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Our Autumn 2022 Hotlist CHILDREN'S BOOKS



<u>Picture Book, 3+: COME AND HELP, TOO! 10 LITTLE OWLS DON'T WANT TO GO</u> TO BED written by Katja Alves, illustr. by Andrea Stegmaier (ISBN 71836, 32 p.)

- A bedtime story guaranteed to end in sleep.
- Books by Katja Alves have sold a total of 330,000 copies.

Today Mummy Owl has given her 10 owlets a flying lesson. But in the evening, when they all fly back to the hollow in their tree, suddenly there's one extra. Scatter-brained Mummy Owl has accidently brought along a little bat, and so now she must take it to its real home as quickly as possible. But it's long past bedtime. So when she's gone, who will put the little owls to bed? The children must take over the role of the mother and actively help to put the 10 owlets to bed.



Adventure, 5+: OTIS AND OTILIE. A PONY FOR BREAKFAST written and illustrated by Nina Dulleck (ISBN 60649, 96 pages)

- Childhood dreams come true! There's a mini pony at the front door!
- Books written and illustrated by Nina Dulleck have sold 325,000 copies so far.

A currant bun for Otilie and an oatmeal biscuit for Mr Sweetie – that had been the breakfast menu every Saturday. But for some time now, the old lady has had to have her breakfast on her own. Until one Saturday morning, when a funny little caramel-coloured pony named Otis is suddenly standing at the door. After running away from the circus, he's now desperately looking for a new home, because the circus director wants to get his main attraction back as soon as possible! But Otilie is determined to get rid of Otis even before she has her breakfast. Can the pony convince the old lady that everybody needs a friend?



Feel Good Fun, 10+: MY LIFE IS LIKE GREAT CINEMA (UNFORTUNATELY I'M STUCK IN THE WRONG FILM) by Emma Flint (ISBN 60655, 280 pages)

- Fun story about friendship with lots of depth that will make the reader more self-confident (and lots of confetti!)
- Emma Flint's books have sold a total of 125,000 copies.

Frida is a pro in chilling out. Sports or other useless fidgeting? Only something her hyperactive siblings would enjoy. Quarrels in school? No, thanks. And the upcoming hiking holiday in Tyrol? Never ever! She'd much rather stay at home and hang out with her best friend Celine. But ever since Frida took a little nap in the school headmaster's armchair, she's always in trouble. And all she wants it to have her peace! Then her parents make her go to a summer camp, where she's supposed to learn how to be more responsible. Frida feels like she's stuck in the wrong film - and inadvertently finds herself in the middle of an adventure.



Horses/Family 10+: GOLD SISTERS by Ilona Einwohlt (ISBN 60655, 280 pages)

- A horse novel about first love, refreshingly against the conventional grain.
- Hits a contemporary nerve in its sensitive handling of transgender identities.
- Ilona Einwohlt's books have sold a total of 535,000 copies.

The sisters Lilly and Eve could hardly be more different. While Lilly spends every free minute in the stable with her beloved horses, Eve is only interested in fashion and makeup, and dreams of becoming a successful influencer. When the mysterious Fran appears on the scene and both sisters are attracted to him, the result is emotional chaos. But Fran is not the pretty boy that everyone takes him for. When Lilly and Eve get to know the truth, it becomes clear to them how much courage it needs to be true to oneself — and they also realize that they can only make their dreams come true by working together.

ARENA'S BESTSELLING CHARACTERS Update



<u>Diary fun, 8+: MY LIFE AS LOTTA. OKEY DOKEY ALPACA written by Alice</u> Pantermüller and Bettina Börgerding, illustrated by Daniela Kohl

- 4.5 m c. sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to 35 languages!

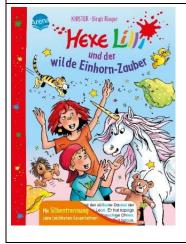
The story of the 2nd movie (release in GER in August 2022): Lotta is looking forward to her class trip to the island of Amrum. But then the children are to be accompanied not only by Cheyenne's little sister Chanel, but also by Lotta's father. Oh, good heavens! And as if that wasn't already bad enough, the youth hostel seems to be weird. Rooms disappear, Chanel disappears, there's also a photo of creepy Mieke, who follows Lotta around. Fortunately, there are two alpacas on the island, lots of sand and the *Wild Rabbits* – you can always rely on them.



