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A wonderful picture book with Scandinavian feel-good atmosphere

Alfred the pixie has had a cosy winter in his little house with goose Aada and snail Fanni. When the days start getting warmer again they gaze in wonder at the first signs of spring, watch the migrant birds returning from the South and romp around together in the woodlands. But there are also dangers lurking there. The huge brown bear, for example. They are very frightened of him.

But when after a terrible storm all the animals in the woods are in danger, it is the bear who rescues them. Will Alfred, Aada, Fanni and the bear become friends after all?

- Overcoming fear of the unknown – a universal topic
- Illustrated with charming watercolours by the author
- A loveable story of friendship

Outi Kaden
Alfred the Pixie – You Can Never Have Enough Friends

32 pages | 27.0 x 23.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Kaden, Outi
March 2020

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Volume 1, volume 2 Christmas Chaos to be published in September 2020

Outi Kaden was born into a German-Finnish family in 1966 and even as a little girl wanted to make books for children. Yet after graduating from high school she did commercial training instead. It was not until after the birth of her two sons that she began writing and illustrating children's books.
Great excitement in the Humming Forest! A stranger has arrived and is obviously planning to settle down! His name is Benny – quite the shady character, owl Lola, tomcat Indigo and sheep Maggy think. And Benny’s friend Radish, the mini goose, seems to be rather sly as well.

Nevertheless, Maggy invites the two newcomers to her birthday party. And what a day that turns out to be. Never before have the friends of the Humming Forest experienced such an adventurous party. For Benny and Radish bring along a gift that enchants them all!

• As warm-hearted as Winnie-the-Pooh and as cheeky as the Peanuts

• Encouraging to little readers: Every one of us is different, and that is just right the way it is.

• An irresistible gang: bold, gleeful, heart-warming!

Eleni Livanios
Benny and the Raccoon Gang – Adventures in the Humming Forest

128 pages | 17.0 x 24.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Livanios, Eleni
March 2020

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Volume 1, volume 2 Travelling on the Lively Lull to be published in August 2020
Hetty the bumblebat has an idea: she decides to do a good deed every day from now on. Of course her friend Fidelia thinks that's brilliant, and Podgie Pi, the Etruscan shrew, wants to do it too. They go looking for someone they can make happy with a good deed, and search through the palace garden of La Rondine castle.

But the normally so lively meadow is deserted. What's happened? Is the terrible monster which they say lives in the palm house behind it? Hetty decides to get to the bottom of it!

- Fluffy as a bumblebee, deft as a dragonfly, curious as a cat!

- With daring and an explorer's spirit, Hetty, Fidelia and Podgie pursue a new adventure

- With original illustrations by the internationally acclaimed artist Julia Christians

Annette Roeder, born in Munich in 1968, is an author, illustrator and architect. She has been writing picture books and children's books, as well as novels for adults for over 20 years. She received the Kalbacher Klapperschlange prize for her book *Vacations in the Closet*. She and her three children live on the outskirts of Munich.

Julia Christians, born in 1984, studied communications design at the university in Braunschweig and graduated as designer. Since then she has been freelancing as graphics designer and illustrator for numerous children's book publishers. She is also internationally renowned.

**Hetty the Bumblebat Saves the Meadow**

128 pages | 17.0 x 24.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Christians, Julia

March 2020

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Volume 2, volume 3 to be published in August 2020

Rights sold: Russian
Discover the World with ... The Little Dragon Coconut

- Children's series with 28 volumes available
- Target group: 2 - 6+
- More than 15.2 million products sold worldwide
- Filmed (Cinema and TV)
- Rights sold in 26 languages:

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Ingo Siegner, born in 1965, studied history and French, spent two years in France as an au pair and trained as a bank clerk. He is an autodidact who prefers to always carry his paints with him. He has been writing and drawing for years for neighbours' children and loves to read them stories.

His The Little Dragon Coconut series is one of the most successful children's books series nationally and internationally.

