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NEW IMPRINT / WORDTREASURES / Children's Books



WORDTREASURES. The Little Light

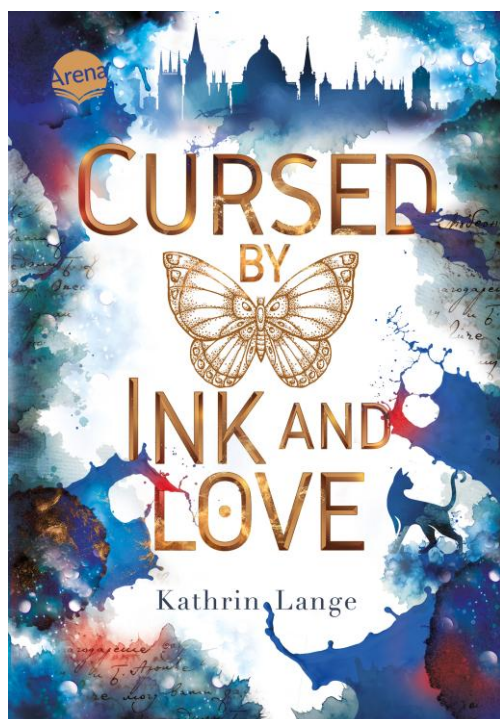
by Romy Pohl, illustrated by Chiara Nasi

Hardcover • Age 4+ • 32 p. • 12.1 x 19.5 cm • 72337-2

Even our smallest good deed changes the world. Each one of us can make the world a better place, whether through words or actions. Very gradually acts of love and words of friendship drive away the darkness, so that good may spread and bring radiance to the world.

- A story about the light within each of us and the power it holds to change the world—both in small ways and great ones.
- Books written by Romy Pohl have been **sold over 90,000 copies** in the German language.

Young Adult/ Fiction 14+



The Fabulator Chronicles. Spin-off. CURSED by Ink and Love

by Kathrin Lange

Hardcover • Age 14+ • 392 p. • 12.1 x 18.8 cm • 60678-1

During a study trip to Oxford, Alma finds herself caught between two families that have been at war with each other for centuries – but this is not by chance. The de Vere and Trevilian families possess fable powers which allow them to create realities out of the written word. But none of them are powerful enough to lift the curse that lies over them. Although she has no fable powers of her own, it is Alma who has been specially chosen to end the feud between the two families. However, it's not long before her feelings for Nik de Vere become dangerous for both of them, because he is predestined to play a tragic role in this story.

- This is an independent spin-off from Kathrin Lange's trilogy "Fabulator Chronicles", with new characters and setting.
- A single volume. No prior knowledge is required.
- **More than 160,000 books** by Kathrin Lange have been sold in Germany.

Young Adult/ Fiction 12+



Beyond the Blue Border

by Dorit Linke

Softcover • Age 12+ • 304 p. • 12.1 x 18.8 cm • 51301-0

The German Democratic Republic in August 1989. Hanna and Andreas dream of freedom and a life that they can call their own. Everyday life in the GDR is marred by arbitrary decisions, suspicion and shattered dreams. They dare to undertake the unimaginable: escape by crossing the Baltic Sea. Fifty kilometres of water lie between them and the new beginning they long for. Darkness, cold and exhaustion threaten their very existence, and only a thin cord that binds their wrists together saves them from absolute isolation.

- A gripping, educational novel about life in East Germany and the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Dorit Linke books' have won numerous awards, including nomination for the German Jugendliteraturpreis, IBBY honours list, White Ravens, Goldener Bücherpirat and Leipzig Lesekompass.
- Title is also available in Easy Read.
- Film version by OneGate Media GmbH: Beyond the Blue Border.
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How to Kiss Five Boys till Christmas

