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Our Spring 2021 Hotlist CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Picture Book/ Classic, 3+: PINOCCHIO by Carlo Collodi and Christian Seltmann, illustrated by Silvio Neuendorf (ISBN 71481, 40 pages)

Is there anyone who doesn't know the lovable little liar with the long nose – the clumsy hero and all his misadventures which have touched the hearts of so many generations? The tale of Pinocchio's world, full of fantastic exploits, is retold here for small children.

- Specially retold for small children by Christian Seltmann.
- With top class illustrations by Silvio Neuendorf.
- With linen spine and audio CD.
- Christian Seltmann's books sold a total of 280,000 copies so far.

Children's Book/ Bedtime story, 4+: THE SHOP OF SWEET DREAMS by Sandra Grimm, illustrated by Julia Bierkandt (ISBN 71588, 144 pages)

In an enchanting little town, the Shop of Sweet Dreams waits for customers big and small. You can get the most wonderfully cosy beds here, and the deepest, sweetest sleep. When you open the shop door, you will hear the gently tinkling ping-ping-ping of the little doorbell, and already you'll find yourself standing in a comfortable, dreamlike place, with Anna Magimoon, the bold alarm clock Ticktock and brave little Mousey. These three friends welcome every visitor, whether it's a fidgety elf child, a frightened little fox, the nervous human girl Milly, the wishful Captain Cudgel or a sleepless firefly. In the Shop of Sweet Dreams there is a lovely tip for everyone on how best to go to sleep.

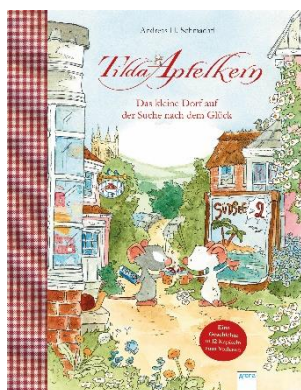
- 22 original bedtime stories.
- Gorgeous colour illustrations.
- A total of 220,000 books by Sandra Grimm have been sold so far.

Children's Book/ Diary, 10+: I THINK IT GLITTERS! CHAOS ALWAYS COMES FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS by Emma Flint (ISBN 60583, 240 pages)

Ida can't believe it: her mother is so scatter-brained that she has forgotten to book their summer holiday. Bye-bye to the Seychelles! Stupidly, Ida has already promised to show her classmates cool photos of the islands. The solution: a selfie holiday! Simply stand nicely relaxed in front of an exotic background scene, smile at the camera, and Ida will be right in the middle of her holiday! Unfortunately, the planning is easier than the doing. During the holidays she keeps bumping into her boring stay-at-home schoolmates Brian and Edith. But when Ida learns a big secret, Edith turns out to be a real friend, and the holiday at home becomes the best ever!

- Realistic, cheeky and funny, in diary form.
- New glittering reading material from Emma Flint, who knows just what girls love.
- Lovely-to-hold cover with glitter lacquer, designed by Eva Schöffmann-Davidov.
- Emma Flint's books sold more than 40,000 copies!

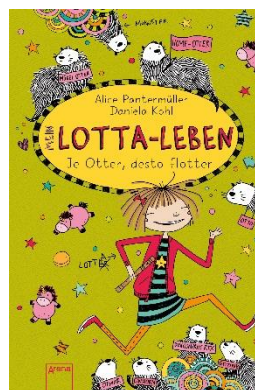
ARENA'S BESTSELLING CHARACTERS Update



TILDA APPLESEED

Written and illustrated by Andreas H. Schmachtl

- NEW BOOK The Little Village in Search of Happiness (13)
- NEW Family Calendar 2022
- 1 million c. sold of the series
- Friendship, animals
- Age 3+
- Rights of the series sold to BG, DK, EE, ES, FI, HU, IT, KZ, LT, LV, PRC, RO, RU, TR, UA, ZA, German audio book rights, TV rights



