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Our Spring 2020 Hotlist CHILDREN’S BOOKS

**Picture Book/ Reconciliation, 3+: I LIKE YOU – JUST LIKE THAT!** by Neele with illustrations by Marta Balmaseda [ISBN 71298, 32 pages]
A poetic picture book that makes it easy to forget arguments and anger: the little elephant is in a bad mood and kicks a stone. The stone inadvertently hits the flamingo – and the complaining and annoyance just keeps spreading. By the river, in the bush, on the savannah: just like that! Until a little meerkat has had enough and just hugs the snarling leopard. The leopard’s heart becomes light and gradually all the animals notice how good it is when we’re nice to one another. Just like that!
- How to make reconciliation easy.
- Rights of WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PIECE OF HAPPINESS sold to DK, RU, TR, and Arena sold 6,000 copies so far.

**Board Book, 1+: THINGS. MY 200 PICTURE BOOK** by Magdalena Skala [ISBN 71445, 22 pages]
The very smallest children can identify and name objects from their homes in this award-winning, large-format board book. Magdalena Skala’s fantastic illustrations use bright colours and clear forms to depict the most important objects from the nursery, kitchen, garden, lounge, bathroom – in short from children’s everyday worlds: a great start into the world of words – and books!
- Minimalist, clear depiction of the most important objects.
- Particular learning value through the very memorable presentation.
- The first book by a young artist with a highly original aesthetic just won the Meefish Award.

**Adventure, 8+: THE BAREFOOT CREW AND THE STOLEN GRANNY** by Jörg Steinleitner, with illustrations by Daniela Kohl [ISBN 60475, 144 pages]
Something smells of adventure: summer holidays in the country can be like a whodunnit – where else can you find a missing Granny together with real treasures and eight bare feet? Whoever thinks that summer holidays in a village are boring is mistaken: on the very first day of the holidays, Tanne’s Granny Schnitzel disappears without trace. It’s a good coincidence that Corvin (9), Kiki (10), Ben (10) and Tanne (11) were just about to form a gang: the Barefoot Crew. And soon they have more than just bare feet and a kidnapped granny to contend with.
- This smells like a mystery: a missing granny, real treasures and eight bare feet.
- Bestselling illustrator of the MY LIFE AS LOTTA series which is translated into 34 languages.
- Jörg Steinleitner is the author of the 2-book series JUNE IN BLUE COUNTY that sold 16,000 copies.

**Detective, 8+: HAMSTER HUMBOLDT. SMALL AND STEADY WINS THE RACE** by Meike Betz [ISBN 60508, 160 pages]
Humboldt is a detective, adventurer and – a hamster. His size doesn’t stop him from helping the people of Villy Village out of all sorts of fixes whenever he’s not helping his owner Babs and her daughter Elli in the post office. No problem is too big for him! Only his owner’s money worries leave him flummoxed. But then Babs and Elli win the lottery and are over the moon – until they receive an anonymous postcard. The unknown blackmailer wants Babs and Elli’s lottery ticket – or he’s going to hurt Humboldt. When the police refuse to get to the bottom of the case, Humboldt decides to take matters into his own paws. He’s keen to put a stop to this lottery villain’s antics!
- A hamster-powered adventure full of humour and charm.
- With an important message: even little ones can make big things happen.
- Animal-entertainment reading fun with detective story.

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Children’s Books NEW SERIES Spring 2020

Survival adventure, 10+: SILVER FLOOD. THE MYSTERY OF RAY’S ROCK (Vol. 1) by Alex Falkner, with illustrations by Torben Weit (ISBN 60482, 256 pages)

Watch out! The Silver Flood is coming to get you too!
The school trip to the lonely island of Ray’s Rock turns grimly serious: Eddie and Milla watch as a silver tidal wave rolls in over the island. A dangerous, uncontrollable power, the wave wipes out the adults and leaves Eddie, Milla and their five classmates stranded in the wilderness. The seven children are completely cut off from civilization, mobile phones don’t work anymore and there’s no sign of help. Strange things happen on the island. Plants and animals grow unnaturally fast, their supplies are raided ... And as other groups of school children emerge, a life and death race begins for Eddie, Milla and their classmates to be rescued from the island.

- The 1st instalment of a 2-book-series: a dangerous adventure, exciting plot twists and scare-factor.
- For all readers of survival and adventure stories aged 10+.
- Fast-paced reading for boys and girls, for outdoor kids and all those on their way!

