



**PREVIEW**  
**CHILDREN'S BOOKS**  
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# CHAMALEON RED

## A STORY ABOUT BEEING SHY

Johanna Clement, Dorothea Blankenhagen

About shyness and the courage to accept yourself

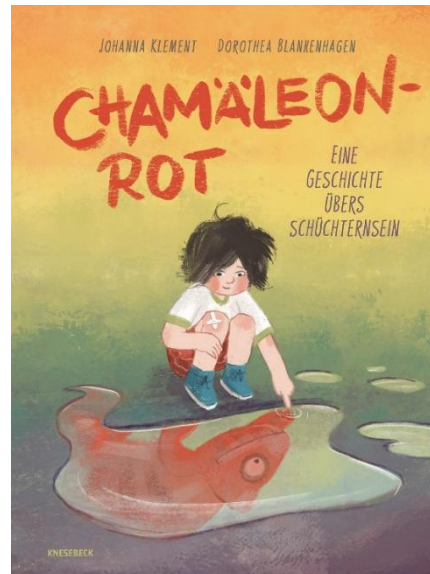
A quiet child discovers great wonders in small things, because looking closely is their strength. But around other people, the child becomes very shy. The words won't come out, and their heart starts pounding. How wonderful it would be to change color like a chameleon - the child's absolute favorite animal - and simply disappear. During introductions in the new house, the child meets Mr. Leander and his pet, the chameleon Fugax! Suddenly, being brave doesn't seem so hard anymore. The child learns that chameleons don't actually change color to hide. And they come to understand: shyness doesn't have to be hidden. The most beautiful thing is simply being who you are.

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A sensitive picture book about shyness and new situations in a child's everyday life

A wonderful chameleon idea: finding courage without having to change yourself

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21.0 x 28.0 cm | hardcover | 32 pages | coloured illustrations throughout | € 16.00 | Age 3+ | ISBN 978-3-98962-041-4

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### The Author

**Johanna Clement** spent twelve years researching the brain and hormones as a doctor. But she now enjoys researching exciting topics for children's books just as much. She lives with her family in Lübeck and loves the sea.



# ASK PHILOMENA FREUD

## 2ND CASE: THE PEARL SPIDER

Annette Roeder

**A Vienna crime novel full of mysteries and secrets**

Vienna, November 1922. At the Natural History Museum, a golden toad from Costa Rica is causing a sensation: its secretion is said to grant eternal youth. But then the valuable creature vanishes without a trace. Shortly afterward, Philomena's friend, the student Claudius Cario, disappears as well, and a mysterious death shakes the museum. While the police hesitate, Philomena Freud begins her own investigation.

With a sharp mind, courage, and her loyal Giant Schnauzer Kaiser Franz, she ventures into secret corridors and workshops, eavesdrops on suspects, and follows a trail of lies, ambition, and greed. But she soon realizes that the truth can be dangerous. A gripping mystery set in 1920s Vienna full of puzzles and twists.

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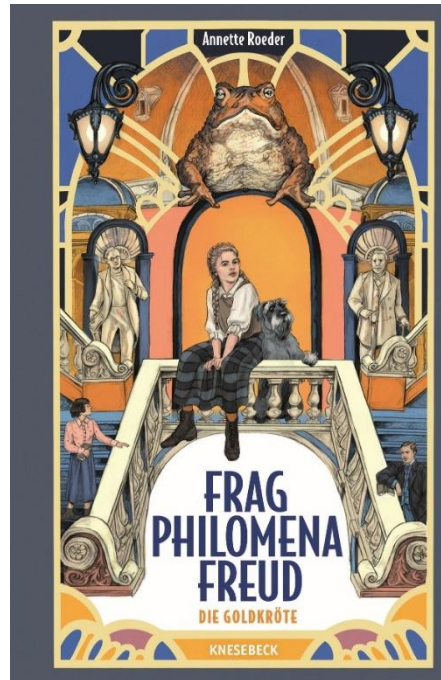
New adventures in the series for young detective fans: Philomena, a clever orphan girl, solves tricky cases in 1920s Vienna

With a strong female investigator, cleverly told and perfect for fans of *Enola Holmes* and *Wells & Wrong*

From bestselling author Annette Roeder

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>The spirit of the 1920s is wonderfully captured, and you follow Philomena through the streets of Vienna with all your senses. [...] All in all, a compelling youth crime novel with a historical backdrop.< - ESELSoHR



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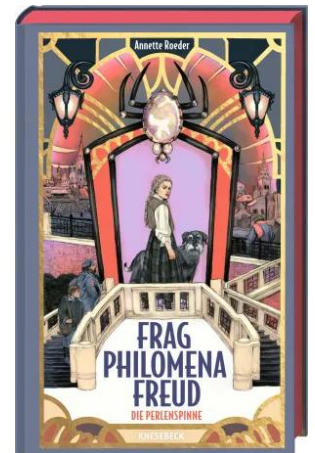
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### The Author

When **Annette Roeder** was born in 1968, the first snowflake of the year fell. That's what her mother tells her. From her, she inherited a love of well-crafted stories, but also a love of colors, animals, and antiques. What could be more natural than to become a writer after studying architecture? The author of over 35 books lives with her dog and child in a house near Munich that is over 100 years old.

