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Our Autumn 2018 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS

Fantasy, 12+: KHYONA. THE SILVER FALCON’S SPELL (Vol. 1) by Katja Brandis (ISBN 60366, 488 pages)
The vacation with her new patchwork family in Iceland is just as strenuous as Kari had pictured. Yet when she meets a silver falcon and is taken to the Land of Isslar, it changes everything. Before she knows it, Kari finds herself in a magic world full of trolls, ice dragons and fairies. But why is she here? When Kari finds out that she looks like the twin of a young female assassin who must commit a murder as ordered by the duchess, Kari is already in deep trouble.

- Katja is the author of our CB series WOODWALKERS (270,000 sold copies; rights sold to CZ, DK, NL, PL and RU).
- New fantasy YA series, with volume 2 being published in Autumn 2019.
- The book features on the cover of our German book trade catalogue!

Tech Thriller, 14+: WHITE MAZE. YOU’RE ALREADY PART OF IT by June Perry (ISBN 60372, 376 pages)
Vivian’s carefree life is over all of a sudden: Her mother, Sofia, has been found dead – she was murdered! She was a sought-after programmer who was about to release a new computer game. The new “Lucent” contact lenses are the key to the virtual reality of this game called “White Maze”. Yet before she died, Sofia burned the data lenses in the microwave. Why did she destroy the access to her own invention? With the help of schoolmate Tom, who is an infamous hacker, Viv has to solve her mother’s murder – before the game goes online. But for that, Viv must wear the Lucent lenses herself – by doing so, she puts herself in mortal danger.

- This is June Perry’s YA debut to be published in July 2018 with pre-orders of 4,000 copies!
- A thriller about the future that designs a breath-taking scenario yet not all too far in the future.

Drama, 12+: LIFE IN REVERSE by Claudia Pietschmann (ISBN 60386, 368 pages)
Nina wakes up from a coma. She had an accident, as she distinctly remembers – but her parents and friends tell her it never happened. They say that nothing she remembers is true. Yet Nina has images in her head, the images of a mountain, a house and a boy she is in love with. None of her friends know what she’s talking about. And then all of a sudden that very boy stands in front of her: Arthur. He doesn’t know Nina but all of her memories now come to pass just the way she remembers. Nina is unable to withstand the perilous attraction of Arthur and her mental pictures. She must stop the accident that already happened in her memory at all costs!

- This is Claudia’s 3rd stand-alone YA title at Arena. Both predecessors, CLOUD and GOODDREAMS, received very good reviews!
- CLOUD has been translated into the Polish, Russian and Ukrainian languages.

Romantic Comedy, 12+: AVA AND THE BOY IN MONOCROME by Stefanie Gerstenberger and Marta Martin (ISBN 60411, 384 pages)
Butterflies in your stomach, head over heels in love? Ava is 15 and has no idea how that feels. When she has to help out at Granny Luise’s old cinema during her summer holidays, her fate seems to have been settled once and for all. Yet she realizes all too soon that not only does Luise, who has broken her wrist, really need her help – but also that the “Titania Palace” may have to be sold! And who is that strange young guy with the leather jacket and greasy hair who keeps hanging around at her grandmother’s all the time? He fascinates Ava because he’s different from any other boy she knows. Could he be the boy Ava will fall in love with?

- The mother-and-daughter team has sold appr. 55,000 copies so far.
- This is their 4th lighthearted comedy YA title at Arena.

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Fantasy Adventure, 12+: **THE FABULATOR CHRONICLES. BURNING WORDS (Vol. 2)** by Kathrin Lange (ISBN 60368, 416 pages)
Nicholas is dead and Mila is miserable. What good does it do her to have the Fabulation power if she couldn’t stop Nicholas’s death from happening and can’t claim him back, either? For no power in the world can overcome death. But then why is Nicholas suddenly standing in front of her when she reaches for her notebook in utter despair? Then her mother tells them about a horrible plan in which Mila and Nicholas – who have the greatest Fabulation power – are to play the main roles. Will Mila’s and Nicholas’s love for each other turn out to be stronger than the mysterious Fabulation antagonist who threatens to destroy it?
- More than 110,000 copies sold by the author, Kathrin’s previous works were sold to CZ, ID and PL.
- Second book in a two-book series. We also publish a prequel e-book only told from Nicholas’s point of view.
- A love story as dramatic as Abelard and Héloise (who will actually play a role in the novel).