Fantasy 9/10+: THE CANDY GUILD. THE MAGIC PACT (Vol. 1) by Tanja Voosen, with illustrations by Viktoria Gavrilenko (ISBN 60533, 256 pages)
The most magical adventure since the discovery of chocolate! Do you believe in magic and miracles? Everyone in the little town of Belony takes such things for granted – everyone except Elina, who thinks it’s all a load of nonsense. That is, until her nervous neighbour Charlie happens to get hold of a bar of chocolate that has a very strange effect on her. Suddenly Elina is convinced that Charlie has fallen under a spell. Of all people, it’s shy Robin who comes to the girls’ rescue. He is a member of a family of Candy Crafters who have the ability to create magic sweets that will help others. This is how he knows that only the mysterious Candy Guild can lift the curse on Charlie. With a suitcase full of magic sweets, the three of them set out on a dangerous quest. Because not everyone keeps to the pact that magic sweets should only be used to do good!

- THE CANDY GUILD. THE MAGIC PACT is the first in a new series of magic-fantasy books for children age 9+ - as enchanting as chocolate and as wild as a Christmas cracker!
- Fantastic reading fun with perfect ingredients: sweets, a courageous heroine and a completely unique world.
- Trilogy. Volume 2 will be published in Autumn 2020.
- “Chocolat” meets THE MAGICAL PHARMACY.
Our Spring 2020 Hotlist YOUNG ADULTS

Horses / Romance, 12+: ROYAL HORSES. CROWN HEART by Jana Hoch (ISBN 60520, 360 pages)
Greta just wants to get away: away from her school and away from the friends who have so endlessly disappointed her. The holiday job at the royal stud farm comes at just the right time for her. She might not have any interest in horses – and even less in princes and princesses – but the royal family’s palace still makes her heart beat faster. On the very first day she quarrels with Edward, the horse trainer. He guesses that she is hiding a secret and wants to do whatever it takes to bring it out in the open. When, shortly afterwards, Prince Tristan appears at the stud farm, Greta’s life is completely turned upside down. She notices all too late that she is in the process of falling in love – and specifically with the boy that she actually wants to stay away from.
- Horses, glamour and big emotions: ROYAL HORSES is a modern love story with everything the heart desires.
- A fantastic debut in a wonderfully luxurious edition.

Adventure / Geocaching, 12+: WORLD RUNNER (Vol. 1) by Thomas Thiemeyer (ISBN 60506, 496 pages)
They call themselves runners and they play the world’s most dangerous game in front of live cameras. One hundred young people are competing in the grey area between the law and criminality, pitting themselves against one another and acting out a battle for clues, treasures and secret locations. It’s a race against time. One false move and the game is lost. Perhaps even your own life. But they’re not afraid of the risk because their eyes are on a prize that’s bigger than anything they’ve ever dared to dream of. When Tim gets a letter from GlobalGames he doesn’t hesitate to accept the challenge for a second. 7 caches have been hidden in 7 locations. But Tim soon realizes that he can’t do it alone. He finds an ally in the fascinating Annika. But can he really trust her?
- Geocaching meets gaming in an adventure on the edge of the law.
- A breathtaking race to the world’s most secret places by Thomas Thiemeyer, whose EVOLUTION trilogy sold 100,000 copies and is translated into the Czech language.

Mystery, 12+: WILD. THEY HEAR YOU THINKING by Ella Blix (ISBN 60510, 384 pages)
They hear you thinking. But you can’t understand them. Not yet! After a terrifying experience on a school trip to the forest, Noomi isn’t the same anymore. Fragments of memories that are as thrilling as they are disturbing continually lead her back to this same day in the forest. Something has happened to her since then and she has to find out what went on there. Why can’t she remember? Why does she now feel so close to animals?
- Mystery-thriller set in the natural wilderness, for pure goosebumps.
- The book received the Blue Angel certification for sustainable production.
- Ella Blix’s debut THE TIME VESSEL sold 10,000 copies so far.

Adventure, 12+: CHETAAH SUMMER by Katja Brandis (ISBN 51162, 304 pages)
An unforgettable experience is waiting for Lily: she is off to work on a farm in Namibia where they work to protect endangered cheetahs. The German vet’s daughter will help care for injured big cats, raise orphaned young animals and assist with field research in the bush. A dream comes true for her! Lily’s trip goes well until she falls in love with Eric, the son of a neighbouring farmer. His strange family and their secrets plunge her life into chaos.
- Themes that are loved by teen readers: wilderness, foreign cultures and first love.
- Katja Brandis’ WOODWALKERS series sold more than 600,000 copies and is translated into 9 languages.
Our Spring 2020 Hotlist NON-FICTION