Read more at [www.ingosiegner.de](http://www.ingosiegner.de) or [www.drache-kokosnuss.de](http://www.drache-kokosnuss.de)
For days, Coconut has been reading everything about China that he can get his paws on. Suddenly, Oskar bursts into his dragon's den, with a surprise announcement: His father, the guzzle-gut dragon Herbert, has been invited to his brother's wedding in China. "Oh dear, does your Dad know anything about Chinese customs?" asks Matilda. "I think you have to be really polite there." Coconut proposes that the three friends accompany Herbert to China. Because he knows that you shouldn't mess with the powerful Chinese dragon Long Long...

- Thrilling and entertaining – on a visit to the Chinese guzzle-gut dragons

- Every Little Dragon Coconut adventure has been a Spiegel Top 10 Bestseller

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Coconut and the Magic Student Vol. 26
Coconut Visits the Romans Vol. 27

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Can you help Coconut find them all?

Hullabaloo on Dragon Island! Why are things constantly disappearing there? Where are Coconut's sunglasses? Where are Clutterdumpling's pincers? Where did Oskar leave his sandwich? And where is the pirate Pete Backbord's compass?

On 10 crowded spreads, Coconut's youngest fans can help the little fire-breathing dragon, Matilda and Oskar track down these and many other things! A fun-packed book for Coconut fans aged three and older!

6 of the 10 spreads have been previously published as *Coconut – Find the Fire-Breathing Dragon! – A Hidden Object Activity Book*

- Colourful 'hidden object' pictures of Dragon Island's best-loved locations
- 10 colourful spreads, with lots of hidden objects to discover
- An activity picture book for the littlest Coconut fans!

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Tricky picture book fun for clever kids and their parents!

Use your eyes! asks this special searching book for smart minds. On every double page there is hidden an animal, within the pictures as well as the rhymes.

The varying searching adventure leads Nele and her friends from her backyard through desert and jungle to the moon and back again. Only those who look closely will find the well-hidden animals in unexpected places. And whoever can't find all the animals might want to have a look in the back of the book – or simply keep on searching.

• Varied and entertaining hide-and-seek game with pictures and words

• A picture book that grows along: the colourful typography design sparks the interest for letters and reading.

• Similar to the Magic Eye principle, the animals are hidden on a second plane

Markus Spang, born in 1972, studied illustration in Krefeld and Münster. Nowadays, he works in Karlsruhe as an illustrator for various magazines and publishers. He illustrated numerous children's books and is known for his tricky and ingenious puzzle books.

www.gnaps.de

Markus Spang
Look Over Here! What Animal Is Near?
Search-and-Find fun

32 pages | 23.0 x 27.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Spang, Markus
March 2020

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A story about growing up and about the courage to find your own way in life

It is spring and all the seeds in the earth get ready to grow. One after the other breaks through the earth stretching towards the sun to unfold its shoots and leaves and to grow skywards. But there is one seedling that needs a bit more time. Once it is ready, it has to tediously find its way through all the big plants. On its way up it meets many animals that become its friends.

When the little seedling finally reaches the light, it has become the most beautiful, strongest and most resilient plant of all – and the happiest one, for it can give a home to many animals.

Britta Teckentrup's marvellous nature illustrations form the perfect scenery for this empathetic story which celebrates uniqueness and subtly teaches children about the life cycle of plants.

• The new picture book by Britta Teckentrup tells of growing up

• Everyone needs his time to grow and even little plants will eventually grow up strong.

• Colourful, happy and with a message: Don't be misled and find your own way!

Britta Teckentrup was born in Hamburg and studied art and illustration at the Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design and the Royal College of Art in London. She is the author and illustrator of numerous books and has received many awards. She lives with her Scottish husband and her son in Berlin.

Britta Teckentrup books published by Prestel: Oskar loves ..., Oskar and Mo, Oscar can..., Before I wake up, The Egg and Birds and Their Feathers.

