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Our Autumn 2019 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS

When Amy holds the invitation to the legendary Alabaster Ball in her hands, she believes that she is a step closer to her goal. She will finally be able to find out what happened to her sister who went to the ball a year ago – and never came back. There are countless legends associated with the night of the alabaster moon. It seems like a dream to Amy that she is actually going to be part of it all. With every dance Amy uncovers a new secret. A secret that relates not only to her sister’s fate, but also to her feelings for Matt, who makes her heart melt like no other...
- The author sold 230,000 copies in Germany so far.
- Beatrix Gurian writes thrillers and romances for Arena and won a DeLiA Award in 2015.
- Translation rights of Beatrix’s books have been placed in CZ, PL and UA.

**Adventue, 14+: SNOW DANCER by Antje Babendererde (ISBN 60441, 392 pages)**
How can you decide who you are when you don’t know where you came from? Jacob arrives in northern Canada in a hurry. He wants to find his father and travels to Moosone, a place on the edge of the world. The people there seem to know Jacob and images and memories start to come back to him. But his father is nowhere to be found. Jacob continues his search, travelling to the wilderness where the sky and horizon blend into an endless whiteness. He is attacked by a bear and by the time help arrives it is almost too late. But Jacob is lucky: while he doesn’t find his father in the middle of nowhere, he does find a girl who might be able to save him.
- Antje’s thrillers, coming-of-age and romantic novels have a huge following: 500,000 copies sold.
- Antje’s books have been translated into the French, Hungarian and Lithuanian languages.

**Dystopia, 14+: TERRA #1. AWAKENING (Vol. 1) by Jennifer Alice Jager (ISBN 60492, 256 pages)**
Natural catastrophes are raging all over the world. In London, where 17-year-old Addy lives, plants are destroying everything in their path. As she tries to find out what is going on, Addy meets a boy around whom nature seems to go even more crazy. Has Casimir got something to do with nature’s attacks? What does the energy company Elekreen have to do with it all? The world is on the brink of disaster and Addy believes that she is one of the four with the power to prevent the apocalypse. Terra’s rage is wreaked on humanity – and shows no grace for her tormentors. But there are four young people who carry the life-force of the natural spirits inside them and can bring the war between nature and humanity to an end. They don’t know one another and whole continents separate them. But only together can they stop the mass slaughter.
- This autumn’s darkest 4-book apocalypse novel! Highly topical, fast-paced, resonates for a long time.
- Binge-watching is so yesterday – here is binge-reading! The volumes 2, 3 and 4 will be published every 2 months (September 19, November 19, January 20, March 20).

**AI Thriller, 14+: LIFEHACK. YOUR LIFE BELONGS TO ME by June Perry (ISBN 60497, 376 pages)**
Ada is new at Ellie’s school. Ellie finds it uncanny how alike they look. Almost as though Ellie were standing opposite herself. Ada is as cool and courageous as she would like to be herself...and that’s how Ellie’s nightmare begins. Because Ada is artificial intelligence and she is here to become like Ellie – or even better than her. Ada, the optimised version of Ellie, not only pinches her crush, Parker. Soon she has only one goal: she wants to feel what Ellie feels. She wants to be what Ellie is. She wants to take over Ellie’s life.
- Artificial intelligence is THE major topic in the social media and gaming world.
- This is June Perry’s second project at Arena; we sold 10,000 copies of her YA debut WHITE MAZE (2018).
Children’s Book 10+ & YA Sequels Autumn 2019

Future Fiction, 12+: ULTRAMARINE (Vol. 3) by Andreas Eschbach (ISBN 60389, 432 pages)
2152. In the depths of the oceans a great danger is brewing. After decades of genetic research the submarines – the water people – are now prepared to go to any lengths to rule their own territory. Saha knows that she has no choice but to accept her fate and act as a mediator to prevent a great war between the water and air peoples. It is a furious race against time. A race that threatens to tip not just both peoples but the whole world into the abyss...
• Since 2003 Andreas Eschbach sold over 400,000 copies of teen novels published by Arena!
• Rights sold to FR, RS and RU, other titles by Andreas Eschbach sold to CZ, PL, RU and TR.