Environment/Political action, 12+: YOU FOR FUTURE by Franziska Wessel und Günther Wessel (ISBN 60539, 160 pages)
There’s so much injustice and nastiness in our world. Nature is being destroyed, animals are being tortured, and people are being discriminated against and persecuted. But what can an individual do about it? A great deal, if you do it right, as Greta Thunberg and others prove. But where do I begin? And how? We answer the most important questions: How do I organize a campaign? Where do I find funding? How do I start a petition? Plus: Why is it worth doing and how does it make you feel? So that everyone knows how they can make things happen. Because you can’t do anything about the world being the way it is. But you can make sure it doesn’t stay this way.
- Written by one of the Fridays for Future activists.
- With checklists, timelines and tips from experienced activists

Today everyone’s talking about honeybees. Because they are endangered, because we need them, because we want to protect them. This lovingly narrated picture book story will help preschoolers to understand why bees are so important to us. How is bee society organised? Why do bees collect nectar? How is honey made? Knowledge is important to help ensure we have an early receptiveness to environmental questions.
- With important information on why bees and insects need to be protected.
- Updated new edition of the bee bestseller which sold more than 45,000 copies.
- Rights of the series ANIMALS IN THE WILD have been sold to 12 countries.

Bees, butterflies, ladybirds! So many insects are out and about in our native meadows. This puzzle book is full of little informative texts, animal stickers and pictures to colour in which not only educate but also promote early awareness about the environment and conservation. The pedagogical concept works through age-appropriate tasks and a clear structure: true-to-nature picture book illustrations on the left-hand side with a short factual text that can be read aloud or independently, plus a quiz question, then on the right-hand side are stickers and a puzzle to colour in. Testing knowledge is good. But this goes further: encouraging children to be inquisitive and imaginative about nature.
- With more than 60 animal stickers covering everything that hums and buzzes in the meadow.
- Rights of the MY BIG ANIMAL STICKER BOOK series sold to Estonia and Italy.

Animal Quiz, 6+: QUIZ YOURSELF SMART! BEES AND OUR NATURE by Friederun Reichenstetter and Helen Seeberg, illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 71577, 80 pages)
General knowledge for primary school children! Who will be quiz king? The life of the little honeybee and its environment is full of surprises. Do you know your way around the native animal world? Discover their secrets, research how animals live and what distinguishes them. One quiz question – three possible answers. Plus all sorts of fascinating facts on the reverse page. For one or more players aged 6+.
- Bee knowledge to join in with. With puzzles and nature quizzes.
- More than 15,000 copies of the QUIZ YOURSELF SMART series sold!
- Rights of the series sold to Estonia.
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Children’s Book 10+ & YA Sequels Spring 2020

**Fantasy/ Magic, 10+: THE MAGICAL PHARMACY series by Anna Ruhe (ISBN 60509, 288 pages)**
A world full of scents – and an adventure full of magic, heart-throb and dangers! Luzie Alvenstein, her little brother Benno and the neighbouring boy Mats find out that there are scents with magical powers. In villa Evie, where Luzie and Benno live, exists an old magical pharmacy. The magical scents will take the three friends to the Netherlands, France and England. On their journeys, they have to prevent the abuse of the powers of the magical scents for illegitimate reasons at all costs.
- 200,000 copies of the series sold, rights sold to 11 countries.
- Volume 4 (THE CONTEST OF A THOUSAND TALENTS) is to be published in March 2020. The series will consist of 6 volumes.
- Always on the SPIEGEL Bestseller list!

**Fantasy/ Shapeshifter, 10+: SEAWALKERS series by Katja Brandis (ISBN 60445, 312 pages)**
“Somehow I always knew that I was different. It took a while before I found out HOW different. I was actually really happy to be a shapeshifter. But unfortunately you can’t choose your own shape... and I am an animal from which nearly everyone runs away screaming.” SEAWALKERS is the spin off series of our highly successful WOODWALKERS series and takes us to a fascinating underwater world. Protagonist Tiago learns that he is a tiger shark shapeshifter and even in the underwater world his classmates are frightened by his second shape. Different dangers await Tiago and his friends but with the help of some familiar WOODWALKERS shapeshifters, they can survive every adventure.
- Sequel series to WOODWALKERS which sold more than 600,000 copies so far! Movie rights optioned.
- Rights of the WOODWALKERS series sold to: BE/NL, CZ, DK, ES, LT, PL, RU, SE and TR.
- Volume 2 (RESCUING SHARI) is to be published in January 2020. The series will consist of 6 volumes.
- Always on the SPIEGEL Bestseller list!

