

PREVIEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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THE SUMMER WE TOOK OVER THE WORLD

Rieke Patwardhan

New fast-paced adventures from the successful duo Patwardhan & Kehn

Swimming, eating ice cream, picnicking on the beach... Fili, Karo and Jeps are looking forward to a parent-free summer holiday with their godmother Flora. She has just become mayor of a tiny North Sea island and has big plans: donkeys instead of cars is her motto! At first, the idyll is perfect, but when Aunt Flora has to go to the mainland with a broken leg, the children face unexpected challenges. Incited by the nasty farmer Böckmann, the islanders are rebelling against Aunt Flora's ideas! On top of that, an important visitor is coming, and to make matters worse, the donkeys are causing trouble ...

Will friendship, cunning and diplomatic skills be enough to save the future of the island?



13.5 x 21.0 cm | hardcover | 176 pages
b&w illustrations | € 16.00 | Age 10+ |
ISBN 978-3-95728-911-7

Publication: March 2026

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Fun holiday and summer reading for girls and boys

Established author and winner of the German Youth literature award (with *The pea soup investigation*)

Important topics such as politics, openness and willingness to compromise told in a child-friendly and humorous way



The Author

Rieke Patwardhan grew up in an old village school in Schleswig-Holstein, climbing trees and reading everything she could find. After years as a bookseller and psychologist, she realised that what she loved most was writing stories herself. Her books have been translated into many languages and have won numerous awards, including the 2020 German Youth Literature Prize for *The Pea soup investigation*.



The Illustrator

Regina Kehn studied illustration at the University of Design in Hamburg. Since 1990, she has been working as a freelance illustrator, author and comic artist for children's book publishers and has received numerous awards for her work. She lives with her family in Hamburg.

JULI GOLD

GUARDIAN OF TIME

Christine Weißenborn

The discovery of a magical legacy

Juli Gold lives in New York and feels out of place. No one around her has any time anymore. Everyone is constantly staring at screens. Only in her grandmother's enchanted garden does Juli find what she is missing - a simple life in nature.

On her 13th birthday, she is given a magical tent as a present. Inside, Juli and Janko, an apprentice baker, fall out of their own time and into an idyllic world full of wild forests and exciting adventures. But soon the two realise that the enchanting appearance is deceptive. An overpowering enemy threatens to devour the time of all worlds! Will Juli and Janko succeed in saving time together with their allies?



13.5 x 21.0 cm | hardcover | 320 pages |
b&w illustrations | € 18.00 | Age 11+ |
ISBN 978-3-95728-986-5

Publication: Mai 2026

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Captivating time-travel fantasy with a strong heroine and loyal friends

Wild nature, great adventures & battle against the overpowering time-eaters

For fans of *The Neverending Story*, *Momo* and *The Wizard of Oz*!

>When we immerse ourselves in our smartphones and can no longer tear ourselves away, we lose precious time and our connection to reality. [...] How wonderful that Juli Gold is now setting out to save time.< - Jörg Hartmann, actor and author



The Author

Christine Weißenborn needs campfire steam for page-filling happiness. That's why she prefers to travel the world with her team in a camper van, letting the freedom rush past her ears and keeping all ears open while on the road so as not to miss any stories, big or small.



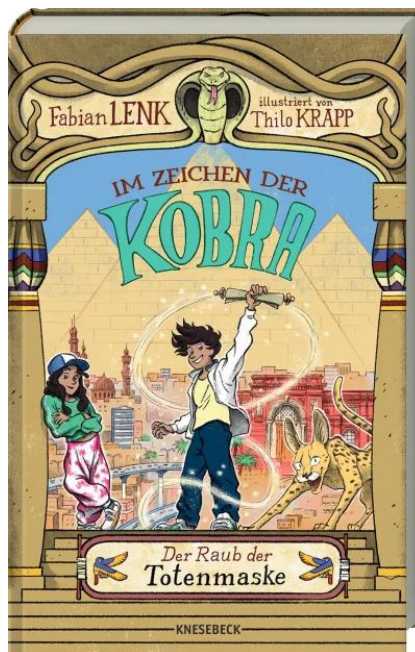
UNDER THE SIGN OF THE COBRA

THEFT OF THE DEATH MASK

Fabian Lenk

New adventure series full of magic and excitement

An exciting summer in Egypt: the twins Yana and Yamon (12) travel to the Valley of the Kings with their sister Anouk, a quick-witted archaeology student, and their uncle Professor Klawitter. There they discover a new burial chamber – and inside it a magic formula that transforms them into sacred animals: Bastet the cat, Horus the falcon and Anubis the dog. When they witness a robbery at the Egyptian Museum, during which Tutankhamun's mask and a mummy are stolen, among other things, a breakneck chase ensues. And the mastermind knows the secret of the magic formula! Will the three siblings succeed in recovering the historical treasures?



13.5 x 21.0 cm | hardcover | 192 pages |
b&w illustrations | € 16.00 | Age 11+ |
ISBN 978-3-95728-960-5

Publication: February 2026

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Successful author Fabian Lenk combines action, historical knowledge and shape-shifting fantasy

The start of a crime series – perfect for boys and girls!

Exciting adventures with a touch of magic in fascinating locations



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.

