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# Our Autumn 2014 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS



## **Psychological Thriller, All Age: STIGMATA by Beatrix Gurian**

Shortly after her mother's death Emma receives an old black-and-white photo of a toddler from an anonymous sender. Included with the picture is the mysterious request to look for her mother's murderers. Emma is supposed to find them in a youth camp that takes place in an old castle tucked away in the mountains. There she keeps discovering eerie castle photographs of days gone by. Something mysterious is going on.

- A one-of-a-kind reading experience: gripping psychological suspense by the masterful thriller author Beatrix Gurian, paired with artful, sensual photographs by Erol Gurian.
- Beatrix Gurian has become a fixture on our YA thriller list. She is a bestseller hallmark with 200,000 copies sold in total in Germany. Her book HELL OF A FLIRT has been translated into the Czech language.

## **Environmental Thriller, All Age: BURNING WATER by Lukas Erler**

Josh, Caro and Speedy can't believe what they're seeing: When they sneak up to Old Matthis' house to watch him, they see fire coming out of his water faucet. Soon after there's an explosion and the whole house collapses. Just a terrible accident? While the youngsters in Northern Germany are still wondering about the incident, the explosion causes great excitement for a Canadian energy company: It has conducted test drillings in the area around Matthis' home. The three eye witnesses could break a million-dollar deal. Somebody will have to silence them a.s.a.p...Suspenseful, complex thriller whose writing style stands out as well

- Lukas Erler's first novel, *Oil Spill* as well as his subsequent book *Murderous Freight* were both nominated for the Friedrich Glauser Award which is the most important award for mystery story writers.
- This is Lukas Erler's first novel for Arena on highly controversial topic.

## **Realistic Romance, Age 12+: FIVE DAYS IN APRIL by Christoph Marzi**

After his greatly successful fantasy teen books, FIVE DAYS IN APRIL is Christoph Marzi's first realistic romance: After his mother's tragic accident Jack drives to Seals Head Harbor to deliver a message which contents he doesn't know. He quickly learns that he's not a stranger in the town. His own past seems to be tightly linked to the mythical legend of the coastal town that indicates not only good things. If it hadn't been for Sadie with her sea blue eyes, Jack would have turned around on his heels!

- The extraordinary writer Christoph Marzi: literary, eloquent, illustrative, sensitive, suspenseful.
- Christoph Marzi's books sold 200,000 copies in total in Germany. His books have been translated into Czech, Dutch, English, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, and Turkish.

# Our Autumn 2014 Hotlist Children's Books



## **Humour for girls, Age 8+: EMI AND LUNA. THE UPSIDE-DOWN CHICKEN by Anja Ackermann**

There is nothing in this world Luna wants more than a real pet. Unfortunately, all she has is Matilde, a mechanical toy chicken. Then the two of them meet Emi and her puppy, Kaboom, and suddenly the whole world is upside down and Matilde starts to bark! Could that have anything to do with Great Uncle Augustin's new invention? Emi and Luna have no idea that even stranger things will happen...

- The fast-paced narrative, changing perspectives and one-of-a-kind characters will keep surprising the reader and turn the reading process into versatile entertainment.
- This is Anja Ackermann's third book at Arena publishing.

## **Children's Book, Age 5/6+: LINA AND FRED. A BEAR KNOWS NO A PARDON by Alice Pantermüller**

Those who have ever been visited by Fred, the bear, can consider themselves lucky! One day Fred stands at the reception of the Hotel Bear and Lina knows right away that she can have real fun with him. But will Lina's dad appreciate the race on tea carts, the boat trip with the cat food manufacturer's motorboat and the secret mission against grumpy Granny? After all, the guests of Hotel Bear seek rest and a pretty view of the lake!

- Alice Pantermüller's witty books have become a fixture on the Arena list. She sold a total of 350,000 copies in the German market in no time!
- Alice Pantermüller's books have been translated into Afrikaans, Dutch, Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Finnish, Greek, Hebrew, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, and Turkish.

