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FLORIAN WACKER

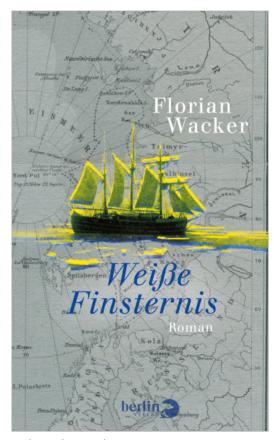
White Darkness

"We used to be one, but now we are three ..."

ABOUT THE BOOK

Two friends on a mission in an infinite icescape, depending on each other for their lives and sent by Roald Amundsen to report on the progress of the *Maud*. But what really connects them is their rivalry for the affections of Liv, the woman they both love, and whom they believe to be waiting for them in Tromsø with her two children. A hundred years on from Amundsen's famous polar expedition, **White Darkness** grippingly interweaves the true story of the disappearance of the two seamen Peter Tessem and Paul Knutsen with an ill-fated love triangle and the story of a woman ahead of her time.

- An adventure story built around Amundsen's North Pole expedition (1919) and a doomed three-way love affair
- Awarded the Robert Gernhardt Prize for literary work in progress



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Florian Wacker, born in Stuttgart in 1980, studied special needs education and at the Institute of German Literature in Leipzig. His novel project **White Darkness** won him the Robert Gernhardt Prize in 2018. He lives with his family in Frankfurt am Main and writes prose, drama and code. More at www.florianwacker.de.

MAREIKE KRÜGEL

Sister

Mareike Krügel's selfless, strong-willed heroine is forced to reinvent herself in the wake of her sister's accident

ABOUT THE BOOK

Iulia slumps on to the sofa. She hasn't spent much time sitting there; nowhere near enough, in fact. Where has she been lately, and why didn't she meet up with Lone more often? These are questions she needs to answer on her own. Lone is in a coma following an accident, and Iulia is forced to take on some of her duties as a midwife. She starts to reflect on her family and the men in her life, on their shared experiences, and most of all on the years she's spent living as the wife of a pastor and the employee of a bank. **Sister** is a poignant, compassionate portrait of two different lives and of a woman finding her way — haltingly at first, but then with a growing sense of purpose.

- Her novel Look At Me has been published in seven languages
- Two sisters, two lives. An accident poses the crucial question: which is the right way to live?
- For readers of Daniela Krien and Mariana Leky



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mareike Krügel, born 1977 in Kiel, lives in Schleswig-Holstein with her husband and their two children. She received numerous literary awards such as the Friedrich-Hebbel-Prize and is a member of PEN Germany. Since 2003, she has written five novels, including Look at Me which was published in seven languages.

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TIMON KARL KALEYTA

The Story of a Simple Man

Scenes from the Life of a Good-for-Nothing

ABOUT THE BOOK

Life has dealt our narrator a lucky hand. Despite his humble beginnings, he senses from an early age that he is destined for greatness. It takes nothing less than the defeat of Helmut Kohl in the 1998 election to dent his confidence. Will it all be downhill from now on? After his graduation, our hero sets out, in a spirit of boundless euphoria coupled with supreme anxiety, on a journey straight to the top. He comes within a hair's breadth of hitting the big time with his rock band, very nearly embarks on a meteoric academic career and is almost lucky in love, hovering throughout on the brink of disaster. If we are to believe him, however — and heaven forbid that we shouldn't — it all comes right in the end. Scintillating, sparkling and delightfully told — even if all that glitters isn't gold!

- A picaresque novel for our times laugh-out-loud funny and tear-jerkingly sad
- The story of a man who stakes everything on the big chance
- "Timon Karl Kaleyta is such an outstanding songwriter does he really have to write a book as well? I say: YES!" - Benjamin von Stuckrad-Barre



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Timon Karl Kaleyta produced four albums with his band and played hundreds of concerts. He studied in Bochum, Madrid and Düsseldorf, and is the founder of the "Institute for Contemporaneity" (IFZ). After a financially ruinous musical career, he opted for a happy life and is now a columnist for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, a screenwriter and husband to a successful Berlin art dealer.