# UNDER THE SIGN OF THE COBRA

## THE TREASURE IN THE SUNKEN PALACE

Fabian Lenk

### A new mystery full of magic and excitement

Adventure in Istanbul: Yana, Yamon, and Anouk are enjoying their holidays when they witness a nighttime break-in at Topkapi Palace. Shortly afterward, the legendary "Magical Cloak" disappears - a priceless relic. With the help of the mysterious formula "Under the Sign of the Cobra," the siblings transform into a falcon, a dog, and a cat, and set off on the trail. Their pursuit takes them through the maze of alleyways in the Grand Bazaar and deep into the mysterious Basilica Cistern. But the ruthless Zita von Zinker and her burly accomplice "Boom-Boom" Bob are close behind. Who can they trust when even the police aren't telling the whole truth? A dangerous race against time begins...

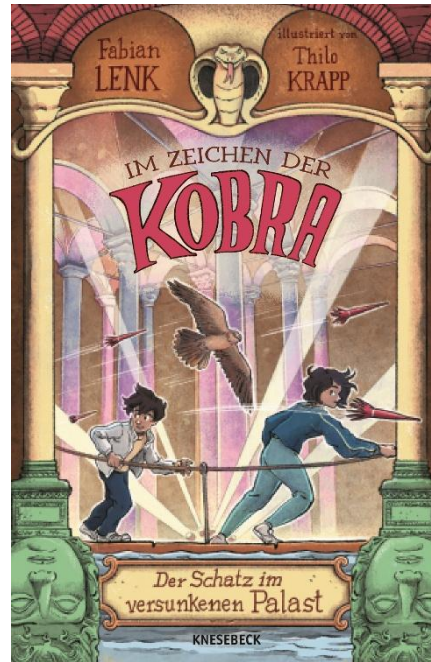
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Bestselling author Fabian Lenk combines action, historical knowledge, and shapeshifter fantasy

Thrilling adventures with a touch of magic in fascinating settings

The next installment in the mystery series for boys and girls!

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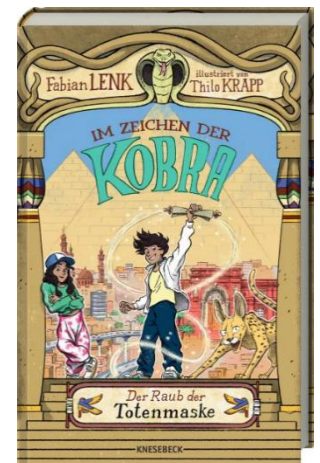
### UNDER THE SIGN OF THE COBRA

#### THEFT OF THE DEATH MASK

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### The Author

Fabian Lenk has always been curious, always searching for secrets and hidden things. At first, he wanted to become an archaeologist but then decided to study journalism and became a reporter. He has now published eight thrillers for adults and around 250 children's and young adult books. His wife Simone helps him with his research - even when he gets stuck.

# GODS & HEROES

## 2ND CASE: THE PEARL SPIDER

Frank-Maria Reifenberg, Lion Fleischmann

What if the blood of the gods runs through your veins?

The Norse gods left behind more than myths: they left behind bloodlines. What sounds like legend becomes a dangerous reality for Pjetur. With his talent for codes and hidden patterns, he discovers that the exclusive online game EDDA is more than just a game. Invisible enemies begin to notice him and suddenly he finds himself in the crosshairs of powerful forces.

Orma is also one of the chosen ones with access to EDDA. In the game, his abilities grow - and spiral out of control. As players begin to disappear and the boundaries between game and reality start to break down, one thing becomes clear: this is only the beginning.

A fast-paced YA thriller with graphic-novel sequences - dark, action-packed, and explosive.

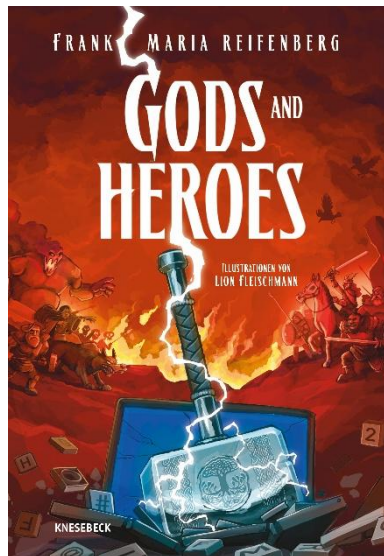
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Hybrid YA thriller: a fast-paced tech-driven plot enhanced by cool comic-style pages