## **Picture Book, Age 4+: PAVAROTTI THE HEDGEHOG. YOU ARE WONDERFUL JUST THE WAY YOU ARE! by Sophie Schmid**

An out-of-the-ordinary story focusing on the subjects of "tolerance" and "self-esteem"  
Has anybody ever seen anything like that? Pavarotti the hedgehog thinks he's a nightingale – and he sings from morning until night. The inhabitants of the forest don't get any sleep anymore! One thing is clear: They need to convince Pavarotti that he's a hedgehog ... and that hedgehogs don't sing. However, once the whole forest is quiet, all animals have to admit that they *do* miss Pavarotti and his singing just a little bit ...

- Witty characters, developed, written and illustrated by Sophie Schmid.
- This is Sophie Schmid's third book at Arena publishing.

## **Humour for boys, Age 9+: FRED'S CRAZY IDEAS. SO MUCH SAND AND NO DESERT by Christian Seltmann**

Fred's life is tough: His family moves to Berlin (which is loud and yucky), he has no friends (because they all stayed in Munich) and he is weird (at least that's what everybody else says). And what does his weird mind dream of? Well, for instance of being accepted in a mysterious refuge, exploring deserts, shaking the hands of aliens and rescuing his stunning classmate Helena Sugarsweet. Too bad that she doesn't want to be rescued at all!

- Comical but charming: Though you can laugh about Fred, you just have to like him.
- Christian Seltmann has catapulted himself into the German children's books scene. His picture books, books for first readers (among them the sensational PAUL VAMPIRE series) and children's books have sold more than 100,000 copies so far.
- Several of his books have been translated into Spanish.

# Our Autumn 2014 Hotlist Non Fiction



## **Non-Fiction, Age 8 to 10: BAFFLED! KNOWLEDGE PIRATES by Volker Präkelt**

Monkey leg and pepper bag! Who comes up with the funniest curses? Pirates do – and children who play pirates can, too. This book does not only provide a course on do-it-yourself curses but also lots of information and stories about extremely dangerous pirates, such as Blackbeard, Francis Drake and Henry Morgan. A very special book about pirates, filled with knowledgeable facts, adventures and a super duper pirates' song.

- This is the 9<sup>th</sup> volume in BAFFLED! KNOWLEDGE series.
- The series sold 50,000 copies in the German market and has been translated into Chinese and Korean.

## **Non-Fiction Picture Book: NEVIO, THE FEARLESS SCIENCE MOUSE. WHY ROCKETS FLY, SHIPS SWIM AND CARS DRIVE by Matthias von Bornstädt**

A tenderly illustrated story that stars an optimistic little go-getter who discovers the world and makes new friends in the process. Skillfully included facts and information show how the mechanisms of flying, swimming and driving work. Fascinating additional facts and the story with sounds and music can be found on the audio CD.

- This the picture book debut by Matthias von Bornstädt, with illustrations by Vera Schmidt.
- The second volume NEVIO AND THE FIREFIGHTERS will be published in 2015.

## **Narrative Non-Fiction Picture Book, Age 9+: SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN THERE IS A LIGHT by Andreas Pflitsch & Dirk Steinhöfel**

Jonas and his sister, Sophie, visit their great-grandfather Elias in the United States. The eccentric old man is a cave explorer and therefore knows everything about caves: how they are formed, why stalactites keep growing and what treasures can be found in the underground world. Yet there is one phenomenon Elias has never been able to find an explanation for: A mysterious light deep down in a cave of ice. Jonas and Sophie are sure that together with their great-grandfather they will solve the mystery of the ice cave.

- This is the first picture book project by non-fiction book author Andreas Pflitsch and illustrator Dirk Steinhöfel who has already published several picture books and whose book covers are easily recognized.

# Special Events Autumn 2014: Lilli the Witch Relaunch



- The LILLI THE WITCH series is receiving a new outfit: The illustrations have been modernized and all books are republished with 4-c-illustrations throughout.
- The stories of the thicker volumes have been abridged so that all books have the same length from now on.
- The first batch of 10 titles will be published in October 2014, the second batch of 9 titles will be published in Spring 2015.
- Written by KNISTER and wittily illustrated by Birgit Rieger, this series has been a pleasure for little readers all over the world for more than 20 years now and is being translated into 40 languages.
- More than 20.5 million copies have been sold so far.
- Hilarious reading adventure fun for all New Readers with a splendid heroine!

