

## Foreign Rights Catalogue Fall 2023

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# Rain

Ferdinand von Schirach

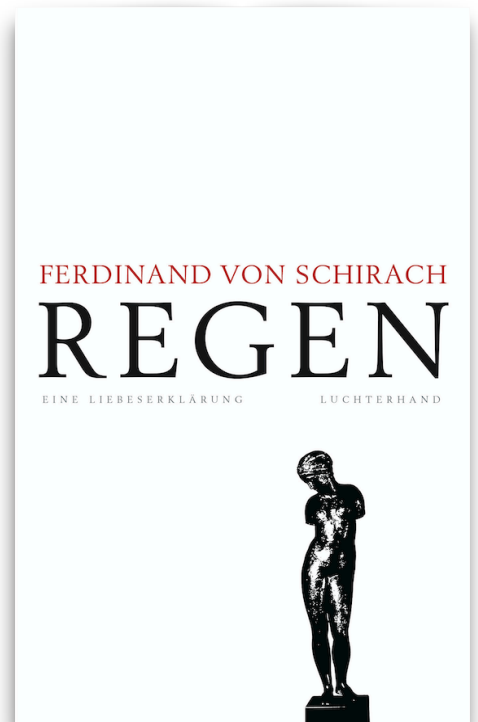
SPIEGEL  
Bestseller

Literary fiction

Ferdinand von Schirach's new book RAIN went straight away to No. 1 on the *SPIEGEL* Bestseller list. RAIN is a narrative in the form of a theatrical monologue that Ferdinand von Schirach himself will speak and perform on numerous German stages starting in the autumn of 2023 as part of a major premiere tour: A man comes drenched from the rain into a bar - onto the stage - and thinks about crime and punishment, about the great and the terrible of our time, about human dignity, loneliness, love, loss and failure.

*"How can you live, how should you live? Questions that the monologue touches. Casual, but not without answers." - Christian Eger /  
Mitteldeutsche Zeitung*

*"Enrichingly interspersed with education and many clever diagnoses." -  
Jürgen Kanold / Südwest Presse*



- Over 150K sold copies in the first two weeks
- Luchterhand
- Hardcover
- 112 pages
- August 2023
- All rights available

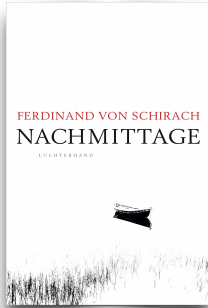


Der *SPIEGEL* called **Ferdinand von Schirach** a "great storyteller", the *New York Times* an "extraordinary stylist", the *Independent* compared him to Kafka and Kleist, the *Daily Telegraph* calls him "one of the most distinctive voices in European literature". The story volumes *CRIME* and *GUILT* and the novels *THE COLLINI CASE* and *TABOO* became international bestsellers, selling millions. Ferdinand von Schirach's titles have been published in more than forty countries. His play *TERROR* is one of the world's most successful dramas of our time. The author has received many literary prizes. He lives in Berlin.



# Backlist

## Ferdinand von Schirach



Essays, 2022, 176 pages



Play, 2020, 160 pages



Essays, 2019, 192 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2018, 192 pages



A play and a speech,  
2015, 176 pages



Essays, 2014, 144 pages



Novel, 2013, 256 pages



Novel, 2011, 208 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2010, 208 pages