Mystery, 7+: A CASE FOR KWIATKOWSKI. THE SHORTEST KIDNAP IN HISTORY (vol. 30) written by Jürgen Banscherus, illustrated by Ralf Butschkow

- 1.8 m c. sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to 18 languages.

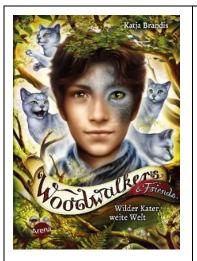
Kwiatkowski can hardly believe it: the chemistry genius Marie is in trouble and needs his help. Of course, he loses no time in starting his investigation. When a lightning-fast kidnap takes place before his very eyes, and Marie is suddenly standing there with a blackmail letter in her hand, things get really exciting.



Magic, 7+: LILLI THE WITCH AND CRAZY UNICORN MAGIC (vol. 23) written by KNISTER, illustrated by Birgit Rieger

- 28 m c. sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to 40 languages!

There's so much that Lilli would like to have. How can she decide what to get herself for her birthday? A bit of magic is bound to help. WHOOSH! Suddenly there's a unicorn standing in her room, stunningly beautiful and ready to fulfil all her wishes. But then her little brother Leon bursts in and messes everything up. Lilli breaks out into a sweat, because an army of cuddly toys and a bathtub full of cocoa are hardly likely to go unnoticed, and Mummy is due home at any moment.



Shapeshifter fantasy, 10+: WOODWALKERS & FRIENDS (vol. 3). WILD CAT, WIDE WORLD written by Katja Brandis, illustrated by Claudia Carls

- 1.3 m c. sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to 16 languages and film rights optioned.

A lifetime spent as a pampered pet? For the young Woodwalker Dorian (cat), this would be far too boring. He decides to run away and explore the world of humans. He encounters some prickly members of his own species, has to learn that catnaps are not allowed during school lessons, and gets to know the finest cat food in the world – caviar! When he hears of a Shapeshifters school in the Rocky Mountains, Dorian decides to go there. Together with new friends, red squirrel Holly and wolf boy Bo, he sets out on a journey across North America.



<u>Picture Book, 3+: LITTLE UNICORN FINYA BRIGHTSTAR (vol. 4). YOU CAN</u> <u>PERFORM MAGIC – HOW WONDERFUL written by Mila Berg, illustrated by Marina Krämer</u>

- 138,000 c. sold of the series!
- Rights of the series sold to BG, DK, EE, FI, LT, RU, UA and German audio book rights sold.

Finya Bright Star is not feeling at all happy, because the yearly magic exam is about to take place. Of course, that's no problem for big unicorns — they're always perfect. Only this little unicorn is anything but perfect, especially when it comes to learning magic formulas. However, when the exam begins, the big unicorns start blowing colourful soap bubbles out of their mouths, and they get everything mixed up. They create total chaos. What's gone wrong? Everything now depends on Finya and her friends, the goblin girl Trixie and Kalle the bat.

Children's Books NEW SERIES Autumn 2022



Adventure, 5+: CHARLIE HELPS EVERYONE, WHETHER THEY WANT HER TO OR NOT (1) by L. Dickreiter and A. Götz, illustr. by B. Scholz (ISBN 71711, 224 pages)

- Feel-good story with depth: timeless, funny, heart-warming, clever and original.
- Watch out: a heroine with ideas that gush like a geyser.
- About friendship, solidarity, family ties and a wonderful summer.

Charlie is the most helpful person you can imagine. But some people simply don't want her to help them. For example, Alban and Pippa, who are spending their holidays on Charlie's farm, are afraid of animals. But surely that can be changed by a bucketful of stink bugs and by Umberto, the friendliest potbelly pig. Unfortunately, Charlie's mother thinks she'd deliberately played a dirty trick on the visitors, as a result of which Charlie is made to sit sorting socks. This, however, leads to her next idea on how to help Alban & Pippa. It's bound to work this time!



Fantasy, 5+: PERNILLE AND THE GHOST SISTERS (1). A GOOD HAUNT IS HALF THE HUNT written by Katja Alves, illustrated by Alicia Räth (ISBN 71808, 128 pages)

- Self-confident girl with big mouth meets cheeky ghost sisters in training.
- The new magical girl series by Katja Alves, author of "The Muffin Club".
- Books by Katja Alves have sold a total of 330,000 copies.