Britta Teckentrup
The Seedling That Didn't Want to Grow

48 pages | 23.0 x 30.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Teckentrup, Britta
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English edition available
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Middle Grade
Spring 2020
A galactic tentacle monster becomes a pupil in the fifth grade

Tom has made it: All the boys in the class think he's cool, even super sportsman Jonas. Then, one day, a round flying object crashes in front of his feet. Out wobbles FRRK, a glibbery alien asking Tom to help him with repairing his spaceship. The needed nitric acid can be found in the school’s chemistry lab. Of course, FRRK can’t be seen there in his true form. So he transforms himself into the body of an eleven-year old kid. But something goes terribly wrong ...

A madly funny story about boys, girls and other strange beings – and about what makes true friendship.

- Close encounters of the glibbery kind: Crazy exciting, full of humour and rapid wit

- Great debut author who writes the finest children's literature with wit, heart and intellect.

- For fans of David Walliams, Jory John/Mac Barnett and Sam Copeland

Nicole Röndigs, born in 1975, is an author and journalist and lives together with her husband and her two sons in Hamburg. For many years, she has been writing articles and stories for children, partly for the magazine GEOlino and a radio show broadcasted by RBB, NDR Info and WDR.

Nicole Röndigs
FRRK! – My Alien and I

224 pages | 15.5 x 21.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Zapf
March 2020

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Volume 1, volume 2 Mission Super Squish to be published in August 2020
Adventurous vacations with Poppy Williams!

When Pia learns that she is going to San Francisco instead of her beloved Baltic Sea this summer, she's dumbfounded and can't believe it. Pia is determined to dislike the unknown city, but unexpectedly the colourful metropolis by the sea grows on her. That's probably thanks to Grandma Maple's great biscuit shop and the crazy Villa Futura, where Pia and her parents stay.

The biggest surprise, however, is Poppy Williams – the extraordinary girl who suddenly appears barefooted in Pia's room and drags her into the adventure of her life in no time at all.

• Strong friendship between girls: The brave Poppy breaks through the cautious Pia's reserve.

• Wonderfully unique, courageous and unbelievably likeable: Poppy is the new Pippi Longstocking!

For a long time, Katharina Reschke had worked as lecturer and script consultant for film scripts. Since then, she has been a freelancing screenplay and book author living in Berlin and San Francisco. She writes children's books as well as scripts for TV films, series and movies and has been awarded multiple times.
A seaside holiday! As Dusty scampers around on the beach with Paul and Alex, he's the happiest dog in the world. Paul really wants to find a message in a bottle! But when, one day, the three of them see something being thrown from a fishing boat into the surf, they know that it's more than just a harmless message in a bottle. When a policeman shows up and scours the sand, Dusty suddenly tears towards him, furiously barking, and chases him off the beach. Paul knows his dog well enough to suspect that he wasn't just playing. His detective's instinct springs into action: is the island not as peaceful as it seems?

- No crook is safe from Dusty – he can smell them from a mile off!

- An exciting and funny story full of dog know-how

- Animals are some of children's favourite heroes

**Jan Andersen** is the pseudonym of the award-winning author and playwright Wolfram Hänel. The author has written over a hundred stories and novels which have also been translated into several languages. Even as a boy he loved reading about dogs, and he himself of course has always owned a dog, inevitably Border collies. He is certain that one day he'll be sitting at the table with his Border collie, and the dog will suddenly start talking...

For more information on Wolfram Hänel and his books, see www.haenel-buecher.weebly.com

Jan Andersen
Dusty – A Hairy Holiday Adventure

192 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | Hardcover | May 2020

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Volume 5, volume 6 *Dusty is the Best* to be published in August 2020

Rights sold: Czech, Hungarian
A new case for the Sleuth Gang!

Turmoil in the zoo: The meerkats have had babies and the small pups are the new attraction. Yet, almost every day one of the little ones disappears. The zoo director and the animal keepers are at a loss. Neither are there any signs of theft nor have the pups dug their way out. During a school trip, Theo and Elsa see first-hand what’s been going on. And indeed, again one of the meerkat pups has disappeared over night. A clear-cut case for hamster investigator Mister Marple and his two assistants Theo and Elsa!

