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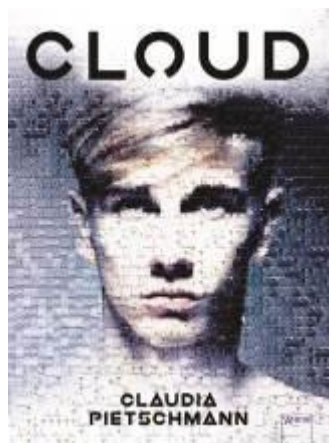
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Our Autumn 2017 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS



Fantasy Adventure, 12+: THE FABULATOR CHRONICLES. BLAZING SIGNS by Kathrin Lange (ISBN 60339, 416 pages)

On the train to Paris an old man asks Mila if she believed in love at first sight. He already knows that Paris will awaken in her an ancient ability, called fabulation to change reality through the stories she writes in her notebook. When she meets the mysterious Nicholas at the station, he seems to have sprung directly from her stories. But Nicholas, too, has the gift of fabulation and he has also written about Mila. A battle of fabricated stories flares up around true love. And Mila and Nicholas are in the middle of it.

- **More than 100,000 copies sold by the author, her previous works were sold to CZ and PL.**
- **First book in a two-book series. To be published on 19th June; preorders: 5,000 copies.**
- A love story as dramatic as Abelard and Héloïse (who will actually play a role in the novel)
- Setting: The charm of Paris is well caught by Kathrin Lange, the catacombs of Paris provide for a gloomy and mysterious atmosphere and the library under the city makes the heart beat faster.

AI Drama, 12+: CLOUD by Claudia Pietschmann (ISBN 60349, 368 pages)

Emma is in love: Paul understands her like no other since her little brother died. They have never met, but online they share everything. Paul wants to know everything and Emma is willing to share her whole life with him. He repeatedly surprises her, with little things over the Internet. But these nice little favours which make her life beautiful soon get a bitter after taste. For Paul, Emma seems to be the only window to the world. He evades her desire to meet up. What's wrong with Paul – and does he even exist?

- Author's YA debut GOODDREAMS sold 5,000 copies so far.
- Highly topical: Exactly because the topics of digitisation of our everyday life and data trading continue to be such hot issues, this novel is most relevant to young Internet users of today.

Dystopia, 14+: SAKURA. THE ACCOMPLISHED by Kim Kestner (ISBN 60318, 408 pages)

When the Emperor calls for "blossom", Yuri takes her chance. But the selection process, in which only the accomplished ones get a place on the surface is hard and Yuri is not immaculate enough to participate in it. But she wants to leave the dark cave, where she spent her whole life. Dressed as a boy, she hides amongst the subjects. But the Emperor's son of all people is paying special attention to her. Has he seen through Yuri's cover? Or does the Prince play a double game himself?

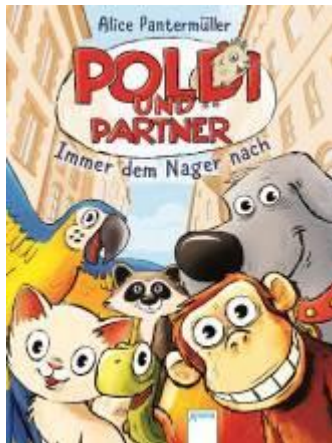
- **SAKURA got published on 2nd June; first print-run sold out in two weeks!**
- A mixture of action and exoticism - a world between the Middle Ages and a future vision.

Simulated Reality Thriller, 12+: LICENTIA'S EYE by Deana Zinßmeister (ISBN 60350, 320 pages)

Jonata and her family live in the medieval settlement of Licentia without smartphones or the supermarket around the corner. She doesn't even know these things exist nor that "Licentia" is actually a reality show on TV where the whole world has been watching her and the other residents of Licentia for many years. Only when she meets Tristan, a boy from the hostile clan of the Wolf-banners, the lies and secrets of her community start to be uncovered. Jonata is seen as a threat by some of the villagers ...

- The first young adult novel of the best-selling author and master of historical subjects.
- Strong heroine, meticulously researched material and exciting staging in the forests of the Ural Mountains.