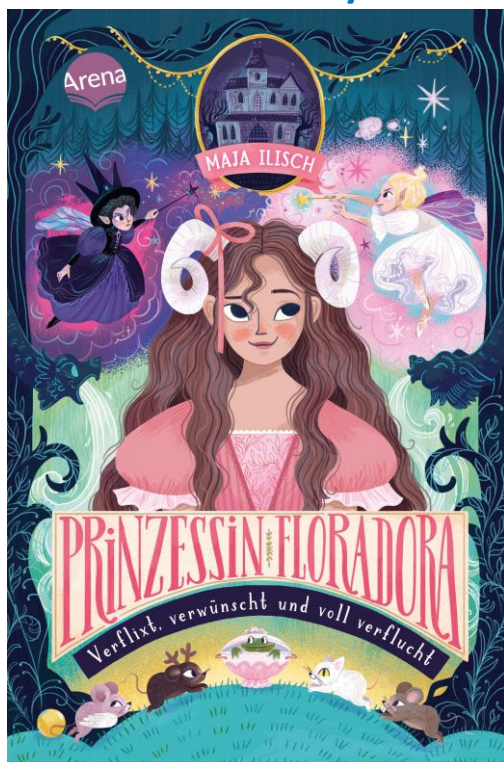
by Tanja Voosen, illustrated by Ariel Albuquerque

Softcover • Age 12+ • 400 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60823-5

Sixteen-year-old Joy habitually runs away from love, and ends up ghosting the boys she has dated. But then she is put under a curse, and has until Christmas morning to apologize to all her ex-dates if she ever wants to find true love. Joy hatches a plan with her best friend Henry. In between sleigh rides that go wrong, secret telegrams to Santa, and frank discussions over cups of hot chocolate, Joy suddenly finds herself wondering whether her true love is perhaps closer than she thought...

- A perfect, wholesome young adult romance for fans of Jenny Han and Kyra Groh.
- Single volume.
- Another book for young adults by Tanja Voosen, following the same principles, will follow in autumn 2027: young adult romance with magical elements and cosy autumn vibes.
- **Over 120,000 copies** of books written by Tanja Voosen have been sold in the German language.

Children's Books / Fiction 10+



Princess Floradora. Curse, Courage, Confidence

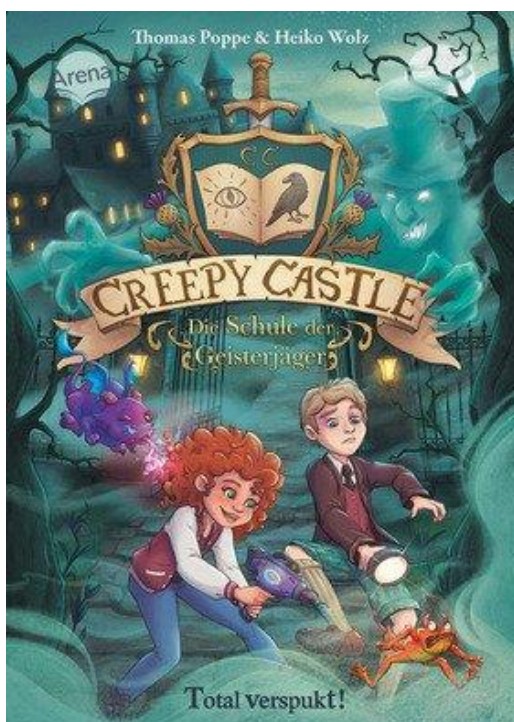
by Maja Ilisch, illustrated by Laura Rosendorfer

Hardcover • Age 10+ • 280 p. • 14.8 x 21.0 cm • 60879-2

Princess Floradora can't quite believe her eyes when suddenly a wicked fairy turns up in her room and puts a curse on her. Whoosh! Out of the princess's head springs a pair of ram's horns. A princess with horns? That just isn't on! But hold on a moment. Actually the horns feel quite nice, and they'll be very useful for knocking down doors! Unfortunately, Floradora's parents take a different view and ship her off to Dark Forest Boarding School so that nobody else can see her. There Floradora meets other princes and princesses, who have been cursed and locked away. While they plan to escape, the children not only get to know their own strengths, but also find real friendship and get help where they never expected it.