The Sleuth Gang are Theo, Elsa and hamster Mister Marple. In their headquarter on the roof of an old shed they investigate in "animal affairs" of any kind.

- Welcome to the "Detective Agency for Animal Affairs"
- Beastly entertaining: hamster Mister Marple as master investigator
- Highly entertaining detective story with wildly amusing illustrations

Sven Gerhardt, born in 1977, is married with three children. He very nearly became an elementary school teacher, but then decided to make his hobby his profession. After several years in advertising, he now works as a graphic designer and writer. His adventures featuring the Haystack Scoundrels even made it to the bestselling children’s book list.

Sven Gerhardt
Mister Marple and the Sleuth Gang — Meerkats On the Loose

160 pages | 15.5 x 21.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Renger, Nikolai
March 2020

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Volume 2, volume 3 Caught Red-Pawed to be published in October 2020

Rights sold: Catalan, Russian, Spanish
What a summer! Trudi and Teresa are sent to spend the holiday with grandparents they have never met, in the deepest, darkest countryside. Is there anything more boring?

But the holiday in the countryside takes a surprising turn: At the market in the nearby town, the girls come across a stall where a shadowy trader is selling Russian matryoshka dolls. The girls are utterly enchanted by the little dolls, and scrape together their entire allowance to buy one. What they don't suspect is that their matryoshkas are living, breathing dolls leading their own magical life! And they desperately need their help...

- A story about sisterhood, and what it means to be different, yet still belong together

- Written with a heartfelt sincerity, but light as a feather and told with much humour

Katja Ludwig lives with her family in Brandenburg and Berlin. When she's not writing she works as a surgeon. Following her story about The Guinea Pig and the Wall, this is her second novel for children.
Friends are always there for one another. Or are they?

Freddie and Mattis have been friends since the kindergarten. Now both turn twelve and still Mattis drives most of the adults mad with his big mouth and lots of stupid ideas. Contrary to Mattis, Freddie doesn't want to be the centre of attention. He just goes along with everything Mattis starts – even if only to prevent the worst. In the end, Mattis owes it to Freddie that he doesn't get kicked out of school. For friends are always there for one another. At least, that's what Freddie thinks. Aren't they?

- Told with an uneasy eye and precise language
- Intelligently and without compromises the author explores what friendship, truth and loyalty mean.
- Anke Stelling received the Price of the Leipzig Book Fair 2019.

Anke Stelling grew up in Stuttgart, studied at the German Institute for Literature in Leipzig and graduated with a diploma. Her adult novels have been awarded multiple prizes, among others the Price of the Leipzig Book Fair, and were listed on the longlist for the German Book Prize as well as on the hotlist of independent publishers. In 2019, she received the Friedrich Hölderlin Price of the City of Homburg for her literary work. Her first children’s book Erna and the Three Truths stood on the list of the Best Seven by Deutschlandfunk and was also awarded the White Ravens Prize 2017.

256 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | Hardcover | March 2020

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Jonas is in the third year at a primary school in Berlin. Here there lives and learns a colourful mix of nations. Which creates all manner of conflict. There are lots of arguments, and once even a proper fight after school. Jonas is really annoyed about this. He wants his class to be a proper alliance.

There's one thing that connects them all: football. Without further ado, Jonas, together with his friend Kalil, founds a football club just for their class, which anyone can join. Jonas and Kalil have even got hold of an opposition side for their first match – a real football club. And to make sure that the opposition doesn't walk all over them, the players in his class have to stand together as one!

• A great read for all football-mad boys and girls

• A modern book concept, to promote reading among children: includes comic-strips by Timo Grubing

• Broaches the topical issue of multiculturalism, without being didactic

THiLO travelled all over Africa, Asia and Central America, before studying journalism and going on tour round Germany with his cabaret group, while at the same time working for radio and television. THiLO is now a bestselling writer of stories and screenplays for children and young adults.
Who Will Be the New Coach?