One night, the ghost sisters Rosie and Lily move into the Hotel Mirabell in order to complete their training as discreet hotel ghosts. But they are quickly detected by Pernille because the moment they come in contact with lavender scent, they become visible to humans. Together, the three of them set up an agency for the investigation of funny business, and in due course they tackle the case of the missing dog Balu, unmask a mean-minded hotel thief, and uncover a cunning plot.



Magic, 8+: THE BRILLIANT MR CHALKWHITE (1) by Stefanie Taschinski, illustr. by Nikolai Renger (ISBN 60623, 216 pages)

- Following "The Little Lady", popular author Stefanie Taschinski has created another striking character for her latest children's book.
- Stefanie Taschinski's books sold a total of 300,000 copies so far.

When Mr Chalkwhite comes hurtling to school on his racing bike, Matilda and Emil realize one thing: there's something weird about their teacher. During lessons, books fly, and the toy sheep Roger winks at them. This know-it-all sheep tells them that Mr Chalkwhite inherited his magic from his great uncle but doesn't know how to handle it. One day, a relay baton suddenly shoots through the air like a rocket, and Emil's parents take him away from the school. In order to rescue Emil, Matti and their classmates use Roger's friendsheep and ex-baaa-tise to make sure that Mr Chalkwhite learns how to use his magic properly.

Children's Books SEQUELS Autumn 2022



Fantasy, 8+: SCHOOL OF WONDROUS THINGS (3). ZIGZAG, THE MAGIC BAG by Kira Gembri, illustr. by Marta Kissi (ISBN 60576, 200 pages)

- The truly wonderful series of children's books by Kira Gembri continues.
- Rights of the series sold to BE/NL, RU and German audio book rights sold.
- Kira Gemri's books sold a total of 95,000 copies.

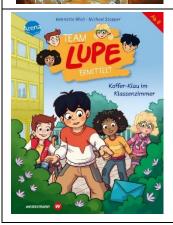
Tilly Beanstalk is almost bursting with excitement: she's been given permission to go on a trip for wonder keepers to the Amazon rainforest. Recently there have been some strange and unpleasant incidents. It's not easy to capture a few pieces of crazy furniture between snakes and creepers! Then suddenly wonder teacher Wilma disappears as if the earth has swallowed her up. Luckily, the six wonder kids can still call on magical support: for instance, from Lux, the bold candelabra. And from a few exceptionally magic bags.



Mystery, +: MYSTERY HUNTERS (2) THE EIGHT-LEGGED MENACE written by Max Held, illustr. by Philipp Ach (ISBN 60634, 144 pages)

- WARNING! Contains traces of terrible giant spiders & exciting detective work.
- Rights available worldwide.
- Max Held's books sold a total of 30,000 copies so far.

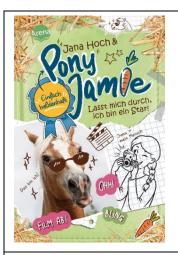
The two friends Caspar and Bob are on the trail, trying to solve a mystery: someone seems to be crossbreeding plants, animals, and technology in order to create dangerous HYBRIDS. Is this the work of secret agents who are now hard on the heels of Caspar and Bob? Together with Doc, a natural scientist, the boys follow clues that lead them into the Las Vegas desert. But waiting there is a terrifying menace of eight-legged monsters. The boys have very little time to overcome these creatures. Because very soon, the whole city will be invaded by them.



<u>Detective Story, 7+: TEAM MAGNIFIER (3). BRIEFCASE STOLEN FROM THE</u> CLASSROOM written by H. Wich, illustr. by Michael Stapper (ISBN 71879, 64 p.)

- More whodunnit fun: a new case for TEAM MAGNIFIER.
- Rights sold to DK.
- The series sold over 17,000 copies so far.

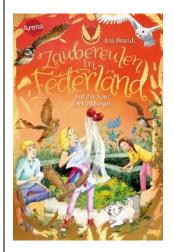
Theft at school! When TEAM MAGNIFIER go back to the classroom after a break, they find that the briefcase containing all their detective work has disappeared without a trace. This marks the beginning of an exciting cat-and-mouse game with the thief. Will the detectives be able to outwit the culprit without their all-important briefcase?