- It's a feature, not a bug. Princess Floradora shows that being different is a strength.
- Awarded the Diversity Prize for Inclusivity in the 2025 Almanac for Children and Young Adults.

Children's Books / Fiction 9+



Creepy Castle – School for Ghost Hunters (Vol.1). Spooky! Totally!

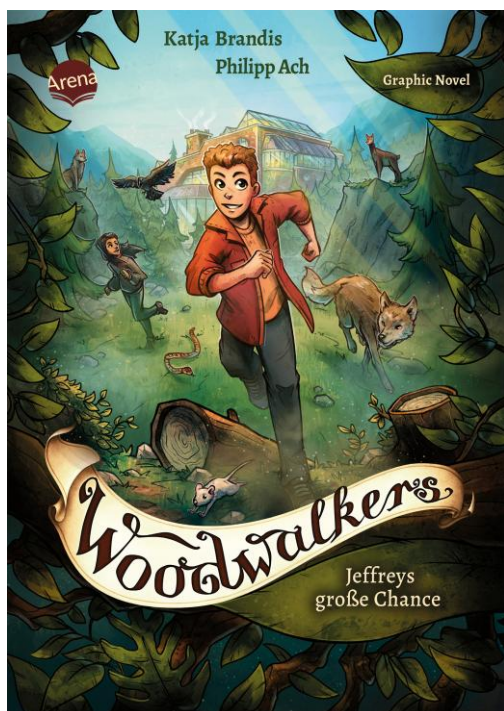
by Thomas Poppe, Heiko Wolz, illustrated by Sarah Friede

Hardcover • Age 9+ • 200 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60861-7

For centuries would-be ghost hunters have attended Creepy Castle in order to learn everything there is to know about how to deal with ghosts, vampires, demons and other spooky spirits. And now Weeny, the head teacher's daughter, has also been allowed to attend! On the very first day, she meets Finn, but he cold-shoulders her. There's something wrong with him. But before she can get to know the hidden truth, she has to join forces with him, because Creepy Castle is suddenly in great danger. It is under threat from a very old and very powerful spirit. Can Weeny and Finn work together to save the school? Maybe with the help of a (much too cute) demon? And might they even become friends in the process?

- The ghost-hunting boarding school which we'd all like to attend right away.
- A three-volume series, with Volume 2 to be published in spring 2027 and Volume 3 in autumn 2027.
- Each volume can be read independently of the other two.

Children's Books / Graphic Novel 8+



Woodwalkers – Graphic Novel (Vol.1).

Jeffrey's Big Chance

by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Philipp Ach

Softcover • Age 8+ • 128 p. • 14.8 x 21.0 cm • 60868-6

Jeffrey is a wolf shapeshifter, and longs for nothing more than to go to Clearwater High. It would be so cool if he could even start up his own wolf pack here! But once he has arrived, he realizes just how much effort will be required for him to fit in and make friends with other Woodwalkers. When suddenly, during an outdoor nature study lesson, there is an avalanche, Jeffrey is given the chance to show just what he can do.

- With familiar characters and new heroes.
- With subjects that are close to Katja Brandis's heart: friendship, nature and adventure.
- Dynamic, four-colour illustrations by Philipp Ach.
- A second graphic novel is planned for autumn 2027.
- The WALKERS series **sold over 4.9 million copies** worldwide.

Children's Books / Fiction 8+



Good Fairy in a Bad Mood (Vol.1).

The Wishing Pearl Mission

by Emma Flint, illustrated by Pernille Ørum

Hardcover • Age 8+ • 152 p. • 13.5 x 20.5 cm • 60828-0

Good fairies eat candy floss for breakfast, sprinkle glitter wherever they go, and spread joy to the world with their contagious, tinkling laughter. Sounds great, doesn't it? Not for Molli. Eating nothing but sweets? Boring! Stick to ALL the fairy rules? Snoring boring! And boredom puts Molli in a bad mood. The only thing to lift her mood is a little adventure. But on her first assignment in the human world, she stumbles from one mess to the next as she tries to help birthday boy Fabio make new friends – and her companion, Pepito the poodle, ends up in great danger!

