

## Pull off a few crooked jobs and your name will be made here!



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**The Haystack Villains**  
[Die Heuhaufen-Halunken]

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40 b/w illustrations  
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**Sven Gerhardt**, born in 1977, would very much have liked to have been a scoundrel himself, but then decided to make a living by honest means. After several years in advertising, he now works as a graphic designer and writer. He finds there is nothing better than a well designed children's book with amusing illustrations and a super story. His wife and three children – who incidentally have no similarity with the *Haystack Scoundrels* – see it the same way.

There's no doubt about it, Meggy loves the place she lives in, even though outsiders tend to call it "the end of the world". Too dumb that the summer holidays are close and there's not a holiday trip in sight.

But Meggy has a brilliant crook of an idea. In the gang's headquarters in the old barn she convinces her friends of her grand plan to save the holidays: a real roguish tenting holiday by the lake for swimming – without parents, of course, but with the old Volvo from the barn – assisted by city kid Marius, who has allegedly already pulled off a few crooked jobs. And low and behold, the roguish plan is a success – until the adventurous trip comes to an abrupt end in Farmer Kunze's pasture.

- Fresh, witty and dauntless
- Enthralling story of friendship and life in a gang