Director Cockatoo threatened to expel Abdi from school after his last coup. Since then Abdi and his Ghetto Gang are as timid as a herd of sheep – and I’m boooored. No practical jokes, no chaotic actions, no ingenious coups. BAAAAHHH! We really can’t go on like that! Yet it wasn’t all that long ago when Abdi claimed that he is now a free-runner and that nobody can beat him in parcours. Maybe I should challenge him a little? Such a climbing challenge can really take off!
- Jakob Musashi Leonhardt is an expert on penning reading fun for boys age 10-12+!
- The creator of the CHAOTIC GENIUS series sold a total of 120,000 copies in Germany and is being translated into Bulgarian, Spanish and Turkish.
- The series sold 10,000 copies since January 2018.

Time Travel Trilogy, 14+: **TIME RUSH. GAME OF THE FUTURE (Vol. 2)** by Kim Kestner (ISBN 51068, 368 pages)
Alison is thoroughly prepared for this moment because she knows that it’ll be tough – merciless. She knows the game for she played it once before and she is ready when she is called back into the ring of “Top the Realities”. The candidates of the TV show are chased through the centuries and have to face challenges that could wipe out whole generations if they fail. Yet Alison is just waiting for Kay. This time she will meet a younger version of him who doesn’t know her, but she knows where it will lead her. And that is the very problem!
- Kim Kestner’s autumn 2017 focus title SAKURA sold 12,000 copies.
- **TIME RUSH is as brutal as HUNGER GAMES and as heart-melting as the RUBY RED TRILOGY.**

Time Travel Trilogy, 14+: **TIME RUSH. GAME OF THE PRESENT (Vol. 3)** by Kim Kestner (ISBN 51069, 320 pages)
Alison is desperate. She lost her true love, Kay, between the times because of the criminal schemes of the time-travel TV show “Top the Realities”. But she has a plan how to escape the show and win her boyfriend back. Together with Kay she returns to her own presence after a long time. At her parents’ house she feels safe until something horrible happens. Alison realizes that she only has one option: She must end the show for good.
Our Autumn 2018 Hotlist CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Fantasy, 4+: THE LITTLE OWL WITCH. WELCOME TO THE MAGIC FOREST! (Vol. 1) by Katja Alves, illustrated by Marta Balmaseda (ISBN 71195, 144 pages)
The little witch Petunia Olivia de Evergreen is mighty surprised when she finds seven little owls sitting on the doorstep of her tree house. They come with a message from Aunt Aurora: If Petunia manages to make well-mannered young owls out of the seven little snot beaks, she will earn the famous owl witch diploma. And Petunia certainly wants that!
- New story book series by Katja Alves, author of both 7+-series MUFFIN CLUB and THE SMALL PAW GANG.
- Katja Alves already sold appr. 225,000 copies in Germany, rights sold to BG, DK, ES, HU, IL, NL, and TR.

Fantasy, 3+: SPARKLING STAR. THE LITTLE UNICORN. HOW WONDERFUL TO BE FRIENDS (Vol. 1) by Mila Berg, illustrated by Marina Krämer (ISBN 70824, 32 pages)
Unicorns are sooo wonderful! They fly, they make wishes come true and they gallop over rainbows. Only the little unicorn named Finya can’t do any of that all that well yet. But that doesn’t matter as long as she can be with her best friends, the goblin girl Trixi, and the bat Kalle. Yet in one special night a star falls from the sky and lands right in front of Finya’s hooves. Will she be able to bring it back – and to finally fly all the way up to the stars?
- Fastest license deal ever! The book was published on 5th June and we already sold Finnish language rights 😊
- The debut title by Mila Berg is on the reverse cover of our German trade catalogue.

Family/Kindergarten, 5+: A GRANNY FOR FRIDOLINA by Anna Lott, illustrated by Nikolai Renger (ISBN 71099, 64 p.)
Tomorrow is Granny Day at the kindergarten, and all children take their grandparents along. Only Fridolina can’t because her granny has been dead for many years. The other children talk about grannies who travel in airplanes across the sky, or grannies that give them huge stuffed animals. Spontaneously Fridolina sets out to search for the perfect granny. While doing so, she does not only learn a lot about grannies but also about herself.
- Anna Lott is a very successful German children’s book author; this is her first project at Arena.
- Very important topic: how to talk about deceased family members and how to remember them.

Friendship, 10+: WILD & WONDERFUL. TWO FRIENDS AGAINST THE REST OF THE WORLD (Vol. 1) by Ilona Einwohlt illustrated by Inka Vigh (ISBN 60430, 240 pages)
When Shark a.k.a. Sophie Hyazinth Amanda Ricarda Kornelius moves into the flat on the floor under Linn’s home, Linn’s world is turned upside down. That is because the new girl with her bright leggings and checkered hair strand looks hot and always says the perfect line. Linn has always wanted a best friend who is as self-confident as Shark is. Yet what Linn doesn’t know is that Shark urgently needs a true friend herself …
- New series by Ilona Einwohlt, our expert on empowering girls and the author of SINA’S SURVIVAL GUIDES.
- Her books sold more than 500,000 copies in total; volume 2 of the new series will be published in Spring 2019.