ECKHART NICKEL

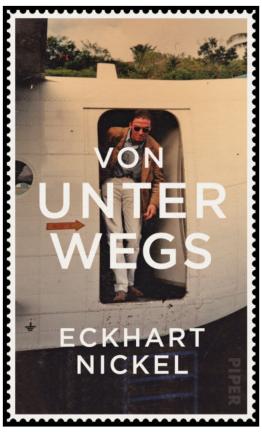
Travelogues from Abroad

Wanderlust forever

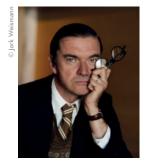
ABOUT THE BOOK

With these travel stories, the world can be discovered anew. No detail, no matter how small, escapes the detective's eye of the author; a mind shaped by liberal education, always seeking to map the bigger picture. Eckhart Nickel combines stylistic subtlety with the understatement of a gentleman traveller who allows the places he travels and people he encounters to speak for themselves. His stories provide the perfect travel substitute for our times: as absurd, comical and exciting as the real thing.

- For Nickel, an exceptional writer of 30 years' standing, travel is not just being on the road: "Travel is a ceaseless search for the only moment we yearn for even more than our next departure: that of love."
- His first novel HYSTERIA earned lot of praise, and was long-listed for the German Book Prize 2018:
 - "With great ease and linguistic elegance, Eckhart Nickel tells of the downfall and gradual disappearance of everything. Rarely has an apocalyptic vision been as pleasurable as it is stimulating". Neue Zürcher Zeitung



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eckhart Nickel, born 1966 in Frankfurt am Main, made his literary debut with the short story volume *What I Think*, and co-edited the literary magazine *Der Freund* with Christian Kracht. His first novel, **Hysteria**, was longlisted for the 2018 German Book Prize.

ANNINA HAAB

Among the Big Birds

"As long as there are stories, there is life."

ABOUT THE BOOK

Ever since Ali came to the care home, she has talked incessantly about death. But for her granddaughter, the prospect remains unthinkable. She begins to write down everything relating to Ali, and realises how little she actually knows about her: about her childhood and youth, her years in London, her job at the factory. Using a combination of fragments, anecdotes and a good deal of imagination, the narrator plots her own version of Ali's life story, attempting to capture her grandmother's unique blend of mischief and pragmatism. Through this process, the two of them open up a shared space where each can prepare in their own way for the coming farewell.

- Deals with the process of leave-taking from people we love
- A touching, humorous and linguistically finely crafted novel



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Annina Haab, born 1991, grew up in the canton of Zürich, studied creative writing in Biel, Bern and Leipzig and was Artist in Residence at the Centre for Nonconformist Art in St. Petersburg. Her debut novel won her an invitation to the prose writing workshop at the Literary Colloquium Berlin. Today, Annina Haab lives in Basel. **Among the Big Birds** is her first novel.

NICOLA KARLSSON

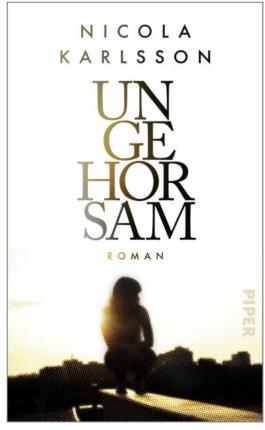
Rebellion

Generational conflict, climate change protests and the choices affecting our future

ABOUT THE BOOK

Fifteen-year-old Lara has gone missing. Fobbed off by the police, her mother Rebekka decides to take matters into her own hands. In the search for her daughter, she encounters a group of young activists who believe the peaceful climate change protests in their country need to be more radical. She becomes convinced that Lara has joined their campaign for social justice, and that that they will do whatever it takes to achieve it. With clarity and empathy, Nicola Karlsson unfolds the gripping story of a mother's struggle to gain her daughter's trust, and a generation determined to stop at nothing to save their future.

• A mother-and-daughter tale told with sensitivity and subtle suspense



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nicola Karlsson, born 1974, grew up in Berlin. Her debut novel Tessa was published in 2013, her second novel Light above Berlin in 2019. She lives with her family in Berlin.