Our Autumn 2017 Hotlist CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Magic DIY sewing series, 9+: THE MAGIC TAILOR SHOP. LENI AND THE WONDER THREAD by Ina Brandt, illustrated by Isabelle Metzen (ISBN 60354, 168 pages)

When Leni and her family move to the big city, she feels rather lost. But then she comes across a shop that is just opening: the Magic Tailor Shop! The owner, Ariane Arruga with her red hair and the colourful clothes is very nice! Then strange things are happening and many fabrics make Leni's fingertips tingle. Can Leni reveal the secret of the Magic Tailor Shop?

- Connection of realistic setting with magic adventures around the strong selling theme of DIY.
- Unique concept with integrated sewing and crafting instructions plus a magazine as a supplement.
- Ina Brandt is the author of *Der Spiegel* bestseller series **OWL MAGIC (270,000 copies sold of the series, translated into the Czech language)**.

Animal Adventure, 8+: POLDI AND PARTNERS. ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RODENTS! by Alice Pantermüller, illustrated by Julian Meyer (ISBN 60274, 160 pages)

Alarm in Tommi's animal paradise: Guinea pig Poldi is being sold and has to move to the humans - and they are evil! To save Poldi, his friends Mimi, Harro, Parker, Bibo and Serafine follow him into the wilderness of the big city! On their rescue mission, the crazy animal gang encounter not only a raccoon with a compulsion to wash and dangerous howler monkeys (i.e. children) and at least as many guinea pigs. But none of them is Poldi. Where is the rodent?

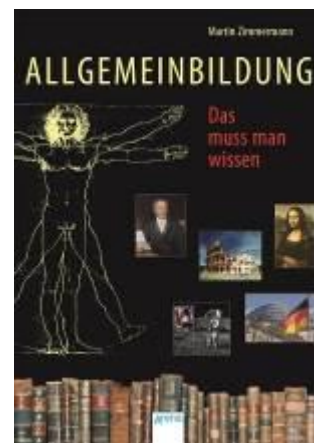
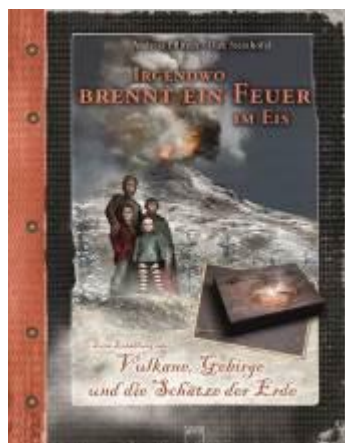
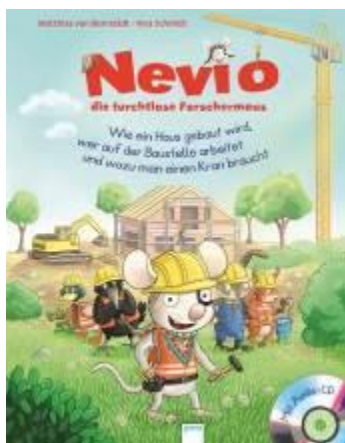
- **Big target readership:** POLDI AND PARTNERS is a fast-paced animal adventure with lots of wit, warmth and a feeling of comfort that appeals to action-minded boys as well as animal-loving girls.
- **Successful author:** linguistically humorous, cheeky and adorable - Alice Pantermüller also authors our bestselling **MY LIFE AS LOTTA series (1.5m copies sold, translated into 18 languages)**.

Picture Book, 3+: WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PIECE OF HAPPINESS by Neele, illustrated by Marta Balmaseda (ISBN 70975, 32 pages)

What is happiness? The little mouse goes out into the world to find out. If that really makes everything better, she wants a part of it for herself and the mole. Is the rich fox happy? Or the mighty bear? The mouse is also looking for happiness with the beautiful raccoon, the famous wren and the squirrels who are in love. But only in the mole's own home does she recognize what her very own happiness is.

- The message is clear and simple: happiness is to be with your loved ones.
- A great illustrator shows her skills in the field of picture books - exclusively for Arena in Germany!
- Debut author Neele writes with great sensitivity and humour.