Fictionalised true crime  
2009, 208 pages

# Out of this world

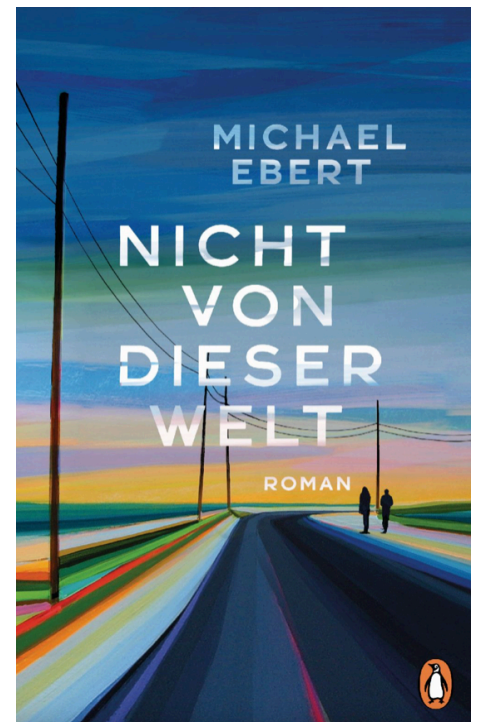
## Michael Ebert

Literary fiction

In the house where 13-year-old Misha lives, people die every day. Since the death of his father, he has been living with his mother in the staff apartment of a hospital, his mother works incessantly, money is scarce. Actually, life for Mischa is a single imposition - until one summer day in July 1991, when surprisingly not his appointed French exchange student stands in front of him, but another French student Sola, 17, from Zaire, self-confident, mysterious and smart. The two come up with a daring plan that leads them on an adventurous journey across reunified Germany - from the Black Forest to Halberstadt, where the ex Eastern German state bank has buried more than a hundred billion Ostmarks. A treasure that is an irresistible promise for Sola and Mischa.

OUT OF THIS WORLD is about the big things: about life and death, about love and the art of looking not only at what one has lost, but also at what remains. Light-footed and emotional, Michael Ebert tells of how tragic circumstances turn into the most unforgettable summer of a lifetime.

*"A warm-hearted, amusing, wild, whimsical and clever book of new beginnings." - Herbert Grönemeyer*



- Penguin
- Hardcover
- 240 pages
- September 2023
- Film rights under auction
- All rights available



**Michael Ebert**, born in Freiburg in 1974, is editor-in-chief of *Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin* and has already won numerous awards for his journalistic work. In his debut novel, OUT OF THIS WORLD he takes us to the enchanted place where he himself grew up: a hospital in a small town in southern Germany.



# Yoga Town

## Daniel Speck

Literary fiction

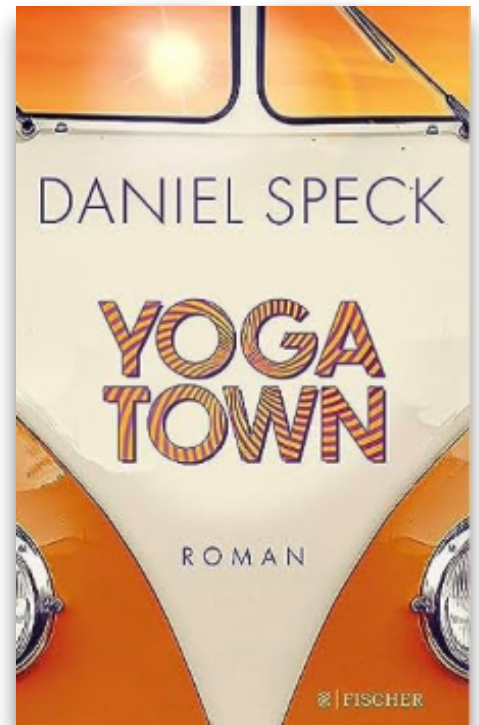
2019. A Berlin yoga teacher who has never been to India. Her loving father, who hangs in the past. And her mother, who disappears without a trace.

Lucy and her father Lou go on a search, back to the place where it all began.

1968. Two brothers and two women travel the hippie trail to India. In Rishikesh at the foot of the Himalayas they meet their idols, the Beatles. And the pop guru Maharishi. They have the best time of their lives. But only two of them return. Lou has done something unforgivable. And Corinna is pregnant. When their daughter is born, they swear not to tell anyone their secret.

A great love and family story that is also a spiritual journey and leads all the way to India - by bestselling author Daniel Speck. A generational novel about music, big dreams, and the search for lost magic.

*"A gifted storyteller and attentive listener, a collector of tales." -  
Mannheimer Morgen*



- Fischer
- Hardcover
- 480 pages
- October 2023
- All rights available



**Daniel Speck**, born in Munich in 1969, builds bridges between cultures with his stories. Through his travels and his research, he meets people whose fates inspire him to write his novels. The author studied film history in Munich and in Rome, where he lived for several years. He wrote screenplays for which he was awarded the Grimme Prize and the Bavarian Television Prize. His novel BELLA GERMANIA was prominently filmed as a three-parter.

# Wild Chase

## René Freund

A missing nurse, a village, a mystery: the new novel by René Freund about a professor and a village full of riddles.

Literary fiction

In the village Stein am Gebirge, everyone seems to know everything. And to remain ironclad silent. At least that's how it seems to Quintus Erlach. The philosophy professor wants to spend the summer in his childhood home, since neither his wife nor his daughter want to have anything to do with him at the moment. He is still good enough for dog-sitting, and while out walking he meets Evelina. Evelina is from Slovakia and takes care of old Zillner after his former nurse disappeared without a trace. Evelina and Quintus want to find out what happened to her. But have they chosen too powerful an adversary in the Zillners, who own the entire village?