MY LIFE AS LOTTA

Written by Alice Pantermüller, illustrated by Daniela Kohl

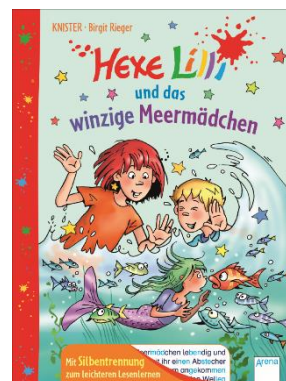
- NEW BOOK The Otter the Hotter (17)
- NEW School Calendar
- 4.5 million c. sold of the series!
- Diary series for girls
- Ages 8+
- Rights sold to AL, BE/NL, BG, CZ, DK, EE, English (world), ES (Cast., Cat.), FL, FR, GE, GR, HU, IL, IR, IS, IT, KZ, LT, LV, MK, NO, PL, PRC, PT, RO, ROK, RS, RU, SK, TR, UA, VN, ZA, German audio book rights, movie rights



OWL MAGIC

Written by Ina Brandt, illustrated by Irene Mohr

- NEW BOOK The Golden Stag (14)
- 640,000 c. sold of the series!
- Magic friendship, animals
- Age 8+
- Rights of the series sold to CZ, PL, RU, German audio book rights and TV rights sold

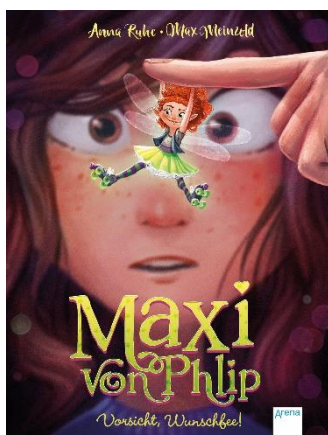
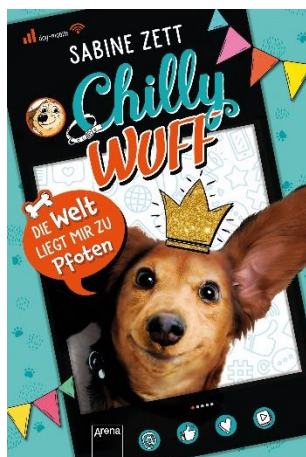


Lilli, the Witch

Written by KNISTER
Illustrated by Birgit Rieger

- NEW BOOK Lilli the Witch and the little mermaid (22)
- 28 Mio c. sold of the series!
- Magic
- Age 6+
- Rights of the series sold to BG, BR, CH, DK, EE, ES (Cast., Cat., Basque, Galician), FR, GR, HU, ID, IL, IT, J, LT, LV, KR, NL, NO, PL, PRC, PT, RO, RU, SCG, SE, SI, SK, TH, TR, UA, US, VN, YU, ZA

Children's Books NEW SERIES



Fantasy, 8+: CHILLY WUFF. THE WORLD AT MY PAWS by Sabine Zett, illustr. by Barbara Fisinger (60565, 160 pages)

Chilly's human family have long since known that she is a real, live star. Now the rest of the world is about to find out as well. When her owner, Lavinia posts a video of Chilly's last good deed on Instagram, the dog becomes famous overnight! She's quite happy about it too, because with every "like" comes a tasty treat. However, solving her family's problems while at the same time not disappointing all her fans requires a special canine talent. No problem for Chilly – after all, she has the world at her paws!

- Perfect ingredients: comic novel plus dog.
- Chilly Wuff tells her own funny and heart-warming story.
- Sabine Zett is an expert on humour, dogs and treatment for reluctant readers.
- Her books sold a total of 20,000 copies.

Fantasy, 7/8+: MAXI OF PHILIP: CAUTION! WISH FAIRY! by Anna Ruhe, illustrated by Max Meinhold (71328, 112 pages)

A real live wish fairy has moved into Paula Goldenberg's house – complete with glitter dust and magic powers! Brilliant, eh? Well, almost...Maximeralda Feodora Dilara Nima of Philip – Maxi for short – is suspended from duty and has limited magic powers. Only if she can perform good deeds for Paula will she one day become a fully-fledged fairy. But Maxi has her own ideas about what might be good for Paula. From now on, dreary old normal days become super stand-on-your-head days. Goodbye to boredom! Hello to fairy chaos!