Our Autumn 2017 Hotlist NON-FICTION



Non-Fiction Picture Book, 4+ with audio CD: NEVIO, THE FEARLESS SCIENCE MOUSE. HOW A HOUSE IS BUILT, WHO WORKS ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND WHAT A CRANE IS NEEDED FOR (Vol. 4) by Matthias von Bornstädt, illustrated by Vera Schmidt (ISBN 71097, 32 pages)

In the fourth adventure of the successful series NEVIO, THE FEARLESS SCIENCE MOUSE, a thunderstorm sets Nevio's shelter under water. Now he wants to build a real house. All his friends want to help - just how do you actually build a house? When during the first attempt the walls end up wonky and the masonry stones are much too heavy, Nevio is looking for help on a human construction site. There is an excavator, a crane and many different craftsmen. Along with typical children's questions, the story is about what the animals are copying and how a stable mice villa with lots of space for everyone is created.

- Tried-and-true combination of picture book and audio CD – **40,000 copies sold of the series.**
- Cheerful, colourful and detailed illustrations.
- Great identification potential for boys.
- Other exciting non-fiction topics with Nevio that are suitable for children of kindergarten age in planning: the seasons.
- Rights sold to EE and RU.

Narrative Non-Fiction Picture Book, 9+: THERE IS A FIRE BURNING WITHIN ICE by Andreas Pflitsch, with illustrations by Dirk Steinhöfel (ISBN 60248, 48 pages)

Jonas and Sophie visit their great-grandfather in Alaska. But when the children arrive, he is gone. He left a piece of an amulet and a riddle. They follow his trail into the mountains of Alaska. There, they discover gigantic mountain folds of the sea, volcanoes, various rocks and precious metals. But what secret has lured her great-grandfather so far into the wilderness? They finally discover it in a mine, where he tried his luck as a gold digger.

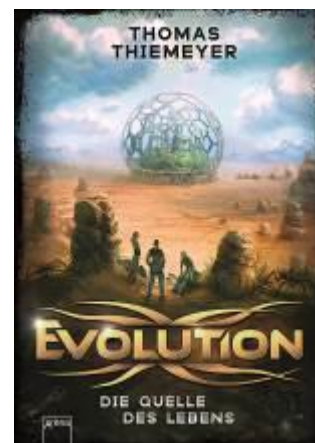
- Successful combination of non-fiction and narrative.
- Unusual optics and extra-large format.
- The complex subject of plate tectonics, fundamental to the understanding of volcanism, is fully explained.

Encyclopaedia, 12+: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE. EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW by Martin Zimmermann (ed.), illustrated by Hauke Kock (ISBN 60337, 360 pages)

Knowledge is an exciting and fascinating adventure – as the contributions to this standard encyclopaedia show. All relevant fields of science are illuminated free from any scientific jargon yet precise and well-founded while showing how they are linked historically and culturally. The focus is always on the fact that education is fun and will enrich your life!

- Special edition for the 15th anniversary.
- **350,000 copies sold since 2002.**
- Completely revised and updated.
- With the most important current developments of recent years in politics, art, literature, natural sciences, technology and much more.
- Following school syllabi.

Young Adult Sequels Autumn 2017



Romantic Sick-lit, 14+: WHAT YOU DREAM OF by Kira Gembri (ISBN 60323, 328 pages)

Emilia has a list of special dreams: she wants to learn to play the piano, go to a concert, know how the rain sounds. This is all a challenge, because Emilia is almost deaf. Meeting Nick is like a bad joke, because the boy with the crooked grin shows much more interest in parties than in music. But while Emilia pursues her dreams, the two meet again and again - and it seems that both Nick's loud and Emilia's silent world are not so far apart...

- **Over 50,000 copies sold by the author.**
- WHAT YOU DREAM OF plays in the same cosmos as JUMP IF YOU DARE and THE TWO OF US IN BLACK AND WHITE. There, Emilia was Kris's flatmate.
- Love story with sick-lit touch (theme: deafness), in a casual, cheerful tone beloved by the reader.
- Emilia is, despite the handicap, a bright, quick-witted girl who is self-confident in her everyday life.