Funny, witty and almost a thriller.

*"Thrilling by all means, but equally peppered with Freund's endearing humor." - Kronen Zeitung*



- 10K sold copies
- Zsolnay
- Hardcover
- 288 pages
- July 2023
- All rights available



**René Freund** was born in Vienna in 1967, grew up in Munich and Vienna, and lives as a writer in Upper Austria. He received his doctorate at the University of Vienna and then worked as a dramaturg and assistant director at the Theater in der Josefstadt. The author has translated several plays, writes for newspapers and magazines as well as for radio and theatre. Freund has received several prizes and scholarships and has been translated into English, French, Russian, Italian, Croatian, Korean and Spanish.

# Zero One Two

Daniel Wisser

Literary fiction

Thirty years ago, computer developer Erik Montelius was given a second life: he was the first patient in the world to be taken out of cryonic preservation. From now on, he sees his existence not divided into life and death, but into first life, second life and death. But even in the second life, the world is not a better place: His wife has married his business partner - who has also stolen Erik's ideas. People wear masks over their mouths and noses, wipe around on portable computers, and have abandoned visions of a just and environmentally friendly society. Erik has nothing, no money, no home, not even an ID. But he has a suspicion about who he has to thank for his first death. And he has a book contract and thus the opportunity to shed light on the truth...



*"Dear once-born, it's no use, you have to try a second time! The same thing happens again and again, it only looks different each time. From this book you can learn what happened while you were dead. Read it, otherwise you will miss something!"*

*- Elfriede Jelinek*

- Luchterhand
- Hardcover
- 448 pages
- September 2023
- All rights available



**Daniel Wisser**, born in Klagenfurt in 1971, writes prose, poetry and song lyrics. In 1994, the author cofounded the First Vienna Home Organ Orchestra. In 2018, he was awarded the Austrian Book Prize and the Johann Beer Prize for the novel *QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAINS*. In 2021, his novel *WE ARE STAYING* was listed on both the SWR-Bestenliste and the ORF-Bestenliste. In spring 2022, the short story collection *THE INVENTED WOMAN* was published. Daniel Wisser lives in Vienna.

# Painting of a murder

## Heinrich Steinfest

Literary fiction

Oliver Roschek is a respected wombat researcher and was last seen in Australia. His wife Astrid asks Ms. Wolf and Cheng to track down her husband again. The two detectives accept the lucrative assignment, even though airplanes are not their preferred mode of transportation. But when they arrive at Roschek's vacation home, there is no trace of him - instead, they encounter four strange vacationers. Could one of them be the forger, the worldwide wanted contract killer? Did he even have the wombat researcher on his conscience? Not impossible, Cheng thinks, and then the four get serious.

*"An utterly fantastic book, rarely has there been so much wisdom about life in a crime novel." - Brigitte about the series' last book "The Devil's Furniture"*

*"It is a very bittersweet, in passages fragiley floating and touching Cheng novel that Heinrich Steinfest presents - of course, underpinned with the classic rhizomes of his genius storytelling."- Book Culture*



- Piper
- Hardcover
- 288 pages
- August 2023
- More than 75K copies sold in the series
- All rights available



**Heinrich Steinfest** invented the detective Cheng and is the author of numerous novels for which he received, among others, the Heimito von Doderer Literary Award and the Bavarian Book Prize.





# The Awning Man

## Jan Weiler



Literary fiction

What do we know about our parents? Usually much less than we think. And sometimes nothing at all. Fifteen-year-old Kim has never seen her father before when her mother sends her away to live with him over the summer vacations. Right off the bat, the strange man proves to be not only rather strange, but also the most unsuccessful salesman in the world. But when Kim helps him sell his dreadful awnings in the hard-hitting door-to-door business, the father's as well as the daughter's lives change forever. A book about growing up and aging, about the secrets in our families, about guilt and responsibility, and the orange-yellow flicker of summer evenings.