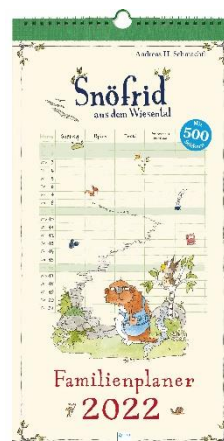
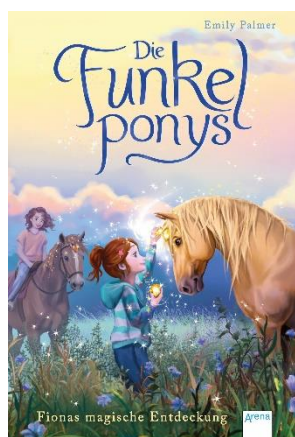
- The new magical character created by bestselling children's author Anna Ruhe.
- Planned as a series, with volume 2 due in autumn 2021.
- The "magic" framework integrates important aspects of a child's life: best friends, quarrels, reconciliation, school, self-confidence etc.
- Anna Ruhe's books sold a total of 350,000 copies so far!

Magic, 9/10+: M.A.G.I.C. The Princess Is on the Loose by Tanja Voosen, illustr. by Clara Vath (60618, 184 pages)

Nele has never hated her father's job (as an agent in a magical witness protection programme) as much as she does on the day when Romy suddenly enters their lives. She is nerve-rackingly unbearable, and a genuine princess from the magical kingdom of Marabel. There's a lot of unrest in her country, the royal family is in danger, and so Nele and her father have to keep her well-hidden. But does P stand for Princess? P for Pain would be more appropriate! Because Romy, who has to pretend to be Nele's cousin when they go to school, simply hasn't a clue about how normal people behave. And to make matters worse, she has the gift of magic, and this plunges Nele into one crazy situation after another. But then suddenly it's Romy who is in trouble and needs a true friend...

- Young German author with large fan club.
- Tanja Voosen once again enchants us with a mixture of humour, warm-heartedness and unbridled fantasy.
- Her CANDY GUILD series sold a total of 16,000, translation rights of the series sold to RU!
- Volume 2 of M.A.G.I.C is set to be published in Autumn 21.

Children's Books SEQUELS SPRING 2021



Fantasy, 8+: SPARKLING PONIES (5). FIONA'S MAGIC DISCOVERY by Emily Palmer, illustr. by J. Llobet (60602, 144 pages)

Fiona and her sparkling pony Sunny are worried! The sparkling stones of the five ponies at Brighthill Court are all shining at the same time – which has never happened before! The girls are sure that there is a big job ahead of them. But then Fiona notices that gradually sparkling stones from the stream in Sparkling Meadow are disappearing. There's not much time for them to solve the mystery, because the fewer the stones that are left, the weaker the sparkling magic will become. But the friends know that together they can overcome any and every obstacle.

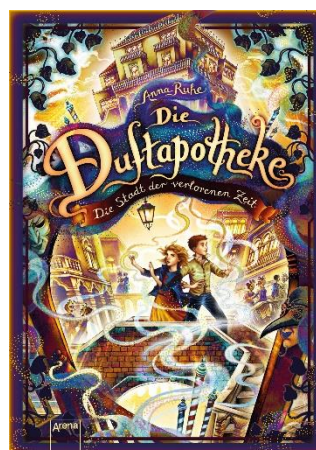
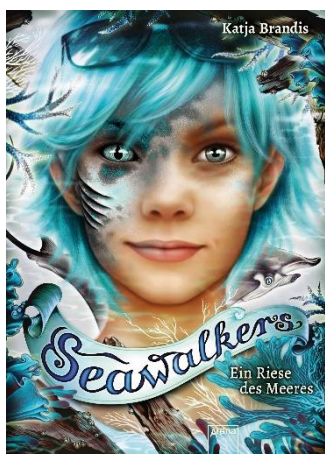
- Strong message: solve difficult problems together.
- 35,000 copies sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to Czech Republic.