Future Fiction, 12+/ All Age: SUBMARINE by Andreas Eschbach (ISBN 60023, 456 pages)

Saha can still hardly believe it: She is a submarine, half human, half girl of the sea. Together with her swarm she explores the ocean. When Saha meets the mysterious Prince of the Gray Riders and rides with him on his whale, she is enchanted. She is determined from now on, to decide about her destiny herself. But the King of the Gray Riders has sinister plans for the Submarines, in which Saha plays an important role as mediator between the worlds. When Saha finds herself in great danger, she must make a decision with serious consequences.

- Since 2003 Andreas Eschbach sold over **400,000 copies** of teen novels published by Arena!
- Rights sold to FR and RS, other titles by Andreas Eschbach sold to CZ, PL, RU and TR.
- **2nd volume of trilogy:** After AQUAMARINE now comes the long awaited sequel: Saha descends into the sea and explores the mysteries of the deep sea.
- The third and final volume (ULTRAMARINE) will be released in autumn 2019.

Future Fiction, 12+: EVOLUTION. THE SOURCE OF LIFE by Thomas Thiemeyer (ISBN 60169, 416 pages)

Finally at the finishing line! Jem wakes up in the oasis of the time jumpers after a grueling flight through swamps and deserts. But how did he come here and where are his friends? Katta is gone, Lucie and the little squid are in a coma. When the leader GAIA takes him in, his hopes are raised: he might be able to return to a new life. But then Lucie wakes up and the friends realize what a perfidious game they are in. A game that threatens the future of the earth. In a final battle the youths have to decide: Are they on the side of animals or humanity?

- The series has already been sold over **60,000 times** and found numerous young as well as adult fans. Rights sold to CZ.
- Volume 3 connects quickly and directly to the events of volume 2. It entered the SPIEGEL adult bestseller list rank 25.
- Thiemeyer's scientific thrillers and teen book cycles have won numerous awards, sold half a million copies and are translated into thirteen languages.

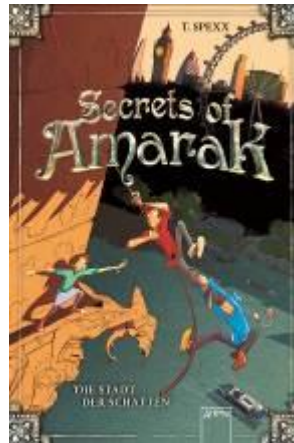
Children's Book Sequels Autumn 2017



WOODWALKERS

Written by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls

- 3rd volume
- 80,000 copies sold
- Vol. 4 -> Spring 18
- Animals, adventure, fantasy
- Age 10+
- Rights sold to CZ, DK



SECRETS OF AMARAK

Written by T: Spexx, illustrated by Moritz von Wolzogen

- 2nd volume to be published in July 17
- 5,000 copies sold
- Adventure, suspense
- Age 10+



MY LIFE AS LOTTA

Written by Alice Pantermüller, illustrated by Daniela Kohl

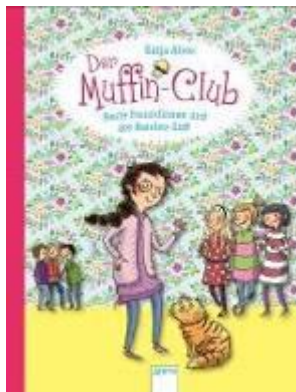
- 12th volume, vol. 13 -> Spring 18
- 1.5m copies!
- Spiegel bestseller
- Age 10+
- Rights sold to 18 countries



OWL MAGIC

Written by Ina Brandt, illustrated by Irene Mohr

- 7th volume
- 280.000 copies sold
- Vol. 8 -> Spring 18
- Girls, friendship, magic, fantasy
- Age 8+
- Rights sold to CZ



THE MUFFIN CLUB

Written by Katja Alves, illustrated by Elli Bruder

- 9th volume
- 150,000 copies sold
- Children's book
- Age 7/8+
- Rights sold to BG, DK, HU, IL, NL, ES, TR