*"Weiler tells a profound father-daughter story with a great knowledge of human nature and an uncanny warmth that never slips into sentimentality and resonates with you for a long time." - Der Tagesspiegel*

*"The most touching and humorous novel by Jan Weiler to date." - NZZ am Sonntag*

- 200K copies sold
- Heyne
- Hardcover
- 336 pages
- March 2022
- Sold to: China (Jiangsu Kuwei Culture)
- Cinema release in 2025



**Jan Weiler**, born in Düsseldorf in 1967, is a journalist and writer. His first book *MARIA, HE DOESN'T LIKE IT!* is considered one of the most successful debuts of recent decades. It was followed, among others, by *THE PUBERTEE*, *THE ELDERS* and the crime novels about the overtaxed inspector Martin Kühn. *THE PUBERTEE* was a *SPIEGEL* bestseller for over 50 weeks, six weeks at number 1 and 13 weeks at number 2. In addition to his novels, Jan Weiler also writes columns, screenplays, radio plays and audio books, which he voices himself. He lives in Munich and Umbria.

# Between two summers

## Alexa Hennig von Lange

English  
synopsis  
available

SPIEGEL  
Bestseller

Literary fiction

When Klara dies at the age of over ninety, her granddaughter Isabell discovers a box of tape cassettes in her house on which her grandmother had recorded her memoirs shortly before her death. In the recordings, Isabell is immersed in Nazi Germany, where Klara runs a women's educational home in the small town of Sandersleben that is loyal to the Nazi line. When war breaks out and Gustav, the love of her life, leaves for the front, her seemingly idyllic world is in danger of shattering. Isabell encounters a woman who, torn between conformity and aversion to the regime, tries to find a way through the Third Reich - and as a result feels both closer and stranger to her. What is it about the little Jewish girl that Klara passed off as her own daughter and yet got lost?

'Zwischen den Sommern' is the second volume of the 'Homecoming Trilogy' after THE CHEQUERED GIRLS.

*"Captivating and insightful."- STERN*



- Dumont
- Hardcover
- 376 pages
- May 2022
- 35K copies sold
- Part of a trilogy
- Sold to: Netherlands (Signatuur)



- 12K copies sold
- Dumont
- Hardcover
- 368 pages
- August 2023
- All rights available excl. NL



**Alexa Hennig von Lange**, born in Hanover in 1973, became one of the best-known authors of her generation with her debut novel RELAX in 1997. Numerous other novels, books for young people and short stories followed. In 2002, she received the German Youth Literature Prize. She has written successful plays for the Berlin Volksbühne, the Junge Theater in Göttingen and the Schauspielhaus in Hanover.



# Still awake?



## Benjamin von Stuckrad-Barre

„STILL AWAKE?“ is a moral portrait of our time, a typical Stuckrad-Barre. Literally brilliant, humorous and uncompromising, this novel tells of power structures and abuse of power, courage and human abysses.

*"Exactly, I went on, perhaps with a somewhat uncomfortable triumph, you don't want that and you shouldn't have to, under absolutely no circumstances should you see your boss naked, and to prevent that as a boss is really not that difficult : Leave your pants on, it's simple, they stay on, no matter what the situation or mood, even if employees are nearby."*

Berlin: A young woman talks about her new job at a major television station, her new boss, her new life. She seems happy, inspired, hopeful, it sounds good. Too good?

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, a certain world is coming to an end. A man who brags that being a celebrity is anything to go by with women becomes President of the United States. In the garden of the legendary »Chateau Marmont«, this nighttime playground for spoiled Hollywood kids of all ages, an illustrious gang is passing the time on the run from reality. The narrator is here too – and Rose McGowan, the actress who's said to have gotten kind of tiring lately.

Shortly thereafter, the Weinstein scandal shook Hollywood, and Rose McGowan was one of the first women to publicly disclose sexual harassment by the film producer, who had been courted by all of Hollywood.

Back in Berlin, the narrator no longer finds himself just a deckchair observer, but now an actor in the middle of a confusing event that plunges him into a deep personal conflict.

*"... his best book and the best you can read at the moment." - Julia Encke  
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung am Sonntag*

*"... a lesson about morality and power"- Volker Wiedermann Die ZEIT*



- Over 250K sold copies since April 2023
- Kiepenheuer & Witsch
- Hardcover, 384 pages
- Rights sold to: Serbia (Publik Praktikum)
- Theatre premiere in September 2023
- Cinema release in 2025

Literary fiction



**Benjamin von Stuckrad-Barre**, born in 1975 is a German author, journalist and presenter. He achieved fame above all with his debut novel SOLO ALBUM, published in 1998, and the film of the same name, released in 2003. The success of this novel and his subsequent works turned Stuckrad-Barre into one of the new German pop writers of the 1990s.