## NOVELTY

### **Lilli the Witch, Age 8+: LILLI THE WITCH BECOMES A PRINCESS (Vol. 19) by KNISTER**

Lilli uses her magic book to turn everything upside down! This time she conjures herself into the land of fairy tales – as a princess! Actually just so she won't EVER have to tidy up her room again. Bad luck! Who would have expected that in fairy tale land Lilli will be kidnapped by a fairy tale dragon – who demands of her to tidy up his cave?

## Backlist Samples

### **Lilli the Witch, Age 8+: LILLI THE WITCH FLIPS THE SCHOOL UPSIDE DOWN (Vol. 1) by KNISTER**

Help, the school council is coming! Lilli the Witch has the super idea to assist her teacher a bit during class. And manages to present a day at school her classmates have never seen before!

### **Lilli the Witch, Age 8 +: LILLY THE WITCH MAKES MAGIC NONSENSE (Vol. 2) by KNISTER**

Lilli flips everything upside down with her magic book of spells! This time she has the great idea to make fairy tale characters come alive. Just too bad that Hans in Luck doesn't get the hang of swapping things. So what's Lilli supposed to do with the horse in Granny's apartment?

# Special Events Autumn 2014 – Movie



- The TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY has been a success right from the start. 2.5 million copies worldwide speak for itself! The trilogy has been translated into 32 languages.
- Kerstin Gier enchants her readers with a romantic, funny, and suspenseful story which has been on best seller lists in several countries.
- The second movie SAPHIRE BLUE will be released in Germany on 14 August 2014. Arena celebrates this occasion with a new box edition with all three volumes and three movie editions: hardcover edition with 32 pages of movie stills, a brochure edition with 16 pages of movie stills as well as a making-of edition about the shooting with more than 100 movie stills.

## **Romantic Novel, All Age: TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY by Kerstin Gier**

General plot of the trilogy: Sometimes it can be a real burden to live in a family that has so many secrets. At least that's what 16-year-old Gwendolyn thinks. Until the day she unexpectedly finds herself in London at the turn of the last century. She realizes all too soon that she herself is her family's greatest secret and that you should advise anybody against falling in love between the times!

## **Romantic Novel, All Age, hardcover: SAPHIRE BLUE. TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY – MOVIE EDITION WITH PHOTOS by Kerstin Gier**

Now things are finally rolling again: After the successful movie launch of the time travel trilogy by Kerstin Gier the second volume has been turned into a movie as well. The movie edition with approx. 50 exclusive and as of yet unpublished movie pictures is a special high light for all fans of Gwendolyn and Gideon. First impressions of the movie set and the filming before the movie launch can only be found here.

## **Romantic Novel, All Age, brochure: SAPHIRE BLUE. TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY – MOVIE EDITION INCLUDING PHOTOS by Kerstin Gier**

The time travel goes on! Finally the second volume of Kerstin Gier's bestselling trilogy has been turned into a movie. All fans can therefore look forward to an inexpensive soft cover edition with approximately 25 exclusive pictures taken on the movie set, perfectly complimenting the enjoyable viewing of the movie.

## **Romantic Novel, All Age, making-of: SAPHIRE BLUE. TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY – THE OFFICIAL BOOK THAT ACCOMPANIES THE MOVIE by Kerstin Gier**

The film journalist Marga Böhle was right on the set of *Sapphire Blue* and has lots of anecdotes, highlights and special information about the filming to tell. More than one hundred colour photos complement her reports about stunts, extraordinary locations and spectacular scenes in front of and behind the camera. Time travel involves a lot of preparation: For instance, you have to learn how to ride on a horse and dance a minuet. The main actors, Maria Ehrich and Jannis Niewöhner, talk about the many challenges they faced during the making of the movie. Stunning photos show all the details of the movie.