ROMY SEIDEL

My Father's Daughter

Women Who Change the World 2

A novel about Sigmund Freud's most gifted child

ABOUT THE BOOK

Vienna, 1923. Anna is overjoyed at the prospect of establishing her own practice in the parental home. But for all his support as a role model, Sigmund Freud also cramps his youngest daughter's style. She is often plagued by a sense of inferiority, trapped in the role of his little girl. In truth, the dutiful assistant, confidente and carer to her world-famous father is never happier than when using her psychoanalysis techniques to help children in need. It is only after the family's exile in the face of the dramatic events of the 20th century, a passionate love affair and many years of inner struggle that this clever, sensitive young woman is able to emerge from her beloved father's shadow, free at last to follow her dreams.

- She fought for her happiness and for that of the children.
- How Anna Freud followed in her father's footsteps to leave her own mark on the world
- The other novels in our series about extraordinary women in history whose impact is still felt today:
- 1. Laura Baldini: Teacher of a New Age novel about Maria Montessori (published in August 2020)
- 3. Petra Hucke: The Architect of New York novel about Emily Warren Roebling, construction manager of the Brooklyn Bridge (July 2021)
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Romy Seidel, alias Susanne Lieder, was born in 1963 in Eastern Westphalia. She is married and has three grown-up sons. She currently lives with her husband on an old farmstead near Bremen. She has been writing novels for many years, and has a special interest in stories of courageous women.

VERONIKA RUSCH

Death is a Dancer

The Josephine Baker Conspiracy (The Black Venus 1)

Historical thriller around a legendary woman

ABOUT THE BOOK

Berlin, 1926: it is a cold January day when Tristan Nowak first meets Josephine Baker, the enigmatic dancer he has been hired to protect from a threatened attack. At first, Tristan is reluctant to believe in the threat. Against his will, he finds himself falling in love with this remarkable woman as they tour Berlin's nightlife scene. But the danger is real, and the attackers are closing in ...

- Three glamorous cities: Berlin, Vienna, Paris
- A woman determined to conquer the world, and a dangerous en-
- For fans of Alex Beer and Volker Kutscher



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Veronika Rusch, born 1968 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, studied law and Italian and worked as a solicitor for an international law firm in Munich, among others. She currently works as a freelance writer in her home town.

ULF TORRECK

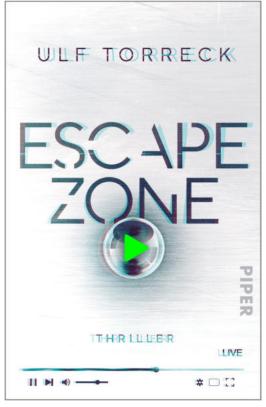
Escape Zone

You can get in ... but never out again!

ABOUT THE BOOK

An idyllic old country house and a game broadcast live over the internet: welcome to the Escape Zone! Watched by hundreds of thousands of viewers, eight candidates set out to beat the maze and its horror rooms. The first to succeed wins 300,000 euros. The young Martha and her fellow contestants are undaunted by the Escape Zone. But then the game turns deadly serious as - one by one - the candidates are murdered. It soon becomes clear that the real danger of the Escape Zone lurks where you would least expect!

Thriller based on the cult phenomenon of the escape room



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ulf Torreck, born 1973 in Leipzig, preferred to read Edgar Allan Poe than Goethe from his school days. After training as a carpenter, he studied law and subsequently worked as a screen writer. He has been a full-time novelist since 2008.

CHRISTIAN SCHNALKE

The Forger of Venice

On the trail of the greatest art heist of all time

ABOUT THE BOOK

Many great works of art looted by Napoleon were never restored to their owners, but stolen in order to be copied and sold in Venice. Sentenced to death by the Vatican for a crime he didn't commit, Franz Wercker has the chance of a reprieve if he can catch the Venetian art forgers. Assuming the guise of an art dealer, he worms his way into the right circles with the help of the young painter Irma, until an attempt is made on his life. Can Irma keep her secret without breaking faith with him? A gripping, clever and sensitive novel about the magic of art and the power of love.

- A condemned man on the trail of Venetian art forgers
- "Schnalke has a zest for vivid, colourful storytelling." Kölner Stadtanzeiger



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Christian Schnalke, born in 1965, spent his youth drawing and studied Humanities. After restless years as a successful sketch, cartoon and show writer, including a play which was performed on Broadway, he retreated to a quiet life in Tokyo with his wife and returned with a child and ideas for scripts which turned into award-winning TV movies and celebrated mini-series. His first novel Roman Fever was published in 2018.