Fantasy, 3+: SNÖFRID FROM MEADOW VALLEY. FAMILY PLANNER 2022 by Andreas H. Schmachtl (71703, 14 pages)

No matter how stormy your family life might be, with his "Hm!" Snöfrid will bring instant peace and quiet. The familiar large scale and appealing design of the Arena family planner provides plenty of space for notes and plans and all important dates. More than 500 stickers for doctors' appointments, birthdays and holidays help to get daily life organised. With lots of stickers for the 5 different types of rubbish (paper, glass, organic waste, household, and yellow bin for plastic waste).

- This is how to make every day an adventure – with Snöfrid from Meadow Valley.
- A new family planner with 5 columns for entries, all festivals and holidays and new illustrations.
- Rights of the series sold to FI, RO, RU, UA and VN.
- The series sold a total of 250,000 copies so far.

Middle Grade SEQUELS SPRING 2021



Fantasy/ Shapeshifter, 10+: SEAWALKERS (4). A GIANT OF THE SEA by Katja Brandis, illustrated by C. Carls (ISBN 60528, 288 pages)

Too big for school? The shark shapeshifter Tiago and dolphin girl Shari do all they can to help Wave, the humpback whale, to stay at Blue Reef High. But Wave knows hardly anything about the human world, unintentionally gets involved in a theft and finds himself in conflict with the law. Everything now depends on Tiago and his friends to rescue Wave from this situation. To do this, they need the help of the unscrupulous lawyer Lydia Lennox. However, the python shapeshifter has a score to settle with Tiago, and she also senses that this is her chance once and for all to gain control of Blue Reef High.

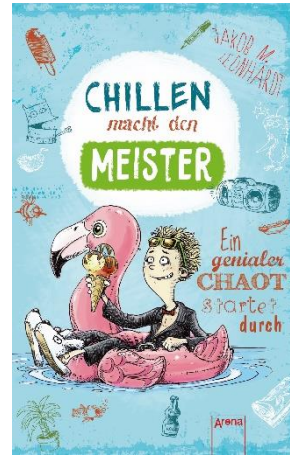
- A brand new adventure to take us diving into the world of the shapeshifters!
- The series sold a total of 250,000 copies and all of Katja Brandis' books sold already more than 1 million copies!
- Rights of the SEAWALKERS series sold to: BE, DK, PRC, RU and SE.

Fantasy/Magic, 10+: THE MAGICAL PHARMACY (5). THE CITY OF LOST TIME by Anna Ruhe, illustr. by C. Carls (60523, 296 pages)

The beginning of a new era for the Eternals. But nobody knows what Edgar means by this promise. Does he intend to finally destroy the Eternals – or is he planning to become their new leader? One thing is clear to Luzie, Mats and their friends: in order to foil Edgar's plan, they must follow him to Venice to attend a splendid masked ball. But hardly have Luzie and her friends plunged into the swirling festivities when they realise that this is no ordinary ball. It's a dangerous game in which the present collides with the past.

- A world full of perfumes – and an adventure full of magic, pounding hearts and dangers.
- 350,000 copies of the series already sold. Vol. 5 of the bestselling series.
- The breath-taking finale of the series will appear in autumn 2021.
- Rights of the series sold to BG, CZ, DK, FI, GR, LT, NL, RO, RU, SK, UA.

YA SEQUELS SPRING 2021



Romance/Horses, 12+: ROYAL HORSES (3). CROWN NIGHT by Jana Hoch (ISBN 60531, 368 pages)

Greta has never wished to become a princess. But now all the cameras are trained on her, and every step she takes at Edward's side hits the headlines. She very soon realises that the glamorous life of the royals changes everything: her relationship with Edward, and also her own character. In the midst of all the scandals, she can only find refuge with her horses. And as Edward is forced more and more to play the role of a prince, Greta is filled with more and more doubts. Is she really prepared to give up her own dreams for the sake of their love? The deeply emotional love story of Greta and Edward continues in volume 3.