Horses, 9+: PONY JAMIE (3). LET ME THROUGH – I'M A STAR! by Jana Hoch, illustr. by Clara Vath (ISBN 60670, 160 pages)

- New adventures for the greatest human whisperer of all time: Pony Jamie is back!
- Rights of the series sold to BE/NL and German audio book rights sold.
- Jana Hoch's books have sold a total of 70,000 copies so far.

A film is about to be made very close to "Pony Paddock." There's one problem: Jamie and the other ponies aren't going to be in it. All the same, they don't want to lose the chance of seeing the stars live and in full colour. However, strange things start to happen on the film set: costumes disappear, scripts get mixed up, and then the leading actress's horse starts shying. It's obvious that the film people need help! And luckily, Pony Jamie is on the spot to help them.



Fantasy, 8+: MAGIC OWLS IN FEATHERLAND (3). ON THE TRAIL OF THE GOLDEN BIRD by Ina Brandt, illustr. by Irene Mohr (ISBN 60672, 136 pages)

- The second volume in the new owl series by best-selling author Ina Brandt.
- Rights of the series available worldwide.
- The author's books sold 850,000 copies so far.

Flora, Jonas and Paul are happy! A play is to be staged in Fir Creek, and they've been allowed to watch the theatre company during rehearsals. But at the same time, the hostile research scientist Mr Grimm continues his quest for the secret of the magic owls. Flora, Goldwing and their friends do everything they can to lead him off the track, but eventually an owl statue in the monastery is damaged. Then suddenly it's not just the play production that's in danger but also Featherland itself.

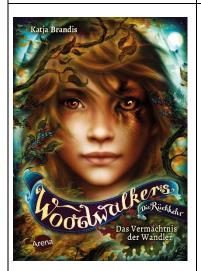
Middle Grade NEW SERIES Autumn 2022



Fantasy, 10+: THE MAGICAL ACADEMY (1). DISCOVERING NEW TALENTS by Anna Ruhe, illustrated by Claudia Carls (ISBN 60596, 296 pages)

- The first volume in a great spin-off from the best-selling series THE MAGICAL PHARMACY.
- Rights of THE MAGICAL PHARMACY series have been sold to BE/NL, BG, CZ, DK, FI, GR, HU, LT, RO, ROC, RU, SK, UA, German audio book rights have been sold and movie rights optioned.
- THE MAGICAL PHARMACY series sold over 550,000 copies so far!

Ella Fredericks has been waiting a long time for this day. At last, she can start her studies at The Magical Academy! Now she can follow in the footsteps of Luzie Alvenstein and show how talented she is at creating magical scents. But there are dangers lurking in the hidden depths of the forests around the academy. A secret society is bent on ending the training of future perfumiers, no matter what the cost. Ella and her friends Polly and Ben are the only ones who can stop them.



Fantasy/Shapeshifter, 10+: WOODWALKERS. THE RETURN (2.1). THE LEGACY OF THE WOODWALKERS by Katja Brandis, illustr. by C. Carls (ISBN 60640, 180 pages)

- The second school year is underway and everyone is back!
- Rights of the first WOODWALKERS series have been sold to BE/NL, BG, CZ, DK, English (World), ES, FR, IL, IR, LT, PL, RU, SE, TR, UA, German audio book rights have been sold and movie rights optioned.
- The first WOODWALKERS series sold over 1.3 million copies so far!

The young mountain lion Carag can hardly wait to go back to the shapeshifters' secret boarding school Clearwater High. This time he is accompanied by his sister Mia, who until now has only known about life as a wild animal up in the mountains. Will she feel at home here, and will she be able to get on with the other animals? Carag and his friends must act as mentors to all the newcomers – and that leads to sheer chaos! In the middle of another crazy school day, Carag gets the news that his old and dangerous enemy Andrew Milling, who is supposed to be under watchful guard in prison, is getting help from outside.

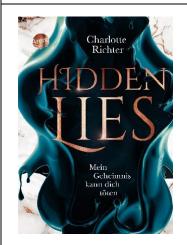
YA STAND-ALONES & SEQUEL Autumn 2022



Coming of Age, 12+: SIMPLY PAUL by Tania Witte (ISBN 60684, 320 pages)

- Intense tale of identity, diversity and courage.
- Written by multi-award-winning author Tania Witte.
- Her books sold a total of 30,000 copies so far.