# Special Events Autumn 2014

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS Sequels



### **Cartoon Novel, Age 9+: MY LIFE AS LOTTA (Vol. 6). THE LAST ONE WILL BE KISSED BY AN ELK by Alice Pantermüller and Daniela Kohl**

School's out for summer and the Petermann Family travels to Sweden with lots of luggage, Lotta's flute, a camper and Cheyenne. So of course Lotta can't wait to get there because the country is full of wild animals, strange trolls and fluffy animals gone wild. While her stupid brothers conquer an old Vikings' ship, Lotta and Cheyenne do everything in their power to track down a real prince.

- Alice Pantermüller's witty books have become a fixture on the Arena list. She sold a total of 350,000 copies in the German market in no time!
- Alice Pantermüller's books have been translated into Afrikaans, Dutch, Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Finnish, Greek, Hebrew, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, and Turkish.
- Volume 7 of the series will be published in Spring 2015. Further volumes are planned.

### **Picture book, Age 3 +: JOSEPHINE THE GUINEA PIG (Vol. 2). FRIENDS ARE THE GREATEST JOY by Andreas H. Schmachtl**

The guinea pig Josephine is dreaming again – of a very best friend. If she had a little friend, she could build cute cottages while a big friend could protect her. Josephine would tell a quiet friend her most beautiful stories, and a courageous friend wouldn't even be afraid of the night. Oh, how wonderful it would be to have a friend!

- Andreas H. Schmachtl works exclusively for Arena. He is the author of the TILDA APPLESEED series and the creator of HIERONYMUS FROG and JULY DANDELION. His books have sold a total of 600,000 copies yet. ☺
- Andreas H. Schmachtl's books have been translated into Portuguese (BRA, Chinese, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish).
- This is the second volume of the JOSEPHINE series. The first volume sold 10,000 copies so far.
- Please check out our A. H. SCHMACHTL CATALOGUE with detailed info on his complete work.

### **Picture book, Age 3 +: THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY. STRAWBERRY MAGIC IN FAIRY LAND by Stefanie Dahle**

Oh, a strawberry contest with an award for the most beautiful idea – of course the Strawberry Fairy has to participate! She quickly jumps into her hot-air balloon and sails straight into an exciting adventure, accompanied by Bibo the butterfly and Trudi the fairy child. Will they arrive in fairy land in time for the contest?

- Stefanie Dahle is our third powerhouse when it comes to children's books. The books written and/or illustrated by Stefanie have sold a total of 500,000 copies.
- THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY is a huge success among little girls and is written and illustrated by Stefanie Dahle. The series offers picture books, story books, board books, colouring books and books for reading beginner.
- Please check out our STEFANIE DAHLE CATALOGUE with detailed info on her complete work.



## Special Events Autumn 2014 – YA Sequels



### **Thriller, All Age: THE REVENGE OF THE ISLAND (Vol. 2) by Manuela Martini**

How much Hannah and Kanoa would love to dive right in: into their love, into pulsating New York City, into happiness. Both wish they would never have to waste another thought on the island. Yet the shadows of the past keep pursuing Hannah and Kanoa every step they take. The island is as alive as never before. And it demands its tribute. In the end they are not only forced to fight for their love but also for their lives. *Metebab ou alatrano – Prepare for what's coming!*