# Love is fierce

## Claudia Schumacher



Literary fiction

Juli grows up in a model family: Her parents are lawyers and she is at the top of her class. But in the small-town villa, horror reigns. The father drills the children for performance, beats them and his wife. Juli grows older, demands an end to the violence, the reality of which is vehemently denied by her mother. Only her siblings and a mouse provide support. But how can one free oneself when one trusts neither the parents nor one's own memories? The liberation turns into a campaign - against the parents and the own ego. We follow Juli over three decades as she tries with all her might to gain control over her life. A haunting novel about injuries and a possible healing, full of originality and warmth.



*"A powerful, harrowing, psychologically astute throwdown."*  
Benedict Wells

- dtv
- Hardcover
- 376 pages
- May 2022
- Over 25K copies sold
- Sold to: Netherlands (Meulenhoff)



**Claudia Schumacher**, born in 1986 in Tübingen, grew up in Stuttgart. After studying in Berlin, she worked in Zurich as a journalist, columnist and editor at the *NZZ am Sonntag*. Today she lives in Hamburg and writes for *Die ZEIT*, among others. In 2022, she was a literary fellow of the Kunststiftung Baden-Württemberg. Her debut novel *LOVE IS FIERCE*, which was nominated for the Aspekte Prize as well as the Newcomer Prize of the Harbour Front Literature Festival, was awarded *Book of the Year* at the Hamburg Literature Awards.



SPIEGEL  
Bestseller

# Italian Farewells

## Andrea Bonetto

ENGLISH  
SAMPLE  
TRANSLATION  
AVAILABLE

Suspenseful, clever, humorous: The new atmospheric investigative crime series about Commissario Vito Grassi from Liguria.

Haunted by a feeling of loneliness, Commissario Vito Grassi says good-bye to life and career in his hometown Rome. After inheriting a remote rustico not far from Cinque Terre National Park, he has himself transferred to Liguria. Upon arrival he encounters mysterious Toni, his father's gardener, who refuses to leave the rustico. Also both his new boss Lilia Feltrinelli and new partner Marta Ricci manage to irritate him right from the start. Alas, Commissario Grassi has no time to adjust, as on his very first day, a body is found in a tunnel by the sea – and this is just the beginning. The steep cliffs, the narrow streets of the old villages and the deep blue of the Ligurian Sea only slowly begin to reveal their dark secrets. Pressure rises, as Grassi investigates with a little help of the three new women in his life.

ITALIAN FAREWELLS is the first case for Commissario Vito Grassi and Volume 1 of Andrea Bonetto's Crime Series set on the spectacular Ligurian Riviera.

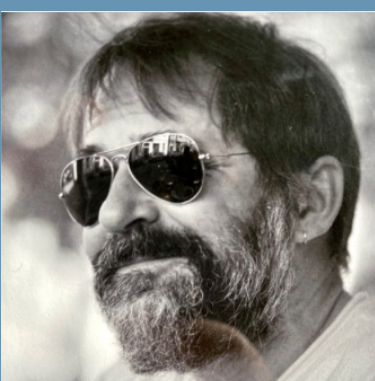
*"The fine thing about this thriller is its concreteness. A corner of a beach, the small bar on the edge of a traffic circle, the ruins of a rest stop on the Passo der Bracco - the lifelike settings are convincing. And the drawings of the main characters succeed with plenty of room to spin the plot further."*

*Christian Jooß-Bernau Süddeutsche Zeitung*



- Droemer Knauer
- Hardcover
- 300 pages
- March 2023
- Over 40K copies sold
- All rights available

Commercial fiction



**Andrea Bonetto** is a pseudonym. The author lives in the northernmost city of Italy and first discovered the coast between Sestri Levante and La Spezia at the end of the last century, when he got lost on the winding roads during an extended motorcycle tour. Landscape, culture, good food and good friendships have drawn him back to Liguria time and again ever since.