Growing up, 3+: MY BEST FRIEND IS THE INVISIBLE BEAR by Annette Herzog, illustrated by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71052, 32 pages)
Everything is new to Silas: the new house, the new kindergarten, the neighbour girl and Mummy’s big belly. Even Bear, who walks out of a moving box one day. But Bear is great! He’s so tall that Silas can hide behind him; Bear protects Silas and he has lots of courage. They become best buddies in no time. But one day Bear is gone. Silas sets out to look for him … and gets unexpected help from the girl next door who is also looking for a friend.
- Important topic for children: Invisible friends and their advantages.
- Annette Herzog writes picture books and story books for us. Her books sold more than 35,000 copies in total.
Children’s Book Sequels Autumn 2018

THE MAGICAL PHARMACY
Written by Anna Ruhe, illustrated by Claudia Carls
- 2nd vol. September 2018
- SPIEGEL Bestseller List
- 4,000 preorders
- 40,000 copies sold Vol. 1
- Adventure, fantasy
- Age 10+
- Rights sold to DK, GR, LT, NL, RU

SNÖFRID OF MEADOW VALLEY
Written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl
- June 2018
- 5,000 preorders
- 125,000 copies sold
- Adventure, fantasy
- Age 7+
- Rights sold to RU, VN

WOODWALKERS
Written by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls
- 5th vol. June 2018
- SPIEGEL Bestseller List
- 270,000 copies sold
- Vol. 6 -> Spring 19
- Animals, adventure, fantasy
- Age 10+
- Rights sold to BE/NL, CZ, DK, PL and RU

THE MAGIC TAILOR SHOP
Written by Ina Brandt (OWL MAGIC series), illustrated by Isabelle Metzen
- 4th vol. June 18
- 30,000 copies sold
- Girls, fantasy, DIY
- Age 9+
- Rights available worldwide

THE MUFFIN CLUB
Written by Katja Alves, illustrated by Elli Bruder
- 10th vol. June 18
- 170,000 copies sold
- Friendship, girls
- Age 7/8+
- Rights sold to BE/NL, BG, DK, ES, HU, IL, TR

ROBIN CAT
Written by Christian Seiltmann, illustrated by Christine Kugler
- June 2018
- 5,000 c. sold picture book
- Story book, animals, adventures
- Age 3+
- Rights sold to RO

POLDI & PARTNERS
Written by Alice Pantermüller (MY LIFE AS LOTTA series), illustrated by Julian Meyer
- 3rd vol. July 18
- 15,000 copies sold
- Animals, adventure
- Age 8+
- Rights sold to BE/NL

THE LIGHTHOUSE SHARKS
Written by Gisa Pauly, illustrated by Edda Skibbe
- 2nd vol. June 18
- 10,000 copies sold
- Detective stories
- Age 8+
- Rights available worldwide

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Human Biology, 11+: 29 WINDOWS TO OUR BRAIN by Alexander Rösler and Philipp Sterzer, illustrated by Kai Pannen
(ISBN 60424, 224 pages)
How’s the purple cow doing? Pretty darn hard to NOT think of something, right? But did you know that you CANNOT tickle yourself? With the aid of examples taken from daily life, numerous self-tests and exciting insights into current research, the two physicians Alexander Rösler and Philipp Sterzer explain how our brains work. In 29 short chapters they cover the most essential information about our perception, motions, language, love, sleep, memories and our free will. Including a large brain map on flap.

- Relaunch within the ARENA LIBRARY OF KNOWLEDGE collection.
- 12,000 copies sold in Germany, translation rights sold to Korea.

Encyclopedia, 12+: WORLD HISTORY. EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW by Martin Zimmermann, with illustrations by Hauke Kock
(ISBN 60421, 496 pages)
The history of humanity is characterized by social, technical und cultural accomplishments but also by war and suffering. The editor, Martin Zimmermann, has collected exciting contributions by experts that draw a colourful picture of an evolution over thousands of years – the history of man. Important general knowledge topics are presented in a compact form in this edition. The texts are scientifically well-founded yet to the point and easy to understand – this makes education fun and thrilling to readers.

- Updated edition.
- The GENERAL KNOWLEDGE series sold 350,000 copies so far.

Chess, 10+: PAWN, QUEEN, KING – CHECKMATE! A CHESS COURSE FOR BEGINNERS by Gerd Schneider, illustrated by Heribert Schulmeyer
(ISBN 51086, 200 pages)
Chess is real nerve-tingling fun! The readers learn the game step by step. Lots of examples and exercises illustrate each move. In addition to the basics, the book offers tricks and strategies for each phase of the game. Interesting stories provide relaxation and make the ancient world of chess come alive.