THE SUPER SECRET SMALL PAW GANG

Written by Katja Alves, illustrated by Marta Balmaseda

- 3rd volume
- 17,000 copies sold
- Vol. 4 -> Spring 18
- Children's book
- Age 7+



GRETA GO-LUCKY

Written by Sandra Grimm, illustrated by Elli Bruder

- 2nd volume
- 20,000 copies sold
- Picture book
- Age 3+
- Rights sold to EE



MAZE PICTURE BOOK

Written by Annelie Mont, illustrated by Marina Krämer

- 2nd volume
- 10,000 copies sold
- Vol. 3 -> Spring 18
- Picture book
- Age 3+
- Rights sold to BE/NL, BG, DK, PRC, RU, UA

Special Events Autumn 2017: 3rd LILLI Movie Release



Magic Film Edition, 7+: LILLI THE WITCH SAVES CHRISTMAS by KNISTER, illustrated by Birgit Rieger (ISBN 70946, 160 pages)

The Christmas season is actually the most beautiful time of the year, but this year unfortunately not for Lilli. She does not get the lead role in the school play, and she does not get a rabbit from St. Nicholas, although she so desperately wants one. And then her little brother Leon breaks Grandma's gift. That's too much for Lilli. St. Nicholas's little helper Ruprecht is to help her fix the Christmas season, so she conjures him up quickly. But Ruprecht only creates a big mess and even puts Christmas at risk. Oh dear! How is Lilli going to get rid of the crazy fellow?

- **The third film adaptation of the bestselling series to be released in November 2017 in Germany!**
- **22 million copies sold worldwide and translated into 40 languages.**



Special Events: Stefanie Dahle Jubilee

The Sweetest Anniversary of the Year: 10 Years of Stefanie Dahle!

Stefanie Dahle's illustrations are full of imagination and details – and most of the books are outfitted with high-quality design like glitter and shimmering effects. As her books are extremely successful, we started various series with her.

Rights of her titles were sold to: BE, BG, CZ, DK, EE, English (world), ES (LA), FI, GR, HR, HU, KOR, LT, LV, NO, NL, PRC, RU, SI, SK, UA, VN, ZA, German audio book rights

And don't forget about our famous **STRAWBERRY FAIRY**:

Everyone loves the Strawberry Fairy! These books are dreamlike and tell magical stories with enchanting pictures. **600,000 copies of this series** were sold in Germany so far.



LET'S PLAY, LITTLE STRAWBERRY FAIRY! (ISBN 70972, 12 PAGES AND 9 CARDBOARD CUBES)

What does the little Strawberry Fairy love the most? Well, playing, of course! Children age 30 months+ will also love to assemble the charming pictures on the cubes that accompany the little story into a puzzle. Delightful fun for reading to children and making your own jigsaw with the little Strawberry Fairy!



THE STRAWBERRY FAIRY. COME PLAY WITH US! Theatre box with stage, 8 settings, 10 characters and brochure (ISBN 70686, 48 PAGES)

Clear the stage for Strawberry Fairy and her friends!

Come join us and play the parts of Strawberry Fairy, hedgehog Zetti, Irmi the mouse and many other characters. Since the instructions are easy to understand, these four delightful story time stories can be acted out without any difficulty. And it's going to be twice as much fun if there is an audience – Mum, Dad, Grandma or your friends will surely love to see a fantastic play!



LILIA THE LITTLE ELF PRINCESS

is a lovable, imaginative main character all fans of elves and fairies can easily relate to. This is the fourth adventure with her.

LILIA, THE LITTLE ELF PRINCESS. THE MYSTERIOUS CRYSTAL BALL (Picture Book, ISBN 70769, 32 pages)

Lilia, the little Elf Princess, ponders: Wasn't today a very special day? She just can't remember why – and then, on top of it, Trotti has disappeared. Fortunately, the little Elf Princess finds a mysterious crystal ball in the vaults of her water lily castle that is to show her where on earth she can find Trotti, that forest creature ...