Jonas, Kalil and their friends can’t believe it when their beloved trainer announces that he’s leaving. And just at the worst time, too: The Tornados have just challenged the arrogant snot-bags from the posh prep school. It’s not only a question of honour, but also a matter of a very important wager: Kalil has won a Leroy Sané shirt, signed by the man himself! Thanks to Jonas’ fit of exuberance, if they lose their match against those show-offs, Kalil will lose the shirt too.

What now? No coach, no victory? After several false starts, they finally find Sam, a really cool bloke. But he has never coached a team before, and wasn’t even that good a footballer himself. Can he lead the Tornados to victory?

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THiLO
Tornado FC Needs a Coach!

128 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | Hardcover |
illustrated by Grubing, Timo
April 2020

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Volume 2
An adventurous summer with the two best friends of all time: Bibi and Tina!

Finally holidays again! Bibi Blocksberg visits her best friend Tina at Martinshof. Yet, there is a great commotion as the Hofbrunnen, the estate’s well, has no more water!

Bibi and Tina set about to persuade Count Falko von Falkenstein to pay the costs of drilling the well. However, it all goes wrong – until a mysterious young Spaniard named Chico de la Mancha comes into play...

• The book to the new Amazon live action series, Vol. 1
• 1.7 million Bibi & Tina books sold
• Enriched with 4c film photos

Bettina Börgerding is a very successful writer of screenplays. Together with Wenka von Mikulicz, she wrote the books to the Bibi & Tina films. Originally a co-founder of a small production company, she is nowadays one of the most renowned screenplay writers for children’s films.

Wenka von Mikulicz is a film dramaturg and co-author of the books accompanying the Bibi & Tina film. She developed numerous ideas for Boje Buck Produktions and dcm pictures.

Bettina Börgerding / Wenka von Mikulicz
Bibi & Tina – Finally Holidays Again

176 pages | 13.5 x 21.5 cm | Hardcover | March 2020

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Volume 1
An adventurous summer with the two best friends of all time: Bibi and Tina!

This summer at the Martinshof is really something else!
Bibi and Tina are determined to find out what secret the young Spaniard Chico de la Mancha is hiding. To that end, a games night comes right on cue: During a game of Truth or Dare Bibi wants to get to the bottom of Chico. But does Chico ever tell the truth?

Unfortunately, Bibi and Tina can’t think too much about it, for a storm and the birth of a foal are about to occur...

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Bibi & Tina – Truth or Dare

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Volume 2
The magic power of healing plants

In his new children's book, Olaf Hajek introduces young readers to the world of flowers and healing plants. Hajek’s pictures, drawn in a folk art style, are full of life, populated by insects, birds, fruits and fairy tale figures, illuminating the uniqueness of nature.

The pictures are accompanied by interesting texts that underline the cultural and medicinal aspects of the plants as well as their use for healing. Thus, children learn which petals in the garden belong to which flower, how iris root can be used as teething aid with babies, and that the seed capsules of poppies led to the invention of the salt grinder. From roses to gillyflowers and marigold to ginger, artichokes and passion flower: Children will see the local and exotic plants in a whole new light and enjoy these wonderful botanical illustrations.

- A non-fiction art title for all ages for children and fans of Olaf Hajek
- The folk art inspired and minutely detailed flower pictures kindle the interest of the children and tell little stories.
- Interesting and informative texts on the healing power of flowers and plants

Christine Paxmann
Olaf Hajek's Book of Flowers
Plants with healing power in fantastic illustrations for plant enthusiasts from 8 to 99

40 pages | 26.0 x 35.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Hajek, Olaf
March 2020

Christine Paxmann's life revolves around books – she writes, illustrates, designs everything that goes in between two book covers and kindles her interest. She has already written and published numerous children's books and books on nature topics. She lives in Munich.

In this thought provoking book, curious readers will discover all kinds of fascinating information about how and why we think about time. Chapters on mythology discuss Chronos, Janus, and the legend of the Phoenix. Others look at how different cultures perceive time—as a straight line or in circles? Young readers will learn how animals and plants tell time, how the study of longitude and latitude is related to clocks, and why an hour used to last one hundred minutes. Along the way, they’ll encounter historic time pieces such as sundials, chronometers, and Al-Jazari’s famous 12th-century elephant clock.