Fantasy, 12+: KHYONA. THE POWER OF THE ICE DRAGON (Vol. 2) by Katja Brandis (ISBN 60487, 480 pages)
How can you decide who you are when you don’t know where you came from?
Jacob arrives in northern Canada in a hurry. He wants to find his father and travels to Moosone, a place on the edge of the world. The people there seem to know Jacob and images and memories start to come back to him. But his father is nowhere to be found. Jacob continues his search, travelling to the wilderness where the sky and horizon blend into an endless whiteness. He is attacked by a bear and by the time help arrives it is almost too late. But Jacob is lucky: while he doesn’t find his father in the middle of nowhere, he does find a girl who might be able to save him.
• Katja is the author of our highly successful 10+ animorph series WOODWALKERS (6 vol., on German bestseller lists since vol. 2, 430,000 sold copies; rights sold to CZ, DK, BE/NL, ES, LT, PL, RU, and SE).
• We sold 20,000 copies of volume 1: KHYONA. THE SILVER FALCON’S SPELL!
• Rights of KHYONA have been placed in ID and PL.

Time Travel, 12+: TIMELESS LOVE TRILOGY JUBILEE BOX by Kerstin Gier (ISBN 60498, 1,248 pages)
Sometimes it can be a real burden to live in a family that has a lot of secrets. At least that is 16-year-old Gwendolyn’s opinion – until that day when she suddenly finds herself in London at the turn of the last century. That is when it dawns on her that she happens to be her family’s greatest secret. But what she doesn’t realize is the fact that you should refrain from falling in love when you’re stuck in between two time zones … Because that can make the matter even more complicated!
• With an elaborate design and a card with figures to press out.
• Rights sold to 35 countries and 3m copies sold worldwide!

Fantasy Adventure, 10+: THE MAGICAL PHARMACY. THE FALSE PLAY BY THE MISTRESS (Vol. 3) by Anna Ruhe (ISBN 60403, 296 pages)
Luzie Alvenstein’s first day as a real scent pharmacist ends in chaos. Strange scents are cropping up all over the place that are changing people in Luzie’s town – and not in a good way. Syrell de Richemont must be behind it all, the leader of the Eternals! Luzie and her friend Mats waste no time in travelling to Paris where they hope to find answers. But dangers lurk around every corner in the city of love – and a long-hidden secret that threatens to divide Luzie and Mats forever...
• Multi-sensory adventure: the new perfume adventure leads to Paris.
• Volume 3 of the bestselling series which already sold in total 120,000 copies since January 2018!
• Rights of the series sold to BE/NL, CZ, DK, FI, GR, LT, RU, UA and German audio book rights sold.
Animorph Fantasy, 10+: SEAWALKERS. DANGEROUS SHAPES (Vol. 1) by Katja Brandis, with illustrations by Claudia Carls (ISBN 60444, 296 pages)
14-year-old Tiago is shocked to discover that he is a Seawalker – a sort of shapeshifter. And not just any sort: in his second form as a tiger shark, even his own kind are terrified of him. He finds it difficult to make friends at Blue Reef High, a school for aquatic shapeshifters. The only person who isn’t afraid of him is the happy-go-lucky dolphin girl, Shari. As the two are making friends, the puma shapeshifter Carag suddenly appears at the school on a special mission. He has received an emergency call from the Everglades. Tiago and Shari accompany him on a search for the rare Florida panther. A tiger shark and a puma in the treacherous swamps? Will that work?
- Six volumes in total, a new volume every six months.
- SEAWALKERS is the sequel series to our bestselling WOODWALKERS series, which sold more than 430,000 copies. Rights of WOODWALKERS sold to CZ, DK, BE/NL, ES, LT, PL, RU, and SE.

Comic, Action, 8+: REALLY GREAT, HEROES! SOMEONE HAS TO GET THE JOB DONE (Vol. 1) by Rüdiger Bertram, with illustrations by Heribert Schulmeyer (ISBN 60466, 144 pages)
Juli is spending the holidays with his uncle, who owns a hotel on the North Sea. But this is no ordinary hotel. All the guests seem to be unbelievably exhausted and remind Juli of the heroes in his favourite comics. They are in fact superheroes who are there to recover from their exciting lives! But who’s going to save the world now?! The situation gets serious when the wicked Kästle tries to destroy all the world’s chocolate supplies! Bruce, the hotel’s Jack of all trades, who is also a retired superhero, sends Juli and his annoying cousin Jenny off to the jungle to stop Kästle. Can Juli and Jenny work together to get the job done? Someone has to!
- The new series for boys and girls aged 8+
- The superhero trend – now also in children’s books form for those aged 8 and above!