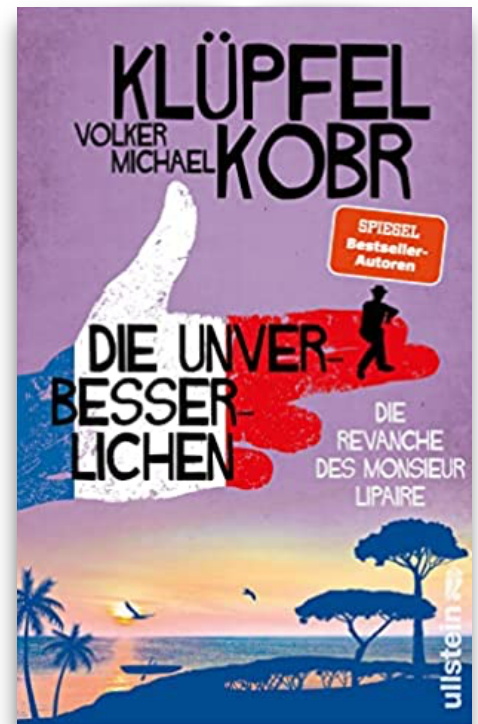
# The Incorrighibles

Volker Klüpfel/ Michael Kobr

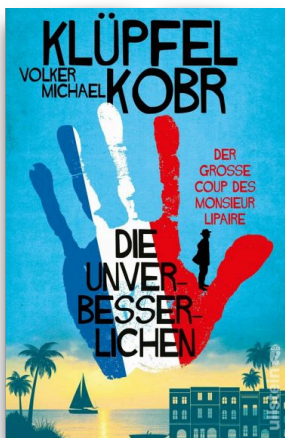
Life couldn't be nicer in Port Grimaud on the Côte d'Azur: Monsieur Lipaire's incorrigible gang of crooks has only just recovered from their first case in the southern sun when their favourite enemy, the Vicomte family, strikes the next blow: the aristocratic dynasty wants to take complete control of the idyllic lagoon town. Even the mayor doesn't know what's happening at first. The sworn-in, albeit rather disparate Gang of Crooks must once again get together and take on the matter. Lipaire's charming dilettantes don't really know anything about anything, but they are up to anything and will stop the Vicomtes. Or will they have to serve them the champagne soon?

*"A little Ocean's Eleven in the south of France.(...) May faithful readers miss Klüfingler, they will love Lipaire and his posse. It's pleasant cosy-crime entertainment with extremely likable characters. Perfect for escaping the dreary winter weather."*

- Sven Trautwein Frankfurter Rundschau



- Ullstein
- Hardcover,
- 384 pages
- Over 50K copies sold
- May 2023
- All rights available



- Ullstein
- Hardcover
- 496 pages
- November 2022
- Over 90K copies sold
- All rights available

Commercial fiction



**Volker Klüpfel**, born in Kempten in 1971, studied politics and history in Bamberg. After his studies, he worked for BR and *Augsburger Allgemeine*, among others. He has been a freelance author since 2012. He lives in Kempten with his family.

**Michael Kobr**, born in Kempten in 1973, worked as a teacher in Bavaria after studying German and Roman languages and literature. Today the author is on leave of absence to devote himself fully to writing. He lives in the Allgäu region with his family.



# Sun above Gudhjem

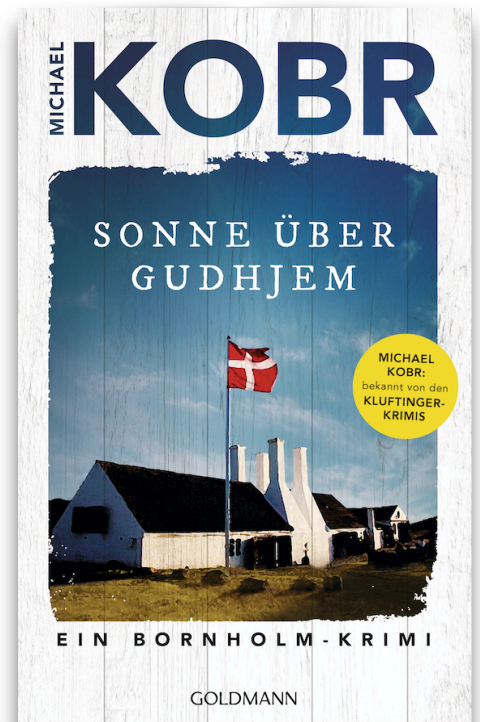
Michael Kobr

Commercial fiction

White beaches, golden fields, idyllic coastal villages and sunshine all year round: the tranquil Danish vacation island of Bornholm seems the ideal place to take life a little easier. That's what highly decorated detective Lennart Ipsen thinks when he - newly divorced - joins the island's small police force. But instead of fishing trips and going for a run at the beach, his first murder case awaits him: pig farmer Kristensen is found dead in his own smokehouse. It quickly becomes clear that Kristensen was an unpleasant contemporary with whom many had a bone to pick. Reluctantly, Ipsen has to face the fact that a murder investigation on Denmark's sunny island can also bring many a dark side to light ...

This is Michael Kobr's solo debut. With his friend Volker Klüpfel, the author duo have sold over 9 Mio copies in Germany alone.