The book also invites readers to ponder important questions about what time means to us today: can you actually save time? Can you run out of it? And is it really better to accomplish more in less time? These concepts are introduced in accessible chapters and illustrated with vibrant drawings.

• Absorbing and world-enlarging

• Explores a challenging concept in an engaging way that encourages discussion and further learning

Kathrin Köller is a translator and journalist specializing in children’s and youth media. Her film I Will was nominated for the Berlin Children's Theater Awards. She lives in Berlin, Germany.

Irmela Schautz, born in 1973, is an award-winning illustrator of books for children as well as general science books, biographies, international literature, magazines, and newspapers. She teaches at the Academy for Illustration and Design in Berlin, Germany.

Kathrin Köller
The Book of Time

112 pages | 21.5 x 28.0 cm | Hardcover | illustrated by Schautz, Irmela
November 2019

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With 112 4c illustrations

English edition available
All about hair: an illustrated cultural history

What do fringe, ponytail, monkey swing and earphones have in common? Exactly, they are all hairstyles! In her book, printed in unusual colours, Katja Spitzer tells us everything about hair: that hairstyles have been important to people since the Stone Age, from the hip-length hair of Empress Sisi to the tower hairstyles of the Baroque and the punk hairstyles of the 70s.

We learn which beauty recipes the Ancient Egyptians had for their hair, to whom Indians sacrifice their hair and why many African Americans wear their Afro-look with great pride, what the bobblehead has to do with emancipation, why our hair turns grey and what it consists of at all. We see plaits, curls, blonde, black, ginger hair, short or long hair, ladies-beard and beard hairstyles and learn many idioms related to hair. Quite hairy, this book!

- All about hair and hairstyles – from the past to now
- Extraordinary illustrations, printed in special colours
- Hairy fascination – from tower hair and monkey swing to Mohican

Katja Spitzer, born in 1979, studied art history and history followed by illustration at the College for Graphics and Book Art in Leipzig. Since 2009, she has been working as freelancing illustrator for adults and children in Berlin. Her clearly drawn illustrations are characterised by their idiosyncratic colourfulness, which is created by printing with special colours.
Coconut, Oskar and Matilda visit a knight's castle

When did knights in shiny armour live? Who could train for this "job"? What did a knight's castle look like? What sort of life did the children have there? What happened at a knights' tournament and what weapons were used?

While searching for the answers to these and other questions, the little dragon Coconut, porcupine Matilda and guzzle-gut Oskar visit their old friends, lord of the castle Walther von der Vogelwiese and his damsel Bruniberta finding out all sorts of interesting things during their stay.

• The bestselling Coconut non-fiction series featuring a top topic for children: knights

• Learning facts in a way that is playful and easy to understand

• With lots of illustrations of Coconut and knights in shiny armour

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Ingo Siegner
Now We Know! The Little Dragon Coconut Investigates Knights

80 pages | 15.5 x 21.0 cm | Hardcover | March 2020

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Volume 5, volume 6 to be published in August 2020
The little fire-breathing dragon Coconut, Matilda the porcupine and Oskar the guzzle-gut dragon love studying natural sciences and doing experiments. In this book, the three friends have collected 35 exciting and interesting science experiments you can do without a lab. The materials you need are available in all good dragons' dens!

A mini-tornado, a volcano eruption in the bedroom, a floating paperclip, self-made soap bubbles... These and many more experiments are explained step by step in this book. That's how little researchers from the age of 6 will become dragon-clever!

- Calling all naturalists: join little dragon Coconut in his experiments!