Norse mythology as a superhero story: on the hunt for the god-gene within humans

By bestselling author Frank Maria Reifenberg – high-tension sci-fi action, ideal for boys

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15.0 x 21.5 cm | hardcover | 272 pages |  
coloured illustrations | € 18.00 | Ages 8+ |  
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### The Author

**Frank Maria Reifenberg** lives in Cologne. He worked as a bookseller but has been writing screenplays, radio plays, and more than 50 novels for children and young adults since 1999, many of which have been translated into multiple languages. For years, he has been dedicated to promoting reading among boys; he has lectured on the subject at the University of Cologne and founded initiatives such as *Kicken & Lesen KölnBonn* and the online platform [www.boysandbooks.de](http://www.boysandbooks.de)

### The Illustrator

**Lion Fleischmann** is an illustrator and freelance artist. Influenced by comics such as *Lucky Luke* and *Asterix*, he developed a passion early on for visual storytelling and strong characters. His work combines humor with a clear, child-friendly visual style. In addition to illustrating children's books, he also works independently as an artist, including in street art and graffiti.

# PIRATES

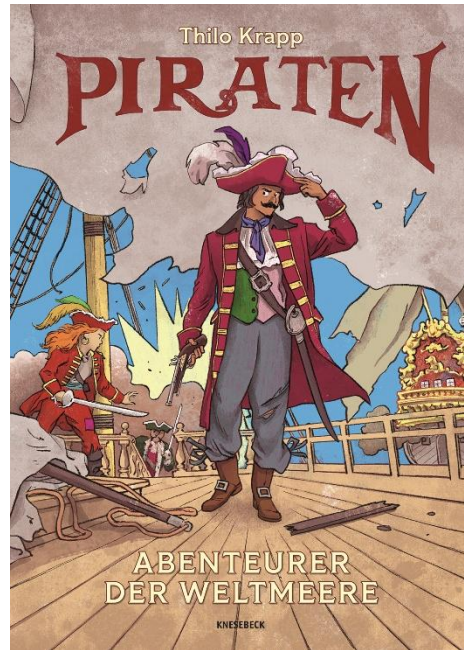
## ADVENTURERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS

Thilo Krapp

Cast off into the golden age of piracy!

This richly illustrated book transports you to a world full of adventure and facts. It explains the difference between pirates, privateers, and buccaneers, and shows why some seized ships on behalf of kings, while others roamed the seas as outlaws.

How did a crew live for months in cramped quarters? What was on the menu - fresh fish, salted meat, and sauerkraut to prevent scurvy - and which animals sailed along? Portraits of Blackbeard, Anne Bonny, and Zheng Yisao reveal just how different pirate crews really were. It also includes fascinating insights into superstition, secret hideouts, treasure maps, and the truth behind famous pirate legends.



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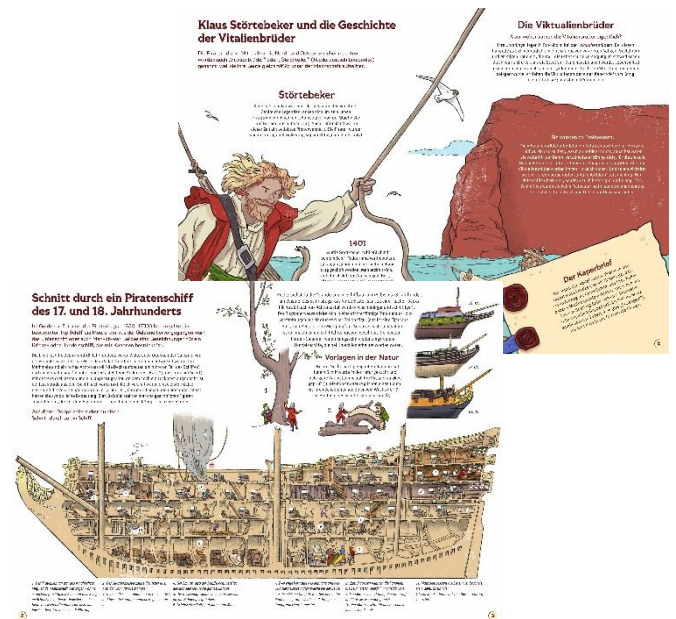
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All about pirates: life on board, treasures, and famous privateers

A historical non-fiction picture book full of adventure: the real world of pirates explained in a child-friendly way

Thilo Krapp's distinctive comic style: knowledge as edutainment, rich in detail and captivating

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### The Author & Illustrator

Thilo Krapp was born in Herdecke and studied communication design with a focus on illustration in Wuppertal. He has been fascinated by the 19th century, with all its events and styles, since childhood. He writes and illustrates non-fiction books, creates children's books for ages six and up, and adapts classics of world literature into comics. He lives in Berlin with his husband.

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