*"A lively and surprising thriller that you'll want a sequel to."*  
- *Münchener Merkur*



- Goldmann
- Hardcover
- 416 pages
- Over 60K sold copies since August 2023
- All rights available



**Michael Kobr** is already an established author thanks to the Allgäu detective series KLUFTINGER, which he wrote together with his co-author Volker Klüpfel. This unprecedented success story continues to this day. Over the years, the authors have received numerous awards for their work. Michael Kobr is a passionate traveler, and one of his declared and long-standing favorite destinations is the Danish Baltic island Bornholm. This is where SUN ABOVE GUDHJEM is set, the start of his first solo crime series about the investigator Lennart Ipsen. The author lives in Unterallgäu and Austria with his family.





# Jennerwein shall not die

Jörg Maurer

Commercial fiction

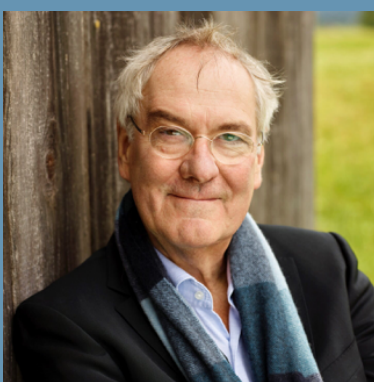
As a perpetrator, you're better off on the run: Inspector Jennerwein's most baffling case - the 15th Alpine thriller by No. 1 bestselling author Jörg Maurer.

Between fir trees, dead wood and streams of tourists lies the dead industrialist Jakob Drittenbass. Heart attack while hiking or murder? Tire marks in the mossy soil and suspicious financial flows in the network quickly lead Inspector Jennerwein and his team on the trail of the culprit. But then Jennerwein gets into trouble he could never have imagined in his wildest nightmares - all of a sudden he is suspected of murder. Without the help of his team, even against Hölleisen, Schmalfuß and Co, he has to investigate on his own. And the mysterious letter carrier Leonhard Pelikan is always menacingly close on his heels. Jennerwein has never experienced a case like this before.

*"Jörg Maurer's wry humor is always present here; the author combines suspense and surprising developments into an entertaining mixture." - Deutsche Presseagentur*



- Fischer
- Hardcover
- 288 pages
- 60K sold copies since July 2023
- Start of film series in 2025
- All rights available



**Jörg Maurer** is the No. 1 bestselling author of the detective novels featuring Inspector Jennerwein. Jörg Maurer has won several awards as both an author and a cabaret artist, including the City of Munich Cabaret Prize, the Agatha Christie Crime Prize, the MIMI Audience Crime Prize and the Radio Bremen Crime Prize. He was also named Munich's Tower Writer. Jörg Maurer comes from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, where he also lives today.



# On joyfulness in difficult times and the question how much importance we should give to the serious side of life

## Axel Hacke

There is something deeply comforting about cheerfulness, above all, when it connects with the seriousness of life, when cheerfulness shows us how to handle and escape it.

“Serious is life, cheerful is art”, Friedrich Schiller already knew. But what is cheerfulness actually?

And how do we get it back into our serious lives?

In times when we don't feel so light at heart, bestselling author Axel Hacke sets out in search of an almost forgotten state of mind. And soon discovers that cheerfulness is much more than that. Entertaining, clever and personal, he explains why cheerfulness is a philosophy of life, what distinguishes it from wit, and why it sometimes takes work. After all, "to be a cheerful person is not to ignore the heavy, but to turn it into something light." Axel Hacke tells us how this is done in this light-hearted book.

*"Axel Hacke enriches us with wise insights and inspiration for a conscious lifestyle. But there are not only centuries-old calls to do this, but also similarly ancient ways out of our mental restlessness: the ultimate goal of the Zen Buddhist way of life is cheerfulness (in the Hackean sense)."*

*Dr. Nikolaus Kirchhoff, ZEIT*



- 80K sold copies in the first month (September 2023)
- Dumont
- Hardcover
- 200 pages
- All rights available

Non-Fiction



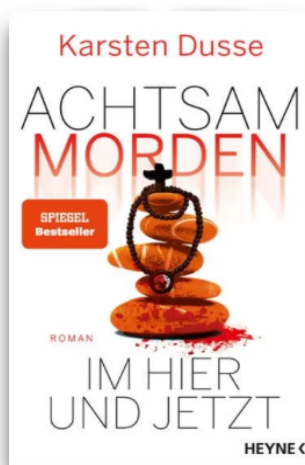
**Axel Hacke** lives in Munich as a writer and columnist for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin*. He is one of Germany's best-known authors, and his books have been translated into numerous languages. For his work, he has been awarded the Joseph Roth Prize, two Egon Erwin Kisch Prizes, the Theodor Wolff Prize, and most recently the Ben Witter Prize 2019, among others.