NICOLA FÖRG

Evil Houses

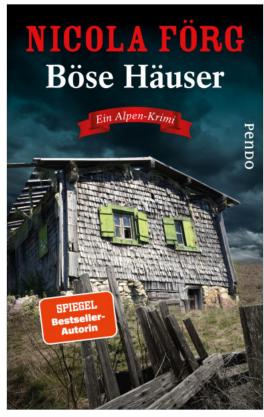
Alpine Thrillers 12

Live better, die faster.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Home is where the heart is ... yet house-hunting can be deadly! When Commissar Irmi Mangold goes to view a farmhouse she is looking to buy, another potential buyer is shot dead right beside her. The deceased is the owner of a luxury car company, the estate agent a businessman with a peculiar morality. The vendor, for his part, is an organic farmer of few words. Irmi and senior investigator Gerhard Weinzirl become caught up in the maelstrom of envy and hate that exists wherever money and property are concerned. All the clues point to the past, and to the Berlin of the post-reunification period, where houses have grim tales to tell.

- Author's total sales: over 850,000 copies
- "Nicola Förg has really immersed herself in her themes." Süddeutsche Zeitung



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nicola Förg is a journalist and writer whose output includes 21 detective novels. Born in the Oberallgäu region, she currently lives on a farm in Prem am Lech, Bavaria. She has received multiple awards for her animal welfare and environmental campaigning work.

CHARLOTTE JACOBI

The Patisserie on the Cathedral Square Changing Times

The Cake Queen of Strasbourg 1

The smell of fine cakes wafts through the city.

ABOUT THE BOOK

When her family moves from Stuttgart to the formerly French city of Strasbourg in 1893, 19-year-old Ida looks forward to discovering the culinary delights of Alsace. There, the Tritschlers open a patisserie on the Münsterplatz, a stone's throw from their rival, Patisserie Picard. When the young baker Ida falls in love with - of all people – their son Lucien Picard, she learns that a feud exists between their two families - one that goes far beyond business rivalry.

- A tragic-romantic family saga set in the borderland between Germany and France, by Spiegel bestselling author Charlotte Jacobi
- We already sold 30.000 copies of Charlotte Jacobi's book about The Douglas Sisters, published in November

A German-French family saga told in three volumes -

The Patisserie on the Cathedral Square:

- Changing Times (March 2021)
- Fateful Years (May 2021)
- New Beginnings (September 2021)



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Charlotte Jacobi is the pseudonym of the authors Eva-Maria Bast and Jørn Precht. Eva-Maria Bast is a journalist, director of Bast Medien GmbH and author of non-fiction books and novels. Jørn Precht is a screenwriter for cinema and TV and professor at the Stuttgart Media University. He has written several non-fiction books and a history novel. Both won various prizes and awards.

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GABY HAUPTMANN

Our Best Time Ever

When life gives you a second chance ...

ABOUT THE BOOK

Katja has everything she needs: a cosy apartment in the centre of Hamburg, a great job and a supportive social circle. But when her friend Doris phones to tell her she is needed at home, Katja burns all her bridges. Without further ado, she moves back to her old home to be nearer her mother, whose dementia is now an inescapable reality. For Katja, the move also becomes a journey back in time, to her best friend and former lover - and it turns out to be more adventurous than she could have imagined ...

- The thrill of finding a new life in an old familiar place
- A new book from the "queen of popular fiction" Freundin
- 8.5 million copies sold



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gaby Hauptmann, born 1957 in the small town of Trossingen, is a freelance journalist and writer. Her novels are all bestsellers, they were translated into many languages and turned into highly successful movies. Her most recent novel was My husband for life?, published in 2019.

GABRIELLA SANTOS DE LIMA

Flaming Clouds - The Skies in Your Colours

Above the Clouds 1

His gaze sets her heart racing.

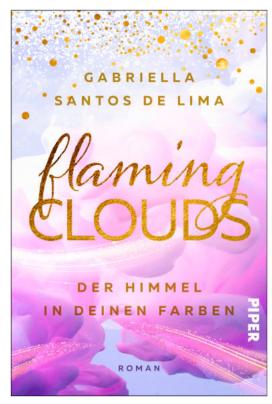
ABOUT THE BOOK

Flight attendant Olivia Green never meant to fall in love — least of all with the broodingly handsome Nick Saint James. At first, the newly qualified pilot seems just like his arrogant cockpit colleagues. But the closer the two of them become, the more Olivia comes to see the real Nick: a frustrated artist forced to abandon his fondest dreams. Every glance of his multi-hued eyes throws her into deeper emotional turmoil. Does she really want to risk placing her heart in his artists' hands?