Four continents. Four young people. One apocalypse. Mother Nature swears revenge on humanity. Only when Addy, Younes, Liam and Ayumi work together can they stop Terra. Addy, Younes, Liam and Ayumi were born in the exact moment in which the first Elekreen power station started operating. In the process the energy field was disturbed and the four acquired some of the life-force of the natural spirits. Terra sends her spirits in human form in order to find out why the young people share this life-force. Before long the natural spirits find out that not all humans are careless and evil. A race against time starts for the four young people to prevent Terra from destroying humanity and to prove to her that humans deserve a second chance.
- This autumn’s darkest apocalypse novel! Highly topical, fast-paced, resonates for a long time.
- Binge-watching is so yesterday – this series is guaranteed to make you enjoy binge-reading!
- Already more than 12,000 copies of the series sold!
- Vol. 3 (COLLAPSE) will be published in January 2020 and vol. 4 (AFTERGLOW) will be published in March 2020.
Children’s Books Sequels Spring 2020

REALLY GREAT, HEROES!
Written by R. Bertram, illustrated by H. Schulmeyer
• 2nd volume, March 2020
• 5,000 c. sold vol. 1
• Superheroes, adventures
• Age 8+
• Rights avail. worldwide

WILD CLAWS
Written by Max Held, illustrated by T. Grubing
• 3rd volume, Feb. 2020
• 12,000 c. sold series
• Animals, adventures
• Age 9+
• Rights avail. worldwide

THE SPARKLING PONIES
Written by Emily Palmer, illustrated by J. Llobet
• 3rd vol., March 2020
• 17,000 c. sold series
• Horses, magic, girls
• Age 8+
• Rights sold to CZ

THE LITTLE OWL WITCH
Written by Katja Alves, illustrated by M. Balmaseda
• 2nd vol., May 2020
• 18,000 c. sold series!
• Witches, owls, magic
• Age 4+
• Rights sold to RU
• Series = 2 story books, 1 first reader

LILO OF DARK CASTLE
Written by Anna Lott, illustrated by Sabine Sauter
• 3rd vol., February 2020
• 13,000 c. sold series
• Magic, friendship, girls
• Age 7/8+
• Rights sold to BE/NL, RU

MOODY MONSTER
Written by Julia Boehme, illustrated by F. Harvey
• 2nd vol., February 2020
• 150,000 c. sold series!
• Friendship, pets
• Age 7+
• Rights sold to DK, PRC, RU
• Series = 4 picture books, 1 first reader, 2 read-it-yourself books

THE SOCCER GANG
Written by F. Nahrgang, illustrated by N. Renger
• 4th vol., March 2020
• 30,000 c. sold series!
• Friendship, soccer
• Age 7+
• Rights sold to DK, GR, ES

SHERLOCK HOLMES
Written by O. Pautsch, illustrated by Dominik Rupp
• 4th vol., January 2020
• 35,000 c. sold series!
• Detective series
• Age 7+
• Rights sold to TR

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Snap! It is so easy to open the velcro of the jacket! And all the other fasteners are easy, too! The snaps on the sweater, the shoe laces, the velcro on the cap and the snap on the backpack… Any child can try it!
• We sold more than 400,000 copies of this title! Rights sold to PRC and TW.
• Possible delivery FOB Hongkong August/ September 2020.

Board Book, 18 months+: WHO IS LIVING HERE? MY FAVOURITE ANIMALS by Hanna Röhling, illustrated by Christine Faust (ISBN 71302, 12 pages)
Who lives in that little apple house? And who lives in the big mushroom? And there is also a garden house. Open the big surprise flaps to discover who hides underneath!
• Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: August/ September 2020.

The little hare loves the glittering snow, the squirrel adorns the Christmas tree, and the wild boar practices a few Christmas carols. And then all the animals visit the little bear - and celebrate the most beautiful Christmas.
• Board books written by Katja Richert sold 75,000 copies so far!
• Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: August/September 2020.

What adventures does the little kitten have on the farm? Where do the rabbits live? How does the squirrel prepare itself for winter?
• 7 volumes available in the series.
• Possible delivery FOB Hongkong: August/September 2020.

Sticker Book, 4+: PONY SPOTS by Helen Seeberg, illustrated by Stefanie Dahle and Corina Beurenmeister (ISBN 71250, 24 pages)
Being active with pen and stickers in the pony world! There are a lot of riddles, which impart knowledge. Which sticker is the solution? Many colouring pictures promote fine motor skills. What a great sticker fun for children!
• The sticker book is a spin-off of our successful non-fiction picture book THERE IS NO PONY AS SWEET AS SPOTS:
  • We sold 35,000 copies of the PONY SPOTS products. Rights sold to EE.
  • Possible delivery FOB Hongkong August/ September 2020.