# Backlist Novels

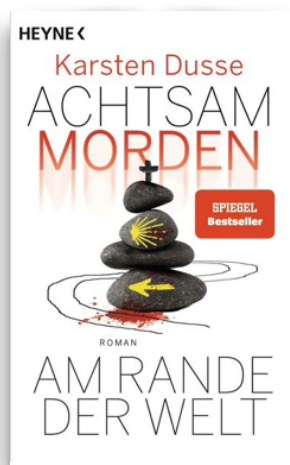
## Karsten Dusse

Series  
sold nearly  
3 million  
copies

**SPIEGEL**  
Bestseller



Heyne, 2022, 480 pages



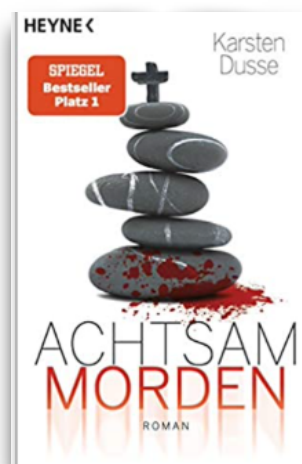
Heyne, 2021, 384 pages



Heyne, 2021, 176 pages



Heyne, 2020, 480 pages



Heyne, 2019, 416 pages

### Rights sold to 23 countries:

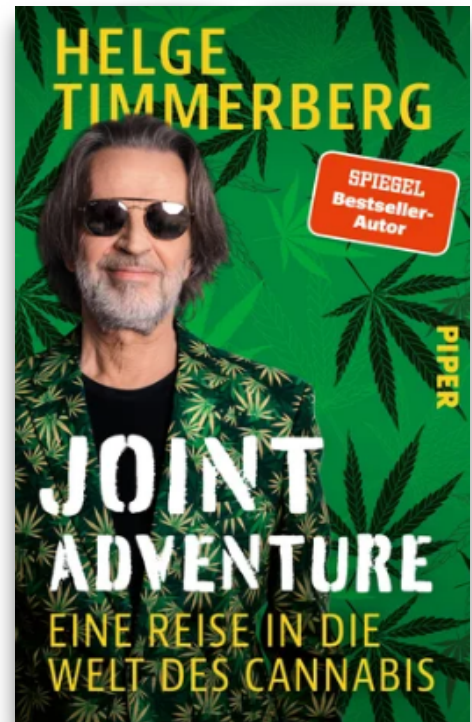
Bulgaria (Iztok Zapad), Catalonia (Simbol Eidtor), Croatia (Znanje), Czech Republic (Host), Estonia (Tänapäev), France (Cherche Midi Éditeur), Greece (Kapsimi), Hungary (Alexandra Kiado), Italy (Giunti), Korea (Segyesa Contents), Lithuania (Alma Littera), The Netherlands (A.W. Bruna), Poland (Otwarte), Russia (Azbooka Atticus), Serbia (Vulkan), Spain (Editorial Planeta), Slovakia (Ikar), Slovenia (Učila), Sweden (Nona), Taiwan (Solo), Turkey (Pegasus), Ukraine (Knigolove), UK & WEL (Faber&Faber)

# Joint Adventure

## Helge Timmerberg

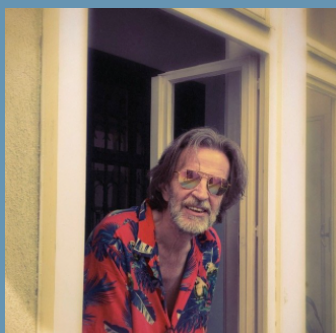
*"I know the drug too well to glorify or demonize it. I know the stoner paranoia, I know the addiction, I know the crumb too much that turns you into an ass, and just the right crumb to spark creativity - and I write about it, I leave nothing out. Fortunately, I don't have a mission. I'm just setting out: look, this is the stoner life."*

After 50 years of regular consumption, he can neither glorify nor demonize cannabis. He simply describes quite honestly when a joint helps him and when it harms him - and why this is nobody's business but his own: "I'm not going to let habitual drinkers forbid me to smoke pot." The veteran of the war against marijuana prohibition has now traveled through the countries that have already legalized cannabis. What lies ahead if pragmatism triumphs over the raised forefinger in Germany for a change, he recounts in this book.



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