- A new voice in German New Adult Romance
- Poetic, romantic, suspenseful

Three stewardesses looking for love - this is the first volume of the **Above the Clouds**-trilogy:

- Flaming Clouds The Skies in Your Colours (March 2021)
- Endless Skies The World Between Your Words (May 2021)
- Shining Stars The Stars on Your Skin (July 2021)



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gabriella Santos de Lima, born 1997 in São Paulo, combines her creative writing studies in Hildesheim with a part-time job as a flight attendant. She likes to write overlooking throbbing city centres, with her music turned up loud. She is already well-known on social media, and posts book tips and snippets from her life on Instagram under the handle @gabriellasantosdelimaa.

AVA BLUM

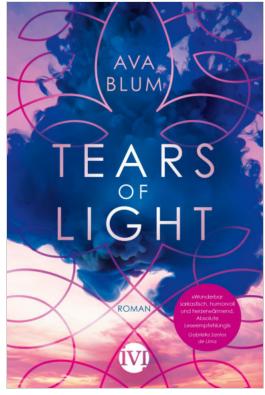
Tears of Light

A love that overcomes all boundaries

ABOUT THE BOOK

Due to a light-related disease, Lennox leads a hermit-like existence in a large house belonging to his father, who is constantly away on business. So far, all of his father's home helps have been driven away by Lennox's rudeness; none have lasted more than a few days. This time, his father makes a bet with him: if he doesn't manage to scare off the new recruit Suki, Lennox must promise to finally get a grip on his life. Despite the mystery surrounding Suki, Lennox is fascinated by her because she is so different from all the others — a discovery that brings light back into his life.

 Fluffy dogs, romantic Ferris Wheel rides and a first taste of true love — a tender romance with a happy ending



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ava Blum was born in Berlin and began life as a choreographer before love took her to Gran Canaria. She got the writing bug while studying journalism, and has devoted her spare time to it ever since.

MARINA NEUMEIER

Serpentis — Heart Over Head Through Time

The gripping finale of the time travel trilogy

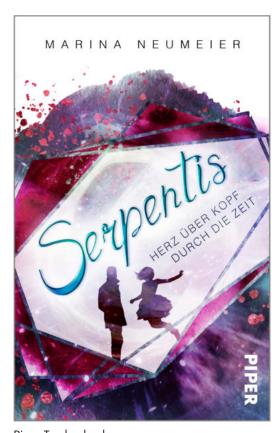
ABOUT THE BOOK

Time traveller Rosalie has found her way back to the present, but the rescue of the Tabula Rubina came at a high price, forcing her to leave her injured companion Leo behind. Now she is desperately seeking a way to bring him back. New discoveries and help from surprising quarters bring her closer to her goal, until she is finally able to travel to the Venice of 1507. There she attempts to find Leo among the city's floating palaces and sumptuous parties. But a new danger lurks as Lucian threatens to finally wrest control over time and space ...

- An entertaining foray into art history humorous, romantic and clever
- Winner of the #Newpiper Talent Award

The **Heart Over Head** Trilogy:

- 1. Aquarius (April 2020)
- 2. Leonis (November 2020)
- 3. Serpentis (May 2021)



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marina Neumeier is currently studying art history in Munich while working at an auction house. Her studies are the main inspiration for her stories. She is an avid reader, enjoys travelling and devotes every spare moment to developing her ideas.

NILS MELZER

The Case "Julian Assange"

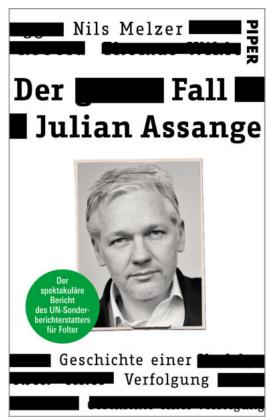
A Story of Persecution

Julian Assange - a rapist, a hacker, a spy and a narcissist? Or a victim of torture and political persecution?

