **sold over 1.5 million copies!**



My Terrible Story!!! Diary of a Vampire Hunter-Vampire (Vol. 1)

by Sina Flammang, illustrated by Kathrin Rödl

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 240 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60778

Hester's life recently ended with a bite – and that really annoys her. Because being a vampire is nowhere near as much fun as all the slushy books and films make it out to be. “Superpowers”? You must be kidding! Hester's teenage skin is even paler than it used to be, she's suddenly allergic to the sun, and if she wants to go swimming outdoors, she has to wear a diving suit! And if Hester's family ever got wind of the fact that she'd suddenly become a vampire, that would be the catastrophe to end all catastrophes. Because they are VAMPIRE HUNTERS! Aaaaargh!

- Adorably horrible characters and vampirically hysterical ideas.
- Supernaturally comic teenage diary with heaps of horror and loads of laughs.
- Vol. 2 will be published in autumn 2025, Vol. 3 in spring 2026.



The Key Keepers. The Call of the Magitorium (Vol. 2)

by Tanja Voosen, illustrated by Emma Gillette

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 368 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60752

Best friends, a magic key, and the company of a talking cat – Lenna finally feels at home in the new town. Just as she does in the Magitorium, with all its different forms of magic. But suddenly the Magitorium receives a call for help from an unknown Key Keeper, and a simple rescue mission develops into a new threat. Suddenly Lenna, Rudi, Kimie and Pirro find themselves subjected to a test which will not only determine their fate as guardians, but is also linked to a great secret.

- A warm-hearted tale of friendship with magically atmospheric illustrations.
- By the successful author of The Candy Guild series.
- Books written by Tanja Voosen **sold over 100,000 copies** in German language.
- The third volume will be published in autumn 2025.



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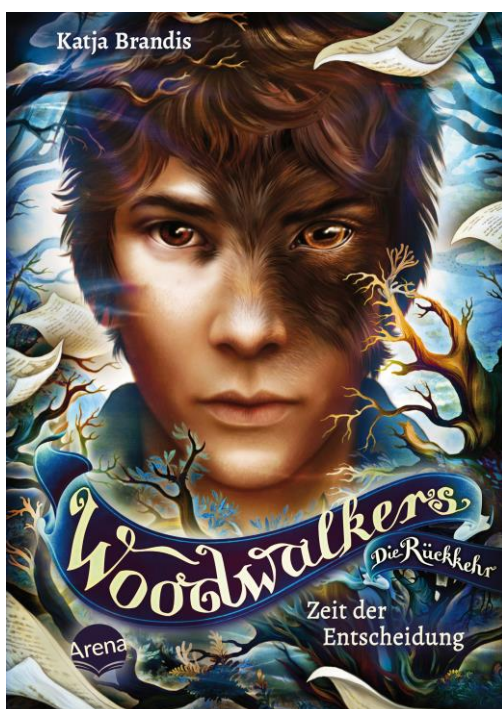
The Girl Who Knows All About Boys. It's All a Piece of Cake – (Except for My Life)

by Emma Flint, illustrated by Eva Schöffmann-Davidov

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 288 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60735

Zoe is in seventh cake-making heaven! She's going to take part in a bake-off show! The stupid thing is that she made a bet that she wouldn't be accepted, so now she'll have to pay up, and also have a chat with her beloved Kian. Unfortunately, despite having a colossal row, everyone else keeps thinking they are still together. And the cherry on the cake: now all the girls think she knows all about boys, so they keep coming to her for advice. Will she finally manage to get all the right ingredients in the right mix?

- Gloriously glitzy and fantastically funny!
- Emma Flint guarantees a happy read and great sales figures!
- Books written by Emma Flint **sold over 300,000 copies** in the German language.



Woodwalkers - The Return. Day of Decision (Vol. 6)

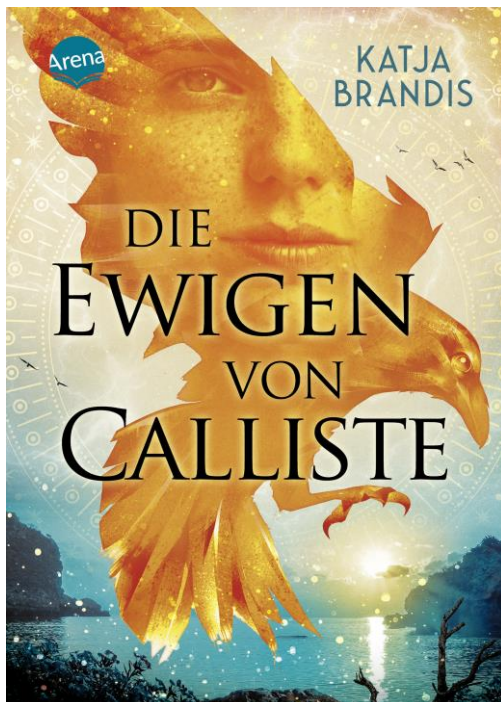
by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 432 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60660

For Carag, the boy mountain lion, the third year at Clearwater High will bring a lot of different challenges. New subjects and new classmates will make life difficult, and outside school things are now coming to a head, as his enemies unite against him. Carag and his friends have long been waiting for this, their most fearsome battle of all. Will they be able to stop the mighty python shapeshifter?

- October 2024 saw the launch of the first **Woodwalkers film** in German cinemas.
- Volume 1 of the new Walkers series **Windwalkers** will be published in autumn 2025.
- The WALKERS series **sold over 3.8 million copies** worldwide.