Everything is going wrong in Paul's life. He's in love with a girl he can't have, he's the frontman of a band all of whom are better singers than he is, and every conversation with his father ends in a shouting match. And when he learns that he is not his mother's biological son, his life seems to have reached a peak of unwanted complexity. However, Paul does not yet know what the search for his real mother will reveal.



<u>Dystopia, 14+: HIDDEN LIES. MY SECRET CAN KILL YOU by Charlotte Richter (ISBN 60685, 416 pages)</u>

- Kara is the loneliest girl in the world. Because she has a secret that no one must ever learn.
- A panorama of human relations, observed with precision and psychological authenticity.
- Charlotte Richter's books sold a total of 15,000 copies so far.

A new form of disease has turned most humans into pointlessly aggressive monsters, resulting in the almost total destruction of the world. The 18-year-old Kara has also been infected and is now living in an isolation unit. However, a cunning trick enables her to pronounce herself cured and to return home. But the disease is still dormant in her and could flare up at any moment. This makes her a danger not only to herself but also to her family, friends — and Adrian, to whom against all reason she finds herself increasingly attracted to.



Romance, 14+: IN THE SHADOW OF THE FOX MOON by Antje Babendererde (ISBN 60541, 304 pages)

- A touching love story that overcomes all obstacles set in the idyllic beauty of the Scottish Highlands.
- Deals with important current themes: respect for Nature, social inequality, interest in foreign cultures.
- Antje Babendererde's books sold over 520,000 copies so far.

This year, Lia's time on the family's country estate is no longer the same as before — because of Finn, the gamekeeper's nephew. Lia cannot tear herself away from his mysterious personality, and she falls head over heels in love with him. When he returns her feelings, her summer seems perfect. But what is the true nature of this boy who plays ball with a wild fox and reads stories (poems) to it. Soon the shadows of the past descend on the wilderness of Badfearna. They bring to light certain aspects of Finn's past that leave no doubt: a girl like Lea has no place in his life.

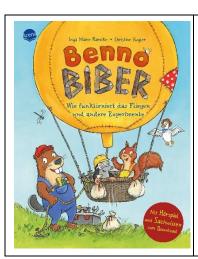


Animals, <u>12</u>+: DOLPHINTEAM (2). THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE VORTEX by Katja Brandis (ISBN 51244, 264 pages)

- The Dolphin Team solves one of the greatest mysteries of the ocean.
- Rights of the series are available worldwide.
- Katja Brandis's books sold over 2,2 million copies so far.

Sandy is happy: she and her dolphin partner Caruso are working well together, and her sweetheart Ramón has started his training with the Dolphin Station 'The Deep', so that he can join her. But The Deep is given a new commission, and so Sandy and her human and animal friends head for the Bermuda Triangle. More and more ships from a particular company keep disappearing in a mysterious manner.

NON-FICTION Hotlist Autumn 2022

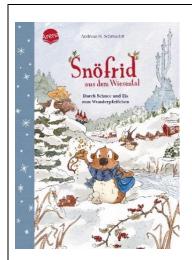


Picture Book, 4+: BENNY BEAVER (3). HOW TO FLY AND OTHER EXPERIMENTS by Inga Marie Ramcke, illustr. by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71817, 32 p.)

- Attention, waste-detectives! Here comes Benny Beaver!
- Rights sold to DK and RU.
- The series sold 96,000 copies so far.

How does flying work? Benny Beaver and his friends are anxious to find out, because Sally Squirrel is due to take part in a big air show. Will a rocket help her? Or an airplane? Or a hot air balloon? Luckily, Benny Beaver is a master builder. Through their experiments, the friends discover simple principles of physics: gravity and lift, rocket propulsion and block and tackle. The lively story enhances technical knowledge and is accompanied by an audio experience for downloading.

CHRISTMAS Hotlist Autumn 2022



Christmas, 4+: SNÖFRID FROM MEADOW VALLEY (5). THROUGH SNOW AND ICE TO THE MAGIC FLUTE written and illustr. by Andreas H. Schmachtl (ISBN 71784, 240 p.)

- A big adventure with mountain trolls, treelings, wood mice, gnomes, giant elks and world-edge wolves.
- Rights of the series sold to FI, RO, RU, UA, VN and German audio book rights sold.
- The series sold a total of 300,000 copies so far!