For the first time, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Nils Melzer, tells the full story of his investigation into the case of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, and presents his explosive findings in unprecedented detail.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In July 2010, Wikileaks publishes the "Afghan War Diary", one of the biggest leaks in the history of the US military, including evidence of war crimes and torture. The mastermind behind the publication: Julian Assange, the founder and spokesman of Wikileaks. A captivating story unfolds: within weeks, Sweden issues an arrest warrant against Assange. The accusation? Rape and sexual assault. Assange fears onward deportation from Sweden to the U.S. and receives diplomatic asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London. In 2019, Assange is handed over to the British police and, on the same day, the U.S. demand Assange's extradition and threaten him with up to 175 years in prison for alleged espionage and computer fraud. Nils Melzer, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, starts investigating the case in March 2019. His findings are explosive: grave and systematic due process violations, judicial bias, collusion and manipulated evidence, constant surveillance, defamation and threats, as well as consolidated medical evidence for prolonged psychological torture. Melzer's compelling book offers detailed insights into his investigation and conclusions. After two decades of working within the context of war and violence, he knows how quickly unchecked power can transform peaceful countries into infernos: the only ingredients needed are secrecy, impunity and, crucially, public indifference. Overall, the Assange case sets a dangerous precedent: once telling the truth becomes a crime, censorship and tyranny will inevitably follow.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nils Melzer, born in 1970, is a Swiss academic, author and practitioner in the field of international law, human rights and security policy. In 2016, the United Nations Human Rights Council appointed him the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

STEFAN AUST

Journey Through Time

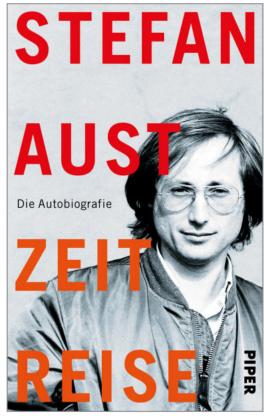
The Life and Times of an Exceptional Journalist

An exceptional journalist tells his story

ABOUT THE BOOK

One of Germany's best-known journalists, Stefan Aust began his career with the left-wing magazine konkret, worked for the German current affairs programme Panorama, where his damning report on the war record of CDU politician Hans Filbinger triggered the notorious Filbinger affair, and spent ten years as editor-in-chief of Der Spiegel. Throughout his various roles, he has been instrumental in shaping public debate in Germany. His famous book The Baader-Meinhof Complex remains the definitive work on Germany's "autumn of terror" to this day. In this autobiography, whose publication coincides with Aust's 75th birthday, he writes for the first time about the background and political context of his research. The result is a historical panorama of the Federal Republic which is at once an eyewitness account, a background report, and the story of a fascinating life.

- A major autobiography by one of Germany's best-known journalists
- With background information on Aust's research



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stefan Aust, born 1946, was editor-in-chief of the news magazine Der Spiegel and founder and CEO of Spiegel TV. Previously, he worked for the public broadcaster NDR, in particular for the news magazine Panorama, and later became co-owner of the news channel N24 and publisher of the conservative-leaning daily Die Welt. He is the author of numerous books.

KRISTINA VOGEL

Still Me

A Life in Cycling

"I may have fallen, but I can get back up."

ABOUT THE BOOK

Former track cyclist Kristina Vogel is a role model to many thanks to her infectious energy. She discovered her passion for cycling as a child, but at the age of eighteen suffered serious injuries in a road accident. Yet her boundless determination helped her make an impressive comeback and win her first world championship title. At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 she won Olympic gold in the women's sprint, in 2018 she became the most successful female track cyclist in the world - and just a few weeks later she found herself in intensive care, paralysed from the waist down. With captivating honesty, she describes the key moments in her career, the discipline and optimism with which she struggled to get her life back on track, and the goals she is pursuing today.

- Kristina Vogel is the most successful female cyclist in the world and a role model to millions
- "Kristina Vogel is a force of nature." The Telegraph



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kristina Vogel was born in 1990 in Leninskoye (modern-day Kyrgyzstan). She is a two-time Olympic champion and eleven-time world champion, and together with Anna Meares is the most successful female track cyclist in history. In June 2018 she was paralysed in a serious accident during training. She lives with her partner in Erfurt, Germany, where she was elected to the City Council in 2019. She has been awarded many honours, including the title of German female cyclist of the year in 2018.