Young Adults/ Fiction 12+



The Immortals of Calliste

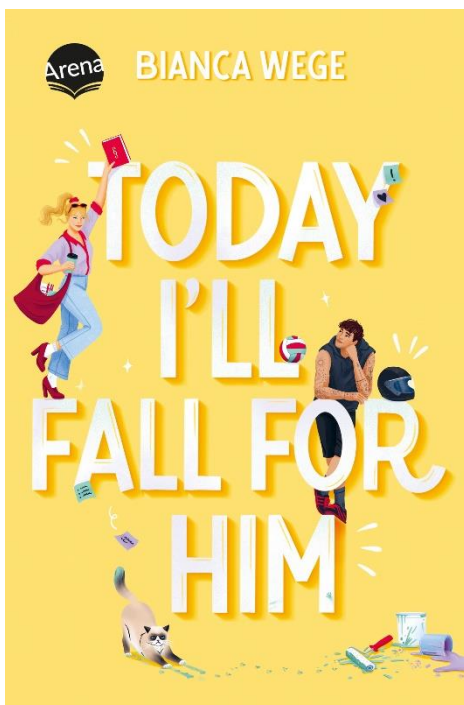
by Katja Brandis

Hardcover • Age 12+ • 440 p. • 14.8 x 21 cm • 60760

At last, it's come. The day Ileana has been waiting for all her life. Every 17 years the Immortals of Calliste come back to life. As Ila was born during the night of the last awakening, she feels a special bond with the stone beings who for centuries have mystified the island's inhabitants as well as attracting tourists from all over the world. She has just one night and one day to find the answers. Will the mysterious Taron, who has just arrived as a tourist, be able to help her? But before Ila succeeds in even making contact with the Immortals, her secret crush Rheo suddenly disappears, and slowly it becomes apparent to Ila just how much her own fate is bound up with that of the Immortals.

- Vivid fantasy, rich with atmosphere, excitement and emotion.
- More than **3.4 million copies** of books by Katja Brandis sold in Germany.

AUTUMN 2025 – New Adults / Fiction 16+



Today I'll Fall For Him

by Bianca Wege, illustrated by Petra Braun

Softcover • Age 16+ • 400 p. • 13.7 x 20.5 cm • 60789

Law student Angelina is perfection personified. She really is – until she makes a fatal mistake in her father's business and her whole world falls apart. She flees to Harpersville to seek refuge with her brother. In order to take her mind off her error, she immerses herself in studies and in endless lists of things to do.

One day, she quite literally runs into the arms of Riven, the volleyball coach and he swiftly puts a line through her list of to-do's! Her mind and her heart are increasingly devoted only to Riven. But Angelina's longing to make up for her mistake could ruin the relationship between them...

- The SPIEGEL best-selling author shows for the third time that humour and love make a perfect match.
- New York It-girl hits cosy small town.
- More than **110,000 copies** of the series sold in Germany.

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Wanda & Wool. We Are Friends, You and Me (Vol. 1)

By Sandra Grimm, illustrated by Antje Flad

Board Book • Age 2+ • 12 p. • 28.0 x 21.5 cm • 72164

Wool is new on the farm and is feeling a bit lonely. Luckily, he meets Wanda. For sure, the two sheep kids not only become best friends but also a dream team. When Wool's teddy bear disappears, Wanda comforts her new friend and helps him with the search. And all the children search along – behind the flaps. They can even play with their heroes thanks to the sliders.

- More than **630,000 copies** of books by Sandra Grimm and more than **840,000 copies** of books illustrated by Antje Flad sold in Germany.
- Technical details:
Design: With flaps and sliders.
Production takes place in China.



Cover draft (not final)

Sam the Ram Wants To Do It Alone! (Vol. 1)

By Romy Pohl, illustrated by Marta Balmaseda

Board Book • Age 1.5+ • 12 p. • 20.0 x 20.0 cm • 72232

Sam the Ram wants his own way again. This time he wants to do it alone. Everything! Putting on gauntlets, fetching drinking water... putting on dry gauntlets... Things don't always work out without accidents. But he urgently needs to leave the house! He definitely needs help from someone who knows how to do it all.

- More than **220,000 copies** of books illustrated by Marta Balmaseda sold in the German language.
- Technical details:
Design: With real book cover and panoramic fold-out page, matt laminated with UV spot and embossing on the cover.
Production takes place in China.



My Big Easter Tracing Book. Where Does the Easter Egg Roll to?

by Hans-Christian Schmidt, illustrated by N. Hammerle

Board Book • Age 3+ • 10 p. • 28 x 21.5 cm • 72152

No sooner has the hen laid its egg than the egg starts to roll away. Past the big boulder and the mighty tree in the field, then on through the zoo and across the road. Little hands can waggle the egg from side to side as it travels along the deep grooves, so that it will finally arrive safe and sound beside the Easter bunny.

- This is not only lots of fun, but it also requires motor skills.
- More than **135,000 copies** of the Tracing Book series sold in the German language.
- Technical details:
Design: With movable sliding element and tracks that can be traced.
Production takes place in China.



Learning to Write with Grooves. Numbers (Vol. 2)

illustrated by Silke Reimers

Softcover • Age 6+ • 48 p. • 15.3 x 20.5 cm • 72188

Learning to write requires lots of practice and patience. But with grooves it can be made into a children's game. Here the lines of letters and numbers are indented into the paper itself to form grooves which guide the pen or pencil. This enables beginners to train their fine motor skills and quickly gain control when writing, so that they can produce clearly shaped letters and numbers. Ideal for beginners at pre-school or in their first year at primary school.

- More than **830,000 copies** of books by Silke Reimers sold in Germany.
- Technical details:
Design: With engraved lines to keep the pen in the groove.
Production takes place in China.