Detective Stories, 4+: MISSI MOPPEL. DETECTIVE FOR ALL CASES (Vol. 1) by Andreas H. Schmachtl (ISBN 70777, 176 p.)
Missi Moppel solves the trickiest cases, guaranteed: whether it’s a mysterious ghost carrying out his dirty tricks at school, a sly museum thief who makes off with the priceless miracle pot or Signore Pinioli’s top-secret milkshake recipe: together with her friend Piwi, Missi Moppel is certain to crack every mystery. A tumultuous witch-vampire-adventure about a rather different family
- Witty and exciting detective cases to read aloud and read yourself.
- Magnificent new series from writer/ illustrator Andreas H. Schmachtl (TILDA APPLESEED, SNÖFRID): a guaranteed success!

Ponies/ Magic, 8+: THE SPARKLING PONIES. A FRIEND FOR SUNNY (Vol. 1) by Emily Palmer, illustrated by Josephine Llobet (ISBN 60502, 144 pages)
Fiona can hardly believe her luck. Sunny, the pony with the golden coat, is going to be her new riding pony! But then she discovers a hidden jewel in the pony’s mane that is glowing brightly. What can it mean? Fiona slowly gets to the bottom of the secret of the ponies in the sparkling meadow. But is it possible that she herself is part of this secretive world? The two have to prove that there is something that binds Sunny and Fiona that is more powerful than a normal friendship. And when a girl goes missing, the perfect opportunity seems to have arisen...
- THE recipe for success: sweet ponies, brave girls, big dreams and exciting adventures
- Series begins with two volumes, then a new volume comes out every six months.

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Our Autumn 2019 Hotlist CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Pedagogical Picture Book, 3+: FIBBING FRIENDS by Katja Reider, with illustrations by Astrid Henn (ISBN 71203, 32 p.)
Oh dear! The forest is full of wanted posters: they’re looking for Anton the raccoon! But what exactly has he done? Unfortunately, Anton himself can’t read – and his friends are telling him the strangest stories about what it says about him on the posters. Is it really true? How can the little raccoon find out whether his friends are telling the truth? Simple, he has to learn to read! Then no one will be able to trick him so easily anymore.
• Lying doesn’t get you any friends!
• A humorous story by Katja Reider with lively illustrations by Astrid Henn.
• Books illustrated by Astrid Henn sold 28,000 copies!

Picture Book Sequels Autumn 2019

ROBIN CAT
Written by Christian Seltmann, illustrated by Christine Kugler
• 3rd picture book
• June 2019
• 10,000 c. sold series
• Animals, adventures
• Age 3+
• Rights sold to RU

UNICORN SPARKLING STAR
Written by Mila Berg, illustrated by Marina Krämer
• 2nd picture book
• June 2019
• 22,000 copies sold series
• Unicorns, adventures
• Age 3+
• Rights sold to DK, EE, FI, LT RU, UA (UA, RU)

FRIDA LITTLE WOOD WITCH
Written by Jutta Langreuter, illustrated by Stefanie Dahle
• 5th picture book
• September 2019
• 200,000 copies sold series
• Christmas, magic, animals,
• Age 3+
• Rights sold to BE/NL, BG, DK, EE, PRC, RO, ROK, RU, TR, UA
Children’s Books Sequels Autumn 2019

WILD CLAWS
Written by Max Held, illustrated by Timo Grubing
- 2nd volume, August 2019
- 6,500 copies sold vol. 1
- Animals, adventures
- Age 9+
- Rights avail. worldwide

THE LIGHTHOUSE SHARKS
Written by Gisa Pauly, illustrated by Edda Skibbe
- 4th vol., July 2019
- 20,000 copies sold series
- Detective stories
- Age 8+
- Rights avail. worldwide

ULO OF DARK CASTLE
Written by Anna Lott, illustrated by Sabine Sauter
- 2nd vol., August 2019
- 8,000 copies sold series
- Magic, friendship, girls
- Age 7/8+
- Rights avail. worldwide

MOODY MONSTER
Written by Julia Boehme, illustrated by F. Harvey
- 1st vol., June 2019
- 140,000 c. sold series!
- Friendship, school
- Age 7+
- Rights sold to DK, PRC, RU
- Series = 4 picture books, 1 first reader, NEW format second readers

VICO DRAGONBROTHER
Written by Oliver Pautsch, illustrated by Timo Grubing
- 3rd vol., June 2019
- 10,000 c. sold series
- Adventure, dragons
- Age 7+
- Rights sold to RO, RU

SNÖFRID
Written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl
- 2nd vol., August 2019
- 180,000 c. sold series
- Adventure, fantasy
- Age 7+
- Rights sold to RO, RU, VN
- Series = 4 story books and 2 second readers

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Our Autumn 2019 Hotlist NON-FICTION