- The evergreen with 60,000 copies sold new as a paperback edition.
- Books of Gerd Schneider have been translated into the Croatian, Korean, Polish, Russian and Turkish languages.
Our Autumn 2018 Hotlist ACTIVITY

Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD SERIES
What a burst of colours – without pencil or paintbrush! Instead of putting colour on the paper, the wooden pen erases the blackness from the picture. The motifs are only partly visible and can be scratched to bring out even more colours, beauty and shapes.
  • Bringing colour to a picture – without pencil or paintbrush.
  • Promotes concentration and creativity.
  • With a wooden scratch pen developed just for this colouring method.
  • Further titles Spring 2019: Underwater world, In the Magical Forest.

Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. FABULOUS ANIMALS (Vol. 1) by Nicola Dehmer (ISBN 71235, 48 pages)
The doe and the fox are waiting to be changed by sheer magic. Simple lines turn into a brightly patterned fur coat. Silhouettes grow into beautiful plants and leaves.

Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. PRINCESSES (Vol. 2) by Nicola Dehmer (ISBN 71236, 48 pages)
The princess and her friends wait to be changed by sheer magic. Simple lines turn into splendid dresses. Silhouettes grow into beautiful flowers and blossoms.

Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. FAIRIES AND ELVES (Vol. 3) by Nicola Dehmer (ISBN 71354, 48 pages)
Fairies and elves are waiting to be changed by sheer magic. Simple lines turn into filigree wings. Silhouettes grow into beautiful flowers and blossoms.

Activity, 5+: MY FAVOURITE SCRIBBLE-SCRATCH COLOURING PAD. EXCITING VEHICLES (Vol. 4) by Falko Honnen (ISBN 71355, 48 pages)
All kinds of vehicles are waiting to be polished by sheer magic. Simple lines turn into splendid cars. Silhouettes turn into hot chassis.
Co-Editions Autumn 2018

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Buggy Book, 12 months+: ADVENTURES IN GNOME COUNTY. MY FAVOURITE BUGGY BOOK - ANIMALS
by Frankzisk Jaekel, illustrated by Steinbeck (ISBN 71053, 12 pages each)
An abundance of little adventures await the gnomes and their friends in Gnome County. Colourful buggy book with first pictures baby can discover and identify, comes with handy buggy strip.
- 30,000 copies have been sold of the GNOME COUNTY series (board books and activity titles).

Oh boy, a fart! There’s no time to be lost now: the panda, the elephant and the others have to go to the loo! But where is it? A wonderful new touch-and-feel book that is double the fun.
- Including numerous sensual effects (fur, spot, embossing, foil or glittering) on the cover and on every page.

Vehicle Play Book, 18 months+: THE SNUGGLE GANG. WAILING SIRENS AND FLASHING BLUE LIGHTS! FAVOURITE VEHICLES AT WORK by Katja Richert, illustrated by Larisa Lauber (ISBN 71168, 4 x 12 pages)
Wailing sirens and flashing blue lights! Here comes the Snuggle Gang with all of their favourite vehicles! The firemen very quickly put out the fire in the barn; the policemen catch a thief; the ambulance takes the little raccoon to the hospital, and the rescue helicopter helps during an emergency in the mountains. Oskar, Luna and Kalle gasp – so many vehicles at work!
- Four board books in a car-shaped box, with four flexible plastic wheels; board books wrapped in a banderole.
- 20,000 copies have been sold of the SNUGGLE GANG board book series. Rights sold to CZ and SK.

There is so much to look for and discover in Hans-Günther Döring’s generous illustrations rich in details! This search-for-details picture book introduces more than 200 animals in their exciting natural habitats – from the forest to the field, from the river and the sea, the prairie and rain forest to the Arctic Circle and the Antarctic. And that turns this animal book into a really one-in-a-million search-for-details fun!
- High-quality design with sturdy cardboard pages.
- Relaunch without register pages of the board book bestseller (15,000 copies).

Fire Department, 2+: BENNO BEAVER’S FIRE DEPARTMENT (Vol. 2) written and illustrated by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71059, 12 pages)
Super play effects and funny rhymes await young fans of the fire department. When smoke is coming out of the shack, Benno Beaver’s fire department is there in no time. The friends come rushing over in their big fire engines. Everybody helps to put out the fire: Felix Fox, Bruno Bear and Bobby Boar. Done! But where did the smoke come from? Well, we won’t tell! Find out for yourself ....
- With movable sliding elements, flaps and tracks that can be traced.
- Further available volumes: BENNO BEAVER’S CONSTRUCTION SITE (Spring 2018).