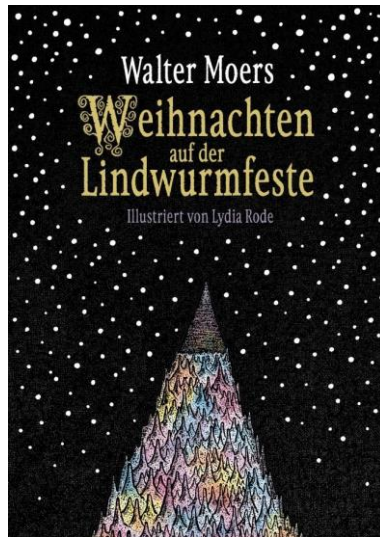


This Zamonian Christmas story should be under every Christmas tree



Walter Moers
Christmas at Lindworm Castle

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Walter Moers has with his fantasy novels written his way into the hearts of readers and critics alike far beyond the borders of the German-speaking parts of the world. All his novels, such as *The 13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear* and *The City of Dreaming Books*, were bestsellers and have been translated into numerous languages. Apart from the continent of Zamonia, Walter Moers has also created such popular characters as *Optimus Yarnspinner* and the cartoon character *Adolf*.

When Walter Moers was sorting through the correspondence between Hildegunst von Mythenmetz and Eydeeten Hachmed Ben Kibitzer from Buchhaim, he stumbled across a letter in which the Zamonian writer describes a festival that to Moers has a striking resemblance to our Christmas. Every year, the Lindworms of Buchhaim celebrate a festival they call "Hamoulimepp". During these three feast days, attention is focused on the two characters "Hamouli" and "Mepp", who are amazingly similar to our Father Christmas and Knecht Ruprecht. In addition, the tradition also includes Hamoulimepp worms, Hamoulimepp worm dwarfs, unhealthy food, a book clearout, a fireless firework display and lots more besides. According to Moers, who is not keen on Christmas celebrations, this letter by Mythenmetz provides an in-depth view of the customs of a popular Zamonian form of life, that of the Lindworms. Never has Christmas been as Zamonian as this.