IT Biographies, 11+: IT’S A NERD’S WORLD. THE BRAINS BEHIND YOUTUBE, SMARTPHONES, COMPUTERS & CO by Tobias Schrödel (ISBN 60436, 160 pages)
Smartphone? Cool. The internet? How could you live without it?! It’s time to celebrate the people who made it possible. Tobias Schrödel, IT expert and Germany’s first comedy hacker, tells stories about the boffins whose hardware, software and internet applications have changed all our lives forever – and that no-one knows. That has to change! Honour to whom honour is due! But be careful: things get absurd, funny, tragic and only a little bit educational.
- Absurd anecdotes and exciting facts chart a lively picture of nerds – while taking account of relevant criticism.
- Change the world – be a nerd!
- Hot topic: 6,000 copies sold in no time!

Tracing Book, 5+: ANIMALS FOR TRACING (1) – WOODLAND ANIMALS FOR TRACING by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 71536, 96 pages)
This beautifully designed colouring book contains much-loved woodland and meadow images as well as 24 sheets of high-quality transparent paper each for tracing and creative design. Drawing owls, deer and other woodland animals has never been so easy. The pictures are super-easy to remove afterwards and make perfect window decorations!
- Series starts with 2 volume and have press-out pages.
- With 24 coloured sheets of high-quality transparent paper for tracing and creating.
- Books illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring have sold more than 760,000 copies!

The snow has not yet completely melted when Nevio, the Fearless Science Mouse, discovers a snowdrop. Why is it flowering so soon? Nevio rushes off to research the seasons, together with Flitzi the bee. Why do flowers bloom in spring? When will the cherries finally be ripe? Why do leaves change colour? Nevio and his friends live through a busy spring, summer, autumn and winter and help to uncover the little miracles of the seasons.
- Experiencing and understanding the miracle of the seasons.
- Organised around the kindergarten curriculum.
- More than 50,000 copies of the series sold!
- Rights of the series sold to: CN, EE, PL and RU.
Co-Editions Spring 2020

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If yes, just send a short email to tanja.birkenstock@arena-verlag.de. Thank you!

Welcome to Benno Beaver’s building site! What are they building there? Manni the groundhog has a digging contest with the excavator, Igor the hedgehog operates the cement mixer, and Kalle the cat transports the tiles with the wheel loader. They build the walls, hammer, drill, paint and furnish the rooms. Finished – Benno has a house!
- With exciting surprise flaps, slides and finger traces.
- More than 28,000 copies of the series sold! 3 volumes available in total. (other topics: fire department, vehicles)
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: Spring 2020.

What’s the little duck doing down by the pond? She’s laying and breeding five eggs. Crickety crack – the chicks start to hedge. Soon they start to waddle behind Mother Duck and jump into the water. A good thing that they can already swim! A narrative toddlers can relate to and tender illustrations – a nature picture book with many play effects that invite the child’s interaction.
- The popular non-fiction animal books now come with play effects for children Age 2+.
- 35,000 copies of the series sold! 8 volumes available. (other topics: hedgehog, ladybird, squirrel, cat, rabbit, fox, owl)
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: Spring 2020.

Sound Board Book, 2+: LISTEN! WHAT DO YOU HEAR? (Vol. 4) WILD ANIMALS written and illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 71205, 12 pages)
Just press it! Even very small children can do that. Then the lion will roar and the elephant will honk. This audio picture book lets children familiarize themselves with the sounds their favourite animals make. Includes an on/off switch and short rhymes that can be read to children.
- With register punching and 6 sound modules.
- 8 titles are available so far. We sold 48,000 copies since 2017. (other topics: favourite animals, vehicles, farm animals, animal cubs, nature, forest animals and birds)
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: Spring 2020.

Touch- and Feel Book, 24 months+: MY FIRST TOUCH-AND-FEEL FUN BOOK (Vol. 6) ANGRY, SAD OR HAPPY - ALL ANIMALS FEEL LIKE THAT SOMETIMES! by Rebecca Schmalz, illustrated by Sabine Sauter (ISBN 71170, 12 pages)
Angry, sad or happy? The little bee hums cheerfully - whenever the sun shines. The crocodile is sad, it is so homesick! And the lion is furious: who has poached his meat? Maybe the little spider that giggles? So many different feelings! Are you sometimes angry, sad or happy?
- Unrivalled concept with embossing for feeling.
- 10 volumes available in the series. Another volume illustrated by Sabine Sauter is DOGS, MICE, CATS - WHO SNEAKS ABOUT ON QUIET PAWS?
- More than 72,000 copies of the series sold.
- Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: Spring 2020.