- Each book contains one mission in the human world, where Molli, the fairy, must prove herself!
- Vol. 3 is to follow in Spring 2027.
- High-quality binding: printed silver foil and decorative edge with glittery two-colour illustrations.
- Books written by Emma Flint have been **sold over 420,000 copies** in the German language.

Children's Books / Picture Books



Fritzi the Hazel Dormouse. Three Magic Nuts for Christmas

by Annette Moser, illustrated by Marina Krämer

Hardcover • Age 4+ • 32 p. • 21.0 x 21.0 cm • 72250-4

A secret magic garden is the home for tiny magical beings and friendly animals. Fritzi, the Hazelnut Dormouse, is one of them. She lives here with lots of friends, including the owllet Kiss-Kiss. It will soon be Christmas, but for some reason, the magical mood just doesn't seem to be there. There's still no snow, and the wonderful Christmas stars haven't even begun to twinkle. And so Fritzi sets out to ask the root runners and little marble people for their advice. If she can find three magic nuts, they will fulfil her longing and that of her friends – that Christmas should come at last!

- Sparkling Christmas magic and an enchanted secret garden.
- With glittering foil on the cover and inside the book.
- **Over 750,000 copies** of books illustrated by Marina Krämer have been sold in the German language.



Let's Wake Up the Tiger!

by Katja Frixe, illustrated by Max Meinzold

Hardcover • Age 4+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28.0 cm • 72104-0

Taro is Stella's animal lionheart or, to be more precise, tigerheart! He is always beside her to help when her fears become too great. Because it's quite normal to be afraid, and even Taro himself can feel fear. But he knows lots of tricks that will enable him to overcome his fears.

And it's not only Stella that he helps to find her own supername, to drive away monsters from under the bed, to feel big and strong even when Mummy isn't there, to stand up for herself in a quarrel, and to find new strength just when she starts to weaken. Taro offers simple tips to every reader, and so every child can also have their own superpower along with their own tigerheart to support them.

- An interactive children's picture book on the subject of children's fears and self-empowerment.
- Powerful rituals to combat children's fears.
- Books illustrated by Max Meinzold have been **sold over 180,000 copies** in the German language.



I Feel This, But What Do You Feel?

by Marisa Hart, illustrated by Alexander Dietrich

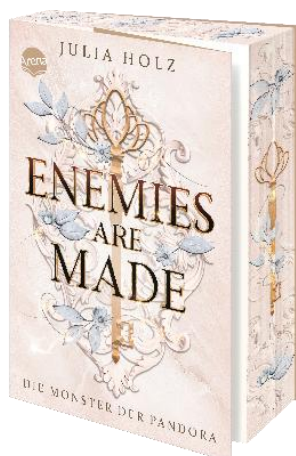
Hardcover • Age 3+ • 32 p. • 21.5 x 28.0 cm • 72251-1

Porcupine Pete would really like to spend the whole day (and the whole night) at home with his mummy. His socks itch, his toy railway has to be put back in his children's room, there's too much going on in the supermarket, and it's hard to fall asleep in the evening. And everyday life is made miserable by all the little monsters: Scratchilla, Gamespoiler, Makeamess, Muddlemin and, above all, Timegobbler. If only Mummy didn't have so much else to do, and would realize just how poor Pete feels when these little monsters attack him. But fortunately, Mummy does see what's causing him so much trouble, and in the end she finds ways to keep the little monsters at bay, so that Pete has time to focus on all the joys of everyday life.

- A very special picture book about emotions that helps to recognise unpleasant feelings and deal with them.
- By Spiegel best-selling author Marisa Hart.
- Marisa Hart is a popular blogger with more than 309,000 followers on Instagram, Facebook and Youtube.