LILIA, THE LITTLE ELF PRINCESS. THE CHARMED UNICORN (First Readers Collection, ISBN 71101, 56 pages)

O dear! Elf Princess Lilia's unicorn has suddenly shrunk to the size of a mouse. So how will Lilia get to the Elf queen's ball? Even the magician Clatterix can't help her: Although he turns the unicorn back to its original size by using a spell, it now has pink dots from head to toe. How embarrassing! With that kind of entourage Lilia will never win the first prize given away by the Elf queen! Yet the evening ball provides a great surprise after all ...

Special Events:

Andreas H. Schmachtl

10th Anniversary of Author & Illustrator Andreas H. Schmachtl at Arena in Autumn 2017

Since 2007 he has applied all his love for detail and his characters to narrating and illustrating enchanting and adventurous stories about mice, rabbits, hedgehogs and other small creatures. Andreas Schmachtl's books have been published exclusively by Arena Publishing with **1,000,000** copies sold in Germany so far.

Translation rights have been sold to: BG, BR, CZ, EE, FI, HU, IT, LT, LV, PRC, RU, SE, TR, UA, VN and German audio book rights.

TILDA APPLESEED Novelties

Every day is lovely in the little village, snugly tucked into the hills, where small and big adventures await its inhabitants. Tilda, the small mouse, lives in a small apartment in the parish's church. Whenever someone is in need of help, she is there – with advice, a nice cup of tea and delicious cookies.



Calendar, 3+: TILDA APPLESEED FAMILY PLANNER (ISBN 70978, 14 sheets)

A new year begins – and as always, Tilda helps the whole family to plan it! Doctor's appointments, birthdays and parties – on monthly sheets with versatile designs and lovely illustrations.

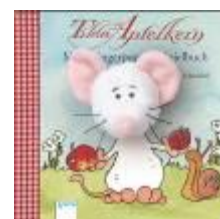
Advent Calendar: TILDA APPLESEED. CHRISTMAS MAGIC EVERYWHERE (ISBN 70982, 52 pages)

Only 24 more days until Christmas, and Tilda Appleseed is full of anticipation! All of the homes are decorated festively and the scent of cinnamon and roasted almonds is everywhere, but suddenly there is great excitement in the little village in the hills: The Christmas stamp has been stolen – and there won't be any Christmas mail without it! Of course the friends from Hedge Rose Road want to find the nasty thief. And so they start looking for the Christmas grouch to save Christmas for the villagers.



TILDA APPLESEED. MY FINGER PUPPET PLAY BOOK (ISBN 70832, 14 pages)

Simply everyone loves Tilda Appleseed and Juli Dandelion – and now they also come as toys to play with. Juli Dandelion loves to dress up, and Tilda wants to make homemade jam. But which fruit will make the most delicious jam? Short stories with cuddly plush finger puppets make reading to children twice as delightful!



JULI DANDELION Novelties

A little rabbit on big adventures: Juli Dandelion's witty adventures guarantee pure fun, not only for little boys! The rabbit always has the desire to help, no matter if he causes even more chaos. Discover the humour in the illustrations as well as in the text!

JULI DANDELION. MY FINGER PUPPET PLAY BOOK (ISBN 70831, 14 pages)

Simply everyone loves Tilda Appleseed and Juli Dandelion – and now they also come as toys to play with. Juli Dandelion loves to dress up, and Tilda wants to make homemade jam. But which fruit will make the most delicious jam? Short stories with cuddly plush finger puppets make reading to children twice as delightful!



Special Events: 25 yrs of FIRST READERS COLLECTION

The Book Bear First Readers Collection picks up each child at his or her individual stage of development. This lets children enjoy reading from the very start – hopefully for life. Everyone loves the Book Bear! Luckily, he is accompanying girls and boys up to the start of the school - with educational exercises that provide learning safety and fun.