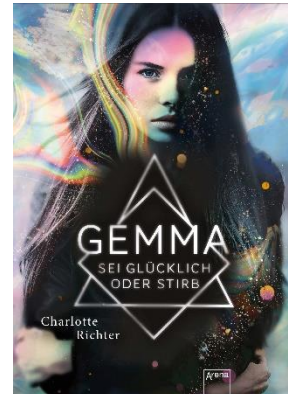
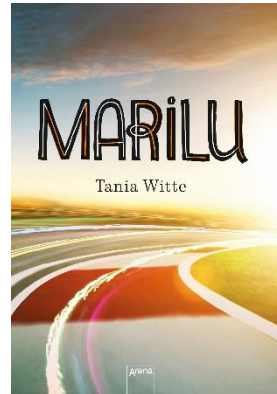
- Perfect mixture for a bestseller: a tingling love story and a touching tale about a horse.
- Jana Hoch's deep attachment to horses gives her stories complete authenticity.
- We sold 25,000 copies since January 2020!
- Rights of the series sold to BG and CZ.

Humour/ Cartoon, 11+: CHILL OUT CHAMPION. MORE TROUBLE WITH THE CHAOTIC GENIUS (5) by Jakob M Leonhardt, illustr. by Frédéric Bertrand (51206, 160 pages)

Felix is a champion chiller-outer and troublemaker. Then one of his pranks goes wrong and he has to pay the cost of cleaning a swimming pool. But there's only one thing he really wants to do, and that's to spend his life doing nothing! And so he quickly organizes an idea competition at his school. Then all he has to do is wait until a million-dollar idea comes floating his way. It would all be so simple if it wasn't for Delphine, the sweet French exchange student he's so desperate to impress. Luckily, though, there are two things Felix can always rely on: his inborn laziness and his talent for chaos. They won't necessarily help him to become rich and famous, but they'll be good enough to guarantee a chilled-out and chaotic happy ending!

- Sheer genius! A new volume of this successful series, with a first edition in paperback.
- Told with lots of humour and illustrated with hilarious pictures.
- His books sold a total of 180,000 copies.
- Rights of the series sold to BG, ES, GR and TR.

YA STAND-ALONE SPRING 2021



Diary, 14+: SURVIVAL FOR BEGINNERS by Franca Düwel (ISBN 60542, 440 pages)

Mia is quite sure that her father works for the Secret Service. What's more, for weeks she's been followed by a dark Volvo. But nobody believes her! Can life possibly get any worse? Oh yes, it can! Her parents send her off to some silly camp in the wilderness. Mia is in despair! In this adventure camp out in the wild, her fears become increasingly acute, and her pursuers become even more real than anyone could have imagined. Suddenly, nothing is safe anymore – regardless of whether we trust Mia's story or not.

- Realistic and intense, a survival diary full of comic situations.
- Illustrated in the latest "scribble" style.
- Her books sold a total of 50,000 copies so far.

Road trip/ Friendship, 14+: MARILOU. BETTER ALIVE THAN NORMAL by Tanja Witte (ISBN 60588, 320 pages)

"If I ever do it, I'll give the chain back to you," Marilou had promised.

Two years later, Elli is looking forward to leaving school, and she's forgotten all about Marilou and about the promise. But then she finds the chain in the post. The accompanying letter is a cry for help and also the start of a race against time. The trail left by Marilou stretches Elli and Marilou's brother Lasse to their very limits – and beyond. During this frantic road trip, it becomes clear to Elli that Marilou is testing life itself, and they must do all they can to make sure everyone passes the test.

- A life-or-death deadline of 72 hours, a race charged with emotion, and a huge declaration of love for life.
- A multi-award-winning author and performer of the spoken word.
- Tania Witte sold a total of 20,000 copies under her own name, as well as part of the duo Ella Blix.