THE CRAZIEST HERD

OR THE DAY THE FENCE BROKE

Lisa Rühl, Elisabeth Peter

Suddenly, the fence is gone: a picture book about diversity and teamwork

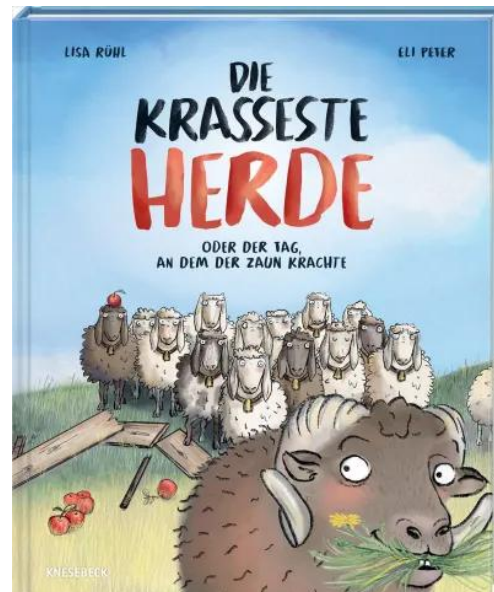
In a meadow, separated by a fence, dwarf sheep and mountain sheep graze. The dwarf sheep are new, having come from the north to mow the lawn in the garden. The two flocks do not yet know each other, but when they meet and try to impress each other, a scandal ensues: the fence falls!

Now what? Argue? Blend in inconspicuously with the others? Blend in inconspicuously with the others? But then the sheep discover something that they all want and can only achieve together - so they cooperate and realise that as a large flock, they can surpass themselves in remarkable ways.

Demonstrates openness towards strangers and differences in a child-friendly way

Better together: celebrate solidarity and teamwork

Humorous rhymes and witty illustrations - a fun read for the whole family



20.5 x 25.0 cm | hardcover | 80 pages | colour illustrations throughout | € 18.00 | Age 5+ | ISBN 978-3-95728-077-3

Publication: February 2026

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COMING SOON



The Author

Lisa Rühl brings a Nordic breeze to the mountains. Raised in Kiel, she settled with her family in Garmisch and has loved and embraced the contrasts ever since. The unexpected often finds its way into her writing. In her creative office, where she writes books and bubbles over with words on behalf of her clients. When she's not writing, she coaches a horde of football-playing children or looks after the neighbour's flock of dwarf sheep.



The Illustrator

Elisabeth Peter lives with her family and a communal flock of dwarf sheep at the foot of the Zugspitze in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. As a speech scientist with a penchant for storytelling, she brings distinctive characters to life on paper, paired with imagination and subtle humour. Her illustrative world lies somewhere between Alpine goats and everyday wit and is always accompanied by a broad perspective and an open heart.

MY CRAZY DAY WITH GRANDMA

Lena Lackmann

A day with Grandma turns into an adventure!

Grandma Rosa is a little different from other grandmas. Visiting her is really fun. Because what at first sounds like a perfectly ordinary day - shopping, cooking and drinking coffee with the neighbours - quickly turns out to be an imaginative and colourful adventure. Grandma and her granddaughter fly to the shops in a soapbox aeroplane, play poker with cows and, after an exciting day, fall asleep in a hammock under the open sky.



21.0 x 28.0cm | hardcover | 32 pages | colour illustrations throughout | € 16.00 | Age 4+ | ISBN 978-3-95728-039-1

Publication: January 2026

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A funny and cheeky picture book about the special relationship between grandma and grandchild

Imaginative, colourful illustrations ensure a fun read for the whole family

Important childhood topic 'grandparents' is lovingly told with a great deal of sensitivity and humour



The Author and Illustrator

Lena Lackmann is an author and illustrator. Her works are created digitally and are characterised by colourful hues and textures, endearing characters and stories. Only when Lena's illustrations can make the viewer smile is her work complete!

UPCOMING TITLES

FALL 2026 *

THE CHRISTMAS KANGAROO

Bettina Obrecht, Katja Jäger

A turbulent Christmas story about jealousy and how siblings can find their way back to each other.

15.0 x 21.5 cm | hardcover | 112 pages | coloured illustrations throughout | € 16.00 | Age 8+
Publication: Fall 2026

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UNDER THE SIGN OF THE COBRA - Vol. 2

Fabian Lenk

The second part of the exciting series about the archaeological adventures of the twins Yana and Yamon, settled in Istanbul.

13.5 x 21.0 cm | hardcover | 176 pages
b&w illustrations | € 16.00 | Age 11+
Publication: Fall 2026

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ASK PHILOMENA FREUD - Vol. 2

Anette Roeder

The second part of the series for young detective fans: orphan girl Philomena solves tricky criminal cases in 1920s Vienna.

13.5 x 21.0 cm | hardcover | 272 pages |
colour cut | € 18.00 | Age 12+
Publication: Fall 2026

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GODS & HEROES

Frank-Maria Reifenberg, Lion Fleischmann

An action-packed story about Nordic myths with graphic novel elements, skilfully illustrated by cartoonist Lion Fleischmann.

15.0 x 21.5 cm | hardcover | 272 pages | b&w illustrations, 25 graphic novel pages | € 18.00 | Age 12+
Publication: Fall 2026

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PIRATES

Thilo Krapp

A special and informative non-fiction book about pirates, beautifully illustrated by the renowned artist Thilo Krapp.

21.0 x 29.5 cm | hardcover | 64 pages | coloured illustrations throughout | € 18.00 | Age 8+
Publication: Fall 2026

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CHAMELEONRED

Johanna Klement

A picture book about a girl who overcomes her shyness through friendship with a new neighbour and his chameleon and learns to accept herself.

21.0 x 28.9 cm | hardcover | 32 pages | coloured illustrations throughout | € 16.00 | Age 4+
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