- Easy-to-follow experiments using everyday objects with simple step-by-step instructions

- Entertaining biology, physics and chemistry experiments

Ingo Siegner, born in 1965, studied history and French, and spent two years in France as an au pair and as a student. He also trained as a bank clerk. He is an autodidact who always carries his paints with him. He has been writing and drawing for his neighbours’ children for years and loves to read them stories. His little dragon Coconut is one of the best-known children's book characters in Germany. The books about the little fire-breathing dragon have been translated into many languages. His stories about Meerkat Gustav and Eliot and Isabella are also very popular with children. Ingo Siegner is a freelance writer and illustrator and lives in Hanover with his wife.

Read more at www.ingosiegner.de or www.drache-kokosnuss.de
There's nothing more fun than spending your holiday collecting rocks with the whole family, and craft 50 jolly monsters out of them.

This book shows children from the age of 5, with illustrated step-by-step instructions, how to create fun figures, where to find suitable rocks, and which additional materials they need to shape the cheery-cheeky rascals. Play and share!

Norbert Pautner has been drawing and painting ever since he has been able to hold a crayon. At some stage he started making up his own stories to go with his pictures and finally decided to turn creating books into a full-time job.
How the dream of "professional football player" comes true

Do you dream of becoming a football star? Then Your Football School is exactly the right book for you. For not everything in football is about talent; technique, athleticism and mental strength play a big part as well – and can be trained.

This book presents, what, how and how often you have to train to gain an advantage. The exercises and training sessions will help you to improve and to prepare yourself for the professional leagues. Thanks to the design of the exercises you can either do them alone or with a training partner. Moreover, you can access every exercise as video as well through the embedded QR codes.

Believe in yourself! You can do it!

• Step-by-step instructions with 4c photographs and videos throughout (accessible through QR codes)

• The most important training exercises in one book: technique, athleticism and mental strength

Thomas Eglinski, born in 1961 in Braunschweig, is head of the German Football School, which he founded in 2010. Educating children and young adults to become happy and successful individuals is the great passion of the personality coach and father of three.

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ANNE FREYTAG

Das Gegenteil von Hasen

ROMAN

Young Adult

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At first nobody's sure who's let the cat out of the bag – but it gradually becomes clear that more than one person had a motive.

- Six young people, six truths and one act of carelessness that changes everything

- The award-winning and bestselling author deals both intelligently and thrillingly with the many-layered subject of bullying and peer pressure.

- A clever novel about the good and evil in all of us

**Anne Freytag**, born in 1982, studied international management and worked for an advertising agency before devoting herself entirely to writing. She was nominated for the German Book Prize for her first two YA books, and for the 2018 Buxtehuder Bulle for her third novel, *Neither Here Nor There*, for which she won the Bavarian Kunstförderpreis. She lives in Munich with her husband.

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The Opposite of Hares

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The author's books have sold 100,000 copies so far
He murdered her friend.
He's been planning his revenge.
Now his time has come.

Three years ago, Jette fell in love with the strawberry picker Georg Taban. He nearly murdered her then, just like her friend Caro. Instead, Georg is in prison – for life, Jette thinks.

But Georg isn’t done with her. When Jette receives strange messages and her best friends Merle and Mike are involved in accidents, she realises that her story with Georg is not yet over. When she turns to the police for help, the new inspector doesn’t take her fears seriously. So Jette goes to find the strawberry picker in prison...

• Unnerving, brilliant, dramatic: the final episode in the Strawberry Picker series!

• Jette, everyone's favourite girl, is in mortal danger – from the man with whom everything began: the strawberry picker...

Monika Feth was born in 1951. After completing her degree in literature, she was initially employed as a journalist. Today she lives and works as a freelance author in a small village in the lower Eifel, where she writes for both children and adults. The sensational success of the Strawberry Picker thrillers has made her famous beyond her YA readership. Her books have been translated into more than 24 languages.

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She will get burnt by his love. But she cannot resist him.

To forget at last what happened five years ago: the flames, the noise and everything that destroyed her life afterwards. That is what Louisa wants when she arrives at Redstone College.

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• For readers of Anna Todd

Sophie Bichon was born in 1995 and is studying German. Her BA thesis is about love in literature because in her opinion every novel is, in the final analysis, about love. She has always loved writing. We Are the Fire is her first novel.

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We Are the Fire

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