Fantasy, 12+: GEMMA. BE HAPPY OR DIE by Charlotte Richter (ISBN 60543, 424 pages)

In the near future, your life depends on your happiness. Anyone who is happy is fine. Anyone who is not faces the threat of death. In just 72 hours. All her life, 16-year-old Gemma has been happy – unlike her father, whose level is sinking lower and lower. For his sake, Gemma must at all costs study at the Academy, the place where you can learn to produce happiness artificially. Among all the laugh-yourself-silly people she meets there, she is particularly attracted to Keno. He is regarded as a border-crosser who wants to get away from compulsory happiness. By his side, Gemma learns what true feelings are – and what people have to sacrifice if they regard happiness as the be-all and end-all of life.

- Vividly illustrated, near-future fantasy about a world which makes happiness the criterion for everything.
- Pure excitement: Anyone who can't control their feelings is in mortal danger.
- Charlotte Richter's books sold 20,000 copies so far.

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Romance, 14+: SUMMER OF BLUE DESIRES by Antje Babendererde (ISBN 60540, 384 pages)

Carlin runs away from her mother, whose mental illness makes Carlin's life very restricted. When she arrives at her grandmother's house in Caladale, at last she feels free. There she meets Arran Mackay, who must be the most nerve-racking Scot in the whole county. He is confined to a wheelchair after an accident, and she can't stand his indifference to everything and everyone. And yet she feels safe in his company. They hear that the estates around Caladale are to be sold to outsiders, but Arran – whose father owns the land – doesn't want to do anything to stop the sale. For the first time in her life, Carlin realizes that it is worth fighting for what you love and for an unforgettable summer of blue desires.

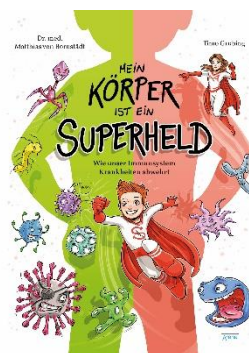
- After the success of SNOW DANCER, a great new book by Antje Babendererde!
- Deeply emotional, plumbing literary depths and very thoroughly researched.
- Antje Babendererde's books sold a total of 520,000 copies!
- Rights of SNOW DANCER sold to ID, FR, IT, LT

Nature/ Travelling, 12+: KOALA DREAMS by Katja Brandis (ISBN 51200, 280 pages)

The budding zookeeper Juli is invited to Australia, where she will spend four weeks working in a wildlife park with koalas, kangaroos and emus. Over and over again, she is helped and encouraged by the young Aborigine Colin. But Juli is determined not to fall in love during her brief stay in Australia, particularly after her last disastrous affair. And Colin is torn between the traditions of his family and his own desires. But then certain things happen that neither Juli nor Colin had reckoned with, and they are forced to make a decision.

- Bestselling author Katja Brandis tackles a subject directly concerned with Nature: the protection of endangered species and habitats.
- For all Woodwalker fans who want to go on reading as they get older.
- Katja Brandis's books sold a total of 1 million copies!

NON-FICTION Hotlist Spring 2021



Animals, 4+: Cunning as the Fox, Faithful as the Dog. How Animals Love, Feel and Think by Friederun Reichenstetter, illustrated by Hans-Günther Döring (ISBN 71699, 40 pages)

If you understand animals, then you can protect them. Even nursery schoolchildren can grasp the fact that sheep have good memories, that crows and ravens play tricks on other birds, and why dogs are good protectors. In 13 short stories, Friederun Reichenstetter describes typical behaviour patterns of wild and domestic animals. What are the feelings of foxes, deer and hamsters? What are the thoughts of pigs, chickens and donkeys? You will be surprised to find how similar animals are to ourselves. That in itself is reason enough for us to take care of them. A picture book with audio CD which will help make even young children sensitive to animal welfare and protection.

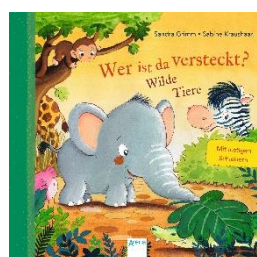
- Showing children what makes animals tick.
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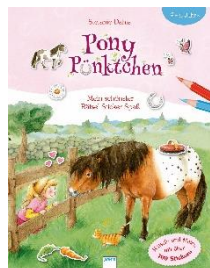
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