STEPHAN ORTH

Couchsurfing in Saudi Arabia

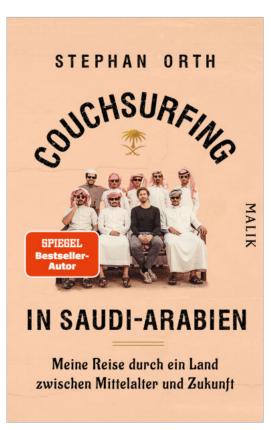
My Journey through a Country Poised between the Middle Ages and the Future

A Glimpse Behind the Veil

ABOUT THE BOOK

Stephan Orth has a penchant for countries with a bad reputation - and when Saudi Arabia finally takes the step of issuing tourist visas, he is one of the first individual travellers to visit its shores. As a seasoned couchsurfer, he is able to gain insights into a closed society hitherto inaccessible to any Western visitor. He ventures into uncharted territory and witnesses the country's rapid transformation at first hand: today, women are allowed to drive cars, having fun is no longer frowned upon, and billions are lavished on mega-events. Orth dances at a huge desert rave, makes a celebrated appearance at the Dakar Rally on a bicycle, and attends high-tech shows in the grounds of ruined fortress in Riyadh. But that's only one side of the coin – behind all the glitz, draconian punishments remain in force, and the sound of bombs on the Yemeni border is ever present.

- The first insider account of a country in transition
- Over 250,000 copies of the Couchsurfing series sold:
- Couchsurfing in Iran (2015)
- Couchsurfing in Russia (2017)
- Couchsurfing in China (2019)



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stephan Orth is an award-winning journalist and best-selling author. For nine years, he was online travel editor for Der Spiegel, one of Germany's top news magazines, and he has contributed to National Geographic, Outpost (Canada) and Courier-Mail (Australia), among other publications. He lives in Hamburg, Germany.

JULIAN NIDA-RÜMELIN, NATHALIE WEIDENFELD

The Reality of Risk

A Rational Approach to the Unknowable

There is no life without risk

ABOUT THE BOOK

Risk is not a construct, but a reality, as the corona crisis shows only too well. This raises a number of questions: What is truly important to us as a society? What risks are we prepared to take? And at what cost? This book seeks to establish a reasonable approach to risk from a philosophical and cultural perspective, in order to provide some guidance amid the present crisis and those to come. Well-researched yet accessible, it is aimed at a wide, non-specialist audience.

- What risks are we prepared to take?
- How do we deal with what we don't know?
- A topic for our time



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Julian Nida-Rümelin is one of "Germany's most influential intellectuals" (Focus magazine). He teaches philosophy at the University of Munich.

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Hitler

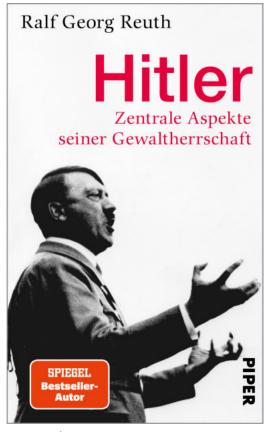
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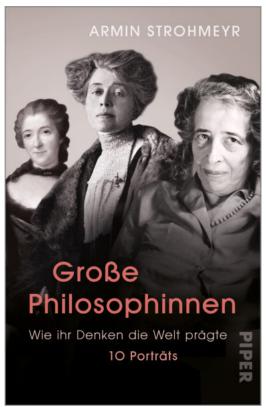
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DORIS REISINGER, CHRISTOPH RÖHL

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GABRIELE FINCK

To Boldly Go

The Anxiety Sufferer's Guide to Travel

For brave scaredy-cats and anxious globetrotters

ABOUT THE BOOK

Gabriele Finck suffers from an anxiety disorder. At the age of twenty, her condition forced her to restrict her movements, keeping her stuck at home. Every outing became a challenge. But fear of the outside world is not confined to the clinically anxious – for many, travel remains a pipedream. In this book, the author explains how she mastered the challenge of going out again, and how to "pack your fear in your suitcase" and take it with you. Her encouraging example demonstrates the value of holding on to our dreams of travel and adventure. After all, she argues, it is the fluctuating emotions of joy and fear that make us feel truly alive.

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