The Meadow Valley lies under deep snow, and this is usually the cosiest time of the year for Snöfrid and his friend Björn. If it were not for the fact that a little wood mouse and a treeling are in urgent need of help. Now, for better or worse, the winter rest period will have to wait for a while. Because what is at stake here is nothing less than the wellbeing of every Northlander. Snöfrid and his companions set out on an ice-cold, stormy adventure in which they encounter unknown and legendary creatures. Will they be able to end the threat of an eternal winter?



Christmas 8+: THE CHRISTMAS AGENCY by Rüdiger Bertram, illustr. by Julia Bierkandt (ISBN 60621, 184 p.)

- A crooked tree and burnt cookies are what make the Christmas festival so lovely!
- A MUST for the Advent calendar, the Christmas stocking, and a yearly read.
- Rüdiger Bertram's books sold a total of 10,000 copies at Arena.

The twins Oscar and Olga can't believe it: their super-rich but super-busy parents have engaged an agency to organize the family Christmas. Mrs Squiggle has already arrived, like a glitter bauble gone mad. Everything has to be bigger, dearer, flashier. A superstar in the Advent calendar? An Advent garland as big as a rubber tyre? Crafting Christmas presents together with a YouTube star? No problem is too difficult for Mrs Squiggle — but that is not how Oscar and Olga had visualized Christmas! Together with their grumpy friend Freddie, - who looks remarkably like Father Christmas — they set out to rescue the festival and show their parents what Christmas should really be like!

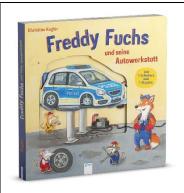


Advent Calendar/Crime Story, 10+: THE SPECULOOS CONSPIRACY by Sarah Bosse, illustr. by Dagmar Henze (ISBN 60601, 200 pages)

- Sarah Bosse continues the popular series started by her father Jo Pestum.
- It's not Christmas without the Advent calendar crime story.
- Jo Pestum's Christmas Crime Story sold a total of 360,000 copies.

There goes my peaceful Christmas, thinks Milena when an antique mould for speculoos is stolen from the only bakery in town. Just when the sale of these popular spiced biscuits is to be in aid of the local animal home. Milena suspects that her cousin Silas, who is working as a trainee in the bakery, might be involved in the affair. Together with her friends Frieda and Tim, Milena sets out on the trail of the thief. They soon find out that this is far from being a conventional theft.

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Board Book with flaps and push tabs, 2+: FREDDY FOX'S CAR REPAIR SHOP (1) written and illustr. by Christine Kugler (ISBN 71469, 10 pages)

- The successful 'Benny Beaver' concept in a handy format.
- With all of a child's favourite vehicles: car, bus, tractor, fire engine and police car.
- Books illustrated by Christine Kugler sold 175,000 copies so far!

Something is always going wrong! And no-one knows that better than Freddy Fox. So there's always something happening in his car repair shop: in comes Tim with a flat tyre; the fire engine is leaking oil; the engine in Bert's tractor has broken down; and finally, Freddy's best friend Benny Beaver arrives with a bent bumper. What a day! But of course, it's no problem for Freddy!



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The little ladybird wants to go to kindergarten. So off he crawls: across meadows, streams, gardens and woodland — all teeming with animals. He sees mice, butterflies, rabbits, caterpillars, snails, birds and many other animals besides. Will the little ladybird get to kindergarten on time? Little hands can help him find his way.



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- Important topic for all parents presented playfully and with a sense of humor!
- Rights available worldwide.
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Going to the loo? This is how you do! This funny play book accompanies young children (and their parents) on their way to growing up, providing fun & games and a sense of humour while taking away the fear of the new challenges young children face every day.



Board Book with page register, 1+: FIND-THE-OBJECT DISCOVERY BOOK. ON THE FARM written and illustr. by Christine Thau (ISBN 71732, 12 pages)

- Find-the-object book and picture dictionary in one.
- Rights of the series available worldwide.
- The series sold 11,000 copies so far!

Where is the cockerel crowing? And where are the building blocks? Whether you're on the farm or in the kindergarten: there's so much to search for, discover and learn! The labelled pictures show what to look for on the page, and even little hands can turn the pages with the help of the shaped tabs.

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