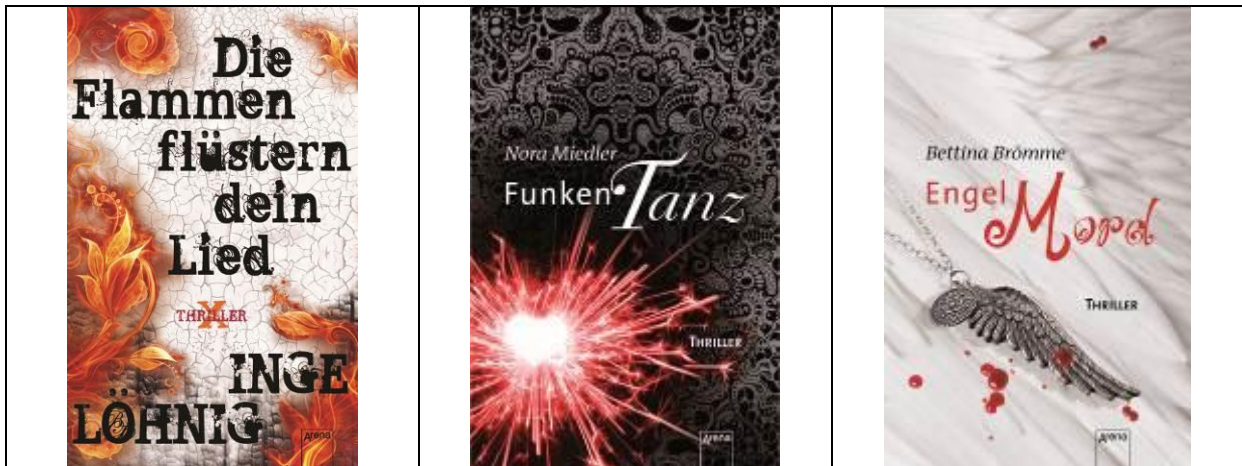
- This is the second (and final) volume of THE ISLAND, Manuela Martini's 2-volume thriller series.
- Volume 1 was published in January 2014 and sold 10,000 copies.
- Manuela Martini is a well-established thriller author in the German market. Arena has sold 180,000 copies in the German market.
- Her books SUMMER NIGHT'S SCREAM and SUMMER FROST have been translated into Czech and Slovak.

### **Thriller, All Age: THE LABYRINTH KNOWS NO MERCY (Vol. 3) by Rainer Wekwerth**

There are only three of them left, and they are exhausted. Yet they want to survive – no matter what. Their doubts overshadow the fight against the maze that keeps surprising the teens with one new mystery after another. Their hard-earned team spirit seems to hold up but is the united fight worth it to Jeb, Jenna and Mary if only one of them can survive? However, none of them dares to voice the greatest question of all: What will the last survivor encounter behind the sixth gate?

- This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final volume of the LABYRINTH TRILOGY. The first two volumes have sold 40,000 copies so far.
- Rainer Wekwerth is a well-known fantasy and mystery writer. His work has been translated into Polish and Turkish.

# Special Events Autumn 2014 – YA Thrillers



- It all started with the very successful ARENA THRILLER series which we started in 2008. We have been publishing 36 volumes and have been selling more than 1,000,000 copies since the launch. The series consists of stand-alone psychological thrillers aimed at girls 12+, written by an all-female author cast.
- The ARENA ALL AGE THRILLERS (Triple A) or X THRILLER series is meant to entertain advanced thriller enthusiasts from the age of 14. More pages, more suspense, more thrill! The target group is girls 14+ who re-meet the most accomplished ARENA THRILLER authors as well as new talents. Established in 2012, this series sold 100,000 copies since then through 7 stand-alone novels.

## NOVELTY TRIPLE A THRILLER

### **Triple A Thriller, All Age: THE FLAMES ARE WHISPERING YOUR SONG (Vol. 7) by Inge Löhnig**

There has always been a sense of cold indifference in Pia's family. Yet on Christmas things culminate in a nasty argument. Her dad leaves her and her mother, and Pia starts to suspect something terrible. There is something wrong with her family. So Pia starts looking into her past. She runs into unexpected blockades, secretive people and a sinister secret that is so horrible that she suddenly finds herself in grave danger.

## NOVELTIES ARENA THRILLER

### **Arena Thriller, Age 12+: DANCING SPARKS (Vol. 35) by Nora Miedler**

Emilia has forgotten who she is. When she wakes up in the hospital after a fire, she neither knows what day it is nor does she recognize the face in the mirror. Confused, she leaves with the two strangers who introduce themselves as her parents. It is the onset of a dangerous game Emilia can only win if she manages to remember.

### **Arena Thriller, Age 12+: MURDER OF AN ANGEL (Vol. 36) by Bettina Brömme**

Melina is looking for her brother, Heiko, who disappeared three years ago. She finds him on the farm of a religious cult but he doesn't seem to recognize her. Then a young woman is horribly murdered and Heiko is blamed for the crime. That is because the murder victim was Heiko's secret girlfriend – a forbidden love within the cult community. Melina believes her brother to be innocent. Yet someone in the community wants to stop the truth from being known no matter what.