Autumn 2017 Novelties:



HOW ANIMALS LIVE. THE FOX



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New Series: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NATURE

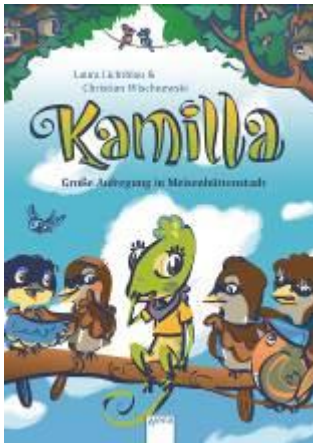
The new series KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NATURE provides fascinating knowledge about domestic wildlife and the habitats of wild animals in simple texts: How do these animals live? And what dangers do they face? What should I do if I meet them? Especially endearing, true-to-life illustrations invite the reader to enter the fascinating realm of animals. The series for children 6+ starts with two titles: HOW ANIMALS LIVE. THE HEDGEHOG and HOW ANIMALS LIVE. THE FOX.

Activity, 5+: LEARNING FUN WITH THE BOOK BEAR (64 pages each):

Everyone loves the Book Bear! Luckily, he is accompanying girls and boys up to the start of the school - with educational exercises that provide learning safety and fun. The Book Bear First Readers Collection offers a 3-level system which accompanies the children according to their reading progress for 25 years now.



Special Events: Books about Integration



Integration Fable 8+: CAMILLA. BIG EXCITEMENT IN TITHUT CITY by Laura Lichtblau, illustrated by Christian Wischnewski (ISBN 60342, 160 pages)

Camilla and her chameleon family, who had to flee from their owner, hope to have found home in Tithut City. But the birds are really mean to them and do not want to have them in the tree town! And somebody spreads nasty rumours about chameleons! The squirrel Flix is the only one who is nice with Camilla. Together, they find out who is behind the rumours, making Tithut City a bit more colourful.

- A tree town full of birds - and three chameleons in the middle struggling with prejudices and hostility. A theme that can also be applied to our society, is conveyed here in a playful way.
- A colourful heroine with many four-coloured illustrations, each chapter headline in a different colour – mango orange, summer grass green, Camilla has a fitting name for each colour.

Friendship Novel 10+: FATIMA BRAHIMI'S INCREDIBLE RUN by Jürgen Banscherus, illustrated by Michael Bayer (ISBN 50977, 160 pages)

Fatima is from Algeria, new to the class. She looks funny with her long dress and the headscarf. When Jacob wants to talk to her, she does not even look at him! But when, he sees the immense speed with which Fatima is running, he decides to train with her. Even when a cyst is found in Jacob's head and an operation is imminent, he sticks to his plan. Despite all resistance - the mobbing classmates, his illness and against the will of Fatima's family. What about Fatima? Doesn't she have a say in this?

- **Bestselling author Jürgen Banscherus (more than 500,000 copies sold in total)** is able to make the topic of integration and differentness tangible without making it too flat or too demanding.
- Sport as a connecting element letting differences being quickly forgotten.
- Suitable for reading in class, free teaching material available for downloading.

Family Comedy 10+: CHICK PEAS WITH CHOCOLATE. FAMILY CHAOS FOR BEGINNERS by Jana Frey, illustrated by Isabelle Metzen (ISBN 60345, 184 pages)

The twins Alice and Pauline are annoyed: their mother smile down at them from every campaign poster around town and she has also fallen in love with the Iranian owner of the new bike house, who has two weird sons. All four kids agree that something has to be done! The twins Roschan and Darius agree - and ask their grandma from Tehran for help. Her visit leads to utter chaos.

- Important topic: patchwork families with different cultural backgrounds. This reality of many children is finally taken up by the experienced author Jana Frey (**280,000 copies sold in total**).
- Cultural differences and prejudices are picked up and partly reduced to absurdity.

Historical Fiction 12+: PERHAPS IN 300 YEARS FROM NOW by Tilman Röhrig (ISBN 60369, 160 pages)

1641: Famine, misery and fear rule the lives of the residents, only few people can still remember the time before the war. 15-year-old Jockel is putting his love for Katharina against the war with his plundering soldiers, the fear of the plague and the hope that peace will be restored: perhaps in three hundred years from now.

- **250,000 copies sold since its release.**
- German Children's Literature Award 1984.
- With a new epilogue on further war situations of Second World War, Syria and Yugoslavia.