BESTSELLING SERIES: NEXT VOLUMES

New Adult / Fiction 16+



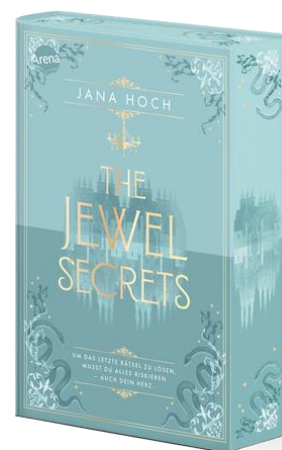
Enemies Are Made (Vol.2). Pandora's Monsters
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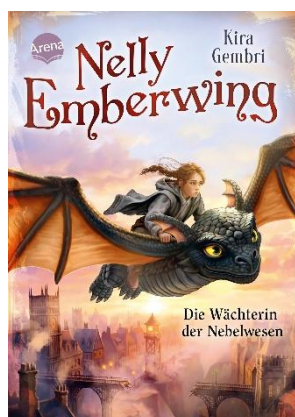
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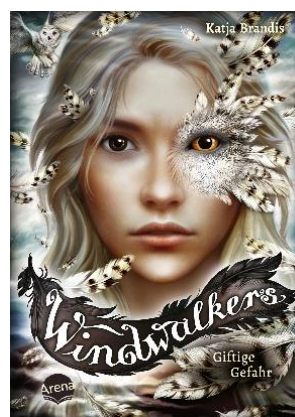
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by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls

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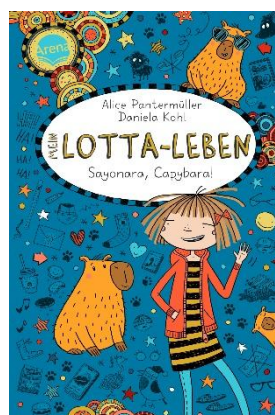
Yeah! 13 1/3 – I'm Totally In Love (Just Don't Know Yet with Whom)

by Emma Flint, illustrated by
Eva Schöffmann-Davidov

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**My Life as Lotta (Vol.23).
Sayonara, Capybara!**

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Children's Books / Fiction 8+



**The Flying Horses of
Starhall (Vol.3). A Home
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by Ina Brandt, illustrated
by Sonja Röhrig

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**Good Fairy in a Bad Mood (Vol.2).
Posturing Peacock**

by Emma Flint, illustrated
by Pernille Ørum

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An Enigmatic Message**

by Katja Frixte, illustrated
by Leonie Daub

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Fiction 7+



**A Case for Kwiatkowski
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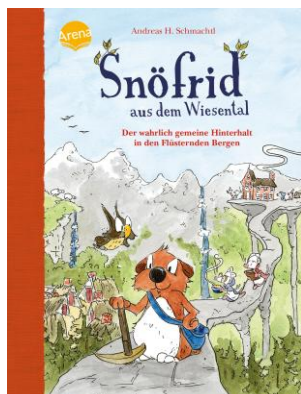
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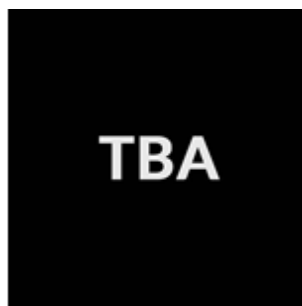
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by Romy Pohl, illustrated
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Sam the Ram Wants Another Story

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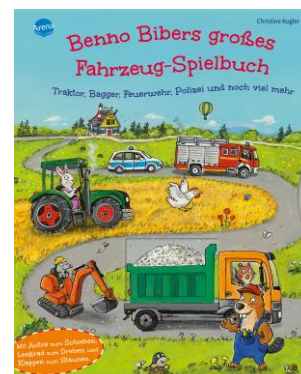
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Wanda and Woolly: That's Mine!

by Sandra Grimm,
illustrated by Antje Flad

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